

National Wildlife Restoration Week March 21 To 27

W. C. Bunch Emphasizes Importance of Conserving Resources

As a result of conservation practices which Federal and State agencies have employed during the past 10 years to perpetuate America's renewable wildlife resources, many substantial contributions are being made today to the national war program, asserts William C. Bunch, representing the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, as superintendent, at the Edenton Fish Hatchery.

"While conservationists all over the country are calling public attention to the sixth annual observance of National Wildlife Restoration Week from March 21 to 27, this is a good time to review the benefits derived from conserving our fish and wildlife resources," Bunch emphasized. This special week, he explained, was inaugurated by presidential proclamation in 1938 and is sponsored by the National Wildlife Federation.

With so much emphasis being placed today on food, the commercial fisheries of the United States and Alaska, Bunch pointed out, contribute nearly 5 billion pounds of fish and fishery products, the bulk of which is used as food. This important source of protein food ranks second in volume, following pork and beef, among the various sources of animal protein. "In fact," Bunch added, "fishery contributions of food and essential by-products are so great that without them the ability of the Nation to wage war would be lessened materially."

With the present severe shortage of domestic meats due to the necessity for shipping such large quantities to our armed forces and to our allies, wild species provide a food resource that is becoming increasingly important. "A deer or an elk or a pheasant or creel of fresh-water fishes taken by a sportsman and used in the home or given to his friends releases an equivalent amount of beef, pork, lamb or poultry that can be consumed by the public or made available for military needs," Bunch said. "The extent of contribution to the Nation's food supply is

surprising."

"As custodians of our national wildlife resources," Bunch emphasized, "all Americans are responsible for their wise use. While we must strive to make these resources yield the maximum in food and recreation in wartime consistent with good management, on the other hand we must not allow conservation gains made during the past 50 years to be lost. No one should stand idly by and permit the stupid and wasteful exploitation of these resources under the guise of wartime emergency. "While the aspect is encouraging in every field of wildlife conservation, the purpose now must be to hold those gains, even though the programs which made them possible cannot be carried forward under existing conditions. The cost of the effort necessary to preserve that which has been built is small compared to its value. Wise husbandry of food resources is necessary in peacetime; it is utterly essential to a nation at war," Bunch concluded.

Baptist Training Union Convention March 26-27

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day morning. During the Saturday morning session the State representative, Miss Marie Roberts, will deliver an inspirational address on the subject, "Faith Without Works Is Dead." During the Saturday afternoon session the missionary address will be brought by Miss Clifford Barratt, a returned missionary from China, on the subject, "Our Living Faith In Missions."

Throughout the program talks by Training Union members, conferences, skits and addresses will be interspersed with various items of special music, both vocal and instrumental. The public is cordially invited to attend this helpful meeting of four sessions; the Friday afternoon session opening at 3:15; Friday night session at 7:55; Saturday morning session at 9:15; Saturday afternoon session at 1:45.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Adams Monday night in Tayloe Hospital, Washington, a daughter. The newcomer weighed 9 1/4 pounds and has been named Mary Jean.

HOSTESS AT PARTY
Miss Wessie Harrell entertained a few friends Saturday evening honoring her cousin, Miss Ruth Jordan, of Cross Roads. Miss Harrell's guests included the honoree, Miss Jordan, and Misses Doris Russell, Frances Stallings, Doris Perry, Daisy Stallings and Augustus Perry, Earl Stallings, J. C. Bond and S. J. Outlaw.

Guard Gossip

From
26th Co. N. C. State Guard
Edenton, N. C.

Major William A. Blount of Washington, N. C., commanding the 2nd Bn., N. C. S. G., visited the local organization last week. The Company went through several formations, including Interior Guard Duty, and Major Blount was highly complimentary of the progress made by the Company.

Though Captain J. Frank White, Jr., and Lieutenants Marvin Wilson and Leslie Morgan were scheduled to leave this week for Fort Bragg to attend a 10-day training course, only the two lieutenants are at Fort Bragg. Captain White was advised by his physician to remain at home due to an eye infection.

All officers making a visit to this Company have more than once spoken of the high type of personnel in the organization. Major Blount said it is the best looking outfit from the standpoint of personnel that he had seen so far, and that with the men interested as they are, we should be one of the ranking companies in the State Guard.

It is very apparent that Lieut. Morgan has been in the combat zone from the patch on his left temple. He says, however, this was caused from an accident with his team in the logging business, a horse having kicked him there. Evidently the horse made contact. Maybe that was a combat zone after all, with Lieut. Morgan being on the defensive without any defense.

The biggest man in the Company, Jay Coffey. The smallest man in the Company, Mack Ward.

We wondered why Captain White was all smiles at the last drill. We found out. He had been the receiver of some mighty useful gifts. Sgt. S. A. White, (no relation) a buddy of Captain White in civilian life, mailed him a nice Ronson cigarette lighter, with his name engraved on it, with congratulations. Captain White has enjoyed displaying it around too. He also received from Supply Sgt. Ernest Swanner, a desk piece. It's pretty, too, made of solid oak, varnished and has his name in gold leaf letters, "J. F. White, Jr., Capt. 26th Co., NC SG."

We bet Sgt. Earl Harrell had burned biscuits or scorched soup for one dinner last week. Sgt. Harrell had the misfortune of having a fire at his home right at noon time, when an oil stove exploded. However, it was not the fault of Mrs. Harrell, and no insinuations are being made of her cooking. Mrs. Harrell received some badly burned hands, we understand.

15 Scouters Complete Scoutmaster's Course

Fifteen men in the Tidewater District recently completed a scoutmasters' course which is said to be the most interesting and instructive ever participated in by Don King, Scout executive.

Those completing the course were John A. Holmes, H. A. Campen, Geddes Potter, C. W. Overman, C. E. Kramer and Mike Harris of Edenton; the Rev. Herbert Miller and L. O. Pierce of Suptury; Dan Hackett, J. E. Crowe, Leander Ownley, Godfrey Stallings, Fred Howard, Raymond Collier and Norman Shannonhouse, of Elizabeth City.

H. A. Campen is district chairman, and because of the success of this course, he is planning to have a troop camping course in the near future.

Baltimore Man Chosen Director Of USO Club

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of the Service Men's Recreation Committee, has spent a considerable amount of time in working on the establishment of a USO Club and was no little elated early this week when he was assured that his efforts had developed into a reality and that it will be in charge of a man with the reputation of Mr. Martin. However, Mr. Benson desires to emphasize the fact that the appointment of Mr. Martin as director does not relieve the community of its responsibility to assist in the usefulness of the club. Mr. Benson plans very shortly to call a meeting of the various committees in order to proceed as far as possible until Mr. Martin arrives to begin his duties as director.

BABY CHICKS

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First hatch Jan. 21 and each Friday thereafter. Rocks, New Hampshires, White Leghorns. Hatchery on U. S. Highway No. 17, two miles west of Edenton in front of L. R. Sutton's home.

Superior Hatchery

Air Warning Meeting In Rocky Hock School

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vation unit the world has ever known. Hundreds of thousands of patriotic Americans have volunteered for this service.

The public is invited to attend the meeting and particularly those living in the Rocky Hock section. Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Harrell are chief and assistant chief observers respectively of the Rocky Hock section, and present at the meeting will be the Rev. Frank Cale and Medlin Belch, both of whom spent a week at the aircraft recognition school at Norfolk, where Mr. Cale made a perfect record.

Plans are now underway to build an observation post on Hicks Field, which will complete Chowan County's network of posts on 24-hour service to spot and report airplanes. The Edenton post will be manned by Boy Scouts and members of Ed Bond Post of the American Legion.

CIRCLE MEETS

The Laura Griffith Bond Circle of the Methodist Church met Monday night at 8 o'clock with Mrs. Thomas J. Wood. Mrs. P. T. Owens had charge of the program, while Mrs. J. J. Ross conducted the business session.

Those present were Mrs. H. I. Smith, Mrs. J. J. Ross, Mrs. T. J. Wood, Mrs. L. L. Lewis, Mrs. P. T. Owens, Mrs. Zell Ward, Mrs. Harry Smith and a visitor, Mrs. Scott.

Defense Council Plans For Blackout Friday

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report and Chief Air Raid Warden W. W. Byrum and Deputy Chief LeRoy Haskett expressed the view that one of these prominent lights seen in town was the Cotton Mill, which has been exempted by the Army

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from participation in practice blackouts due to 85 per cent of their production being for war purposes. This exemption was granted on recommendation of the local Defense Council.

The other was doubtless the city dump, which became very bright due to a rising wind at that time. The red light referred to was a large neon sign in the business district, which was switched on when the second "Blue" signal was given, the proprietor thinking it was the all-clear signal. The wardens in that block got busy and the light was cut off within a brief period, but perhaps the plane was passing just at that moment.

A committee consisting of Commander T. C. Byrum, Deputy Chief Warden LeRoy Haskett, together with Fire Chief R. K. Hall and J. H. Conger, Chief of Auxiliary Firemen, are to confer with Street Commis-

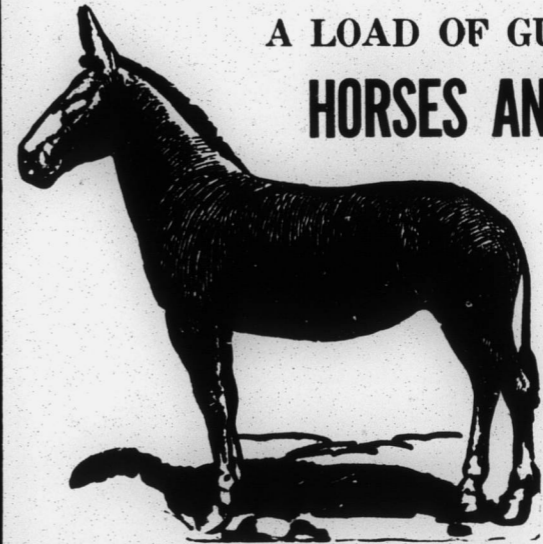
sioner J. Edwin Bufflap with a view of perfecting the best method of controlling the situation at the trash dump during future practice blackouts, as well as the "real thing," should it come.

A committee consisting of R. N. Hines, T. C. Byrum and W. W. Byrum was appointed to cooperate with Doctors R. H. Vaughan and L. P. Williams in working out the most feasible plan for participation of their Emergency Medical Corps (First Aid).

It was decided to arrange blackout curtains at both of their buildings, but this presents a major problem. It is hoped, however, that a satisfactory plan will be adopted, as the Defense Council has invested upward of \$200 in equipment for these two first aid stations and seven thoroughly capable men and women are assigned to each.

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