

Support Of Red Cross Urged By Nation's Groups

For, Industry And Gov-
ernment Back Appeal
For Funds To Carry On
Great Program

NATION'S LEADERS BACK ORGANIZATION

President Truman, Secre-
tary of State Marshall,
General Bradley And
Others Give Full
Support

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Leaders
representing a cross section of
American national life have urged
support of the Red Cross
Fund appeal which opens
today.

President Truman's Secretary
of State Marshall and other Cab-
inet members head the long list
of Government endorsements,
and spokesmen for labor and in-
dustry, veterans and servicemen,
church and social groups, farmers
and business men add to the list
of supporters.

Asserting the American Red
Cross exemplifies the noblest in-
stinct of mankind—the desire to
help one's fellow man—President
Truman on February 18 proclaimed
March Red Cross month. His
message was seconded by Secre-
tary of State Marshall, who termed
the work at home and abroad
an impressive indication of in-
ternational good will.

In war or peace the American
Red Cross fulfills an essential
function, declared Defense Secre-
tary Forrestal, while former U.
S. Army Chief of Staff Dwight
Eisenhower spoke of the splen-
dorous essential services of the or-
ganization.

General Omar N. Bradley, new
U. S. Army Chief of Staff, en-
dorsed the campaign because of
his earnest belief in the impor-
tance of the work and accomplishments
of the Red Cross. Added to these
messages are others from Secre-
tary of the Army Louis B. Ray, Sec-
retary of the Navy John L.
E. Sullivan, Secretary of the Air
Force W. Stuart Symington,
Chief of U. S. Naval Operations
Admiral Louis D. Denfield, and
General B. H. Bates, Commandant
of the Marine Corps.

The U. S. Chamber of Com-
merce, through Earl O. Shreve,
President, commended the Red
Cross for its National Blood
Program, calling it one of the
most far-reaching peacetime
services ever to be offered.
Mrs. J. L. Blair Buck, presi-
dent, General Federation of Wom-
en's Clubs, pointed out that "it
is everyone's responsibility to in-
crease success of the blood pro-
gram and urge the public to give
more than we think we can
give."

Speaking for American veterans
World War II, Edgar C. Corry,
National Commander, said vet-
erans remember most vividly the
services received from Red Cross
while they were in uniform, and
strongly urged veterans and
millions alike to make the Red
Cross campaign a success.

James F. O'Neil, national com-
mander of the American Legion,
and numerous services of the
Red Cross not only to veterans
and servicemen but to civilians,
urged all good Americans to
open their hearts and purses in
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Brief News Flashes

BASKETBALL GAMES

A double header between inde-
pendent teams from Bolivia and
Waccamaw will be played on the
Bolivia home court next Wednes-
day evening.

RETURNS FROM DUKE

C. P. Willetts, Bolivia automo-
bile dealer, has returned home
from Duke hospital at Durham,
where he was a patient for a
week.

MEMBER SALE

Members of the Woman's Bible
Class of Trinity Methodist church
will hold a rummage sale Satur-
day morning beginning at 9
o'clock in the Leggett's appliance
building next door to the Amuzu
theatre.

TOURNAMENT

A number of Southport basket-
ball fans attended the Southern
Conference Tournament at Dur-
ham during the past week end.
Those included Mr. and Mrs. W.
Wells, Malcolm Frink, Dan
Wells, J. A. Gilbert, Prince
Hewitt, Robert Willis, H. T.
Bowmer.

SEASON OPENS



ORTON—Announcement was made this week that
camellias are blooming in great profusion now at Orton
Gardens following the past few days of mild weather.
The blossoms appear to have been little damaged by the
cold weather of January and February.

County Office Goes On 40-Hour Work Week

County - Wide Change In
Work Week Plan Became
Effective Last Week At
Direction Of Secretary
Anderson

FARMERS URGED TO COOPERATE

Brunswick County Members
Urged To Visit Office
Monday Through Fri-
day From Now On

Workers in the AAA office, at
Supply went on a 40-hour week
effective March 1, according to a
statement received from J. J.
Hawes, secretary of the Brun-
swick County ACA.

The change to the 40-hour week
was authorized some days ago
by U. S. Secretary of Agriculture,
Clinton P. Anderson. It applies
to all office personnel throughout
the county.

Mr. Hawes states that with the
reduction in working hours five
full days will be put in by the
office force, Monday through Fri-
day. Farmers throughout the
county are asked to please take
note of the fact that the County
Production and Marketing Admin-
istration (AAA) Office, will not
be open on Saturday this week
or thereafter.

Post Office At Bolivia Unique

Is Only Office In United
States By That Name
And Much Mail Intended
For South American
Country Is Received

Like Shallotte, Bolivia is the
only post office in the United
States with monopoly on its
name. There is no other post of-
fice and no other town named
Bolivia.

Shallotte, with a name resem-
bling Charlotte, gets a great
amount of mail that was intend-
ed for the Piedmont city. On the
other hand, Bolivia gets a large
amount of mail that was intended
for Bolivia, S. A. This has to be
forwarded to the South American
Republic.

In an interview Monday Mrs.
Lester Edwards, the post master
at Bolivia, was asked regarding
the name of the office and town.
She stated that there was a post
office there before anything else.
The late S. P. Cox was post mas-
ter and the government sent him
a list of names that might pro-
vide a suitable one for the office.
He selected Bolivia for the name
and some years later when the
W. B. & S. railroad came through
the town was established and
took the same name as the
post office.

Mrs. Edwards is not certain
what year the post office was
established and named. At that
time it was supplied with mail
by a star route, said to have run
between Wilmington and Shall-
lotte.

Mr. Cox, the original postmas-
ter who selected that name that
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Forest Warden Preparing For Trouble Later

Forest Warden Dorman
Mercer And Crew At
Work Preparing To Pro-
tect Brunswick Forests
From Fire

WINDS OF MARCH CAUSE DANGER

Growing Timber Comprises
Valuable Asset To Coun-
ty And Everyone
Should Help Pro-
tect It

County Forest Fire Warden
Dorman Mercer stated Monday
that there have been no damag-
ing forest fires yet, a fact for
which timber owners should be
grateful.

A few hours after interview-
ing the warden he was seen in
another place, 15 miles away,
working with a good sized force
at the task of burning off high-
way shoulders as a precaution
against fires being started later
when things are dryer and mo-
torists are inclined to forget the
danger of throwing lighted cigar-
ettes from their passing cars.

The real danger period, said
Mr. Mercer, will come a little
later when things get good and
dry and March winds blow. At
such times a lighted cigarette or
carelessly thrown match may
start a blaze that will cost some
timber owner thousands of dol-
lars.

It is now fast approaching that
period of the year when the for-
est wardens and the timber own-
ers are genuinely appreciative of
cooperation on the part of the
public. Timber is a valuable crop,
worth far more than any field
crop grown in Brunswick. But
this fact is little recognized. A lot
of people who would shudder at
the thought of deliberately cutting
down the corn or tobacco stalks
of their neighbors, do not stop to
think that they may be doing
him even more damage through
the careless handling of matches
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Former Judge Seeks Office

John B. Ward Will Seek
Democratic Nomination
For Judge Of Brunswick
County Recorder's Court

John B. Ward, prominent farm-
er of Waccamaw township, made
formal announcement yesterday
that he is a candidate for the of-
fice of Judge of the Recorders
court in the Democratic primary
election. Mr. Ward's announce-
ment was the first formal one for
that office to reach this paper.

The voters and residents of
Brunswick county hardly need to
be introduced to Mr. Ward. He
served five years as tax collector,
two years as county commissioner
and four years as Judge of the
Recorder's court, the same office
to which he again aspires.

He served as judge until two
years ago and at that time did
not offer for reelection.
His formal announcement in
which he places his candidacy in
the hands of the democratic men
and women voters appears else-
where in this issue.



W. B. KEZIAH

This week the old admonition,
"Don't count your chickens be-
fore they are hatched," was
brought to our mind rather sud-
denly and unexpectedly. We are
now wondering if there is any
connection between chickens and
boats? The facts of the case are
that Lewis J. Hardee is about to
complete and launch the third big
shrimp boat of the six that he is
building here. The Sea Boys and
The Sea Fighter were launched
long ago and have been giving
fine service. Meeting with Mr.
Hardee, we asked what he was
going to name the third vessel.
"Don't you know," he asked, "it
is unlucky to name boats before
you get them painted?"

The operators of a canning fac-
tory in Vineland, N. J., were here
this week to see if they could
buy tomato plants from their
farms from Everett H. Sheppard.

New Hat In Ring



J. ROBERT (BOB) YOUNG,
attorney, farmer, businessman and
war veteran of Dunn, who has
tossed his hat into the race for
Congress in this district. He is
the third candidate for the nom-
ination, others being F. Ertle
Carlyle of Lumberton and Har-
grove Bellamy of Wilmington. S.
Bunn Frink, first to come out,
has withdrawn in favor of Car-
lyle.

Grading Starts On Road Project To Holden Beach

Contractor Has Started
Operations At Canal End
Of Project And Is Work-
ing Toward Highway No.
17

The E. W. Grannis Construc-
tion Company started grading work
last week on the Holden's Beach
road leading from J. E. Kirby's
store on Route 17 to Holden's
Beach. The contract calls for
grading and surfacing, along with
construction of the necessary
bridges between the inland water-
way and the Kirby store.

Operations began at the canal
end of the project and will work
towards the highway, according
to Dr. R. H. Holden of Shallotte.
Dr. Holden, one of the owners of
the beach, stated Monday that
the contractors had made good
progress for the short time they
had been working.

The same company is to build
the Grisestown to Soldier's Bay
road, a project eight miles long,
the same length as the Holden's
Beach project. Equipment is also
being placed on the Grisestown
project and it is said that work
will begin in a few days. L. C.
Brown, prominent Longwood
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Two Candidates For Republicans

Lonnie Evans And Isaac E.
Reynolds Announce In-
tention To Seek Nomi-
nation For County Commis-
sioner

Although the matter has not
been verified, it appears that can-
didates in Brunswick county on
the Republican ticket will enter
the primary instead of seeking
nomination through the conven-
tion. (Continued on page 2)

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who is now growing plants for
his own farms in Shiloh, N. J.,
and for a canning factory in
Pennsylvania. All of the plants
Mr. Sheppard expects to produce
this year are already under con-
tract to the Pennsylvania factory
or for use on his own farms. The
factory people tell him that if
he gets half a good break in
his production this year they
want him to greatly increase his
acreage for next year. Eventually,
Mr. Sheppard thinks, plant pro-
duction volume in Brunswick will
rival or exceed the Georgia-grown.

Thursday night while the South-
port high school girls were strug-
gling to hold Shallotte to an even
score, there more or less ungal-
lantly brothers were outside at a
hot dog stand, drinking pop and
eating hot dogs. When those boys
came in to take their turn on the
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Southport Girls, Bolivia Boys Win Opening Game In County Tournament

DISTRICT GAME WARDEN OUTLINES FISHING LAW

H. T. Bowmer Thinks That Considerable Trouble For
All Parties Concerned May Be Avoided

With the minds of many people
now turning to freshwater fish-
ing, District Game Warden, H.
T. Bowmer, stated this week that
if the public became better in-
formed as to the freshwater fish-
ing laws some of them might be
saved a great deal of trouble and
expense.

"No license is required," he
said, "for residents fishing with
pole and line or rod and reel, pro-
vided they do not use artificial
bait. If they use artificial bait
they must have a fishing license,
costing \$1.10 and this license is
good only for the county in which
they reside.

"It is unlawful for any person
to take more than 25 freshwater
fish in any one day. These may
include bluegills, redearbs, yel-
low perch, crappie, etc. Of these
varieties 20 either bluegills, red-
breasts, warmouth, crappie may be
taken in a day. Only 8 large
mouth bass are allowed in a day.
If a sportsman gets 8 largemouth
bass in a day he is only allowed
17 other fish or the various or
of any one variety.

"There is no closed season or
size limit on any of the above
fish throughout the year, insofar
as relates to Brunswick county.

With regard to shad and her-
ring fishing with nets in the in-
land shad and herring waters of
this area from the first of March
until the first of May, such fish-
ing is permitted on Thursdays,
Fridays and Saturdays only. All
nets must be licensed. All such
nets must have a bar of not less
than one and one-half inches."

Southport Girls Nose Out
Shallotte While Bolivia
Qualifies For Semi-Finals
At Expense Of Wacca-
maw

PLAY TO RESUME ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Championship Game For
Boys Friday Night; Girls
Finals On Saturday;
Also Consolations

Opening games of the 1948
Brunswick County Basketball
Tournament were played last
night at Bolivia high school gym;
with Southport girls and Bolivia
boys qualifying for places in the
semi-finals.

No games are scheduled for
today, but play is to be resumed
tomorrow afternoon and will con-
tinue through Saturday night,
with four successive double-head-
ers being scheduled for play.

The Southport high school girls
edged Shallotte out of further
participation in the tournament
by defeating them by one point.

The score was 16 to 17. A spurt
by Shallotte in the last period
made the game a thriller. Pre-
viously the Southport girls had
held a substantial lead.

In the nightcap Bolivia boys
eliminated Waccamaw, 19 to 16.
Trailing Bolivia all the way, the
Waccamaw boys were game to the
last. The Bolivia boys were a
little sharper in their shooting.

Continuing the tournament the
Leland girls will meet Bolivia at
3:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon.
At 4:30 o'clock the Leland boys
will take on Bolivia, winner of
last night's contest with Wacca-
maw. At 7:30 o'clock the Wacca-
maw girls, with the best i-
cord of wins of any team in the
county, will meet Southport, the
victor over Shallotte last night.
At 8:30 o'clock Shallotte and
Southport boys meet.

On Friday night the champion-
ship game for the boys will be
played at 8:30 o'clock following
the girls consolation event. Cham-
pionship play for the girls will
be on Saturday night, with the
boys consolation event making up
the other half of the night's twin
bill.

Officials in charge of this year's
event are A. C. Dawson, vice-
president of the North Carolina
Education Association, and Mr.
Appanitis, the same pair who
handled last year's tournament.
Last night's games were called
by Coach Earl Brinkley, of White-
ville, due to the fact that Mr.
Dawson and Mr. Appanitis were
unable to assume their tourna-
ment duties until tomorrow.

An added feature of this year's
tournament in which there is con-
siderable interest is a free-throw
contest for both girls and boys.
Elimination contests are being
conducted in each school this
week preparatory to staging the
final competition on Friday and
Saturday nights.

Two beautiful trophies are be-
ing awarded winners in both the
boys and girls division. These are
being donated by Stanley's Jewel-
ers, Wilmington, through their re-
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Getting Ready For Building

J. A. Woltz Has Sold His
14-Room House At Long
Beach And Is Getting
Ready To Do More Build-
ing

J. A. Woltz, tobacco market
auctioneer of Sanford, has the
jump on other Long Beach boost-
ers for building activities this
year. It is understood that Mr.
Woltz is now here with the plan
or being a year-round resident of
Long Beach.

Last year Mr. Woltz built one
of the finest homes at Long
Beach. Getting an attractive offer,
he recently sold this home to
W. W. Wallace, of Fayetteville.
Here to stay now, he is plan-
ning to build four eight-room
houses at the beach. One of
these buildings is for Bill Fitz,
of Sanford. Mr. Woltz has not stat-
ed what he will do with the other
three new homes.

Dr. W. Corey Hedgepeth of
Lumberton is now also engaged
in the construction of a nice home
at Long Beach. A great many
other property owners at the
beach are said to be assembling
materials or getting plans ready
for constructing buildings this
spring. The summer promises to
be a very active one over there.

Welfare Office Wants Clothing

Requests Being Received
For Clothing, Principally
For School Children; Will
Be Distributed

Miss Ruth Patterson, superin-
tendent of public welfare for
Brunswick county, reported a case
Monday which highlights the need
for a supply of good used cloth-
ing to be handed out through her
office.

Miss Patterson said that a
mother of four small children
came in to request assistance in
the matter of clothing some of
the youngsters. Their father has
deserted them, according to the
story, and some of the children
of school age must stop their at-
tendance unless some provision is
made immediately to replace their
worn clothing.

Miss Patterson points out that
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Two Services At Antioch Sunday

The Rev. Fred Mitzge of Wil-
mington will hold services at An-
tioch Baptist church Sunday at
the 11 o'clock hour and again at
the evening hour at 7:30 o'clock.
Sunday school at 10 o'clock and
B. T. U. at 6:30 will round out
the program for the day.

The Rev. E. C. Chamblee, mis-
sionary for the Wilmington As-
sociation, will meet with mem-
bers of the Antioch congregation
next Tuesday evening at 7:30
o'clock to discuss the matter of
forming a field of churches. All
members are urged to attend.