

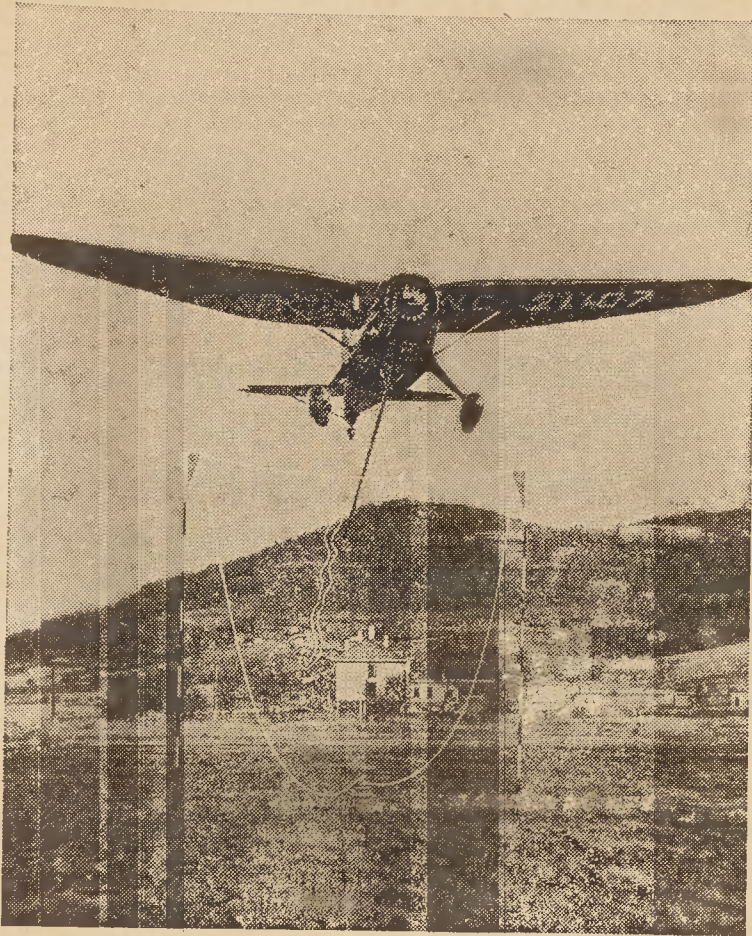
Support The Red Cross War Fund Drive Now On

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Air mail will arrive and depart from Selma in this 130 mile-an-hour manner when Hawthorne Airways' plans to provide air mail pick-up service here materialize. Photo shows plane of All American Aviation, Inc., which operates similar service in Pennsylvania, about to pick up a sack of mail while specially "armored" pouch of incoming mail falls to ground.

Selma On Proposed Air Mail Pick-up Route

Air mail planes will snatch Selma mail off the ground at speeds up to 150 miles per hour without damage even to packages marked "fragile," according to officials of Hawthorne Airways, whose projected pick-up route will connect this city with Greensboro and Rocky Mount and 27 other communities along the route.

Details of the high speed pick-up and delivery system by air were explained recently by Edward N. Hovis, veteran pilot and Hawthorne Airways' representative, who was here to make a survey of local facilities.

The proposed service was developed six years ago by All American Aviation, Inc. and has been successfully operated in routes covering West Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Ohio and parts of New York state for the past four years. Secret of the successful operation is the electrically controlled winch which allows the initial shock of pick-up to be absorbed gradually, thus preventing damage to mail.

The pick-up itself is relatively simple and requires very little equipment. Two poles 15 feet high are erected in any open field about 20 feet apart. The mail sack is attached to a large loop of rope which is hung between two supports at the top of the poles. The mail plane, dangling a hook, swoops low over the field and engages the rope. In the meantime incoming mail is dropped a second before pick-up. Since the mail is contained in a sack with a special "armored" head, no damage is done to the mail. A mail handler in the rear of the airplane sorts the mail, handles the winch and, more or less like a bombardier, takes care of the dropping. Needless to say he's a busy man. The ground facilities are handled by a local person employed by Hawthorne Airways to meet the plane.

The equipment used in this type of service is a single engine aircraft of the Stinson Reliant type and flown by one pilot. Powered with a 300 h. p. engine the craft has a cruising speed of around 130 miles per hour. Later, Hawthorne Airways hopes to add twin engine equipment which will permit carrying of passengers as well, thus providing a much needed feeder system between here and points served by main trunk air lines.

Hawthorne Airways has filed application with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington, D. C. for six important air mail routes in Virginia and the Carolinas. Two and a half years of intensive research work have already been spent in choosing routes which would give these cities and towns optimum service.

Hawthorne Airways is headed by one of the South's best-known aviation figures — Beverly E. Howard. Howard is rated as an outstanding acrobatic pilot and is also head of the Hawthorne School of Aeronautics, a large Army Air Forces Contract Pilot School at Orangeburg, S. C.; Hawthorne Flying Service, Inc., operators of Columbia, S. C. municipal airport; Air Services, Inc., sole spe-

YOUTH CLUB TO OPEN SOON

Youth Council Makes Appeal To Community For Furnishings.

The recently organized Youth Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club, and supported by the town board, civic clubs, churches, and the community at large will soon be able to open its doors to its members. It would have been opened earlier except for an unavoidable delay about a building for the club. It was at first thought that the Vick-Person building might be used but last minute complications made this inadvisable and impractical. Mr. Hunter Price then kindly consented to permit the club to use the entire second floor over the Pool Room free of charge, and in order to give the club a boost he offered to furnish them free lights and water, as well as free rent. This generous expersion of interest by Mr. Price has been a great help to the club and should enable them to use their limited funds for purchasing equipment for their club. They will still need funds from the community, however, and would like to appeal to any interested citizens in the community who have chairs, lamps, tables, or other furnishings that they would like to give to please do so as soon as possible. Call Stanley Armitage, Jr., President of the Youth Council, and he will see that the articles are picked up.

The recreation commission has already bought a nickelodeon for the club and John Jeffreys, President of the Adult Council, has had carpenters and painters in the club room to make many of the necessary repairs. The boys and girls have swept and scrubbed the floors and walls and in a very short time should be able to move in. The electrician, plumber, painter, and carpenter have a few more odd jobs to do but it is hoped that these can be completed within a few days so the club may be opened on the earliest possible date.

The community is asked to continue the fine support they have already given the project and be ready to help with the adult supervision that will be required as soon as the club opens. The club has already been given recognition by state and federal government officials who are looking on it as an experiment by a small community which may eventually effect many other communities of the same size. It should, therefore, be a challenge to every interested person in the community to help the boys and girls to make their club a success and make the town proud of its leadership in this phase of recreation for its young people.

cial carriers on famed Washington (D. C.) National Airport, as well as several other Hawthorne flying organizations. In over eleven years no civilian has been killed in Hawthorne's extensive flight operations.

Financial Aid For Disabled Servicemen

Red Cross Grants Help During Period After Service Pay Has Stopped.

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Service men, returning from combat duty in the war zones, are thanking their lucky stars that the American Red Cross Home Service has a post-war plan.

The plan, already in operation for service men discharged for disabilities, is expected to continue well into the post-war period. It assures temporary financial aid to men and their families if that aid is needed during the period pending settlement of claims for government benefits and offers assistance with applications for benefits.

In March 1943, Red Cross filed over 6,000 claims for veteran's pensions. Six months later the number had jumped to 25,000 a month. Requests for Red Cross assistance in filing claims for government benefits continue to increase in proportion to the number of men discharged from military service.

At present the bulk of cases handled by Red Cross are filed for service men by Red Cross field directors attached to Army and Navy hospitals in this country where over 3000 Red Cross workers are on the job to take care of the details involved.

When men are discharged from the hospitals, and returned to their homes Red Cross chapters take over the responsibility of aiding veterans and their families.

Any service man or his dependents, faced with hardship involving financial problems resulting from his service in the armed forces, or needing consultation service in connection with compensation, pensions, government insurance and other benefits, may now turn to Red Cross Home Service for assistance.

Information regarding the latest legislation affecting the service man and his family also is available through Red Cross chapters Home Service workers who are kept advised.

Because the Red Cross does not ordinarily supplement benefits provided by the government, financial assistance from chapters will end as soon as government compensation or pensions begin.

Red Cross is recognized by law and authorized by the Veteran's Administration in the presentation of claims. Any service man wishing representation in connection with his claim may designate the American Red Cross to act for him in this capacity.

Many service men will need Red Cross financial assistance while waiting for their claims to be settled. To meet the needs promptly, and thus prevent service families from being dependent upon the community, Home Service budgets must be greatly expanded.

Your Red Cross War Fund contribution will help this community to see its own service men through.

Sheriff Kirby L. Rose Addresses Kiwanis Club

Members of the Selma Kiwanis club heard a very interesting and instructive talk on last Thursday evening by Sheriff Kirby L. Rose, of Smithfield. "I am not the son of a preacher, but I am the son of a good man," said the sheriff, "there were no preachers, doctors or lawyers in our family, not one time did I ever hear a by-word escape my father's lips," the sheriff continued.

"Some officers are paid off," said Sheriff Rose, "but I have never accepted a bribe, could have had \$10,000 but wouldn't accept it. I did not accept the office of sheriff for the purpose of accepting bribes, but for law enforcement strictly," he told the Kiwanians.

He then urged every one present to help put the Red Cross drive across. "I have heard so much about the Red Cross, it must be a good thing, and especially interesting to those who have sons in the service, doing so much for us. We should do as much for them," he said.

Kiwanian C. Hub Brown was in charge of the program and introduced the speaker. The attendance prize, donated by President Rudolph Howell, went to Kiwanian Hub Brown.

Kiwanian L. O. Davis was appointed program chairman for Thursday night of this week, at which time the Honorable Ralph McDonald, candidate for Governor of North Carolina, will be the speaker.

TIRES

A farmer advertised in his weekly newspaper, "Owner of truck would like to correspond with widow who owns two tires. Object matrimony. Send picture of tires."

LOCAL DRAFT BOARD SENDS 190 SELECTEES TO FORT BRAGG FOR PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

Editor Improving

Editor Stancil, of The Johnstonian - Sun, who has been confined to his home for several days, is much improved. His many friends will be glad to learn. Editor Stancil was stricken ten days ago with influenza and for several days was a very sick man.

THREE HURT IN BUS - CAR CRASH

Anderson Bass, of Princeton, In Hospital In Serious Condition.

Three persons were injured, one of them seriously, when a Greyhound bus and a car collided on Highway 70 just west of the Princeton town limits Saturday night about nine o'clock.

Anderson Bass, 38, of near Princeton, who was driving the car, is in a Goldsboro hospital in a serious condition. His head and body were badly crushed and he is suffering from internal injuries.

Two bus passengers, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Rutledge of Martinsville, Va., received medical treatment at Goldsboro for less serious wounds. Mrs. Rutledge sustained ankle and hand injuries and received many bruises about the body. Her husband suffered foot and head injuries.

The bus was driven by Lester E. Fussell of Rose Hill. It was an "extra section" bound for Goldsboro and carried only five passengers.

The accident occurred within two miles of the scene of last Wednesday's Southern Railway wreck in which five persons were injured and six cars were derailed.

Highway Patrolman H. C. Bobbitt of Smithfield was almost an eye witness. He passed along less than a minute after the bus and car collided and helped remove the injured persons from the wreckage.

According to the patrolman's investigation, Bass was attempting to make a U-turn on the highway and the bus struck the right front of the car. The bus crashed into a ditch on the right side of the highway, carrying the wrecked automobile with it.

The car belonged to Bill Worley of Princeton. It was a Ford coupe.

Patrolman Bobbitt said Fussell made an effort to avoid striking the car and the evidence showed that the right wheels of the bus were on the right shoulder when the collision took place.

Mrs. Annie Barham Sells Hotel and Cafe

Mrs. Annie Barham, who has been operating the Merchants Hotel here for a number of years, has sold same to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ricks. Before coming to Selma Mr. and Mrs. Ricks operated a rooming house near Camp Davis. Mr. Ricks is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Ricks, of Selma. They took charge of the hotel Monday and will open the dining room around the 15th of March. The dining room was closed by Mrs. Barham last fall on account of labor conditions.

Mrs. Barham will go to Sheffield, Alabama, Friday of this week with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walker, where she will spend a month. Upon her return to Selma she will make her home at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wall, where she has engaged rooms. Her many friends here are delighted to know that she will continue to make Selma her home.

The cafe, located near the hotel, was sold by Mrs. Barham on Monday to J. L. Gurley. Mr. Gurley the next day sold it to Mrs. A. L. Brock, who, together with her husband, are now operating it under the name of Brock's Diner.

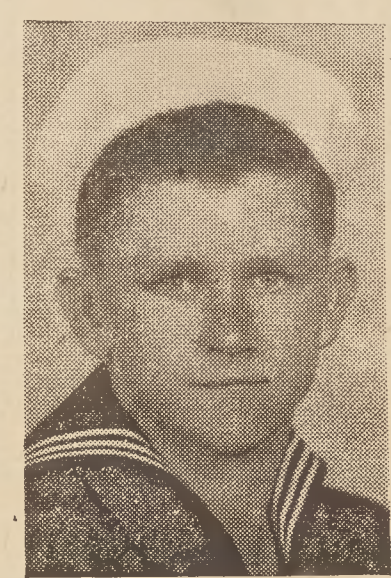
Donnie Lee Broadwell Is Now Naval Ensign

Donnie Lee Broadwell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Broadwell, of Selma, won his "Wings of Gold" and was commissioned an Ensign in the Naval Reserve this week following completion of the prescribed flight training course at the Naval Air Training Center, Pensacola, Florida, the "Annapolis of the Air."

Having been designated a Naval Aviator, Ensign Broadwell will go on active duty at one of the Navy air operational training centers before being assigned to a combat zone.

The Smithfield Board Sent Its Contingent of 223 to Fort Bragg Sunday Morning — For Each Board It Was The Largest Call Of The War.

More than 400 selectees, most of them fathers, were sent to Fort Bragg for pre-induction physical examination. The total number called for pre-induction by the county's two boards was 432. There were 190 registrants in the Selma group that went to Fort Bragg Monday morning.



SEAMAN GARFIELD S. NARRON, after spending several days with his wife and children, has returned to Philadelphia. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Narron of Smithfield.

Baptist Training Union To Meet March 14

The associational Mass Meeting of the Johnston Baptist Training Union will be held next Tuesday night, March 14, in the Clayton Baptist Church. The theme of the meeting will be, "God's Will for the Earth," and the devotional message will be presented by Miss Nora Padgett of Smithfield. Young People of the White Oak Church, Archer's Lodge, will give a playlet on Stewardship, and the Young People of Clayton Church will furnish special music. The Training Union with the highest per centage of its membership present will be awarded the attendance banner.

One of the highlights of the meeting will be the showing of technicolor motion pictures of the Baptist Assembly at Ridgecrest. Also elimination contests will be held for the Adult Scripture Reading, Young Peoples' speaking, Intermediate Bible Drill, Junior Memory Work, and the Hymn Festival. The winners of these contests will compete with winners from other counties in the regional convention at the Hocutt Memorial Church in Burlington, March 24th and 25th, with the winners there going to Ridgecrest for Southwide competition next summer.

Some twenty-five churches in the county have Baptist Training Unions, and a large attendance is expected. The goal for attendance is 300. The program will be under the supervision of Mrs. Tom M. Freeman, Johnston Baptist Training Union Director.

Selma Man's Mother Passes At Sanatorium

Mrs. Mamie Tucker Brock, 64, a former resident of Selma, died at the State Sanatorium Friday afternoon at 4:10 after a lingering illness. The remains were brought to the Underwood Funeral Home in Smithfield, where they remained until Sunday afternoon. Funeral services were conducted from the Smithfield Methodist church at 4:30 Sunday, by the pastor, the Rev. B. H. Houston.

Surviving are four sons, W. M. Brock, of Bennettsville, S. C., Archie L. Brock, of Selma, Percy Brock, of the U. S. Army, stationed at Camp Blanding, Fla., and Herbert Brock, of Raleigh; two daughters, Mrs. Marshall Creech, of near Selma, and Mrs. B. S. Upchurch, of Raleigh; one sister, Mrs. Pauline Turner, of Norfolk, Va., and two brothers, John Tucker, of Moyock, N. C., and Jesse Tucker of Washington, D. C.

COTTON

Cotton bagging provides a neat appearing and well protected bale. It permits the packing of more lint per bale of a given weight, and gives producers an opportunity to use their own product.

Those accepted and not eligible for deferment will be subject to induction orders in the near future. No registrant can be inducted until at least 21 days have gone by from the time of his pre-induction physical examination and if one should fail to be inducted within 90 days he will have to undergo another physical test before induction.

The new system providing for the pre-induction tests at military posts went into effect February 1.

The Selma group isited 172 fathers out of 190 selectees reporting.

The following is a list of those sent from Selma Monday:

Egbert Randal Jones, Portsmouth, Va.; James C. Crumpler, Selma; William Ransom Hall, Selma; Glenn G. Vause, Selma; William S. Game, Transferred from No. 1, Newport News, Va., for Pre-Ind.;

John M. Edwards, Princeton; Norman Lee Edgerton, Rt. 1, Kenly; Dock Willoughby, Rt. 1, Middlesex; Major D. Jones, Micro; Dock Garner Smith, Princeton; Woodrow Wilson Johnson, Pine Level; James Turner A. Batten, Clayton; Ervin Barnes Wall, Clayton; George D. Gower, Raleigh; Randal Nichols, Rt. 1, Goldsboro; Melvin V. Ellis, Clayton; Mike McKeel, Selma; Ezra Wade Wilkins, Clayton; Aaron Odell Pollard, Durham; Wilbur Ray Batts, Richmond, Va.; Wilbert H. Bradshaw, Transferred to No. 3 Zebulon for Pre-Ind.;

Gaston B. Lynch, Rt. 5, Burlington; Harvey M. Peedin, Rt. 1, Princeton; Johnny R. Jones, Kenly; Sials Parrish, Rt. 1, Wilson; Earl Jackson

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Seen and Heard Along THE MAINDRAG

By H. H. L.

MRS. MAGGIE CHAMBLEE is in receipt of a letter from a soldier who is somewhere in the Atlantic thanking her for socks sent him — in a pair of socks sent through the Red Cross. MRS. CHAMBLEE wrote her name on a card asking that the recipient write her — in his letter he says he greatly appreciates them and wishes he was back in the states — he goes on to say that the Red Cross is good to us over here — WALTER GODWIN also had a very interesting letter from a former clerk, CECIL RAE, who is in the Pacific — CECIL says he has met the enemy and come out without a scratch, "my outfit hit Kwajalein Island in the Marshalls, which is the largest of the group, and the Lord was with me, I guess," he writes — "the Navy, Army and Air Corps work together just like a baseball team," he says — "I lost some of my buddies, but the casualties are light as a whole, you would never believe that the Japs would fight to the last man unless you were there to see it with your own eyes; I have some idea of what the boys in Italy are going through; war is no fun, it all narrows down to one thing, 'kill or be killed'; I look in the windows here and wonder if you are getting any goods now; have thought a lot about the times I used to have; in a fox hole you have lots of time to think and wonder if you will be able to start over where you left off; have been overseas twenty months" — WILLIAM I. GODWIN also had a very interesting letter yesterday from an old Selma boy, CHARLIE GRIMES written in New Guinea — "have been here two months," he writes, "rains a lot here, but it isn't so bad — we are very near the Jap lines, can hear our guns shelling them — once in a while a Jap will slip through our lines and come in for food — they are in bad shape here, their supplies are cut off; we haven't had any bombing as yet, but expect them to come at any time; will be ready for them when they do come" — WALTER PRICE, son of Mr. and Mrs. HUNTER PRICE, writes MR. W. H. CALL, chairman of the local Draft Board, that he has landed in North Africa and finds the weather cold, "I always thought it was hot in Africa," he writes, "but I have nearly frozen since I came here," — he writes MR. CALL that he would not swap jobs with him.