

Arizona Draft Board Writes SEEKS ADDRESS 'LOST' BROTHER Had Been Given Up For Dead!

The war is undoubtedly responsible for "mis-placing" more men than it places, but never-the-less there are some few instances where the comparatively inexhaustive files of the various draft boards over the country sometimes result in actually locating a friend or relative whose address was previously unknown. Such a circumstance occurred right here in Roanoke Rapids this week, though the brother is still at a loss to know the address of his younger brother, whom he had several years ago given up as being dead.

It all came about when Carl C. Churchill, parcel post clerk at the local postoffice, received a card from Local Draft Board No. 1, Gila County, Arizona, requesting: "Will you send the correct mail address for Jasper Jerome Churchill, S. N. U. 2363, if you have it. (Signed) Wm. A. Sullivan."

Jasper Jerome Churchill is the younger brother of Carl Churchill. He visited him here about eight years ago, and Carl never heard from him directly since his visit to Roanoke Rapids. A couple of years ago, he heard that his brother had died, and until the inquiry from the Arizona draft board was received here last week, he had had no other evidence to the fact that he was living. Now, it appears, he must have been very much alive the early part of this year since it is obvious he registered with the Gila County draft board, out in Arizona, when they called for the registration of men 45 years of age or older.

Carl and his brother are the only two children, their mother and father having died years ago. Native North Carolinians, Carl C. Churchill was born in Rockingham, Richmond County, and his brother was born in Fayetteville. J. J. Churchill was turned down for service in World War I because of defective eyesight, though he attempted to volunteer a number of times. After the war he became a veritable "soldier of fortune," turning up first one place and another, and at one time was a featured acrobat with Ringling Brothers Circus. The city postal clerk heard from him from time to time, but he had no "permanent address."

The service record of Carl Churchill is only too well-known to local Legionnaires, as he served as Bugler, first-class, with the 55th Field Artillery Brigade, and was with the A. E. F. He volunteered his services three days after the declaration of war; landed overseas in May, 1918, where he served until July, 1919. He was unmarried at the time of the war. Today he is one of the veteran employees of the local postoffice, and with Mrs. Churchill and their three children Lois, Greta and Carl, lives at 732 Jackson Street.

In short, Carl says that he too, would like to know the address of his brother — who he had long ago given up as being "dead." He will be very happy to cooperate with the Gila County, Arizona, Draft Board, but if they find out the address of Jasper Jerome Churchill, he sincerely hopes they will let him in on it, for it's been a long time since he saw his younger brother, and he would at least like to know where he is.

FINE FARMER FOR SETTING A BIRD TRAP

Waverly Davis, Halifax county farmer who lives on the Littleton highway about 5 miles from Roanoke Rapids, was fined \$10 plus the cost of court for setting a bird trap in a hearing granted him before Justice of the Peace W. O. Thompson over the week end.

Davis was arrested by J. M. Butts, district forest officer, who discovered the trap in a field near his house. Butts testified that the trap was baited with cornfield peas, and was obviously the type intended to catch quail. Davis contended that he had put out the trap in an effort to catch rabbits, and admitted to the court that he had caught one rabbit in the trap. It was the first offense of the kind on record against the farmer, so he was let off with a comparative-with the State Department of Conly light judgment.

Butts, working as forest officer of Conservation and Development, stated that he had several deputies working the territory thoroughly in an effort to trace any traps erected for the capture of birds, and that violators who were apprehended would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. He stated it is unlawful for a person to erect such a trap at any time, and that setting a trap in advance of the quail hunting season was a "double offense."

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnston returned to their home last Friday after several weeks visit with Mrs. Johnston's parents of Denton, N. C.

LOWEST BASE PAY OF NAVY IS \$50 MONTH

Raleigh, November 12 — Lt. Charles B. Neely, officer-in-charge of the State's Navy Recruiting Service, said today that several false ideas had been spread during recent weeks concerning enlistment standards in the Navy, and issued a statement to clear up the misunderstanding.

"All recruits in the Navy," he said, are allowed compensation for their dependents, whether they be the recruit's wife, mother or father — or all three.

"The lowest base pay of any Navy man is \$50 per month. That is drawn by the apprentice seaman, who is equal to a private in the Army.

"For the man who enlists as an apprentice seaman, an allowance of \$50 per month is available for his wife. Just as in any other service, \$22 of that is taken from the recruit's pay, and the government adds another \$28. That is true in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard."

Another misunderstanding concerned the eligibility of men about to be drafted. "A man may volunteer for the Navy up until the time of his actual induction into the Army. If he is in Class 1-A — even if he has just been reclassified to that group — he needs no release from his draft board.

"However, it is wise to volunteer at least three days before date of induction, so that enlistment can be completed before time of induction."

Married men are eligible for enlistment in the Naval Reserve. Also, men who have false teeth will be accepted if they are otherwise in good condition.

Lt. Neely pointed out that many men who once were rejected by the Navy now may be eligible for enlistment. "Physical requirements have been considerably modified," he said, "especially concerning eyesight and teeth."

It no longer is a prerequisite to have a high school education. Men who can think clearly and quickly, and who can read and write legibly easily can qualify for enlistment in the Navy, and enjoy the advantages which were held open for high school graduates.

Forest Fire Bill Is Now In Congress

What has been called "the most important forestry legislation in recent years" is the McNary Bill now in Congress. This bill, introduced by Senator McNary of Oregon provides for increasing the annual federal appropriation for cooperative forest fire protection with the states to \$9,000,000. The present maximum authorization is only \$2,500,000 for the entire country.

Forestry leaders in the South are unanimous that this section's most urgent problem in timber production is uncontrolled fires. Inadequate federal funds to match state funds is the main drawback to better fire control.

The use of timber in the war effort can not be overemphasized. Recently the Army announced that willful destruction of the nation's timber by fire would be considered sabotage. The annual forest fire loss in the South has averaged more than \$30,000,000 for the past five years according to government statistics.

Forest fires do greater damage in the South than in the rest of

the United States together. More than 90 per cent of the total forested area that burns annually in the nation occurs in the twelve southern states.

The U. S. Forest Service estimates that nation-wide fire protection would cost \$18,000,000 annually. The McNary Bill would, therefore, authorize the federal government to bear half this cost, provided the various states matched the federal funds.

CONTRACT CLUB MEETS

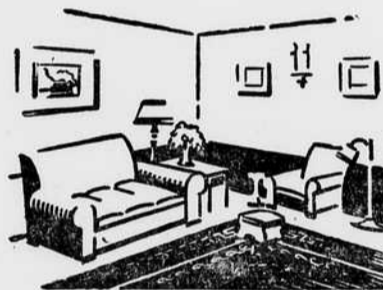
On Wednesday afternoon Mrs. T. J. Alford was hostess to the members of the Contract Club. Twelve guests made up three tables of players. Soon after the arrival of the guests light refreshments were enjoyed consisting of iced drinks and cookies. Following this bridge was enjoyed until five o'clock. Mrs. Gordon Berkstresser was winner of the highest score and the hostess presented her with defense stamps as a prize. The players included Mesdames Frank Wilson, Carroll Wilson, Gordon Berkstresser, O. Griffin, W. L. Medlin, T. B. White, W. S. Dean, R. M. Bardin, J. M. C. Covington, Wilton Brown, W. D. Hall and Wm. R. Wolhar.

MRS. PRUDEN ENTERTAINS

On Wednesday evening Mrs. Howard Pruden entertained with three tables of bridge at her home on Monroe Street. Five progressions were played and Miss Martha Craddock was given defense stamps as a prize. A plate of sweets with coffee was served at ten thirty. The guests for this party included: Mesdames Cranford Hoyle, William Thorne, Jr., Brickelmeier, Henry Ruark, Fannie Hayes, W. L. Medlin, Louise Jackson, Scott Benton, Ed Knott, Winifred Beckwith, Hart Sheridan, and Martha Craddock.

Miss Jane Johnston of Raleigh visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Johnston for the week end.

Mesdames Bill Alston, Robert Newsom and Mary Ellen Edgerton spent Wednesday afternoon shopping in Roanoke Rapids.



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