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## THREE NEW FIRST AID CLASSES ARE TO START IMMEDIATELY

### Classes For Men And Women Begin at Bell Arthur, Ballard's Cross Roads and In Lewis Neighborhood

Three First Aid classes were organized in this community this week and will get into full swing the first of next week.

One is located at Ballard's Cross Roads, meeting at 8:45 p. m. each Tuesday and Thursday in the Community building. This class is being instructed by John B. Lewis and has an enrollment of 40.

Another class is being conducted at Bell Arthur in the High School building each Monday and Thursday night at 8:30 o'clock, and is being taught by C. S. Hotchkiss. There are 45 enrolled in this class.

The third class, organized this week in the Lewis neighborhood, will begin study Monday night of next week. Classes will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Baker each Monday and Thursday night at 8:30. Walter B. Jones and W. H. Duke are to be the instructors. So far 25 or 30 men and women of the neighborhood have signified their intention of taking the course.

The classes now being held in the City Hall here, under the supervision of Stanly Garriss and W. B. Gaddy, are well attended and much interest is being manifested.

Every man and woman who can possibly do so should take the First Aid course, the value of which is inestimable.

### Local Man Graduates At Kay Kyser School

Wade Drake, manager of the Paramount Theatre, who is vacationing in New York this week, had the honor of appearing on Kay Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge Wednesday, May 27th, over a nation-wide hook-up. Wade made an excellent hook-up, winning the first round and missing only one question on the entire program. For this he received the runner-up prize of a \$25.00 U. S. War Bond. Many of his friends had the pleasure of hearing him on this program.

Wade now has the distinction of being a graduate of Kyser's College of Musical Knowledge.

## Tire Shortage Until 1944-45

### Gas Rationing May Be Extended Throughout Nation to Save Rubber

Washington, May 27.—Put on notice that nationwide gasoline rationing may be the next step in the rubber conservation program, the House Interstate Commerce committee called on the government rubber experts today for an explanation of the situation and what is being done to meet it.

Representatives of the Army, the commerce department and other agencies dealing with rubber were requested by Chairman Lea (D-Calif.) to tell how essential needs were being met and would be met in the future. The main purpose of the investigation, he said, was to keep the public informed in the situation.

On the basis of existing technical developments, official predictions have been that there will be no new tires for civilian use until 1944 at least, and probably not until 1945. However, officials continue to hope for quick development of rubber substitutes to relieve the famine.

President Roosevelt told his press conference yesterday it was necessary to save rubber by methods still to be decided on; but he expressed hope that certain tire substitutes would be available before all the tires now on the road wear out. He said he thought the civilian transportation situation would be worked out satisfactorily.

The House Interstate committee heard Ralph K. Davies, deputy petroleum coordinator, indicate yesterday that nationwide gasoline rationing might have to be resorted to as a means of compelling motorists to save their tires.

### Sugar Stamps Must Be Used As Dated

The situation of all holders of War Ration Book No. 1 is called to the attention of the public for which stamp No. 1 is valid for the purchase of sugar. Stamp No. 2 cannot be used to purchase sugar after May 29, 1942. Stamp No. 3 is to be used to purchase sugar from May 31 to June 13.

## Security Payments In North Carolina

Awards of monthly benefits under the Federal old-age and survivors insurance system were made to 4,790 persons in North Carolina during the year 1941, according to Marshall H. Barney, manager of the Rocky Mount office of the Social Security Board. These awards represent benefits totaling \$68,966 a month, he said. In addition awards of lump-sum death payments totaling \$188,324 were made to 2,027 individuals in the State last year.

Included in the monthly benefits awards, he said, were 1,386 for workers past age 65, representing total payments of \$25,948 a month; 372 for aged wives of workers eligible for benefits—\$3,557 a month; 2,210 for children of retired workers or of deceased workers—\$1,918 a month; 676 for widows with young children—\$10,566 a month; and 36 for parents of deceased workers—\$426 a month.

Mr. Barney said that throughout the country awards of monthly benefits to workers past 65 had not increased this year as might normally be expected, partially as result of better employment opportunities for older workers in war production. Thousands of workers who are eligible for old-age and survivors insurance payments have not claimed their retirement benefits because they prefer regular jobs with good pay instead of the modest income provided under the old-age and survivors insurance system. "Many of these older workers," he said, "will receive larger benefits when they do apply, because they are now earning higher wages than they did in the past. On the other hand, there are some workers, 65 years old and over, who are receiving lower wages now than they did formerly. These should go to the office of the Social Security Board and find out whether or not it would be to their advantage to file an application for benefits at this time."

Mr. Barney explained that benefits are based on average monthly wages but the law permits a worker who has reached the age of 65 to file his claim and thus "freeze" the amounts of his retirement benefits even though he does not intend to retire immediately, and does not expect to claim benefits until he gives up his job.

Total payments made to people in North Carolina during 1941 under the old-age and survivors system amounted to \$1,304,000 including \$560,000 to retired workers, \$69,000 to aged wives, \$329,000 to children, \$20,000 to aged widows, \$143,000 to widows with young children, \$5,000 to parents of deceased workers, and lump-sum death payments totaling \$188,000.

## China Relief Drive, What It Means to Donate

The Farmville Committee for United China Relief under the direction of George W. Davis, Honorary Chairman, and Mrs. Marvin Jones as the Active Chairman, will begin the local drive for much needed funds next week.

Mrs. Ted Albritton, Mrs. Charles Hotchkiss, Mrs. George Monk, Mrs. Alex Allen, Mrs. E. C. Copenhaver, John Stancil and George Monk as committee members, will contact all citizens of the community, giving each an opportunity to contribute towards this worthy cause.

What it means to donate. At the present arranged nominal exchange rate between Washington and Chungking, the Chinese dollar is worth 5 3/8 American cents. This means that the U. S. \$5.00 is worth nearly \$100.00 (Chinese dollars). That sum of \$100.00 in Chinese money will support a Chinese (adult), and stove off starvation for one month at least, although the fare will be meagre. Should we use our efforts—be it ever so little—to sustain Chinese life and workers who are behind their heroic Army it will go a long way towards keeping the monstrous Japs from realizing their hope of World domination. Raleigh, alone, raised \$6,000 (American dollars) or \$120,000.00 (Chinese dollars). One can easily see how our American dollar can be put to work for us by assisting our Allies to fight our enemies, especially in this case as there is such a vastness between exchange rates.

Farmville's quota is \$300.00. Give as much as you can to China Relief. Buy a stamp and scratch a penny; buy another and get his brother.

## Congratulations 1942 Graduates!



Farmville High School — May 29, 1942

Allen, Ethel Reid  
Barrett, Mary Elizabeth  
Blount, Frances Helen  
Howard, Frances Covington  
Jones, Anne  
Freuler, Lillian Elizabeth  
Knott, Cornelia Hobgood  
Letchworth, Sue Mae  
Lewis, Grace Spence  
Morris, Margaret Louise  
Nichols, Elsie Mae  
Nichols, Myrtle Dean  
Nannery, Emma Frances

Parker, Alice Harper  
Quinn, Hazel Mae  
Redie, Fiedle Pearl  
Rouse, Helen Louise  
Russell, Rosa Reid  
Spell, Lillian Hazel  
Townsend, Mary Anne  
Wooten, Annie Laurie  
Jones, Dorothy Dean  
Carr, William Allen  
Jones, Ernest Lee  
McConnell, Malcolm Pollard, Jr.  
Paylor, John Hill, Jr.  
Redie, Earl  
Wilson, James Bassett

### COLLEGE GRADUATES

Frances Bivens Smith, Duke University, May 29th.  
Bernice Benjamin Turnage, Davidson College, June 8th.  
Jim Satterfield, formerly of Farmville, Duke University, May 29th.  
Julian Lloyd Smith, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 9th.  
Robert Lang Davis, III, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, June 9th.  
Doris Jacqueline Rouse, Woman's College, University of North Carolina, June 8th.

## Roberts Favors Marvin K. Blount For Congressman

### Makes An Address To Audience At Bell Arthur Endorsing Local Man

Greenville, May 28.—J. W. H. Roberts, local attorney, addressed a crowd of approximately two hundred residents of the Bell Arthur and Beaver Dam section last night at eight-thirty, at Bell Arthur. The speaker called the attention of his listeners to the fact that they had an opportunity to elect a strong man to Congress from Pitt County who would not only represent the First District in the United States Congress, but who would remember that his county and their county voted approximately one-third of the votes of the entire district and paid taxes on approximately one-fourth of the property. The speaker assured his listeners that he brought to them a man whom they know and whose record in the North Carolina State Senate and as Mayor of Greenville they were well acquainted with. He asked his listeners if they were going to permit false rumors spread by self-seeking politicians to have any part in their thinking when they knew at first hand the life and record of Marvin Blount from his birth to now.

Mr. Roberts exhibited an advertisement alleged to be in support of Herbert Bonner, the present Congressman, in which letter from Congressmen in Texas and Massachusetts were shown in praise of Bonner, and asked his audience what they had heard, seen, read or felt that Bonner had done for Pitt County. In conclusion he assured his audience that if Marvin Blount was elected to Congress and served as much as one term and could not show his constituents in his district an endorsement of his work better than letters from other Congressmen in far away states, that he would meet them there in Beaver Dam Township on the conclusion of the two-year term and argue as strongly against the further support of such a Congressman.

## Dr. Mewborn Speaks To Baptist Youth

On Wednesday evening Dr. John M. Mewborn gave a splendid talk, speaking from the Doctor's point of view on "Effects of Alcohol and Tobacco," at a meeting of the Intermediate Girls Auxiliary of the Baptist Church who had as their invited guests, the J. G. A.'s, the R. A.'s and their parents.

Dr. Mewborn pointed out the adverse effects of nicotine acid, the most harmful ingredient of tobacco, a poison which is especially harmful to boys and girls. This is true because it takes less of any drug or poison to produce the same effect in a child than it would in an adult. In speaking of the bad effects of alcohol he made clear what happened to the various body organs including the kidneys, liver, brain, heart, blood vessels, digestive system, nerves and muscles.

A large audience was present and thoroughly enjoyed his talk.

## Twenty-Nine To Graduate on the Twenty-Ninth

### EXERCISES THIS EVENING

The Commencement Exercises of the Farmville High School will be held this evening at eight o'clock. Addresses will be made by Miss Cornelia Knott, Salutatorian, William Allen Carr, President of the Senior Class, and by Miss Alice Harper Parker, Valedictorian.

Professor Herbert Rebarber, of the East Carolina Teachers College, will give the Commencement Address. Dr. Paul E. Jones, Chairman of the School Board, will present the twenty-nine graduates with their diplomas.

P. T. A. awards and other prizes will also be presented at this time.



LEWIS SIDNEY BULLOCK, founder and conductor of the North Carolina Symphonic Choir to present concert here next week.

## A WEEK OF THE WAR

(For Release May 26)

President Roosevelt, in a special message to Congress, reduced his WPA request for fiscal 1943 from \$465 million to \$283 million. He said the war effort is drawing workers from every available source, thereby reducing the need for a work relief program. To meet labor shortages, he said, even organized migration of workers may be necessary. The revised WPA program would provide for an average monthly employment of about 400,000 persons "who will not be hired by private employers because of age, lack of skills, or other handicaps."

Chairman McNutt of the War Manpower Commission directed the U. S. Employment Service to maintain lists of skilled occupations essential to war production in which a national shortage exists, and to make preferential referrals of workers to employers in war industries. He directed the WPA to classify war plants and war products in the order of their urgency to the war program. He also instructed Selective Service local boards to confer with local U. S. Employment Service offices before reclassifying any men skilled in war occupations.

Mr. McNutt said it is possible to insure full utilization of manpower through voluntary means. "It will be necessary to put into effect legal measures to insure that the necessary men are able to get out of their."

## Allied Airmen Drive Off Jap Flying Boats

### Recent Attack On Port Moresby Proves Fruitless; Three Jap Planes Destroyed

Port Moresby, May 26.—Three big Japanese flying boats bombed Port Moresby fruitlessly under a tropical moon last night in the first all-out attack here since February.

The attackers were hurled along by Allied spotlights and anti-aircraft gun crews that rocked one of the raiding formations.

It was a brilliant spectacle of lights and shadows, a sight such as one might have expected to see at a world's fair.

(The Wednesday communique from General Douglas MacArthur's headquarters devoted this paragraph to the Port Moresby theater.)

Three enemy flying boats dropped bombs near the airfield Monday night without damage. Our anti-aircraft fire hit one of the planes which was seen losing altitude. Last night two flying boats attacked again without effect.

(Offensive operations yesterday the communique said an air patrol destroyed three of 16 Japanese Zero fighters encountered over New Guinea. One Allied fighter was reported lost in the sharp combat.)

The three flying boats dived in from the sea and over the palm-fringed hills at about 12,000 feet. They were promptly caught in the brilliant intersections of beams from many search lights, getting their first nocturnal workout at this advanced base 800 miles northeast of Australia's Cape York.

The lights had followed them just a few seconds when the anti-aircraft guns cut loose. A tongue of flames lashed from a hilltop emplacement. A shell burst sharply, apparently in the very midst of their planes.

Anti-aircraft shells kept flying fast. The shooting appeared remarkably accurate. One plane faltered and dropped out of the formation as if it had been struck, but it was officially scored only as a possible hit.

The bombs were dropped all at once. They fell well away from the target area, which appeared to be the airfield.

## Tar Heel Women Rush To Sign-Up

Raleigh, May 27.—Eager to become officers in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, Tar Heel women laid heavy siege today to the army recruiting office here.

Sergeant J. M. Pate, officer in charge, reported that his stack of applications—100 of them—was virtually exhausted by midday. Applicants came from many sections of the state. Many who were unable to appear at the office personally, attempted to apply by telephone.

## STORES HERE TO CLOSE; SWIMMING POOL OPENS

Stores here to close each Wednesday afternoon during the summer months beginning Wednesday, June 3rd. Swimming Pool opens for the summer season on Wednesday, June 4, at 2:30 P. M.

## RUSSIANS CLAIM CONTINUED GAINS AGAINST GERMANS

### USO Is Now On The March

### Dr. W. M. Willis Chairman of Local Drive for Funds to Be Conducted Next Week

Your commander-in-chief says: "Not by machines alone will we win this war. Untidily, unceasingly, without interruption or delay, we have solemnly promised to give our men a mounting tide of guns, tanks, planes and ships. We shall keep that promise, and one promise more—that we shall preserve for them wherever they may be, and without regard to race, creed or color, the moral and spiritual values of the democratic ideals and freedoms for which they now are fighting. Because the USO is unitedly dedicated to that high purpose, and because that high purpose is a vital part of the job of winning this war, the USO should be supported by everyone—cheerfully, generously, and now."

"Sighted sub; sank same." "Send us more Japs." That's America speaking. That's the stuff victories are made of. That's what we've got to have to win this war. Our fighting men have this spirit. But loneliness, monotony, and boredom can destroy it. That is where the USO comes in. For our men's knowledge—through USO—that the people back home appreciate and care for them has a good deal to do with their spirit. USO guarantees your fighting men, in their minutes of relaxation fun and friendship they deserve. It is your pledge to your men that you stand behind them.

Among the many things that the USO provides are clubhouses, war Army and Navy Posts, well equipped for relaxation in the form of movies, dances, typewriters, refreshments bars, showerbaths, reading rooms, kitchen facilities, musical instruments, radios, telephones, free theatre tickets, games and lockers, writing tables, religious discussion groups, mail service, friendly personal services, and many others; club and mobile services to men in outlying bases; mobile units for detached troops; lounges and traveler's aid services in railroad and bus centers; aid in overcrowded and overburdened war industry towns in helping workers keep fit to supply the armed force; and citizens committees who serve in providing home hospitality and grateful welcome into local social life. "USO IS ONE WAY WE CAN ALL GET BEHIND THE MEN BEHIND THE GUNS."

Help bring a little bit of home to our fighting men by aiding the USO in its gigantic task. "You help someone you know when you give to the USO."

Farmville's quota is \$700.

## New Fire-Fighting Equipment is Here

The Farmville Fire Department announces the arrival of the following equipment, which has been tested, found to meet specification and accepted by the department and the Town officials: A 750 gallon per minute La France Combination Pumper and Hose Truck which on test delivered 1108 gallons of water per minute and a 500 gallon per minute Sealand Trailer Pumper which on test delivered 699 gallons of water per minute.

This new equipment produces nine streams of water, whereas previous equipment produced only three.

To Asheville  
Local Firemen, Haywood Smith, R. A. Joyner, A. J. Melton, Ed Nash Warren and M. W. Rollins will attend the Fire College and Drill School to be held in Asheville June 2, 3 and 4.

## TO PRESENT PROGRAM

Mrs. Florence Thorne will present her Kindergarten pupils in a program of songs, dances and recitations, on Friday evening, June 5, at eight o'clock in Perkins Hall.

## PRESBYTERIAN NOTICE

Reverend H. M. Wilson, of Concord, will bring the message at the 11:30 o'clock service on Sunday morning. The public is cordially invited. Mr. Wilson will spend several days here, arriving to attend the High School graduation exercises.

## SUGAR

Farm families and others who want to obtain allotments of sugar for home cooking should see their local rationing board and fill out a special application form.

## Halt German Offensive In Barenkova Sector; Russia Claims Victory In The North

Moscow, May 27.—The Red army, fighting with its back to a river, has brought the German offensive in the Isyum-Barenkova sector to a standstill in the most important sector and has gained new ground in immediate counter-attacks, the Russians reported today.

Simultaneously the Russian forces about 80 miles northward continued their persistent pounding of the Germans who are clinging to new positions on the Khar'kov front.

While the deadly conflict in the Ukraine thus progressed after two furious weeks, the Arctic end of the 2,000-mile front also quickened to life.

The Germans renewed their efforts to bomb Murmansk, an entry port for supplies from the United States and Britain, and fresh Nazi troops were concentrating in the northern sectors.

Red Fleet, Soviet navy paper, said that six German planes were downed and six damaged in large scale air battles over the approaches to Murmansk and that land artillery of the Soviet northern fleet blasted eleven underground shelters and numerous other winter quarters where Nazi soldiers were massing.

Red Star, the army paper, telling of the Ukrainian fighting, said the Russians were enlarging a pocket along the river bend where they stopped the Germans in the Isyum-Barenkova sector.

Russian infantry with artillery and tank support, have taken the slope of a hill dominating the sector and now are fighting at the gates of a village several miles from their starting point, Red Star said. Two German counter-attacks have failed to halt this movement, it added.

In many sectors of the Khar'kov front tank encounters continue, with the Germans sending out groups of 20 to 30 machines and Russians meeting them with equal numbers, so that the Germans are holding their positions only at "immeasurable" losses, the army organ declared.

A two-day battle has resulted in repulse of German efforts to drive a wedge into the Russian lines near Khar'kov, while in another nearby spot the Germans failed to recapture a village in two-day combat with tanks, the report continued.

While these dispatches indicated that the Ukraine conflict raged on others suggested that it was a breathing spell by comparison with the titanic struggle of the past two weeks in which the Russians pressed hard on Khar'kov and blocked German counter-blows against their strong left flank.

Soviet cavalrymen, on a raid covering about 40 miles far behind the southern front lines, killed some 2100 Germans, the government announced.

A northwestern front detachment was credited with killing 300 of an SS (Elite) division in two days of fighting for an important height.

The government's first rationing act was the stopping of polygamy and allowing a man only one wife.

## Sales Tax Again Is Considered

Question of Whether To Try To Raise Needed Revenue By Increasing Excise Taxes Or By Approving Sales Tax

Washington, May 27.—The House Ways and Means Committee, concluding revisions of the estate and gift tax laws, decided to tackle next the question of whether to try to raise \$1,240,000 in new revenue by increasing excise taxes or by approving a sales tax.

Members said that as soon as they voted on estate and gift tax rates they would take up the problem of raising taxes on such things as gasoline, liquor, cigars, transportation and communications, which Secretary Morgenthau recommended last March 7, as part of an overall \$7,610,000,000 tax bill.

The committee deferred until today a vote on estate and gift tax rates after agreeing tentatively to the Treasury recommendation that a single \$40,000 estate exemption be substituted for the present two exemptions of \$40,000 for life insurance and \$40,000 for other property.

Morgenthau has asked that the rates be increased sufficiently in order to produce \$200,000,000 more revenue. As the committee approached the estate tax question, it was pointed out that the Treasury would have to be satisfied with the amount of revenue.