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County Listers Meet Monday To Secure Supplies

Commissioners Approve The Rate Of Pay For These Officials, Together With Plan For Travel Expense

OTHER BUSINESS IS TRANSACTED

All County Offices Will Be Closed From Thursday Noon Until Monday Morning, Dec. 28

The listers for Brunswick county will be allowed 5-cents per mile for travel expense, including to and from Southport to secure their supplies and make reports, plus a salary of \$100 per day and \$2.50 per day for an assistant to help with the census report.

This action was taken Monday by the board of county commissioners upon motion of O. P. Salway, seconded by Alien P. Perry.

A motion was passed that all county offices shall close for business on Thursday noon, and shall remain closed until Monday, December 28.

O. W. Perry was named by the board to serve as a special officer without salary.

The fiscal report for the office of R. C. St. George, county auditor, and S. T. Bennett, county clerk, was accepted by the commissioners.

Tax matters disposed of included an agreement that R. L. Eggett pay \$50.00 on his delinquent taxes now and \$50.00 later; acceptance of a partial payment from T. J. Butler on his delinquent taxes, with provision that he pay another \$10.00 in March, 1943; agreement by the board that Thelma and Eunice Hewett be given the benefit of 1933 probation on their delinquent taxes.

The arrangement with Charles Graham as superintendent of the county home is upon the basis of \$175.00 per month as salary, with no extra provision made for his helper.

Defendants Lose Whiskey Permits

Monday Was First Session Of Recorder's Court At Which Measure Has Been Resorted To

A new wrinkle turned up in Recorder's court here Monday when a number of the defendants, on court on charges growing out of drunkenness, had their A. B. C. ration books revoked. This, of course, in addition to the other punitive measures invoked.

C. O. McMahon pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of \$25 and a fine of \$10.00, the defendant's A. B. C. ration book to be revoked.

Oscar Williams was found guilty of reckless operation, and sentenced to 3 months on the roads with a fine of \$25.00 and costs. His A. B. C. book was also revoked.

Hollis Williamson was found guilty of drunk driving and was

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NEWS BRIEFS

HOSPITAL PATIENT

Marion Ward, of Charleston, S. C., was a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital Thursday through Sunday.

TONSIL OPERATION

Miss Victoria Lancaster, of Southport, underwent an operation for removal of her tonsils at Doshier Memorial Hospital Sunday.

MEDICAL PATIENT

Ralph Doshier, of Southport, was admitted as a medical patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital Sunday.

PATIENT IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. Delanie Sotherland, of Southport, entered Doshier Memorial Hospital Monday as a medical patient.

CHILD PATIENT

Little Johnnie Stone, of Bolivia, was admitted as a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital Sunday.

Merry Christmas



GREETINGS—To all the Folks at home and to the men and women of our Armed Service, wherever they may be!

To Train Girls For Wartime Jobs In Agriculture

Three Special Short Courses Will Be Offered At N. C. State College For Training Of Women And Girls

TUITION FEE OF \$5.00 PER COURSE

These Courses Are Designed To Relieve The Labor Shortage Caused By The War; Suggested By Governor

Three special short courses to train women and girls, and draft-exempt men and boys for wartime agricultural jobs will be offered by N. C. State College, it is announced by Dr. I. O. Schaub, dean of the School of Agriculture.

The courses will start January 15 and will last for three weeks.

Dean Schaub said that training will be given in (1) Animal production, including the feeding and management of all types of livestock, including dairy cattle; (2) meat cutting and merchandising; and (3) testing of milk and other dairy products.

The tuition fee will be only \$5 for each of the courses, and applications should be sent to Dr. A. O. Shaw, head of the Animal Industry Department, N. C. State College, Raleigh. "Students" will be able to obtain rooms off the campus, and meals at nominal cost in the college cafeteria.

The agricultural short courses, designed to relieve the labor shortage caused by the war, were suggested by Governor J. M. Broughton at a conference with Colonel John W. Harrelson, administrative dean of State College, and Dean Schaub. The Governor expressed special concern over the shortage of trained labor on dairy farms and in dairy processing plants.

Dr. Shaw said that chain stores and other food dealers have pledged their cooperation in sending new workers to the college for training in meat cutting and merchandising. "It is hoped," he said, "that a number of women and girls will enroll to learn the art of butchering to replace men who have been called from meat markets into the armed services."

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Dressings Unit Closed This Week

Because of the holidays the following changes will be noted: The Red Cross Sewing Room will not be open on Thursday afternoon.

The public library will not open on Saturday of this week.

The Red Cross surgical dress-greetings and other non-essential workroom is not open during Christmas week. Work will be resumed on Monday, Dec. 28.

Trucks Making Canvass Of Farms For Scrap Iron

Farm To Farm Calls For Collection Of Precious Scrap Iron Being Made In Waccamaw Township Now

R. D. WHITE HEADS SCRAP COLLECTION

Farmers Receive Receipt For Amount Of Scrap, And Will Be Paid By Government Check

Two trucks are now engaged in making a house-to-house collection of scrap iron in Waccamaw township, according to word received this week from R. D. White, chairman of the Scrap Program in Brunswick county.

The operators of these government trucks are equipped with implements that will enable them to cut up large pieces of iron or steel into sizes that may be easily weighed and loaded.

This scrap is being paid for at the rate of 30-cents per hundred lb. of the farm. No cash is involved in the transaction, but the farmer is given a receipt for the amount he is due, and within a short time he will receive a government check for his material.

Farmers are urged by Mr. White to cooperate in every way possible with the scrap collection program, and where it is possible they are asked to have their junk collected in one place, convenient for loading.

Mr. Bryan explained that war and other vital calls must still be made during the holiday season and, if anything, will be even heavier than recently. In order that the operators may give these essential calls the quickest possible service over facilities that cannot be expanded because the needed materials are going into war weapons, it is imperative that the request was made in the interest of the war effort by W. B. Bryan, of Wilmington, manager of Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Company.

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Restrictions On Telephone Calls

Civilians Requested Not To Use Phone For Long Distance Calls During Christmas Holidays

Civilians here were requested today not to make long distance telephone greeting calls during this holiday season, especially on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Eve.

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Forester Advises Care Of Timber Crop In County

H. E. Blanchard Says That The Proper Weeding Of Timber Stands Is Exceptionally Important

PROPER THINNING SEEN AS IMPORTANT

Advices The Cutting Out Of Of All Crooked Trees, Also All Those Which Are Diseased Or "Limby"

Most of the young, second growth timber stands that have been protected from fire can be thinned out or weeded and yield a profit to the owner as well as supply vital war materials and improve the growth of the remaining trees. H. E. Blanchard, county farm forester advised today.

Here is a simple test that every farmer can apply to his own trees to determine if they are in need of thinning. Look at your trees. If the top of the tree takes up less than one-fourth to one-third of the height of the tree, the trees are too close together and need thinning, Blanchard said.

"If the trees are six inches or more in diameter breast high, they can be cut and sold as pulpwood, firewood, etc. A rule of thumb that can be used in determining how many trees should be left after they are thinned is this: Add four to the diameter of the tree breast high and the sum of the two is the number of feet that should be left between that tree and the tree beside it in any direction.

"In starting to thin out a stand of young pine, you should first pick out all trees that are very crooked, diseased, or limby. After these trees are cut out and if the stand is still too thick all forked trees and trees that have been overtopped by others should be removed. By removing these types of trees you will have only straight, healthy, fast-growing trees left in the stand. They will yield high grade poles and sawtimber in a very short period of years.

"If you have a stand of timber that contains trees of sawtimber or pole size at the present time, it may be better to cut the large tree stand then follow the cutting with an operation to remove the diseased trees and tops as pulpwood.

"For information concerning markets and advice on your individual problem, consult your Farm Forester at your local County Agent's Office."

Brunswick Boy Dies In Battle

Leon Williamson Was Member Of Crew Of Gallant U. S. Cruiser San Francisco In Recent Battle

J. B. Williamson, of Ash, has received word that his son, Leon Williamson, was killed aboard the U. S. S. Cruiser San Francisco during her recent gallant battle against an overwhelming Japanese naval unit.

Young Williamson had been in the navy for two and one-half years and is a former student at Waccamaw high school.

In addition to this son, Mr. Williamson had three other boys in the armed service at one time. One, Hollis Williamson, holds a medical discharge from the U. S. Army.

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Three Southport Men Sign Up

Three Men Already On Duty With Temporary Coast Guard Reserve

Three Southport men enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve at the recruiting station in Charleston, S. C., before the presidential order halting voluntary enlistments became effective this week.

The Southport men signing before the recruiting station were:

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Walking Wasn't Crowded During Past Weekend

Walking wasn't too crowded during the week-end in Brunswick county, despite Leon Henderson's far-reaching edict Friday afternoon which froze all gasoline coupons of the A, B and C variety.

Doubtless, it was the knowledge that the ban on sale of gas for all but commercial vehicles would be lifted at 12:01 A. M. Monday that kept as many automobiles on the road during the week-end as one saw.

But at the same time, there was considerable consternation Friday when the first word of the order came through, without any inkling as to when it might be expected to be modified.

Early Friday evening, the radio announced that the ban would "probably" be lifted by Sunday.

Finally, when the order came through revealing that the sale of gasoline for the A, B, and C coupons would be resumed Monday morning, it was simultaneously announced that the unit value of B and C coupons would be reduced to three gallons, the same as the A coupon had been for sometime.

This revision of the gasoline order came just in time to keep a lot of people who might have otherwise taken a trip at the Yuletide, at home for the holidays.

OPA officials in Washington explained that the new order which was in effect during the week-end was taken in order to supply badly needed gasoline to the North African battlefield.

They explained further that a rush order from General Eisenhower had left no time for moving the gasoline from the Gulf ports of the midwest, and the demands had to be filled from stocks on the Atlantic seaboard.

Brunswick County Man Saw Action In Africa

Sgt. Gore Was Gunnery Officer Aboard Flagship Making Troop Landings In North Africa

After spending ten days here with his family, Gunnery Sgt. E. F. Gore has returned to his post aboard the flagship of Rear Admiral Robert C. Giffen, who commanded the escorting convoy for the great fleet of transports and supply ships that landed in Africa on November 7th.

The next morning after the troops and supplies had been landed, in fact while the landing was still in progress, the flagship and other convoy vessels and airships engaged in the battle of Cashalana, an encounter that is said to have resulted in the greatest naval sea victory that the United States has engaged in the Atlantic.

A swarm of French planes appeared over the convoy vessels at dawn and supporting French warships were reported at the same time to be moving up for action. The American and British vessels and planes are said to have withstood their fire, hoping that the French planes and ships would show a symbol of friendship.

This was not to be as the troops already landed were engaged in violent combat, and within a few minutes after dawn the French planes attacked the convoy and a great panoramic battle was seen in progress. The fighting at sea lasted from 5:45 a. m. until 2:02 p. m. During this time the French ships and planes fought gallantly and bravely but with a losing fight. There was no time for them to even rescue the men lost overboard from sinking vessels. Their loss of men from the destroyers and light cruisers that were sunk must have been heavy.

Admiral Giffen's flagship, on which Gunnery Officer Gore was serving, was struck once by a shell, which landed on the forward deck and covered the vessel with shrapnel. A repair party quickly reported the damage as slight. At another time four torpedoes were fired at the flagship within a few seconds time. They breached two thousand yards from the vessel and all were apparently destined to find their target. A swift turn of the vessel to port, even as the order was given to "Stand by for torpedoes," resulted in one of the "tin fish" passing a few yards to port and the other three going equally close to starboard.

Sgt. Gore has served 21 years in the Marines. He was mustered out on leave, subject to recall, about six years ago after serving 20 years. Since he

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Farm Machinery Quota For Brunswick Is Low

Board In Charge Of Rationing Of Farm Machinery Is Upset Over The Small Quota Assigned To This County

ONLY ONE FARM TRACTOR ALLOTTED

Applications For Machinery Of All Types Will Be Accepted Up To January 16, Then Will Be Filled

The Rationing Board for Farm Machinery for Brunswick county has received its quota for the 1943 farm season, and the figures contained therein look as though there must be a lot of work done next season with old implements.

In seeking to see to it that the most needy persons receive the rationed machinery, it has been agreed by the committee that applications will be received up to January 16, 1943, and that none shall be filled until after that time.

With all applications in, the committee will ration farm machinery in compliance with Rationing Order C, which means that applications for purchase certificates will be handled on the basis of use essential to the war effort, and then in the order that such uses are the most vital.

The principal crops that are most vital at this time are soybeans for beans, peanuts for oil, tomatoes for canning beef cattle, hogs and poultry.

Following is a list of items contained in the Brunswick county quota:

Row Planters, one horse single row, 3; lime spreader, 1; moldboard plows; walking one-horse, 3; walking two-horse and larger, 2; tractor-drawn or mounted, 1; harrows; spike tooth, spring tooth, 1; disc, 3; cultivator; one horse, 4; two-horse walking, 1; tractors, 1; Farm wagons, 5; fertilizer distributors, 5; mowers; horse drawn, 1; tractor drawn, 1; combines 6 feet and less, 1.

Our experience shows growers can boost their income 10 to 15 per cent by working together to provide adequate volume and standard grade and pack, and by working with distributors to cut out unnecessary handling operations and costs. This 10 to 15 per cent would bring approximately \$16,000 to \$24,000 extra annually on fruits, nuts and vegetables alone to Brunswick county growers, who is in recent year received \$159,639 from their sales of these products. Growers could similarly increase their cash income from other crops by group action," French explained.

As an indication of the effectiveness of cooperation between growers and distributors, French said economies worked out through group marketing programs were one important factor helping North Carolina growers to realize \$1,834,443 last year

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Exchange Made In Court Term

Judge John J. Burney Will Preside Over Brunswick County Superior Court In January

Governor Broughton has agreed to an exchange of courts between Judge Q. K. Nimrocks, Jr., and Judge J. Burney. The arrangement provides for Judge presiding at the term of Wake County Superior Court, beginning on January 4th.

Judge Burney will preside at the Pender term of court, beginning on January 4th; at the Brunswick term beginning January 18th and at the Columbus term beginning January 25th.

Perhaps the most interesting (Continued on page 6)

Gloomy Prospect Seen By County Agt. J. E. Dodson

Farm Labor Shortage Likely To Be Reflected In Terms Of Production In 1942 Says Official

ARMY AND DEFENSE JOBS TAKING MEN

Small Farmers Are Ones Most Seriously Affected By These Conditions Brought On By The War

While in town yesterday County Agent J. E. Dodson took a very gloomy outlook over Brunswick county farm conditions for 1943. "If the immediate future looks as bad in other counties as it does here, we are facing conditions where we will find food production of foodstuffs extremely difficult," said he.

Asked to outline the situation as he saw it, Mr. Dodson said: "The county is keeping up with its quota for men in service. That is a matter to be proud of instead of glooming over. Our able-bodied men are needed and they must go. We can only wish them luck and a safe return when the war is over.

"But, in addition to those who are going directly into service, great numbers of the farmers and practically all of the farm labor in Brunswick is now engaged in defense work of some kind, or in some form of labor that pays much higher wages than can be paid for farm work. In addition to the men who are in service, fully 50 per cent of those who have not yet been called are working at something away from the farms.

"The small farmers have jumped to some form of employment that pays ready wages, so have our operators of farms that could be described as the average size. The larger farm operators are, mostly, trying to carry on in the face of labor shortage and the inability to get farming tools and machinery.

"I, frankly, do not see how we will make out with more than a halfway average of the production of foodstuffs this year. The folks from our farms who are now getting high wages for daily work are not going to quit that work and come back to the farms. The outlook is for a great many of our farms to lie completely idle in 1943. In addition, those farms where they carry on will have to operate under greatly curtailed conditions."

Mr. Dodson's worry over the farming prospects in this county is viewed largely through eyes that see the need of food production, both for the folks here at home and our proportionate share for the men in service. He fears that we will be unable to produce the foodstuffs that we actually will need here at home, much less having any surplus for the war effort.

Leland Woman Dies In Wreck

Mrs. Susie Brogan Died Monday Following Accident Sunday In Which Seven Lives Were Lost

Mrs. Sadie Brogan is dead and John N. Kennedy, both of Leland, is in a critical condition as a result of a head-on automobile accident in which they were involved near Wilmington Sunday afternoon, taking a total of seven lives.

One other civilian, Charles Stokley, of Wilmington, and five office candidates from Camp Davis, were killed in what appears to be one of the worst motor tragedies in this area in several years.

State highway patrolmen, summoned to the scene of the accident, said that a 1937 Ford coach occupied by the six Camp Davis men and a 1941 Chevrolet coach in which Stokley, Mrs. Brogan and John N. Kennedy, of Leland, were riding, met head-on approximately opposite Sherman's filling station at 4:20 p. m. Sunday.

The impact practically demolished both machines, forcing the engines of the cars back against the drivers' seats, and hurling several of the occupants out on the pavement.

The car carrying the three civilians had just rounded a curve en route to Wilmington, the patrolmen said, and the automobile in which the soldiers were riding, apparently returning from a week-end leave in Wilmington, was headed toward the camp.

Mrs. Brogan, who resided at 117 Castle street, Wilmington, is (Continued on page 6)