

Blackout Will Be Staged Here Next Thursday

Part Of Program To
Clear Up Misunderstand-
ings Which Developed In
Connection With Test
Two Weeks Ago

TIME-TABLE OF TEST IS GIVEN

Propose Will Be To Give
Public Thorough Under-
standing Of Signals
Now In Use By The
Warning Service

Blacks will not be scheduled,
and practice Blackouts are
to be held to meet an actual
blackout. It is expected that
the test should be called without
warning but because of wide
misunderstanding of signals in
the past, practice Blackouts using
new signals, the schedule of
Blackout to be held here on
Thursday, March 18 is being an-
nounced in advance to help every-
one to be come thoroughly fam-
iliar with the signal system.

Here are the times, signals,
and what is expected of the pub-
lic in the Citizens Defense Corps in
the practice Blackout:

8:30 p. m. — YELLOW signal.
This is not received by the pub-
lic but by the Defense Corps and
military installations. It is giv-
ing by telephone.

9:00 p. m. — BLUE signal.
This is sounded by the Public
Warning Service in a steady tone.

This means that enemy planes are
approaching and all lights except
those specifically exempted must
be extinguished. Traffic continues
on lights dimmed. Pedestrians
moving to destination or
workers remain on jobs.
Defense Corps members take
up posts.

9:10 p. m. — RED Signal. This
means enemy planes overhead. It is
sounded by the Public Warning
Service in a quivering or inter-
mittent note. All lights must be
extinguished except authorized
emergency lights. Traffic stops.
Except Defense Corps mem-
bers take shelter.

9:15 p. m. — BLUE Signal.
This is sounded by the Public
Warning Service. Planes have passed
and may return. Blackout con-
tinues same as under first Blue.

9:20 p. m. — WHITE Signal.
This is NOT sounded by Public
Warning Service. It is given over
the radio and by pre-announced
means, such as turning on
lights. This is the ALL CLEAR
but never light up again
until you are SURE you're right.
If you are not sure, know
you are not sure until you know
you are past, as you may en-
counter not only your own fire
but also that of your neigh-
bors.

Blackouts are ordered by the
Air Raid Districts. It is im-
portant that everyone, in-
cluding children, be prepared to
receive the ALL CLEAR
signal by radio, know in
each district he is located.

Brunswick county is in the
Wilmington Air Raid Warning
District. A map showing all dis-
tricts and a list of towns in
each is available at your local
Citizens Defense headquarters. If
in doubt, ask your Air Raid
Warden.

New Ruling On Draft Deferment

Men Whose Wives Have
Become Pregnant Since
December 7, 1943, No
Longer Are Eligible For
Deferment

Registrants whose wives have
become pregnant since December
7, 1941, are no longer entitled to
deferment on the grounds of de-
pendency, it was announced today
by the State Director of Selective
Service. He stated that this re-
vision of policy has been made
because present registra-
tion provides that no status
change was acquired on or after
December 8, 1941, may be con-
sidered when deciding questions
of dependency.

The Director further announ-
ces that all local boards in the
state have been directed to re-
consider the cases of all regis-
trants heretofore deferred on
the grounds of dependency be-
cause their wives have become
pregnant since December 7, 1941.
The fact that a registrant is a
father shall not be considered in
determining the class in which
he should be placed unless the
pregnancy was conceived prior to
December 8, 1941, the Director
further stated that this
applies to all cases, regis-
trants of the date of marriage.
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Forests Valuable Resource



FINE TIMBER—Forests constitute one of Brunswick county's most valuable resources. This view of forest land is situated near Bolton on the well-kept forest lands of the Riegel Paper Company, which has extensive holding in Columbus and Brunswick. The holdings of this company are well-protected from fire hazard by well-planned preventive measures, and therefore fires are held down to a minimum, even while fires are devastating forest lands elsewhere in the county.

Legislature Adjourns As All Work Completed

Final Stages Witnessed Af-
fecting Offices And Af-
fairs Of Brunswick Coun-
ty

RURAL POLICE ACT IS PASSED

Three Men Are Named Ru-
ral Policemen In Bill In-
troduced By J. W. Ru-
ark And Passed
Last Week

The 1943 session of the North
Carolina General Assembly was
scheduled to come to a close to-
day at noon, bringing to an end
this war-time session that has
been trimmed of all the usual
legislative frills.

Of outstanding interest during
the past week was the introduc-
tion of the bill providing a rural
police system for Brunswick
county, fuller details of which
are contained in the summary be-
low of bills affecting this county.

Following is a report of bills
last week:

SB 169—Introduced by Ruark,
Feb. 11 (County accountant). Feb.
26, reported favorably by House
Committee; Feb. 27, passed 2nd
and 3rd readings in House.

HB 196—Introduced by Mc-
Lamb, January 27 (Sale of county
property). Feb. 24, reported
favorably by Senate Committee;
Feb. 25, passed 2nd and 3rd read-
ings; Feb. 26, ratified.

SB 221—Introduced by Ruark,
Feb. 16 (Brunswick County and
Southport delinquent taxpayers
adjustments). Feb. 26, reported
unfavorably by House Committee.
SB 330—Introduced by Ruark,
Feb. 27.

"To provide for rural police in
Brunswick County in discretion of
County Commissioners." (Three-
member rural police force author-
ized, to receive not less than
\$50 nor more than \$75 per month,
plus necessary expense allowance.
To serve under the direction and
control of county commissioners,
with the same powers and duties
as sheriff. O. W. Perry, D. L.
Ganey and Wainzie Evans ap-
pointed as such officers; \$500
bond required. Number of sher-
iff's deputies reduced to two.)
Passed three readings and sent
to House.

HB 537—Introduced by Mc-
Lamb, Feb. 17. (Recorder's term
and salary). Feb. 24, reported
favorably by House Committee;
Feb. 25, passed 2nd and 3rd read-
ings; Feb. 26, passed 1st reading
in Senate, sent to Calendar Com-
mittee.

HB 538—Introduced by Mc-
Lamb, Feb. 17. (Commissioners' term
and salary). Feb. 24, reported favor-
ably by House Committee; Feb.
25, passed 2nd and 3rd readings;
Feb. 26, passed 1st reading in
Senate, sent to Calendar Com-
mittee.

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Senate, sent to Calendar Com-
mittee.

Red Cross Doing Work For Here

It may be that a prophet is
without honor in his own
neighborhood, but from now on
this may not be said of the
program of the local Red Cross
sewing room.

One of the most recent pro-
jects has been the knitting of
woolen helmets for delivery to
troops stationed in the colder
countries, and there have been
a good list of volunteers for
this type of production. But
last week there was a new de-
mand for these garments.

Boys standing 24-hour guard
at the bridge over the inland
waterway were hit by the icy
winds of the two recent cold
spells, and having seen some of
these woolen helmets, decided
that these were just what they
needed to stand the cold.

They contacted the ladies of
the work room, they contacted
the Red Cross officials in
Washington and it was arranged
for 12 completed helmets to
be delivered for local use.

That is, they will be when com-
pleted. There is now an emer-
gency call for good, fast knit-
ters to take over this produc-
tion assignment in order that
the order may be filled before
it is no further use for the wear-
ing apparel.

Northwest Club Meeting Is Held

Northwest Home Demonstration
club held its February meeting at
the home of Mrs. E. R. Skipper.
"America the Beautiful" was sung
and the club collect repeated.
Miss Genevieve Eakes presented
gifts to Mrs. Skipper and Mrs. R.
J. Peterson for perfect attendance
during 1942.

Sewing for the Red Cross is
being continued and other defense
activities were discussed.

Miss Eakes gave a helpful
talk and demonstrated using the
food models on "Three Square
Meals A Day," she also prepared
health salad and served to the
following ladies: Mrs. E. R. Skip-
per, Mrs. J. J. Peterson, Mrs. O.
W. Perry, Mrs. Peterson and Miss
Eakes

FOR TREATMENT
H. G. Hewett, of Supply, is a
patient at Doshier Memorial Hos-
pital for treatment for a cold.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. and Mrs. Burris Ward, of
Ash, announce the birth of a
daughter on Sunday, March 7, at
Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Colored Citizens Launching Drive

Eva Lee Heads Committee
To Raise Funds Among
Colored Citizens Of The
County In Red Cross War
Fund Drive

The recently inaugurated Red
Cross War Drive has received
great consideration from the col-
ored citizens here and through-
out the county, as evidenced by
the many meetings that have
been held, and the enthusiasm
manifested by everyone in his
desire to help out in the drive.

A central co-ordinating com-
mittee has been organized among
the colored people to head up the
drive among their group, and to
work out definite plans and pro-
grams to raise the quota that
has been set as their goal. Ex-
pressions from everyone that
the colored people realize the
great work that the Red Cross
has done and is doing for the
good of humanity, regardless of
nation, race, or creed.

The chairman, Eva Lee, (inad-
vertently last week's paper car-
ried a statement that Alvin C.
Caviness was chairman of the
colored group) held a meeting
Sunday at one of the local
churches. The final plans for the
drive were consummated, and it
was revealed at this meeting that
quite a bit of funds have already
been raised, and will be turned
over to the central committee.

Catfish Seen As Source Of Food For Up State Shipment

By W. B. KEZIAH
SOUTHPORT, Mar. 3. —
Marked discrepancies exist be-
tween the policy of the North
Carolina Department of Com-
mercial Fisheries and the Bu-
reau of Inland Fisheries, with
regard to the taking of catfish.
Well informed residents of the
coastal sections believe that if
the use of trot lines and set
hooks at night was permitted
by the Bureau of Inland Fish-
eries, thousands of tons of food
fish that now go to waste
would become available.

With the Bureau of Inland
Fisheries refusing the use of
set hooks and trot lines, the
Department of Commercial
Fisheries welcomes and encour-
ages the opposite. It is well un-
derstood that the gorging catfish
is the most threatening
source of destruction to the
spawn of the shad and game
fish. The catfish is a freebooter
who should be ousted from the
waters, or his numbers greatly
reduced. There is no more
practical method for taking

Citizens To Try To Find Way To Save Railroad

Group Has Become Inter-
ested In Trying To Deter-
mine If There Is Any
Possibility Of Having
Road Restored

WILL MEET WITH CITY ALDERMEN

Order Has Been Signed To
Have Receiver Make Sale
Of Railroad And All
Property Owned
And Operated

There is a belated but growing
interest on the part of Southport
citizens to look into the matter
of trying to do something about
the liquidation of the Wilmington,
Brunswick & Southern Railroad,
and a group of interested men
plan to meet Thursday night with
the board of aldermen and seek
to work out some program that
possibly will result in saving the
road.

Through the provisions of a
judgment signed on February 16,
1943, by Judge Henry A. Grady,
the receiver of the W. B. & S. R.,
E. F. Middleton, has been direct-
ed to make a sale of the property
in order that debts may be
paid so far as possible and that
operation of the road shall cease.

It is provided that bidders shall
be given a chance to make their
offers for the entire railroad prop-
erty, including the bus and
truck franchise; and that the prop-
erty shall also be divided into
three separate parcels, and offer-
ed for sale in this manner. The
report shall then be made to
Judge Grady for final action.

Although it is realized that
there is nothing in a business
way at Southport at this time to
cause the railroad to remain in
operation, certain men have
pledged themselves to leave no
stone unturned in an effort to af-
fect some change in circumstan-
ces that might change the status
of the prospect.

Sailor Killed Saturday Night

Accident Occurred Between
Here And Wilmington
With One Man Being
Fatally Injured In Bus-
Auto Collision

One sailor was killed and a
second injured when the automo-
bile in which they were riding
crashed into the rear of a U. S.
Maritime commission shipyard
bus on U. S. 17, six miles west of
Wilmington in Brunswick county,
at 12:30 o'clock Saturday morn-
ing.

State highway patrolmen, who
investigated the accident, said the
shipyard bus, bound for South-
port, was unloading passengers on
the highway at the time of the
accident.

They identified the dead sailor
as F. M. Waters, machinist mate
second class, of the Southport
Naval Section base. His com-
panion Arthur Jenkins, the driver
of the car, was admitted to Bul-
lock's hospital with cuts and lac-
erations.

The car in which the two sail-
ors were riding, presumably re-
turning to the section base at
Fort Caswell from Wilmington,
was demolished. Little damage
was done to the rear of the huge
tractor-trailer bus, patrolmen
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State Advertising Men To Visit Here This Week

New Head Of State Advertising Bureau Will Be In
This County This Week To Look Into Farm
Publicity Program

Instead of devoting their ef-
forts towards boosting the re-
creational advantages of North
Carolina, the State News Bureau
will hereafter concern itself
primarily with the industrial
and agricultural opportunities,
according to information re-
ceived this week by W. B. Keziah.

Ben Patrick, the new State
photographer, wrote Keziah that
he and Garland Porter, who re-
cently succeeded Bill Sharpe as
manager of the bureau, would
be here the later part of this
week or first of next, for a
three days stay with Keziah,
who is now arranging a pro-
gram for the three to make a
series of visits in Brunswick
county.

According to the tentative
plans compiled by Keziah at the
request of the visitors, the
photographer and the news bu-
reau manager will visit Orton
and will spend half a day there
getting fishing pictures which
will be used to further the farm
fish pond idea that is now at-

tracting considerable attention
in the State. They will also
visit the Oaks Plantation, one
of the show places of the coun-
ty which has heretofore receiv-
ed little publicity.

A full day will be spent in
the hands of county agent J.
E. Dodson, investigating the
farming and livestock raising
possibilities. A day will also be
spent in Shallotte and Wacca-
maw township, with various
farmers.

With Bill Sharpe, Bob
Thompson and Bill Baker, who
predeceased Porter and Patrick in
the State News Bureau office,
Keziah was one of the most ac-
tive cooperating agencies for
the development of recreational
advantages and sport fishing.
With the war now on, the new
angle of effort, that of looking
into and publicizing the agricul-
tural possibilities and stock
raising, Brunswick county is
fortunate in being one of the
first counties where the public-
izing efforts will be carried out.

Shallotte Takes Lead In Drive For Red Cross Funds

Open House At Dressing Workroom

The ladies who work at the
Red Cross Surgical Dressings
room here believe that if the
ladies who don't just know how
much fun it is and just how
worthwhile the work can be.
There'd be a better attendance.

With this in mind Open
House will be observed on Fri-
day night between the hours of
8 o'clock and 9 o'clock. It is
urgently requested that all la-
dies who have not already be-
come acquainted with the work
of the Surgical Dressings unit
make arrangements to visit the
room during this period.

Bond Sales For February Good

Report From Richmond In-
dicates Good Results Dur-
ing Month Of February
In Brunswick County

According to reports received
from the Federal Reserve Bank
of Richmond and the Charlotte
Branch Bank, the issuing agen-
cies of Brunswick County includ-
ing the post office for the period
Feb. 16-28 sold Series "E"
Bonds in the amount of 4,687.50.

The above figure includes all
sales for which remittances have
been cleared through the Federal
Reserve Bank by the last day of
the accounting period.

Thompson Obtains Release From Army

Attorney G. Butler Thompson,
who has been serving in the ar-
my at Fort Bragg since early last
fall, has been honorably discharg-
ed. He returned home this week
and begins work at the Wilming-
ton shipyard today.

By reason of his age, he is 41,
he was discharged in order that
he might engage in essential war
industries.

Short Session Of Court Monday

Judge John B. Ward Heard
All Cases Scheduled For
Trial Before Noon This
Week

In Recorder's court here Mon-
day Bruce Woodall was tried for
drunk driving, reckless operation
and resisting an officer. Given 6
months on the roads, judgement
was suspended upon payment of
costs and a fine of \$50.00. His
driving license and his A. B. C.
book were both revoked.

Joe Gause was found guilty of
reckless operation. Given 60 days
on the roads, judgement was sus-
pended upon payment of costs
and a fine of \$25.00 of this amount,
\$10.00 was remitted.

Charles E. Perry was convicted
of speeding and was given 60
days. Judgement was suspended
upon payment of costs and a
fine of \$25.00.

G. E. Jones was found not
guilty of violating the stock law.

Shallotte Will Be Site Of New Ration Office

Panel Board Set Up There
And Office With Ability
To Care For Practically
Every Need Will Be Es-
tablished

OPEN BY FIRST OF NEXT WEEK

Will Eliminate Necessity Of
Persons Making Trip To
Southport; Board Will
Be Comprised Of
Local Men

Plans are being made this
week for the establishment of a
panel rationing board at Shall-
lotte just as soon as an office site
has been selected and records
from the Southport office can be
moved.

Members of the panel board
will be: Thomas Russ, Fred Mintz
and McKinley Hewett. Clerk for
the office will be Mrs. Louis Le-
wis, who has been employed at the
Brunswick County Rationing
Board office for the past year.

It has been arranged for all
persons in Brunswick county
whose address is Shallotte, Ash,
Freeland, Longwood, Wampee or
Little River to be served by the
new office. Those whose mailing
address is Supply, Bolivia, Winnabow,
Leland, Navassa, Phoenix
and Southport will continue to
transact their business through the
Southport office. It is absolutely
necessary that the division of
files be made according to the
address shown on the record, since
this was the only fair means for
dividing the territory for service.

The Shallotte board will fulfill
all of the powers and duties now
performed by the board at South-
port with the exception of issuing
certificates for tires, tubes,
bicycles automobiles and other
items that are assigned to the
county in a quota. In not to
create too much confusion, cer-
tificates for these commodities will
continue to come from Southport,
but applications may be completed
at Shallotte, and the approval
of the Shallotte board will be
necessary before any application
may be filled at Southport.

This means that gasoline applica-
tions, applications for fuel oil,
sugar, point rationing, etc., may
be handled at Shallotte, subject to
the action of members of the
Shallotte board.

With two or three prospective
sites already in mind, it is prob-
ably that the board at Shallotte
may open its office not later than
the first of next week.

Changes Made In Beer Regulations

Statute Changes Provide
That Sales Shall Stop At
11:30 Each Night And
Not Be Resumed Before
7 a. m.

RALEIGH, Mar. 9. — Several
changes in the laws regulating
the sale and distribution of beer
in North Carolina were made by
the 1943 Assembly.

A compilation of the new sta-
tutes, prepared by the North
Carolina Committee of the Brew-
ing Industry Foundation, follows:

"Sale of beer between the hours
of 11:30 p. m. and 7 a. m. is pro-
hibited. This statute also stipu-
lates that no beer shall be con-
sumed on the premises of the
dealers between midnight and 7
a. m.

Municipal governing boards and
county boards of commissioners
may regulate or prohibit sale of
have exclusive jurisdiction within
beer on Sundays. Municipalities
their municipal boundaries, the
statute provides.

Retail "off-premises" license
fees were reduced; county from
\$25.00 to \$50.00 and municipal
from \$10.00 to \$5.00. No change
was made in other retail license
taxes.

An amendment to the Beverage
Control Act makes it a violation
of the law and grounds for re-
tail dealer's license to:

1. Sell beer to any person under
18 years of age.
2. Sell beer "to any person
while such person is in an intoxi-
cated condition."
3. Sell beer or permit its con-
sumption upon licensed premises
during illegal hours.
4. Permit any disorderly con-
duct, breach of peace, or any
lewd, immoral, or improper en-
tertainment, conduct or practices.
5. Sell, offer for sale, possess
or permit consumption on licensed
premises of any kind of alcoholic
liquors not authorized by law.

This amendment also permits
revocation proceedings to be fil-
ed with the State Commissioner
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Brief News Flashes

KINGS DAUGHTERS
Members of the Kings Daugh-
ters will meet Thursday night at
8 o'clock with Mrs. W. E. Dos-
her.

MEDICAL PATIENT
Alex Williams, of Southport, is a
patient at Doshier Memorial
Hospital.

PATIENT
Ralph Sellers, member of the
crew at Oak Island Coast Sta-
tion, entered Doshier Memorial
Hospital Monday for medical at-
tention.

HOSPITAL PATIENT
Mrs. John Smith, of Ash, en-
tered Doshier Memorial Hospital
Tuesday for medical attention.

MEDICAL
Mrs. W. J. McNall, of South-
port, entered Doshier Memorial
Hospital Tuesday as a medical
patient.

IN HOSPITAL
Chas. Heye, member of the
Coast Guard Mounted Patrol at
Holden's Beach, entered Doshier
Memorial Hospital Tuesday for
medical attention.