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Now On The Home Stretch Of Fifth War Loan Drive

That Brunswick
Will Go Over The Top
But Much Work Still Remains
To Be Done

THE DRIVE WILL CLOSE
NEXT SATURDAY NIGHT

Folks Who Are Back-
The Men In Service
Should Show It Now
By Investing In 5th
War Loan Bonds

The outcome of the 5th War
Drive in Brunswick county
is dependent on the man-
agement in which Brunswick peo-
ple respond this week to the urg-
ent appeals to buy more bonds.
It will have to show how well
they are backing the fighting for-
ces between now and Saturday
at which time the drive

is believed that the county
will go over the top, but inquir-
ing Chairman R. F. Plaxco and
Chairman Hobson Kirby
revel that neither of
them will believe anything until
they see it. During the remaining
days of the drive a lot of
people live up to what is
expected of them.

One of the most active workers
has been Prince O'Brien, Cashier
of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust
Company. Without the splendid
service which he has rendered, the
drive would probably have been
doomed to failure in this county.
At the end of the drive coming
Saturday, Mr. O'Brien and Mr.
Kirby plan to put in the remain-
ing of the time in making a per-
sonal canvass, if necessary, in or-
der to see that the county goes
over the top in bond sales.

The other workers in the vari-
ous post offices in the county are
being urged to redouble their ef-
forts. The tempo of the war is
speeding up on all fronts. To de-
velop our hopeful beginnings ulti-
mately and speedily victory, it is
necessary that the people on the
home front do their part by in-
vesting all they can in War Bonds.
Lt. Commander Johnston at the
Naval Section Base stated this
week that the participation of the
people in the drive began on July
1st and will continue through the
end of the base here is cooperating
in this drive and credit for the
bonds bought at the base will be
sent to Brunswick county.

Former Director Died Suddenly

James I. Muffley, Former
Head Of USO, Died Un-
expectedly In Winston-
Salem In May

Word has been received here
that James I. Muffley, who was
director of the local USO during
June, July, and August of last
year, died suddenly on May 11 in
Winston-Salem.

Muffley at the time was con-
ducting a financial campaign for
Wilmington College, a work in which
he was intensely interested. He
was 62 years of age and is sur-
vived by his widow, who was with
him in Southport when he was
here last year. They had no chil-

Brief News Flashes

ENTER SERVICE
Captain John G. Swann, who
has been in charge of the engineers
for the Wilmington district,
for the past three or four years,
left yesterday for Fort Belvoir,
Ill., where he will enter active
service with the Army Engineers.

COMPLETES TRAINING
Ray Walton, son of Mr. and
Mrs. Amos J. Walton, of Ash, has
completed his Merchant Marine
training in Mississippi and is
returning this week at home with
his parents, while waiting assign-
ment to duty. He is a twin bro-
ther of Hubert Walton, who lost
his life a little over a year ago
when his ship, the Chicago, was
sunk.

ASSIGNED TO SHIP
Pharmacist Mate Class Arvil E.
Cottrell, of Southport, who has
been serving in the Brooklyn, N. Y.,
Naval Hospital for the past
three months, has been assigned to
ship duty and expects to go to sea
as soon as his vessel is ready. He
is a nephew of Captain J. B.
Church, of Southport.

Buy A Bond And Get In Show Free

Mr. Price Furless, owner
and operator of the Amuzu
Theatre, announces that ev-
eryone who buys a bond on
Thursday, July 6, will be ad-
mitted to the movie free of
charge that night. Last week
the management put on a
War Bond Picture for those
who have bought bonds dur-
ing the drive and Thursday's
offer is another attempt to
help increase sales in the
Fifth War Loan Drive.

Program Planned For Coming Year In Brunswick

FSA Making Plans For Aid-
ing Families In County

LOW INCOME GROUP
IS IMPORTANT FIELD

Dennis Hewett, W. C. Gore
And J. J. Ludlum Farm
County FSA Com-
mittee

The 1945 program of work for
the FSA is now being worked out
for Brunswick County according to
Dennis R. Hewett, W. C. Gore and
J. J. Ludlum, County FSA Com-
mitteemen. The county program
for 1945 will be developed at the
county level and the Committee
and other agriculture leaders in
the county will assist the county
personnel formulate their program
of work. A study will be made of
the factors affecting low income
farmers in the county by Commit-
tee members and recommendations
made to the families and super-
visors with regard to helping to
solve certain problems of such
families. During the next fiscal
year, committeemen will visit
families in order that they may
be better informed of the pro-
gress families are making toward
rehabilitation.

The committeemen feel that the
Farm Security Administration is
doing a good work with low in-
come farm families, but also feel
that there are a considerable num-
ber of low income families that
need FSA assistance that have
never been reached. They will
endeavor to assist the Farm and
Home Supervisor work out a pro-
gram whereby the maximum num-
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Pasture Problem To Control Weeds

Weeds In Pasture May Be
Because Of Low Soil Fer-
tility or Over-Grazing

The presence of a large number
of weeds in a permanent pasture
indicates one or two problems, low
soil fertility and overgrazing, or
probably a combination of the two,
says Dr. R. L. Lovvorn, agronomist
of the Agricultural Experiment
Station at State College.

"Most growers think of control-
ling weeds in pastures by mowing
but there is a much better way,"
says Lovvorn. "Apply one to two
tons of limestone per acre and
500 pounds of 0-14-7 to obtain a
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Afternoon Mail Will Leave Later

Postmaster L. T. Yaskell an-
nounced this week that the sched-
uled departure of the afternoon
mail has been changed from 4:15
P. M. to 4:45 P. M. All mail in-
tended for dispatching in the af-
ternoon must now be at the office
by 4:30. This new schedule makes
all the former connections in Wil-
mington. At the same time it
gives the patrons of the local of-
fice half an hour more for getting
off late mail. The hours of arriv-
al of both afternoon and morning
mail remain unchanged.

The postmaster is again calling
attention to the necessity of hav-
ing sufficient air mail postage for
all such letters sent overseas. If
a letter weighs a fraction more
than half an ounce it is held up or
else sent to the service man for
him to pay the postage due on
its arrival. Few soldiers in the
front lines have an extra 6 cents
when such letters arrive and they
experience delay in getting them.
Write the boys often, but be sure
your letter bears sufficient post-
age.

Workroom Makes A Little Better Record In June

Mrs. Mozelle Durrance Puts
In Most Hours Of The
Sixty-Two Ladies Who
Attended During Month

WORKROOM IS OPEN
SIX TIMES EACH WEEK

More Difficult Dressing
Slows Down Production
For A While At Local
Workroom

Mrs. Mozelle Durrance, a teacher
at the Southport School put in
the greatest number of hours dur-
ing the month of June at the
Red Cross Surgical Dressings
workroom. Mrs. Durrance is a
constant worker at the workroom
and considers this her war-time
job to back up her husband who
is now in England with the Army
Air Forces.

Mrs. Durrance was followed in
the number of hours by Mrs. R.
C. Daniel. Next on the list of
those who attended the work-room
most during the month are Mrs.
R. C. St. George, Mrs. Hulian
Watts, Mrs. D. C. Herring and
Mrs. D. I. Watson.

It is a notable feature that of
the six ladies who have made the
most hours, three of them have
husbands overseas. These ladies
do not feel that they have done
enough to help win the war until
they spend a good deal of their
time folding the dressings which
the service men so sorely need.
Another feature about the list is
that it is very much the same as
last month, indicating that it is
the same ladies who work steady-
ly and who do the great bulk of
the volunteer work.

There are nineteen new work-
ers during the month, most of
them coming only once. In all, six-
ty-two ladies worked 303 hours
to make 6,246 dressings. This is
within a hundred of the number
made last month. Though the fin-
ished dressings amount to about
the same, the work done in June
was an improvement as a more
difficult dressing was made, slow-
ing the ladies down some in their
output.

The workroom is open on Mon-
day, Wednesday, Thursday and
Friday nights from 8 to 10, and
on Wednesday and Friday after-
noons from 3 to 5. The afternoon
hours are for the convenience of
service wives who find it more
convenient to work in the after-
noons.

Shallotte Will Welcome Hero

Sergeant Ernest Pitman Ar-
riving To Visit Parents,
Major In Marines Writes
That He Is A Hero

Shallotte is to have a returning
hero this week. The man in ques-
tion is first Sergeant Ernest C.
Pitman of the Marine Corps. He
is a son of Mrs. Sadie Holden, who
lives just east of Shallotte.

In a letter received this week
by the Shallotte town officials,
Major R. P. White, of the U. S.
Marines Corps, stated that Ser-
geant Pitman was quite a hero,
that the town officials and others
would be doing the proper thing
if they celebrated his return from
26 months of the most active ser-
vice in the South Pacific.

Sergeant Pitman and his divi-
sion landed at Guadalcanal on Au-
gust 7, 1942, the very first step of
the American forces on the march
to Tokyo. Later on they spear-
headed the jungle campaign in
New Britain. Major White stated
in his letter that Sergeant Pit-
man would have a story of hero-
ism to tell on his arrival home.

First Sergeant Pitman is at
present with the Headquarters and
Service Company, 7th Marines,
First Marine Division. He attend-
ed the Shallotte High school. He
was employed by the Cobb Con-
struction Company prior to his
enlistment in the Marine Corps,
December 8, 1939, at Raleigh.

"Many of the men of the First
Marine Division," writes Major
White, "have not set foot on na-
tive soil for over two years, so
engrossed have they been in the
all-important job of stopping the
Japs in the South Pacific and
pushing them back toward Tokyo.
To these heroic Americans goes
the signal honor of making the
first attack after Pearl Harbor on
the enemy, on enemy held ground,
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HIS NAME WAS



An Army doctor with the Fifth Army in Italy looks at the dog tags of a
dead American soldier so that his beloved back home may know that he
gave his life for his country. All your country is asking you to do is to give
your dollars to back up the men who are fighting for you by buying War
Bonds. U. S. Treasury Department

1944 Fishing Season Is Starting Off With Bang

Many To Buy
Little To Sell

The sale under a court or-
der of a once wrecked and
much used car here Monday
invoked the presence of 53
potential bidders, most of
whom never had a chance to
enter an offer. The bidding
mounted so fast that in just
a couple of minutes the car
was knocked down for the
sum of \$1,100.00, which was
more than it cost when new,
two or three years ago. It was
minus hub caps and bore
various marks of wear and
tear.

The car had belonged to the
Stevenson brothers, gang-
sters who held up and
robbed the Clyde Kennedy
road house at Navassa some
months ago, and who are now
serving sentences in the state
prison.

Airfield Announce New Firing Zones

Firing In Area From A
Point Five Miles West Of
Cape Fear To Shallotte
Inlet To Begin In Decem-
ber

A matter of interest to Brun-
swick county fishermen and which
might cause some concern be-
cause of the location, was announced
this week by the commandant of
the air base at Blumenthal Field.
In a message to this paper he
requested the publication of the
following statement:

"The Commanding Officer of
the Army Air Base, Blumenthal
Field, announces that aerial gun-
nery practice will begin on Sun-
day, December 12th, in the area
known as Rich Island between the
Inland Waterway and a line
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Our
ROVING
Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Despite repeated and persistent
efforts to insult our friend, Her-
man Stanaland, Shallotte, an ef-
fort that is shared by Thomas
Russ, Herman always comes up
smiling and wondering what it is
all about. This past winter Her-
man purchased the fine old W.
L. Swain home and its several
surrounding acres, right in the
center of town. He has worked
wonders in improving the appear-
ance with painting the fine home
and in growing garden and truck
crops. Several times recently he
has laid claim to having the big-
gest and best gardens in Brun-
swick and this has laid him open
to considerable badgering. This
week Herman informed the Pilot's
representative that if he was not
too lazy to walk around, he would
take him and show him that gar-
den, that it was all that had been
claimed for it. The first stop was
to exhibit 500 or more jars of
fruits and garden products
(which Mrs. Stanaland had al-
ready canned this summer.) As
the next move Herman, who is
evidently a firm believer in pay-
ing the preacher, took the visitor
around to the smokehouse and
gave him six or seven pounds of
the most choice ham. All this was
preliminary, or a softening up
process, prior to visiting the gar-
den. Some people would say it was
bait, but such a claim would con-
stitute an absolutely unjustified
aspersion on the integrity of both
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Bolivia Boy Writes From Front Line Battleship Texas

Got The Pilot
Down In China

Chief Torpedoman Lloyd
McKeithan is spending a ten
days leave from the Navy
with his parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Alexander McKeithan in
Waccamaw township. He has
been in the Navy for six
years and has been about con-
siderably in that time, espe-
cially during the past three
years. During part of his
travels he got the State Port
Pilot fairly regularly, he says,
especially when he was in
Chinese waters. His home is
in the Freeland section.

Russ Boys Are Carrying On Fine Farming

Mrs. Russ And Sons Of Late
C. A. Russ, Of Shallotte,
Carrying On With Fine
Brunswick County Farm

MARY AND BILL ARE
TOPS IN FARM MULES

Nellie, The White Horse,
Who Grew Up With The
Russ Boys, Is Still An
Honored Inhabitant
Of Russ' Stables

The farm of the late C. A. Russ
three miles below Shallotte and
on State Highway 17, would
please the eyes and gladden the
heart of any real farmer. With
one son, Billy, in the Navy, Mrs.
Russ and her other three sons,
Gene, Sam and Charles are carry-
ing on. She is aided by tenants, as
the boys have other interests in
addition to their farming. Not the
least of the Russ family who is
helping to carry on is Sarah Joy,
the youngest child and only
daughter. She is now only 15 and
is small for her age but is a bun-
dle of energy and one of the
liveliest pupils in the tenth grade
of the Shallotte high school.

The Russ farm, with broad
level fields on each side of the
highway and all of the crops
thriving, is a wonderful sight.
Forty-five acres are producing the
finest corn. To this feed crop
there is added 20 acres of les-
pedeza and 8 acres in soy beans.
Fifteen acres are devoted to pe-
anuts for hog feed. The farm now
has some 50 head of hogs, in-
cluding brood sows. In former
years, while Mr. Russ was still
living, the farm was perhaps the
largest peanut growing farm in
the county. The planting of this
crop, soy beans and peanuts, has
built up already fertile lands into
a high state of productiveness.

About the only so-called "mon-
ey-crop" is tobacco. The farm has
12 acres and it takes no expert
with the weed to see that a won-
derful crop is being grown this
year. In the fields, as it is today,
it is what any tobacco buyer
would call No. 1 stuff and, count-
ing out primmings and sand lugs,
it will grade that way when it
reaches the warehouse floor.

Along with other truck crops
there are two acres in gardens.
The products go directly to the
table or are preserved, sold, or
fed to the hogs. Some good use is
found for all.

The family at home consists of
Mrs. Russ, Sarah Joy, Sam and
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Local Knitters Do Good Work

Long List Of Knitters Who
Turned In Finished Gar-
ments In Month Of June

Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor, Production
Chairman of the Brunswick County
Chapter of the Red Cross, stated
Tuesday that a very good rec-
ord has been made during June
by ladies who are busily at work
with their needles knitting gar-
ments for the army and navy.

Mrs. E. R. Outlaw finished four
turtle-neck Navy sweaters in
June, making a total of seventeen
which she has knitted in the last
six months.

Others who have turned in
finished garments to Mrs. Tay-
lor are as follows: Mrs. Mary
Lake, Mrs. Betty Quick, Mrs. Sarah
Haynes, Mrs. Creech, Mrs.
Murray Tolson, Mrs. C. Ed. Tay-
lor, Mrs. M. M. Hood, Mrs. Liz-
zle Southerland, Mrs. Dora Ar-
nold, Mrs. C. N. Swan, Mrs. Lanie
Southerland, Miss Annie May
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Shallotte Doctor Writes Home Of His Experiences

Capt. M. M. Rosenbaum,
Formerly Physician At
Shallotte, Writes From
Evacuation Hospital

OPERATES ON GERMAN
PRISONERS OF WAR

Gives First Hand Account
Of Handling Of Battle-
Wounded At Tempo-
rary Hospital On
Beach

Captain M. M. Rosenbaum, who
until he entered the Army about
two years ago was a physician at
Shallotte, is seeing front line ser-
vice with the Medical Corps and
is going right behind the invasion
forces as they press on into Eu-
rope.

Dr. Rosenbaum has been attach-
ed since his arrival in England to
an Air Forces hospital and is at
present at an evacuation hospital
where the wounded are treated as
soon as they are sent back from
the front lines. Writing to his
family this week from a tempo-
rary hospital "somewhere on the
coast of England" Dr. Rosenbaum
graphically describes the treat-
ment of the wounded and gives
some of his impressions of the
battle which he is seeing so close
at hand.

"After working day and night
for a couple of days all of the
hospital staff was exhausted, so
we finally went on "shifts." Now
we work 8 hours in the "O R"
(operating room) and have eight
hours off to rest and relax. I am
on an eight hour period off, have
rested and now will try to tell
you something of the activity of
the past few days — this being
"D-Day plus 6."

"It was about forty eight hours
after the start of the invasion
before we started to get casual-
ties. D-Day plus three the injured
were coming back in numbers and
from then on it was on the go,
day and night. After nearly 48
hours of it I had had my belly
full of surgery, and so had every-
one else. We were all exhausted
so that finally we went on the 8
hour shifts and all is working
smoothly now.

"Our hospital is set up in
pyramidal tents and by joining
five together a very satisfactory
33-bed ward results. The OR is
constructed of eight such tents
with the center left open. Each
of the side wings houses two op-
erating tables working in shifts
with two operating teams going
constantly. A team can keep two
tables busy, for often each of the
two surgeons on a team operates
separately and then together on
the worst cases. Many of the
cases are multiple wounds so that
while one is working on the head
the other member works on other
injuries.

"My team has lost its nurse,
Miss Ross, who was evacuated. I
was sorry to lose her for she was
small and quick and very patient,
especially since trying to keep two
tables going at one time is rather
trying after the first several
hours.

"How long this present routine
will go on I do not know. I hope
we soon pick up and move out
across to France. Most of those
we get have been injured two or
three or four days previously. We
have got to get over where we
can get the belly and chest cases
the first 12 or 24 hours after in-
jury to save most of them.

"Most of the injured we receive
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Ration Pointers

CANNING SUGAR
Sugar stamp No. 40 good for
five pounds of canning sugar un-
til February 28, 1945. Apply to
local boards for supplemental ra-
tions.

FUEL OIL
Period four and five fuel oil
coupons good through September
30. During October unused cou-
pons may be exchanged at ration-
ing boards for new 1944-45 heat-
ing season coupons.

GASOLINE
A-10 coupons now valid and
will expire August 8.
Red A8 through Z8 (Book 4)
now valid at 10 points each, for
use with tokens.

PROCESSED FOODS
Blue A8 through Z8 and A5
(Book 4) now valid at 10 points
each, for use with tokens.

SHOES
Airplane stamp No. 1 and No.
2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

SUGAR
Sugar stamp No. 30, No. 31 and
No. 32 (Book 4) good for five
pounds each indefinitely.

Rationing rules now require
that every car owner write his
license number and state in ad-
vance on all gasoline coupons in
his possession.