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HOSPITAL

The State Port Pilot, a little space please:—The People of Brunswick County in behalf of your local hospital:—

Those citizens who are not interested in the hospital, but who are interested in their own welfare and lend a hand to the ladies of the Auxiliary who are trying hard to raise sufficient money to install a bell call system, but after a year's hard work, the ladies have raised about the required amount and a \$25-30 cent piece from you a group of you will be a wonderful help.

The board of trustees also will be glad if you would show interest by making suggestions and talking hospital problems with them. It is your interest and you owe it to yourself and your hospital, to take interest if you want it to succeed.

To you folks who are indebted to this hospital, and who do not make an effort to pay your bill in reasonable payments, should be ashamed for your failure to know, when you have received so much and maybe some good health and then are not willing to give in return. Your county government and the government of the city of Southport are doing more than their part for the hospital that stay open that you may receive the benefits of a local hospital in your own county at a lower rate than you could get the same service in adjoining counties.

They would not take you in your paying an entrance and then the balance weekly, at your local hospital you get it is right to walk in and your life or the life of a child one saved then go out and pay your bill. Don't say you can't pay because you can, and all people know you can. If you can't give all cash, then potatoes, eggs, chickens, or anything they can use to help patients.

The hospital authorities will give you credit on your unpaid bill and allow you market price for your produce. I ask you all to do your part and help the town and the county government to keep your hospital open.

Yours truly, H. W. HOOD.

THE RED CROSS

The Editor of the State Port Pilot:—

I appeal to the citizens of Southport and Brunswick County in behalf of the American Red Cross membership drive?

Every one, young and old, has a chance to become a member of the club, some organizations will distinguish the person who joins. Too often a mistake is made in joining some club or organization that is proven too late to be of any use without merit. The one who

Another Point For Busy Hens

A fast working hen not only lays more eggs than the loafing hen, but her eggs usually hatch better.

Hatchability, the United States Department of Agriculture has learned, is closely linked with high egg production. It found that eggs which remain in the hen's oviduct and uterus 24 to 27 hours before they are laid are more likely to hatch than those retained longer. An egg's hatching qualities apparently are affected by the hen's body temperature when they remain in the body more than 27 hours. Eggs incubated in an incubator at a temperature of 105 to 107 Fahrenheit, the hen's normal body temperature, seldom hatch. When kept warm by the sitting hen, eggs never reach the same temperature as the hen's body.

Lazy hens which lay, say 2 days a week often keep the eggs in the oviduct and uterus as long as 30 hours before laying them. On the other hand, the tests show hens which lay 6 days a week seldom retain the eggs more than 27 hours.

It makes this mistake suffers, and is solely to blame because no full inquiry was made in advance as to the true status of the club.

In becoming a member of the American Red Cross, no mistake can possibly be made. In more than 50 years of world wide services, in giving aid where it has been called for regardless of sex, race or color, in whatever country on the globe the call came from, the American Red Cross became international in its character and service and quickly reached where aid and need was urgent and brought the much wished for relief.

A few years ago the people of Brunswick county in their distress received Red Cross aid with food and wearing apparel that were sorely needed, because most of our people, however willing to aid their neighbors, had either exhausted their scanty means, or were unable to furnish any aid.

This local and pressing need can arise without notice. The elements of nature respect no community. The wind can cause devastation; torrential rains may overwhelm home and crops; fire may sweep lands, destroying and leaving all waste, with lives being taken. Here comes Red Cross aid, immediate succor. The word of cheer and kindness and such material help as to bring restoration to those whom have been visited with some terrible calamity.

Is it not wonderful to feel and know that one may be a member of such a truly great organization, to realize that our small annual dues of one dollar has joined with millions of other such dollars, and because of this wide membership and co-operative contribution of people, citizens of the entire world become brothers in that highest state of self-sacrifice?

The American Red Cross asks for your membership. Will you not join the grandest of organizations—the Red Cross?

C. L. STEVENS, Membership organizer, Southport Chapter, American Red Cross.

Unseasonably Warm Weather Retards Business Progress

Reports received by the Department of Commerce from widely scattered areas or the county indicated that retail trade at the end of October continued to be held back somewhat by unseasonably warm weather in many places. Practically all the 33 reporting cities, however, showed improvement over the same period of 1934.

Manufacturers and wholesalers reported that they were beginning to feel the stimulus of holiday buying with prospects for a considerable increase in business over last year. The trend was also to better quality merchandise. In many instances, orders for gift goods were 20 per cent greater than in 1934 and difficulty in obtaining delivery was reported in some lines. New York reported earlier than normal Christmas buying in many lines with particularly heavy increases in luxury lines. A survey of Philadelphia manufacturers and wholesale firms indicated increases over last year of 22 per cent. Reports of favorable holiday prospects were received from Boston, Atlanta, Buffalo, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, New Orleans, Kansas City, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Seattle.

Expanding automobile production was an influence in the rising trend of industrial activity and was beginning to account for sustained production in the steel industry. Automobile units produced through October 26 totaled 153,000 compared with 95,128 for the entire month of September.

Employment gains were reported in practically all areas as WPA projects got under way, but seasonal expansion also accounted for a considerable increase in private employment.

Cotton mill activity was at a higher level, following the gains made in September. Electric power production reached a new all time high. Lumber production eased off slightly after reaching a peak in the first half of October and stocks were considerably lower than a year ago.

Although excess bank reserves gained \$80,000,000 from the previous week to \$3 billion, there were evidence of increased agricultural and industrial borrowings. An upward trend in short-term interest rates was initiated in the New York market. Christmas savings accounts were reported to have greatly increased in number and size.

Building construction in 766 identical cities continued a wide margin of increase over last year, particularly in the new residential building classification. The total construction cost in these cities in September was \$74,502,778, compared with \$39,607,339

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Farm Questions

Question: How long does it take to fatten beef cattle for market?

Answer: Under average conditions, cattle taken from pasture with no additional feed cannot be satisfactorily fattened under four months. Where there is sufficient feed it is better to feed them out for four and one-half to five months. The extra weight and finish will more than pay the feed cost and the cattle will bring a premium for the prime finish.

Question: Should turkeys be confined before killing and what is the shrinkage on dressed turkeys?

Answer: It is a good practice to confine the turkeys for from 18 to 24 hours before they are killed. During this time a liberal supply of water should be provided but no feed given. Where turkeys are dressed but not drawn there will be about a 10 per cent loss of feathers and blood. Full-drawn turkeys lost about 25 percent of their live weight. When the birds are to be shipped care should be given to proper packing. See your farm or home agent for specific instructions as to killing and packing.

In the same month last year, a gain of 88.1 per cent, while the increase in new residential building was 167.4 per cent.

Income of \$636,000,000 from farm marketings in September brought the total for the nine months of the year to \$4,304,000,000. In addition, rental and benefit payments of \$406,000,000 made total cash of \$4,710,000,000 received this year, compared with \$4,453,000,000 for the same period last year. As a result, the estimated cash income for the year has been increased to \$6,800,000,000.

Instructions To Orchard Owners

Thorough Cleaning Up Of Orchards And Packing Sheds During Winter Will Aid Materially In Disease Control

A thorough cleaning up of the apple orchards and packing sheds this winter will aid materially in the control of codling moths.

The moths spend the winter in larve form, said C. H. Brannon, extension entomologist at State College, and the destruction of these larvae will greatly reduce the number of moths emerging next spring.

The larvae, or worms in cocoons, are found under loose bark on the trees, in crevices around the trunk and larger branches, among trash and weeds around the trees, and in crevices in the packing house.

Brannon advises that all loose bark be scraped from the trees, that crevices be cleaned out, and that all trash be removed from the orchard and burned.

Many worms are brought into the packing sheds with the fruit, and leave cocoons in crevices of posts, walls, floors, baskets, and barrels.

It is a good policy to screen the sheds, when possible, so that any moths which emerge in the spring will be kept inside the sheds and away from the orchard. Otherwise, all fruit containers should be stored in a moth-tight place, and the shed given a thorough cleansing.

Destruction of the larvae will not take the place of spraying early next year, Brannon pointed out, but as there will be a few larvae which manage to survive the winter.

Heavy spraying early in the season, he added, will eradicate many of the young moths and thereby reduce the need of heavy applications later on.

J. L. Hartley, of Linville, Avery county, sold strawberries from his patch from June 20 until the middle of October.

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\$250,000,000

of the large-sized bills have not yet returned to the U. S. Treasury, although retirement of this old-style paper money and exchange for small began in 1929.

Officials say that a substantial part of it probably never will return. "How much of it is hoarded away under mattresses and elsewhere or permanently lost is anybody's guess."

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