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45 Christmas Planning For Vets Underway

Red Cross To Serve As Coordinating Agency For Community Aid

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Christmas 1945 will find our Army and Navy hospitals filled with the victims of air, ground and sea battles. They will not be forgotten by their relatives and friends, but many others will want to pay them homage. Community groups may wish to contribute for relatives and friends of those who died in the war may be an expression of their tribute to the dead by remembering the living.

All will want their gifts to be beneficial and useful. Careful planning, well in advance of Christmas, is necessary to achieve this end. There will be a Merry Christmas for all if gifts are selected on the basis of suitability and if they have similar monetary value, so that hurt feelings may be avoided. Gifts must be appropriate, lest the joy of the day be marred by a gift of crutches to an amputee, or a book to a blinded patient.

The American Red Cross hospital service personnel have been assigned, by military orders, the responsibility of coordinating community interest. The Red Cross executive in each hospital will confer with the commanding officer regarding his wishes for celebrating Christmas by the distribution of gifts, and by traditional holiday activities in the wards and recreation rooms. Approved plans will then be made known to camp and hospital councils of the Red Cross who will collaborate with interested community groups and individuals in carrying them out.

The camp and hospital councils which were organized to accredit communities with the patients of adjacent hospitals, can avoid duplication of effort and confusion which might prove detrimental to the patients.

Individuals and groups who wish to contribute to the Christmas happiness of wounded veterans are urged to contact their local Red Cross chapters immediately, as preparation for the celebration will begin early this year.

Brief News Flashes

REV. NASH TO SPEAK

Rev. L. L. Nash of Greensboro will preach at Trinity Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, according to Rev. O. Hinson, pastor of the church. The public is cordially invited to hear this noted preacher.

ASKS CHRISTMAS AID

Mrs. Grace K. Dosher, local chairman of the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council, is asking those who would like to donate cash to be used for filling Christmas stockings for disabled veterans in hospitals leave same at the Red Cross office at Southport or give it to her not later than December 5. One filled stocking costs $1.50.

ON HUNTING TRIP

Bringing back with them nine geese and five ducks, Dr. L. C. Fergus, E. R. Weeks, E. J. Prevatte, R. I. Mintz Davis Herring and S. B. Frink returned home Monday night from a two days hunting trip at Currituck.

IN WINTER QUARTERS

The R. & S. Amusement company, which owns and operates one of the best known amusement groups in this state, is back for its winter quarters at Leland. Officials of the company visited Saturday and they had a very fine spring, summer and fall season for the show.

GET NEW AUTOMOBILES

Despite the general supposition that it would be some time before new cars would be ready for delivery, two new machines reached owners at Southport last week. Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Lewis are driving a new Ford and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Corlette have a new Chevrolet, both machines being of the 1945 vintage.

VISITED HERE

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Dawkins of Pickeby spent part of the past week here with Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Robinson and other friends. Mr. Dawkins was principal of the Southport school for several years. Mrs. Dawkins also taught here.

Chiang Proposes New Deal For China; Creates Council

Hull Defends Action Of State Department In Keeping Fleet At Hawaiian Bases In 1941

NAZIS PLANNED CZECH INCIDENT

American Prosecutors Reveal That Hitler And Keitel Planned Assassination Of Nazi Ambassador

CHUNGKING — Generallissimo Chiang Kai-Shek has proposed a new deal for China, created a supreme Economic Council to tackle it and promised to "spare no effort to bring internal order and security."

"We must not allow internal disturbances to make us lose sight of the basic need of the Chinese people for a far higher standard living," he said in a statement announcing appointment of the council. While his troops drove more than 100 miles into Manchuria—about half way to the great city of Muken where Chinese communists were reported massing—he asserted his government was "acting to correct those disturbances."

WASHINGTON—Former Secretary Cordell Hull testified today that he believed the State Department was thoroughly justified in wanting the fleet kept at Pearl Harbor in the critical days of late 1941." The former cabinet officer took the stand before the Senate-House committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster for an hour's questioning. Hull said, "we felt it would be more useful, especially after the fleet was based at Pearl Harbor, that it remain there during the critical state of relations with certain other nations—Japan especially."

NUERNBERG—American prosecutors disclosed at the war crimes trial of 20 top Nazis that Adolf Hitler and Field Marshall Wilhelm Keitel plotted in 1938 to assassinate their own German ambassador in Prague to create an "incident" leading to the invasion of tiny Czechslovakia.

The plot was just one step in their numerous plans to subjugate German neighbors that were outlined in detail before the international military tribunal. Reading from captured German documents, American prosecutors charged that detailed plans for the invasion of Czechoslovakia were made April 21, 1938—just one month after Hitler overran Austria and assured the world he had no further territorial aspirations.

WASHINGTON — Allied diplomats taking an increasingly serious view of the situation de-

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Nation's Scouts Fellowship Fund

Executive For Cape Fear Area Outlines Plans Of Scouting In Connection With Fund

Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Senior Scouts, and Scout leaders in the Cape Fear Area Council will join with Scouts from other councils in the United States in contributing to a World Friendship Fund, Courtland W. Baker, Scout Executive, announced today.

In keeping with the fourth point of the Scout Law: "A Scout is Friendly. He is a friend to all and a brother to every other Scout," these youth of America and their leaders will help Scouts in lands ravaged during World War II to rebuild their organizations, Mr. Baker said.

In 1939, at the start of the war, there were Boy Scouts and Scouters in the United States will have an opportunity to take a more personal interest in the youth of other lands by means of their participation in this fund. It is wholly voluntary. There are no quotas and no amounts have been suggested.

A shipment of Scout supplies already been made to the Philippines as part of a memorial to the late General Theodore Roosevelt, former governor-general of the islands and a vice president of the Boy Scouts of America. Administration expense have been provided by the National Council, so that every dollar contributed will be used to help rebuild Scouting overseas.

A Cub Pack or Scout Troop contributing $25.00 makes possible the following:

A pair of Morse signal flags, signal flag sticks, axe, sheath knife, flashlight(signal chart, compass, firemaking set. First

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Cases Heard In Court Monday

Judge And Solicitor Handled Smallest Number Of Cases In Some Time At Monday's Session

Only a few cases were disposed of at Mondays session of the Recorders court. The work as shown by the court minutes was as follows:

Theodore Babson, larceny, continued to December 10.

Vester Jones, assault with deadly weapon. 12 months on roads. 10 days stay granted.

Richard McKoy, drunk on highway, judgment supended on payment of a find of $5.00 and costs.

Willie Parker, drunk on highway, continued to December 30.

Martin Brooks Smith, reckless operation, prayer for judgment continued for two weeks.

Clarence Smith, recgless operation, judgment suspended an payment of a fine of $25.00 and costs.

Clarence Smith, reckless operament suspended on payment of a fine of $15.00 and costs. fine remitted.

Tennessee Men Are In County

Twenty Real Bear Hounds And Tennessee Hunters After Bear In Brunswick Last Week

Inquiries among bear hunters, and persons who keep up with such hunters, reveal that about 50 bears have been killed in Brunswick county this fall. The number is increasing steadily.

Three bear-hunting stories in this paper this fall have detailed the killing of three bears in a day in different sections of the county. Numerous reports have been received of two and one being killed.

E. I. Vereen of the Exum community was in town one day this week and was interviewed about recent bear killings in his community. He told of Wrent Mintz killing two in his cornfield a few days ago, both large animals. These and other bears have literally played havoc with the corn fields of Mr. Mintz and other farmers in various parts of the county.

At the time he was here, a party of Tennessee bear hunters, with 20 real bear hounds, were hunting in Mr. Vereen's section of the county. They had killed three big bears in three days and were expecting to get plenty more before they returned to their homes in Tennessee. Mr. Vereen said that seven cars were required to transport the party and their dogs. Those dogs, he said, were really something when it came to hounds.

Mintz Resigns County Home Job

Will Return To Leland And Resume Farming; Chas. Hickman Named As New Home Keeper

Stephens Mintz, who resigned as chairman of the board of county commissioners to take charge of the county home a year ago, when no suitable person could be found to handle the home, has resigned the position of keeper and will return to his farm near Leland.

Mr. Mintz, who is a Baptist minister, has made one of the best keepers that the home has had in many years. Under his administration and that of Mrs. Mintz the inmates of the home have been treated in a splendid manner. Their leaving the job is a matter of general regret. The decision to resign and return to the farm came as a result of the bad health of Mrs. Mintz.

At a call meeting of the board of commissioners this past week, Charles Hickman, who was in charge of the home some years ago and who made a splendid keeper, was appointed to succeed Mr. Mintz at the home. He resigned owing to the poor pay for the work and the fact that he could make much better money as a carpenter and builder.

DR. DAVIS AT DUKE

Dr. J. V. Davis, Shallotte and Southport dentist, has been a patient at Duke Hospital at Durham for the past several days. He has been undergoing a general checkup and it is understood he will be able to return home the last of this week.

Dawn Over Death

Coast Guard Photo

ON A SMALL ATOLL on the road to the Philippines. A comrade pays his last respects to a fallen buddy who lies in the parched coral sands while at home Victory Bond dollars pave the way for aid to the hero's family.

Ready To Run Power Line

Cooperative Utility Company Ready When Building Costs Are Less Prohibitive

An official of the Brunswick County REA stated this week that the Electric Membership Corporation is ready to run power lines from Southport to the Brunswick River Bridge, just as soon as bids for the clearing of the right of way and the erection of the pole line, at a reasonable cost, could be secured. The corporation makes it a practice to ask for bids on such work and thus far bids on various short lines in other sections of the county have been out of reason in cost.

Pointing out that the number of new homes along the River Road has more than doubled in the past few years and that there are now some very potential industrial possibilities that will require current, the REA official, who asked that he be not named, gave it as his opinion that if reasonable bids could be secured for the clearing of the right of way and erection of pole lines could be secured, the River Road project was one of sufficient importance to be started right away.

A survey of the River Road by the State Highway Commission to determine the exact course to be followed when the road is paved, would be helpful to the REA.

APPOINTED TO ANNAPOLIS

John Carr Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Davis of Southport, has received an appointment to the Naval Academy at Annapolis. He is now undergoing preliminary training at Camp Perry, Va., before standing the Annapolis examination.

Thirty Seven Record Discharge

Increasing Numbers Of Service Men Having Discharge Papers Recorded By Register Of Deeds

The number of service men and women who have filed their service discharge papers at the office of Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton has now reached several hundred. Seven or eight such papers come in for recording each working day.

Owing to the increased number the Pilot finds it necessary to omit details and here after only the names of the person filing the discharge and the address will be given.

The following have had their papers recorded during the past week: Walter M. Tharp, Ash; Robert E. Shannon, Southport; Henry E. Bozeman, Shallotte; Rudolph Stanley, Bolivia; Gardner McCumbee, Ash; Daniel E. Walker, Southport; Jack J. Galloway, Bolivia; Alvah Cox, Bolivia; Clyde Dixon, Supply; Corbet L. Hankins, Bolivia; Miss Mattie T. Robinson, Winnabow.

Miss Jewell Hewett, Shallotte; Lewis Cleyon Evans, Laurinburg; John H. Hill, Southport; Rufus Graham (address not given); Earl M. Tharp, Leland; William H. Todd, Shallotte; Harry E. Williams, Shallotte; Edgar L. Gore, Southport; Wilbur F. Wigner, Bolivia; Lanie W. Benton, Ash.

Aaron Moore, Winnabow; James White, Jr., Leland; Andrew J. Williams, Leland; Daniel E. Shannon, Southport; Miss Emma Lou Harrelson, Winnabow; Daniel Early Wells, Southport; Norman

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Officers Elected P.-T. Association

Mrs. L. C. Fergus To Head Local School Organization; Mrs. R. C. Daniel Secretary

At a meeting of the local Parent-Teacher Association Mrs. L. C. Fergus was elected president of the organization. Mrs. James Harper, acting as temporary chairman, conducted the election and then turned the meeting over to Mrs. Fergus.

Robert B. Thompson was elected vice-president, Mrs. R. C. Daniel was elected secretary and Mrs. Ed. C. Newton will be treasurer.

It was decided to meet each month on the second Thursday night, beginning with the month of December. The president will appoint before that time a program committee which will prepare a program for the meeting in December.

The eighth grade won the half holiday for having the most representing them at the meeting. The award is made on a percentage basis, which gives each room an equal chance to win it.

Discussion was held on the cafeteria which will be in operation after the Christmas holidays.

W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

On a recent morning we were up and had a fire going about an hour before sunrise. A couple of yachtsmen dropped in for a few minutes to wait until some place opened and they could get breakfast. They were on a sport cruiser bound for Florida and had spent the night here. We fell down on learning the names of our visitors and what state they were from, but they were unmistakably northerners. With dozens of chugging shrimp boats having awakened them, as the boats set out for the day of fishing, both men were keenly interested in the commercial fishing and could not get too much information regarding it. Just before they left to return to their boat one of them remarked: "You have the greatest natural place for development of sport fishing that I have ever seen. Your Frying Pan shoals with its coral bottoms and the absence of shifting sands makes your part of the coast the ideal place for a great sport fishing development."

A couple of years ago Sam Youngblood was District Manager for the Southern Bell Telephone Company. His headquarters were at Raleigh, but when work eased up on him he was always down at Southport having a good time with his friends. The same thing could be said of W. B. "Tubby" Bryan, manager of the Wilmington office of the Bell people. Tubby was always down here, communing with Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett, Commodore Charley Gause, R. C. St. George and ribbing and getting himself ribbed by us. Both Sam and Tubby have been transferred to other and bigger fields. We have never met the guy who took Sam's place at Raleigh and it was beginning to look like we were not going to meet Tubby's successor, although we had frequently seen the green car with the Bell Telephone insignia on its doors around town. Thanksgiving evening we saw the car, knocked ourself down to its occupant and were greeted with the inquiry: "I have been looking for you for weeks, where have you

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Brunswick Shrimpers Hit The Production Jackpot

Good Boats And Hard Work Making Production Run High When Prices Are At Their Best

THE MARY CLARK TOPPING CATCHES

Finding Good Grade Of Shrimp And Breaking All Previous Records

Thanks to the many big diesel powered trawlers that range from 5 to 15 miles offshore and go out in practically any sort of weather, Monday and Tuesday were near record breakers in shrimp production at Southport. The boatmen are literally hitting the jackpot and bringing in a real harvest.

For each of the two days the smallest boats averaged about 30 bushels of shrimp, plus fish. A dozen or so of the bigger boats averaged 50 bushels per day and better. The Mary Clark, top boat of all of the fleets, averaged 87 bushels for each of the two days, and had bad luck at that. With the temperature falling late in the evening and the shrimp clustering in a great mass on the floor of the ocean, she scooped up such a net full that the whole bag of the net tore off and lost an estimated 75 bushels, as the winches were drawing the trawl aboard.

Although only around 60 or 65 trawlers are working this year, the production has already broken that of any remembered previous season, even during the years when there were around 200 boats..

By their work at a distance offshore the big boats have revealed a practically new shrimping area and their production has gone on through all but the roughest of weather. The shrimp dealers believe that another year will see double the present number of big trawlers operating here.

Annual Meeting To Be Held

Credit Association Will Meet On Friday; Two Directors From Brunswick County

Member ownership of the association will be the theme of the annual meeting of the Wilmington Production Credit Association to be held at Wilmington in Room 131, Custom House, on Friday, November 30, at 11 o'clock, according to an announcement made by H. B. Rivenbark, secretary-treasurer of the association.

This is the twelfth annual meeting of the Association, which makes short-term agricultural loans to farmers in Brunswick, New Hanover, and Pender counties.

According to H. B. Rivenbark, two directors for the coming year will be elected and officers will also be chosen.

"Due to the lifting of travel restrictions," Mr. Rivenbark said, "we are expecting one of the largest attendances in the history of our association. There is always a great deal of interest in our annual meetings, particularly in the report on the operations and accomplishments of our association during the preceeding year. This year we expect to have some lively discussions on experiences of our members."

John R. Morris is president of the association. The directors are: Chas R. Rogers of Rocky Point, J. W. Sellers, Jr., of Supply, John B. Ward of Ash, and John R. Morris, of Wilmington.

Presided At Meeting N. C. Press Women

Mrs. James Harper returned Monday from Charlotte where she spent the week end attending a meeting of North Carolina Press Women. As president of the state organization Mrs. Harper presided at the business session. Miss Marian Frink, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frink, now a reporter on the Wilmington News, attended the meeting also. Entertainment for the visiting press women included a luncheon at Steak House, an informal reception at the Variety Club of the Hotel Charlotte, and a private screening at the Carolina Theatre.

V. Bond Sales Continue Slow

County Has Reached Only 37 Per Cent Of Its Goal In Victory Loan Drive According To Report

According to reports from Prince O'Brien, of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company and LeRoy Mintz, Brunswick county chairman for the Victory Loan drive, Brunswick county has bought 37 per cent of its quota.

The drive will be over on the 8th of December, only a short time from now. If Brunswick is to go over the top in this drive as it has in all others there will have to be a lot active buying of Victory Bonds between now and the 8th of December.

"When you are asked to buy Victory Bonds," said Mr. O'Brien, no one is asking you to give a cent for anything. They are simply asking you to invest some of your money in a mighty good security—the best security in the world,

Both Chairman Mintz and Mr. O' Brien are still confident that Brunswick county will go over the top with the purchases of the bonds before December 8th. Mr. Mintz said yesterday that it was impossible to see every body and ask them to buy. For this reason he hopes that the patriotic men and women of Brunswick will buy bonds of their own accord without waiting to be asked.

Gov. May Dredge Lay-In-Basin

Only One Bid Received In Washington For Dredging Of Giant Basin On Brunswick River

In Washington last week the Maritime Commission received only one bid for the huge job of dredging the lay-in basin for surplus merchant ships on the Brunswick River. This bid was an offer to do the dredging at a price of sixteen cents per cubic yard. It was promptly rejected.

The project calls for the moving of nine million and six hundred thousand cubic yards of mud from the basin area. The rejecting of the 16 cents per yard bid means either that new bids will be called for or the basin will be dredged by government vessels.

Despite the fact that bids for the dredging have been rejected, it is understood that the work will begin at an early date.

Big Local Demand Building Supplies

Orders Amounting To Over A Million Feet Of Lumber Keeping Ahead Of One Saw Mill

In present day building, lumber is not the only material used. It usually also takes plenty of wallboard, brick, cement, and various other things. Taking this into account, a remark made yesterday by Felix Garner, operator of the Bolivia Lumber Company, was significant. Mr. Garner stated that he had orders waiting from Brunswick county people for more than a million feet of lumber.

While much of this will go into the construction of outbuildings and repairing homes, the greater per cent, apparently, is intended for the construction of new homes.

Mr. Garner's company is the largest supplier in the county for rough and finished lumber. Still, there are a great many smaller mills and mills of the type known as ground mills. Taken altogether, these outfits produce a great deal of building lumber and the sum total of all undoubtedly indicates that citizens of this county now have orders for several million feet of lumber waiting to be filled.

Even with the Brunswick lumber mills badly behind in filling orders, it should not be taken for granted that they have to produce everything needed in the county in the way of building material. Lumber firms and dealers in building material, outside of Brunswick county as well as in the county, are now furnishing a huge amount of building material.

Much Building Leland Section Of The County

Said That About A Hundred New Homes Have Been Built This Year In The Leland Area

MANY BUSINESS PLACES ARE ALSO BEING BUILT

Community Interested In New Ship Basin And Anxious To See River Road To Southport Paved

The Leland and Brunswick River Bridge sections of Brunswick are filling up with new homes and home owners more rapidly than any other sections of the county. George McKeithan, plumber and well known resident of Leland, stated Saturday that at least a hundred new residences of all sizes have been built in the communities during the past year. Such work is just really getting started.

A good number of new business buildings have also been constructed or are in the process of construction. Mac Jones is now nearing the completion of a new two story concrete block furniture store, 56 by 66 feet. Along a one mile stretch of the road near the Brunswick River eight new homes are nearing completion. Among these builders are Harold Bragdon, J. D. Edwards, Claude Skipper, Buck Long and Bill Skipper. The names of the others were not learned by the representative of this paper.

At the present time the interest of the Brunswick River Bridge section is centering around the new ship lay-in-basin that is shortly to be dredged. This basin, on which the work should soon start, will undoubtedly add much to the development of that part of Brunswick county.

Another matter in which the folks are greatly interested is in getting the River Road paved from No. 17 to Southport. This road passes through a fine farming section, is rated as being the finest scenic route in the county and offers many industrial possibilities as it runs right down the Capt Fear River.

Former Pastor Is Honored

New Church At Penderlea Named for Former Southport Presbyterian Church Pastor

Rev. J. R. Potts, formerly pastor of the Southport Presbyterian church, now pastor of the Wallace church, was honored last week by having the new Presbyterian church at Penderlea named for him. A committee of five Presbyterian ministers selected the name and the church is to be known as the Potts Memorial Presbyterian church.

The church was organized on Sunday, November 17, with 110 charter members. Eighty of these members were received into membership by letter from other churches and thirty were accepted by profession of faith.

The tribute of having the church named for him was in honor of the long service of Rev. Mr. Potts as a Presbyterian minister and for the faithful service that he has been giving the people of the Penderlea community for the past several years.

Hayes Plans To Leave Shallotte

Well Known Physician And Surgeon May Move To Fairmont Near Old Home At Beginning Of Year

Dr. J. W. Hayes who has been located at Shallotte for the past seven or eight years and who has built up a large practice there, is said to be seriously considering moving to Fairmont the first of the year.

Dr. Hayes is a native of Lake City, S. C., 15 miles from Fairmont. His uncle, a practicizing physician at Fairmont for many years, has been in bad health for the past year or two and is said to be able to handle only emergency cases. Dr. Hayes, if he moves to Fairmont, will take over his uncle's practice in addition to general practice. Fairmont has no other physician.

Fred Mintz, of the Coastal Drug Co., in which Dr. Hayes has his office at Shallotte, says that in all probability he will be able to get another doctor to take over the practice of Dr. Hayes.