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## Citizens Warned To Mail Parcels Early This Year

Unprecedented Rush Is Expected By Postoffice Department And Delivery Not Guaranteed For Late Packages

### POSTMASTER GIVES RULES FOR MAILING

Cooperation Of Patrons In Clearing Boxes; Asks That They Retain Their Package Slips

When we tell postoffice patrons to mail early this year, we mean really mean early. Packages mailed after December 15 will have very little chance of being delivered before Christmas and it will be much better to push that deadline. Mailing the first week in December appears to be something more than just the annual plea for cooperation to avoid the normal Christmas rush, for these are not normal times. Nowhere is this fact more obvious than in the postal service which sends thousands of employees to the armed services. And, in addition to the fact that December is always the biggest rush month of the year, packages sent in the armed services are sent by an unusual load.

Locally, the way to help solve some of the problems are these: Put packages securely, address them always give a return address, put a 1 cent stamp on each card for local delivery; a 3-cent stamp on unsealed cards for out of town. Call for your mail regularly, save your package slips, use package notices to have your package quickly, it is likely that the mail will be many times during the month, and patrons are urged to be patient. A special schedule will be posted for the convenience of local mail.

## Dr. Greer Heads State Baptists

Thomasville Baptist Orphanage Superintendent Is Elected On The Third Ballot, Other Officers Named At High Point Meeting

HIGH POINT, Nov. 23.—The Baptist convention Thursday elected Dr. I. G. Greer president for the next year, and left selection of next year's meeting place to the convention's general board.

Dr. Greer, who is superintendent of the Thomasville orphanage, succeeded Dr. Forrest C. Freezer, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist church in Raleigh. He was elected on the third ballot and a motion from the floor made his election unanimous.

The following vice presidents were elected by acclamation: J. C. Greer, of Asheville, Leslie Campbell, president of Campbell college, and J. W. Tuttle, of Shelton.

Appointments of Dr. Greer on the state board were Richard Redwine, Hickory, Perry Morgan, of Henderson, and E. Norfleet Gardner, of Henderson.

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TURNER PREACHES.  
J. Clyde Turner, pastor of the first Baptist church, of Greensboro, delivered the final message Thursday morning, before the adjournment of the convention's annual meeting.

The convention approved the following appointments: Convention board of trustees, expiring 1943: R. L. McCann, Raleigh, and F. H. Brooks, Henderson.

General board of the convention, expiring in 1945: Claude Gaddy, Raleigh; S. C. Eggers, W. Fryer, New Bern; W. L. Weeks, of Southport. He was among the contingent that landed on Guadalcanal, the hottest spot of that very hot area.

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Directors: Biblical Reformer, Inc. term expiring 1946: J. G. Gillman, Hickory; J. Glenn Lumberton; John T. Durham, Durham, and W. K. Mc-

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## THANKSGIVING DAY



**THANKFUL**—On the First Thanksgiving, our Pilgrim Fathers were faced with obstacles that appeared to be insurmountable, but out of this was born the greatest nation the world has ever known. On this Thanksgiving Day, the people of the United States again are facing trial and hardship, and it is upon the same spirit that our nation is banking for final victory.

## Baptist Union Meets Saturday

Fifth Saturday Meeting Will Be Held At Oak Grove Baptist Church; Program Announced

The Brunswick Baptist Union will meet at Oak Grove Baptist church Saturday, November 28. The theme will be "The Need of a World-wide Revival."

Following is the program: 11:00 (Wartime) song service; devotion—al-Devt. 6:4-9, 20-25 by Norman Bellamy; business; "Where Should the Revival Begin, in the Home, Church, or World?", by W. J. Sellers; sermon—pastor; 12:30, lunch; 1:30, devotional—1 Tim. 3:14-16: "The application of the revival by Whom?", Rev. S. I. Mintz; "Results of the Revival", by Rev. T. F. Johnson; adjourn.

## First Retirement In This County

Veteran Teacher Of Colored Schools Retires After 45 Years Of Service

Sarah Moore, veteran teacher in the colored schools of Brunswick, has become the first person in Brunswick county to be retired under the State Retirement System. She commenced this year as teacher at Pine Level school, and thus began her 45th year of active service. During her career she held positions in colored schools throughout the county, and for several years she was teacher at Bell Swamp.

## Brief News Flashes

**BACK TO CAMP**  
L. L. Churchill Bragaw has returned to Camp Edwards, Mass., following a visit here with his mother, Mrs. Helen Bragaw.

**IN HOSPITAL**  
Friends of Joseph Willetts, of Winnabow, regret to learn that he is a patient at Doshier Memorial hospital, suffering from pneumonia.

## Sergeant Weeks Is Getting Along Alright In Solomons

Among the first U. S. Marines to land in the Solomon Islands was Sergeant Ennis Weeks, of Southport. He was among the contingent that landed on Guadalcanal, the hottest spot of that very hot area.

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## State Election Board Upholds County Group

Hearing In Raleigh Yesterday Results In Motion To Dismiss Appeal For Re-count Made By Republicans

**REPUBLICANS MAY CONTINUE FIGHT**  
However, There Has Been No Suggestion As To What Their Next Move May Be To Settle Issue

The State Election Board, in session yesterday in Raleigh, voted unanimously to dismiss the appeal for a recount of ballots cast in the general election on November 3rd.

Brunswick County Republicans were represented by Alton Lennon of Wilmington, who charged that spoiled ballots were handled improperly due to ignorance of election officials on correct procedure. A number of ballots, he declared, were thrown into the spoiled ballot box contrary to regulations. He also said that ballots were marked openly in the streets of Southport and not in elections booths as the law requires.

Ozmer Henry, of Lumberton represented the Brunswick Democrats.

Republican party leaders have intimated that they did not plan to drop the fight, even in the face of an adverse ruling from the state board with regard to their appeal. What their next move will be, however, has not been disclosed. Their chief hope is to be able to unseat John B. Ward, who held a one-vote majority over D. R. Johnson, Republican, for Judge of Recorder's Court.

## County Girl Is Ship's Sponsor

Miss Eva Margaret Hewett Of Supply Sponsor For Paul Hamilton Haynes, 43rd Liberty Ship

The Paul Hamilton Haynes, 43rd Liberty freighter to near completion at the yards of the North Carolina Shipbuilding company and the second ship to be launched within the past four days went down the ways into the Cape Fear river at 12:15 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Named for a South Carolina poet, the 10,000-ton vessel was christened by Miss Eva Margaret Hewett of Supply, daughter of Sidney Hewett, assistant foreman of the riggers department at the yards.

Her maids of honor were Miss Frances Hill, of Shallotte, and Miss Lou Ellen Hewett, of Supply.

## House-To-House Meat Program

Canvass Will Be Conducted To Get People To Cooperate With "Share The Meat" Program

Block Leaders of the Citizens Service Corps and Neighborhood Leaders of the County Agriculture Committee who are cooperating in the nation-wide "Share the Meat" campaign will receive their instructions this week, H. C. Stone, Director of the Citizens Service Corps, announced.

Block and Neighborhood Leaders will visit every household in the county during the week of November 30 with information about the voluntary meat rationing program and suggestions for using substitutes without sacrificing nutritional value.

More than 60,000 Block and Neighborhood Leaders are engaged in this campaign in North Carolina. They are carrying out the largest single task assigned to the recently organized community service division of Civilian Defense and the first assignment for a few years, re-enlisting nearly three years ago.

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## Forester Will Assist County Agent Dodson

Harold E. Blanchard Will Divide His Time Between Brunswick And Columbus In Forestry Program

IS SPECIALIST IN MARKETING

New Official Is Graduate Of New York State College Of Forestry; May Be Contacted Through Agent's Office

Harold E. Blanchard has been recently appointed Assistant County Agent in forestry for Columbus and Brunswick counties. Mr. Blanchard reported to Brunswick County on November 20 to take up this new work and comes highly recommended from the United States Forest Service and the Extension Service.

He graduated from New York State College of Forestry, Syracuse, N. Y. in 1932, coming to Brunswick County from the Cherokee National Forest, Tellico Plains, Tennessee.

Any farmers in Brunswick County wishing assistance with their forestry problems, either in conservation, development, marketing, selective cutting, or any other forestry problem that they might have on their farm may get in touch with Mr. Blanchard through the County Agent's Office.

Mr. Blanchard will spend half of his time in Brunswick County and the other half in our neighboring county of Columbus and will make his home in Whiteville.

## Club Members Hear Specialist

Meat Rationing Program Discussed In Detail At Meeting Of Town Creek Club

The Town Creek Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. D. R. Johnson for its regular November meeting.

The meeting was opened by Mrs. Odell Evans, who introduced Charlie Trot, Co-ordinator of Civilian Defense in Brunswick county, who in turned introduced Miss Kaufer from Raleigh who spoke on "Share the Meat Program." Miss Kaufer asks that citizens announce themselves to 2 1/2 lbs. per week for each adult, children from six to twelve 1 1/2 lbs., and three quarters of a pound for children under six. As many people in Brunswick county raise their own meat, they are asked to be on their honor and eat only required amount so that the armed forces and allies may have meat which is so badly needed if they are to fight and win battles all over the world.

The meats which are rationed are beef, pork, veal, mutton and the bone parts. Tongues, hearts, feet etc. are not included in the rationing.

Questions were asked and those Miss Kaufer could not answer concerning whether a certificate should be had to kill a hog etc. Miss Eakes was asked to write to Nutritional Board in Raleigh to find out these things.

Mrs. J. Arthur Doshier, Mrs. Roy Daniels, Mr. Trot and Mrs. C. C. Cannon from Southport attended the meeting other than regular members.

Plans were made for Christmas party and business discussed.

Club women were glad to have with us this month one of our old members, Mrs. E. C. Woodbury, who is making her home in New Bern.

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## Try Two Cases In County Court

Continuance Granted In Only Other Case Before Judge E. J. Prevatte Here Monday

Only two cases were tried in Recorder's court Monday before Judge E. J. Prevatte.

Carl Walker was charged with public drunkenness. The defendant waived appearance and pleaded guilty through his counsel. He was fined \$15.00 and taxed with costs.

Jack Ray Franklin pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation. Given 90 days on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00. The defendant's driving license was revoked for 6 months.

The case against F. C. Marlowe for assault was continued.

## Mrs. E. H. Cranmer Will Head Woman's Division

Will Head Woman's Section Of War Savings Staff In Brunswick County; Will Push War Bond Sales

Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, of Southport, has accepted the county chairmanship of the Woman's Division of the Defense Savings Staff. Her primary duties will be to promote bond-buying among the ladies of the county.

Mrs. Cranmer is the widow of the late Judge E. H. Cranmer and has distinguished herself "as a community and county leader. She is a member of the local school board, and is a past president of the Brunswick County P.-T. A.

Mrs. Cranmer has just returned from Havana, Cuba, where she spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. E. H. Arrington. Contacted soon after her return, she agreed to accept the important responsibility of pushing the sale of War Bonds among residents of this county.

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## Parents Of Navy Men To Help Get New Recruits

Ripe Figs Are Picked Yesterday

Mrs. C. Ed Taylor picked ripe figs from her yard in Southport on Tuesday morning of this week, giving the best possible evidence that there had been no killing frost here up to that date this year.

This record may have been shattered last night, however, as the mercury tumbled to one of the lowest levels of the season. The official reading is not available, but if there wasn't too much wind, there must have been a frost here this morning.

North Carolina boys serving in the Navy are going to get help—and their parents are going to help send it.

Instead of colorful parades and flying banners, a new kind of activity will mark North Carolina's observance of Pearl Harbor Day on December 7—and the observance will be one of great distaste to the Japanese who a little over 11 months ago fostered one of the most dastardly attacks in history.

Parents of North Carolina men in action with the Navy have been designated as Volunteer Navy Recruiters from December 1 to December 7, and on Pearl Harbor Day, a brief and simple ceremony will take place in eight North Carolina cities.

At Charlotte, Raleigh, Asheville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, New Bern, Salisbury and Wilmington those parents have been asked to gather on Pearl Harbor Day with the regular recruiters and with the men who have been accepted for enlistment through the efforts of the mothers and fathers.

Elsewhere in this edition of State Port Pilot is a coupon which should be filled out by every mother and father of a Navy man in action. Their duties as a volunteer recruiter will be very simple, but should result in the enlistment of hundreds of men on Pearl Harbor Day.

Lt. Charles B. Neely, officer-in-charge of the State's Navy Recruiting Service, said in Raleigh that he would think of no more appropriate way to observe December 7. "This Navy," he said, "bore the brunt of Japanese treachery at Pearl Harbor, and I am sure that every mother and every father wants to feel sure that his or her son has plenty of (Continued on page 4)

## Winter Gardens In County Conspicuous By Absence

Inquiry among home owners in both town and county reveals that very few are making an effort towards growing winter gardens. They just did not feel the urge to attempt to grow foodstuffs, despite the fact that in this and the rest of the coastal section winter gardens may be made to produce abundantly with much less labor than is required in the spring.

Always able to buy in previous winters, people just did not get around to planting and attempting to grow something to eat this time. They are waiting for another spring. The chances are that when that spring comes the labor shortage will be so strong that all available efforts will be directed towards making some money crop. The all-important item of foodstuffs will be missed.

The Victory Gardens of last spring missed out entirely in the intended purpose. Every body produced something during a couple of months of the spring and summer. There was an all round abundance during that period, much that was produced being wasted and with very few of the gardeners getting the urge to grow something to have on the table the year round.

It was a whirlwind start and a slow finish: an effort that did not even leave the urge to carry on. Perhaps there will be an attempt at a revival in the spring and another short and busy gardening period, like the one this year. It will be greatly handicapped by labor shortage and be much of another case of putting all the eggs in one basket. The coastal section has never learned the science of real gardening, which is the taking advantage of the climate and soil and making garden space produce something to place on the table every day in the year.

## Henry C. Stone Heads Program

Named Director Of Civilian Service Corps For Brunswick County; Work Connected With Civilian Defense

H. C. Stone, principal of Shallotte high school, has accepted the post of director of the Citizens Service Corps for Brunswick county.

This agency, serving under the banner of Civilian Defense, is for the purpose of co-ordinating the efforts of all worth-while organizations and shaping them so that the greatest possible good will result for the war program.

This is a job that will require much skill in organization, and if it is to be successful, the new director must have the support of citizens in every section of the county.

## Expect Sudden Blackouts In State Very Soon

Machinery Has Been Put In Motion For Sudden Blacking Out Of The Entire State Without Previous Notice

SCHEDULED BLACKOUTS ARE BEING REPLACED

No More Scheduled Blackouts Are To Be Held Except Those Which May Have Already Been Authorized

At a conference of the State Director and members of the State OCD staff with representatives of the Fourth Region Office of Civilian Defense, the Fourth Service Command, the Wilmington Air Defense Region, the First Fighter Command and the Second Internal Security District, North Carolina was certified to the Fourth Service Command as in a state of preparedness for surprise blackouts and air raid drills, and the following procedure government surprise drills was agreed upon:

1. Blackout and air raid drill regulations for scheduled exercises (NCCD 47) will continue in effect for surprise drills with the following exceptions. (a) Color signals will be used for surprise tests. The color signal will be preceded by the word test. Example of warning to local control center: "Raleigh, Test and Yellow." (b) On the initial surprise blackout all industries, whether working on war contracts or not, must blackout unless they have authority in writing from the War Department for not doing so. Report of any instance of non-compliance should be immediately reported to the State Office for transmission to the army. (c) Commercial radio stations will be governed by instructions direct from the army and transmitted by regional information centers (d) Railroads and airways will blackout under regulations prescribed by the army and will receive signals through their customary channels. (e) Army and Navy installations will receive warning from Civilian Defense as formerly and act under Service Commands. (f) Navigation lights (including drawbridge illumination will be governed directly by naval orders. (g) All except emergency traffic must halt. This includes workers in war industry unless they have special authority.

2. Surprise blackouts or air raid drills will be ordered by the First Fighter Command and the signal will be transmitted through the Army's Regional Air Raid Warning Headquarters to District Air Raid Warning Officers, who will transmit it to local control and report centers as formerly.

3. No more scheduled blackouts (after completion of those already authorized) will be held except in extraordinary cases. Where it is deemed wise to hold further scheduled drills, authority must be obtained from the State office of Civilian Defense as formerly. As in the past, no authority is required for local drills not involving use of outside communications.

4. Changes were made in four warning districts, details or which are being communicated only to those directly involved.

Surprise blackouts or daylight drills may come at any time. The O. C. D. says everybody must be ready to all times. If local drills are needed the local officials are advised to hold them immediately.



Mrs. E. H. Cranmer