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## Some Confusion Results From Blackout Test

Indication Is That Civilian  
Population Has Not Be-  
come Acquainted With  
New Signals To Be Used  
In This Connection

COOPERATION CAME  
AS TEST PROGRESSED

Another Trial Blackout Will  
Probably Be Held Soon  
In Order To Iron Out  
Weaknesses Shown

Defense volunteers of  
Brunswick county joined with  
city and district officials last  
night in staging a  
blackout test that was ordered to test  
the new warning signals; and if  
the results may be relieved up-  
on a good thing that this  
practice session and not  
a real McCoy.

The civilian population  
of Southport and the immediate  
vicinity were completely confused  
by the three - alarm system cov-  
ering the blackout - air raid -  
period.

What happened, of course, was  
people complied one hundred  
percent with blacking out at the  
siren blast; but when the in-  
stantaneous lights came back on again,  
the lights came back on again.

The rail wardens quickly had  
the lights under control again, but  
the third signal came for a  
second blackout period, on  
the lights prematurely for a  
second time. Finally, the  
lights came back on again.

The official all - clear sign-  
als are known of results of  
the blackout in rural areas  
of Brunswick county. With no  
means of warning the  
stages of the blackout, nor of  
the new signal system a  
test in other communities of  
this section.

It is officially reported that  
there will be another trial black-  
out within the near future.

## Senate Passes Ninth Month Bill

A Vote Of 41-5, The  
Senate Passed The Nine-  
Months School Bill In  
The General Assembly  
On Friday

RALEIGH. — By a vote of 41-5 the Senate Friday passed the ninth-month school bill on second reading and frowned sharply on any effort to amend the measure.

The bill, described as the most important measure of the 1943 session, will take Monday night the next full session of the General Assembly.

While voting efforts to amend the bill, the Senate was more receptive to a compromise amendment to the school bill. The new proposal, introduced by Senator Brooks of Durham after a conference with Governor Broughton and opponents of the bill which passed its first reading Wednesday, replaced a substitute bill sent forward Thursday by Sen. O'Berry.

Sen. O'Berry withdrew his substitute bill and announced he would support the bill if the General Assembly offered Friday is accepted.

Members of the Division War Staff for Brunswick county are: Miss Kate Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Johnson, Mrs. Robert White, Shallotte; Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Supply; Mrs. Willie Cannon, Bolivia; Mrs. Brooks, Seaside; Mrs. P. T. A. Leland.

These women will do all they can to sell more stamps and material for hospital work.

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## PILOTS IN UNIFORM



IN SERVICE.—Above are shown three members of the Wilmington-Cape Fear Pilot Association who recently have been commissioned in the U. S. Coast Guard Reserve. Left above is Lt. Commander J. I. Davis; center is Lt. Commander H. T. St. George; right is Lt. Fred Willing. These men have been issued uniforms and are continuing their normal operations, but in the capacity of Coast Guard officers. Captain Tom Sellers, of Wilmington, and Captain I. B. Bussells, of Southport, are also eligible for commission as soon as they come off the sick list.

## Every Person Should Register For Book II

However, It Will Be Necessary For Each Registrant To Have War Ration Book No. 1 Before This Can Be Done

MAY SECURE BOOK 1  
AT RATION BOARD

Schools of County Are Conducting Registration For Book No. II Each Afternoon Thru Friday

"Every person should register for War Ration Book Two, whether he needs it at present or not," Mrs. Grace D. Jones, clerk of the local War Price and Rationing Board, cautioned residents of Brunswick county today.

"Reports to the rationing board indicate that farmers who raise and can their own fruits and vegetables and meats are under the impression that they will not need to register for the point ration book. On the contrary, Uncle Sam wants every man, woman and child in the United States to have a ration book, since the rationing program may include not only its present phases, but other possible developments in the future.

"I want to emphasize the necessity for every person whether he lives in the town or country, whether he preserves his own food or relies on the corner grocery, to register for War Ration Book Two before Friday of this week.

"At the same time," Mrs. Jones advised, "persons who eat their meals in restaurants or other public eating places, who do not at present need War Ration Book Two, should register for their point books without fail.

Registration is in progress this week at the five consolidated white schools of the county, at Brunswick County Training School, at Chapel Road School and at Cedar Grove School. School is being taught one-half of each day, with a full schedule being carried out. At 2 o'clock each day the rationing personnel, consisting principally of teachers, begin the job of registering applicants for War Ration Book No. II, and the sites are held open until 8 o'clock each evening unless there is a change.

Charles M. Hickman agreed Monday to remain as superintendent of the Brunswick county home when the members of the board of county commissioners made arrangements to provide him some help on the county farm.

Robert R. Hewett and two daughters have been employed to help Mr. Hickman for a period of six months at a salary of \$100.00 per month for their combined efforts.

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## Meetings Being Held At Schools

Meetings for the purpose of explaining how to use War Ration Book No. II will continue throughout this week at the consolidated schools of the county, and Miss Genevieve Eakes has agreed to make this instruction a part of her home demonstration club meeting for the month of March.

Tonight (Wednesday) the meeting is scheduled at Waccamaw school. Thursday night a similar meeting will be held at Bolivia. The final meeting will be held in the Southport high school auditorium Friday night. All meetings begin at 8 o'clock.

Word has been received that a representative of the State Rationing office will be in Wilmington Monday night, March 1, for the purpose of explaining point rationing regulations that affect wholesalers and retailers. The meeting will begin at 7:30 o'clock and will be in the New Hanover courtroom.

## Peanut Growers Promised Prices

Farmers Who Plant Increased Acreage In Answer To Government Request Will Get Same Price For Nuts Used For Oil

Peanut growers of Brunswick county who increase production of peanuts this year in response to the government's appeal for more vegetable oil crops are assured of the same support prices for oil peanuts as are paid for edible nuts, according to C. O. Bennett, chairman of the County USDA War Board.

A recent announcement by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, he said, provides for support of peanuts grown this year for oil and the edible trade at 85 percent of parity. This price, the chairman said, is an average of about \$120 per ton.

"It must be understood, however, that this is an average price, and is subject to differentials according to types and grades of the peanuts a farmer offers for sale," he said. "Prices at which peanuts will be supported according to types and grades will be announced at an early date."

In addition to support prices, the Department previously has announced incentive payments of \$30 per acre on all peanuts harvested above 90 percent of and up to 110 percent of the farm's acreage goal. This payment, Chairman Bennett estimated, will increase returns for farmers who harvest more than 90 percent of their goals. This incentive payment, he added, is applicable only on peanuts harvested for nuts and does not apply to peanuts which are "hogged - off."

The agricultural conservation payment of \$1.10 per ton will be eliminated this year in view of the incentive payments.

Chairman Bennett said plans are being considered by the Department for establishing local markets in counties having sufficient surplus.

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## Forestry Meets Being Held In Area This Week

First Meeting Was Held Tuesday Morning Near The New Britton Bridge On Allen Farm

SECOND MEETING IS SET FOR WEDNESDAY

H. E. Blanchard, Farm Forester For Columbus and Brunswick, Invites Public To Meetings

Two Forestry Demonstration Meetings were held in this section this week. R. W. Graeber, Forestry Specialist, in charge of Forestry Extension Work in the state of North Carolina, was at the demonstrations and explain the work that is being carried out.

The first meeting was on Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock on Dr. J. A. Allen's place back of Pearl Farm Duvals farm near New Britton Bridge.

The timber on Dr. Allen's place has been marked to cut so that there will be a good stand of growing timber remaining after the land has been cut over.

The second meeting will be held in Columbus County, at the farm of C. D. Branch near Lennon's Crossroads at 2:00 P. M., on (Continued On Page Four)

## Bill Shannon Is In Air Force

Son Of Mrs. H. M. Shannon Is Enrolled As Aviation Cadet And Is In Training At Maxwell Field

MAXWELL FIELD, Ala., Feb. 20. — William Joseph Shannon, son of Mrs. H. M. Shannon, of Southport, is now enrolled as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Forces Pre-flight School for Pilots at Maxwell Field, located on the outskirts of Montgomery, the capital of Alabama.

Here the new class of cadets is receiving nine weeks of intensive military, physical and academic training.

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## Asks To Be Stationed Here After Being In Battles

Arthur William Jenkins, fireman first class, of the United States Navy, a native of Onslow county, is stationed at the section base at Southport for limited shore duty, after being through major naval actions, almost without a parralel.

Recently in the hospital at Charleston, recovering from wounds received in battle, he was asked where he would like to be assigned for duty. Requesting to be placed near his home as possible, he was assigned to the local base for limited duty. He is spending this week on leave at his home, near Jacksonville.

This North Carolina country-bred youngster, the son of Mrs. Bena Jenkins, of Silverdale, has just been transferred from the U. S. naval hospital at the Charleston Navy Yard where he had been a patient since last November.

Jenkins has been in the Navy three years. In that little paper jacket that goes everywhere a

## FSA Personnel Handles RAAC Loans In County

War Board Recently Met And Designated This Group To Handle New Credit Outfit For Brunswick Farmers

NEW ORGANIZATION IN THIS COUNTY

Regional Agricultural Credit Corporation Is Supplementary Body, Not For Replacement

Recently the county war board of Brunswick county met in the county agent's office at Supply and elected the personnel of the Farm Security Administration to act as the loaning Representative of the Regional Agricultural credit corporation, Congress appropriated fund for the R. A. C. C., by which farmers may borrow money if necessary to produce the maximum of essential crops and livestock.

The Regional Agricultural credit corporation is not intended to take the place of any loaning agency, but rather to supplement the existing agencies. It is the purpose of the R. A. C. C. to consider the needs of farmers who cannot be met by present agencies and to loan funds, if found advisable, by the war board.

Both crop and livestock programs can be financed through the agency. It is felt that every farmer of Brunswick county can produce the maximum food on his farm this year, in so far as securing adequate finance.

As the programs have been worked out, the security requirements on war crops will not be a handicap in securing finance for essential food crops.

The money is loaned at the rate of five per cent per annum and to be paid back within one year from the date of the advance.

Any one desiring more information concerning the R. A. C. C. should contact Mr. Zeb E. McDaniel, who is the local representative of the R. A. C. C., Miss Ethel M. Smith, and Miss Virginia Fisher who are assisting Mr. McDaniel in the program. You may contact your county agent or local agriculture teacher in regard to the program.

Headquarters for the Brunswick county Regional Agricultural credit corporation is located in the office of the Farm Security Administration office at Shallotte.

## Six Cases Tried In Court Here

Six Cases Covering Variety Of Offenses Were Tried Before Judge John B. Ward In Court Here On Monday

Six cases were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday. LeRoy Hill, colored, pleaded guilty to making an assault with a deadly weapon and was given 30 days on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Leonard Wells, white, pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation and was given 60 days on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00.

Fred Piggott, colored, was charged with arson. His case was remanded to a magistrate for proper preparation of the warrant.

J. Calvin Willetts, white, was charged with larceny.

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## Red Cross Quota For County Is Set At \$4,000 This Year

Mrs. S. B. Frink Is County Chairman And Has Made Plans To Reach This Figure In Collections

The annual War Fund Drive for the American Red Cross will get under way next week with Mrs. S. B. Frink serving as county chairman for this year.

With the war - time demands that are being placed upon Red Cross funds, Brunswick county citizens are being asked this year to contribute more than four times as generously as they ever have before to this organization.

The county quota has been set at \$4,000.00.

Mrs. Frink, who has made an enviable record as leader of various movements and drives in her home county, feels that this not an unreasonable asking, and that it certainly is not an unreasonable goal.

"In the first place," she says, "the biggest reason that many of our folks have never contributed before is that they have not been asked. We plan to make this canvass county-wide. Another reason for not raising more funds in the past has been the fact that our people have just not had the money. There's no denying that the average citizen of our county is better off financially today than he has ever been before.

And a third reason for believing that we will have splendid success with this year's campaign is that so many families have relatives in the various branches of the armed services, and no other agency does as much for their safety, convenience and their comfort as the Red Cross."

Next week there will be a complete list of community organizations, in order that persons in all sections of the county will know whom to contact in order to make contributions.

## Courthouse Bill Reported Unfavorably Last Week

## Severe Cold Hurts Camellias

The freeze last week got thousands of beautiful camellia blossoms in Southport, Orton and other places in the county where they are grown. Only the open blooms and those near to blooming were killed. The smaller buds were apparently not effected and a new crop of blossoms is already making its appearance.

The freeze may result in some of the late blooms being much better than they would have been had the cold not come along. The whole damage seems to have been to the open blooms.

## Navy Recruiter Is Coming Here

Will Be Stationed In Post-office Building Monday And Tuesday Of Next Week To Enlist Men

A Representative from the Navy Recruiting Station in Wilmington, will be located in Southport at the Post Office on March 1st and 2nd.

The Recruiter for this area will have full particulars pertaining to enlistment in either the regular Navy or the Naval Reserve for men under 17 and over 38 years of age.

Ratings for enlistment are made from Apprentice seaman, for trade training to a chief petty officer depending on the amount of experience in some specific line of work. Pay ranges from \$50 to \$126 per month, plus extra allowances for dependents.

Those interested may see their Civilian Navy Recruiting Representative for further particulars, prior to the arrival of the regular area recruiter. Civilian Navy Representatives are located in each town.

## State Tax Expert Coming To City

Will Be at Brunswick County Courthouse On March 8 To Assist With Filing Returns

A deputy commissioner for the State Department of Revenue will be in the courthouse at Southport on the 8th day of March for the purpose of assisting the taxpayers in filing their state tax returns.

Any person subject to filing either income tax or intangible personal property tax returns must file such returns with the department of revenue on or before March 15, 1943, and pay the tax.

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Senate Finance Committee Failed To Approve Measure That Would Give Voters Chance To Vote On Question

INDEBTEDNESS OF COUNTY CONSIDERED

Several Other Bills Introduced By Ruark And McLamb Are In Process Of Being Passed

The bill introduced several days ago by Representative W. J. McLamb to provide an election for the purpose of permitting the voters of Brunswick to decide their preference as to the location of the county courthouse was reported unfavorably last Wednesday by the Senate finance committee.

Two delegations were present for the hearing, one representing each side, and the argument that the county is not now in any financial condition to vote bonds for added expense made the strongest impression upon the economy - minded Senate finance group. Members of this committee were strongly impressed with the difficulty that would be faced in selling bonds for a county whose bonded indebtedness already is \$2,000,000.00, or roughly one-fourth its declared valuation.

Following is a report of action on other bills from this county in (Continued on page 4)

## Tobacco Farmers Warned Of Plants

Extension Agronomist Advises Farmers To Sow One-Half As Much Seed Again On Plant Beds

Because of the extreme cold weather, Dr. E. R. Collins, Extension Agronomist at N. C. State College, advises tobacco growers to immediately remove the canvass from their beds and apply broadcast from one-half to three-fourths as much seed as was originally sown. The canvass should then be replaced.

It has been the experience of growers in the past, that very cold weather at this period severely damaged young tobacco seedlings, said Dr. Collins. If the young plants are just coming through the ground and if the soil freezes under the canvass, many plants will likely die, or will be so weakened that they will not make healthy, fast growing plants.

Dr. Collins stated that the seed sown now would become imbedded in the soft soil under conditions favorable to germination. Also, that if a good stand was secured from the original sowing, the newly sown seed would not interfere with the early plants.

However, if the original plants should be killed, the sowing of seed now will assure the grower a good stand.

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## Friday Meeting Of AWS-OCD Is Well Attended

Much Valuable Information Regarding Work Of Aircraft Warning Service And Civilian Defense Presented To Group

LEADING OFFICIALS ATTEND MEETING

Was For Purpose Of Showing Inter-Dependence Of Two Organizations And Importance Of Each

One of the most important meetings ever held in the county in connection with civilian activities during war time was held Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the Southport high school auditorium under the joint auspices of the AWS and OCD.

Jim Finch, district director for the AWS, presided and introduced the speakers for the evening. These included leading officer personnel in charge of the Wilmington Filter Center, Louis Poisson and C. David Jones, of the New Hanover Civilian Defense organization.

The Section Base was represented officially, and a good sprinkling of service men were in evidence in the audience.

The purpose of the meeting was to show the necessary co-ordination between the two outstanding civilian agencies, and to show the inter-dependence of the two groups. Persons who attended this meeting were deeply impressed with the responsibility that rests upon the shoulders of these volunteer civilian organizations, and the session served its purpose of making citizens keen in their resolve to do more and better work in these connections.

## Control Center Women To Meet

Important Meeting Of These Ladies To Be Held On Thursday Night Of Next Week At USO

There will be an important meeting of ladies who have been sitting up at the Control Center at the U. S. O. Club next Thursday night, March 4, at 8 o'clock. It is very important that persons who have been sitting up, as well as those who are willing to sit up, attend this meeting.

The following ladies sat up at the Control Center during the past week:

Tuesday, Mrs. C. C. Cannon, Mrs. C. Ed Taylor.  
Wednesday, Mrs. James Smith, Mrs. T. H. Watts.  
Thursday, Mrs. John Sanders, Mrs. Peter Scherwin.  
Friday, Mrs. W. E. Bell, Miss Dorothy Swain.  
Saturday, Miss Evelyn Smith, Mrs. C. N. Swann.  
Sunday, Mrs. Otto Hickman, Marion Doshier.

## Information Come Taxes

Latest In Series Of Articles Tells Where, When And How Payment Must Be Made

Income tax due on a return filed for the calendar year 1942 may be paid in full at the time for the filing of the return on or before March 15, 1943. The tax may, at the option of the taxpayer, be paid in four equal installments instead of in a single payment, in which case the first installment is to be paid on or before March 15, the second on or before June 15, the third on or before September 15, and the fourth on or before December 15, 1943. If the taxpayer elects to pay his tax in four installments, each of the four installments must be equal in amount, but any installment may be paid, at the election of the taxpayer, prior to the time prescribed for its payment. If an installment is not paid in full on or before the date fixed for its payment, the whole amount of the tax remaining unpaid is required to be paid upon notice and demand from the collector.

The tax must be paid to the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer's return is required to be filed that is, to the collector for the district in which is located the taxpayer's legal residence or principal place of business, or if he has no legal residence or principal place of business in the United States, then to the collector of

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