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Ration Office At Shallotte Now Operating

The Office Will Serve Residents Of Lower Part Of County From Shallotte, Ash, Freeland, Longwood, Little River, Wampee

SEPARATE BOARD HAS IT IN CHARGE

Office Is Located On Second Floor Over Carl Andrews' Store And Is In Charge Of Mrs. Lewis

There have been two important developments in the rationing for the county during the week with one of these resulting in the establishment of a board office at Shallotte.

Arrangements were completed for having the application of residents of the lower part of the county handled at the Shallotte office. This means that now on all persons whose names are Shallotte, Ash, Freeland, Longwood, Wampee and Little River, and who are residents of Brunswick county, shall go to the Shallotte office for the transaction of their business with the rationing board.

The Southport office will continue to handle rationing business of persons whose address is: Bolivia, Winnabow, Leavelle, Wavona and Southport.

The records have been divided in this manner, and there is no confusion in handling applications on the basis of any other office.

The other change has to do with the moving of the rationing office in Southport from its old quarters to the tax office in the Mays building on the same street. The new office will afford more commodious quarters which will help the staff render efficient service.

Drive Launched To Get WAVES

Wants 3,000 North Carolina Women To Enlist In This Important Organization For Women In War Work

By C. B. NEELY, Lt. Cmdr., U. S. N. R.

RALEIGH, Mar. 22. — With the help of The State Port Pilot Navy Recruiting Service has undertaken one of the most important jobs of its career — that of enlisting 3,000 North Carolina women for duty with the WAVES. Some are prone to believe that the WAVES program is not so important as pictured by the Navy Department. The idea that the WAVES program is, shall we say, unnecessary is the most mistaken idea that we have ever heard of.

Naturally, the Navy does not expect never will — except her volunteers to see combat. But that does not lessen the importance of women in the WAVES. It's a known fact that men are directly needed at sea — but, it's also a fact that men are needed "on the shore" to keep one man at sea.

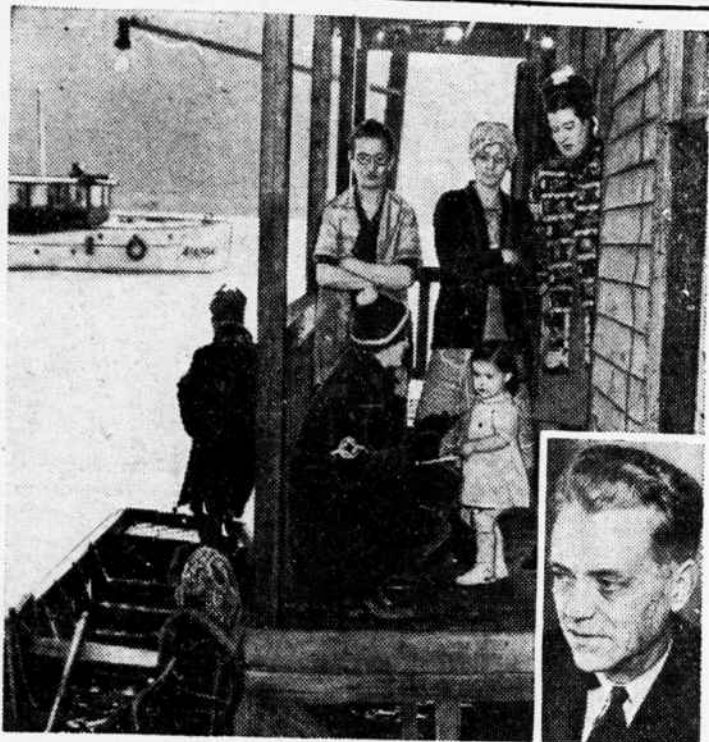
The WAVES have been developed for many of those shore jobs that can be done as efficiently, just as well as men. Consequently, the enlistment means another step for the firing line.

Women have long been in the ranks of foreign countries — our enemies and our allies. Japanese have them flying in combat; the Germans have them doing every type of work. England's women auxiliaries have played a large part in the war effort. We're in an all-out war against an all-out enemy, and that is why the Navy is calling on the women of America.

From a personal standpoint, the Navy has everything to gain from WAVES volunteers. The women are guaranteed that they won't leave the United States; that the women a job will be proud to do; and it offers equal training equal to two years' training.

There are many women today who are separated from their loved ones because of the war — and want — something constructive to do to pass the time.

RED CROSS IN ACTION



A Red Cross disaster worker is shown visiting a marooned family during a recent Ohio flood, to bring them food and fuel. Of the 180 disasters handled by the Red Cross last year, 45 were floods. Inset: Roy Wingate, national director, Red Cross Disaster Operations, who worked on every major disaster in the United States.

County Threatened With Not Reaching Its Goal

With Only One Week To Go In Drive For Red Cross Funds, About One-Half Of County Quota Must Be Raised

SPIRIT IS STILL RUNNING STRONG

Mrs. S. B. Frink Makes Direct, Personal Appeal For Liberal Contributions To The War Fund

With less than one week to go, the Red Cross War Fund Quota for Brunswick county has only reached the half-way mark.

"We simply cannot let this happen in our county," pleaded Mrs. S. B. Frink, county chairman, this week. "Please ask the people to give, and give until it hurts so we can reach our goal of \$4,000.00. That may mean that some who have contributed must contribute again. But that isn't much to do when we compared our position to that of the men in our fighting forces who are giving so much more than we do."

In Southport some of the people declare that they want to wait until all reports are in before the money-raising championship is awarded to the citizens of Shallotte and vicinity. "We have several agencies working in this locality," they point out, "and when we get them all added we think that the Shallotte money, all of which is being channeled through the school campaign, will be in second place in the county drive."

This, you understand, is friendly rivalry; but it is keen enough to make citizens of both communities leave no stone unturned in their effort to out do the other.

Four Cases Are Tried In Court

Short Session Held Here Monday Before Judge John B. Ward In Recorder's Court

Four cases were tried here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge John B. Ward.

F. B. Bone, white, pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation. Given 60 days on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50.00.

Wm. N. Willetts, white, pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving. Given 90 days on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50.00.

George Lewis, white, pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation. Sentence of 60 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00. Of this amount, \$15.00 was remitted.

Edna Jones Adams, white, was charged with drunk driving. The defendant failed to appear. She was found guilty, with judgment being suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$75.00. Her driving license was revoked for 12 months.

Mayor Eriksen Will Not Run

John D. Eriksen, now completing his fourth straight term as mayor for the city of Southport, declared last night that he will not be a candidate for re-election this year.

"I appreciate the honor of being the mayor of this town, and I thank the people for sending back to do the best I could for the past two or three elections. But the way things are with me now, uncertain as they are, I know that I cannot be a candidate again this time."

With less than one month before the nominating conventions to name the ticket, this leaves the field wide open for someone to take the place of Mayor Eriksen.

Committee Still Trying For Base

Group Of Citizens Visited Charleston, S. C., During Past Week To Investigate Possibility

A committee comprised of L. T. Yaskell, J. J. Loughlin, Jr., C. Ed Taylor and E. J. Prevatte visited Charleston, S. C., last Thursday for a conference with navy officials with regard to the establishment of a naval air base in Brunswick county.

Another purpose of the trip to Charleston was to learn of any possible steps that may be taken in order to save the W. B. & S. Railroad from being discontinued. Some encouragement was received in this connection, but much remains to be done if final liquidation of the railroad is to be averted.

Meanwhile, the full citizen's committee met last night to discuss follow-up steps designed to press the local claim that Brunswick county presents superior advantages for the location of a naval air base.

Directions For Meat Production

Farmers May Slaughter For Home Use, But Must Get Permit For Marketing Home-Killed Products

Under Food Distribution Orders effective March 31, 1943, all persons who slaughter livestock for transfer or sale or who are engaged in the handling of livestock for the purpose of resale are required to have permits to operate.

Farmers who slaughter livestock for home use only are not required to obtain a permit. However, if they sell or transfer dressed meat after slaughter, a permit will be required prior to sale, which may be obtained by applying through local AAA Committeemen, or through the county office at Supply.

Farmers are not required to obtain a permit to buy or sell (Continued On Page Four)

NYA Has Placed 3 From County During Past Year

War Production Projects Of The NYA Placed 3 Youths From Brunswick County During The Past Year In War Industry

ONE GIRL NUMBERED AMONG THIS GROUP

Training Of Youth To Take Important Place In War Production Program Is Paying Big Dividends

War production training projects of the National Youth Administration, War Manpower Commission, in North Carolina placed 3 youths from Brunswick County in employment in industries holding essential war contracts during the first six months of the current fiscal year, Deputy Regional Administrator Warren T. Davis, Jr. announced yesterday.

They were: Carl Williams and Charles Thomas Williams, of Leland; and Annie Margaret Watts, of Southport.

North Carolina youths were principally placed in the shipbuilding and aircraft industries, with largest groups entering employment in the yards of the Norfolk Navy Yard, North Carolina Shipbuilding Company, Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company, and the Glenn L. Martin bomber factory at Baltimore. Among other industries taking substantial groups of North Carolina youths were Wright Automatic Machinery Company, Baltimore Dry Dock Company, United States Signal Corps in civil service positions, Faircraft Corporation, and military bases recently located in the state. Several placements were made in the government shipyards at Pearl Harbor during the same period.

NYA projects now in operation in North Carolina, with the types of training provided, are located as follows: Elizabeth City, welding and machine shop; Rocky Mount, sheet metal, foundry, machine shop, aircraft woodworking, and welding; Greenville, radio, machine shop, and aircraft woodworking; Wilmington, welding; Scotland Neck, aircraft woodworking; Kinston, aircraft woodworking; Washington, aircraft woodworking; Durham, sheet metal, radio, welding, aircraft woodworking; (Continued on page 4)

Blue Mold Hits Tobacco Plants

Pestilence Hits County Commissioner O. P. Bellamy, Who Had One Of Best Prospects In Brunswick

O. P. Bellamy, of the Brunswick board of commissioners stated Monday that the blue mold was getting his tobacco plants. He also said that there seemed to be prospects of serious damage to plants throughout the county this year, as a result of this plant disease.

Continuous rains and very wet grounds have made conditions very favorable for a general spread of the destructive plant (Continued on page 4)

Farm Situation In Brunswick Good Despite Adverse Factor

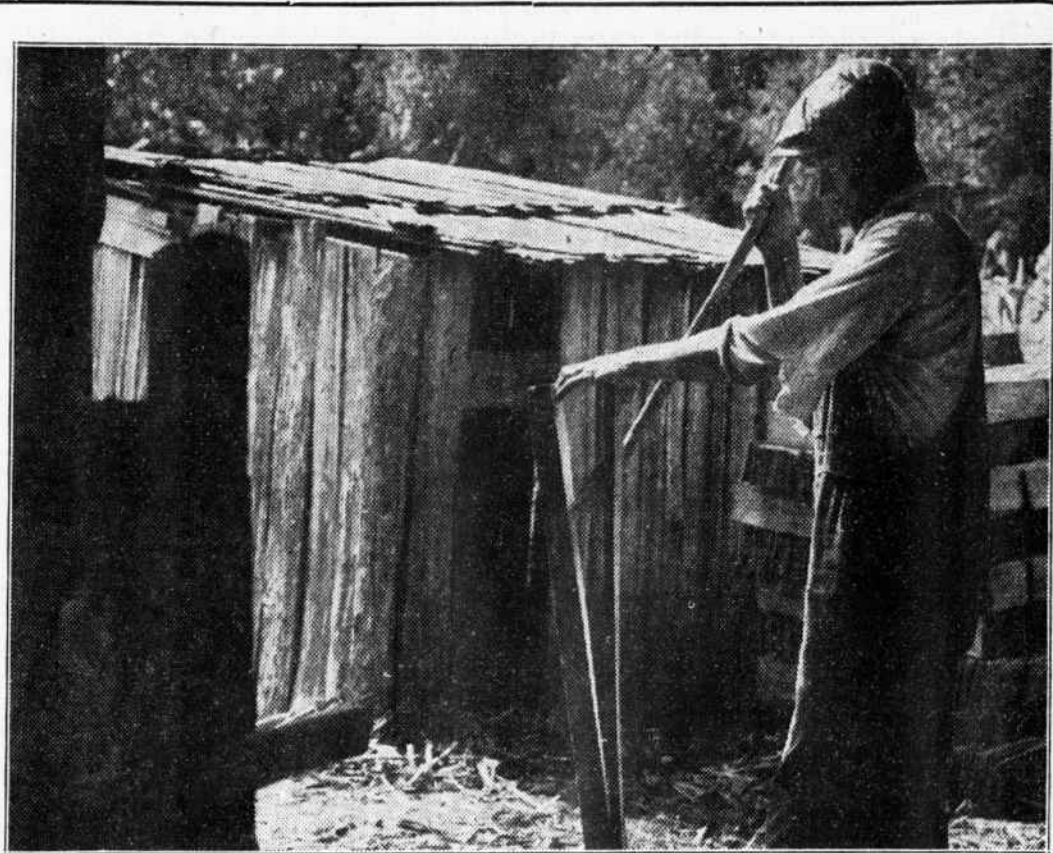
Despite the labor shortage it appeared in a trip through a portion of Brunswick county last week that the farmers and farm women are something like the marines—they have the situation well in hand. Conditions are described as being surprisingly good, despite the fact that so many men are engaged in defense construction or in service.

There were few signs to indicate that less than the full normal acreage would be devoted to some crop or other. In fact, newly cleared fields on many farms indicated that still more land would be devoted to some purpose or other this year. One thing noticeable was the great number of farm tractors. They were in evidence somewhere on almost every farm.

The acreage now devoted to small grain and legumes seems to be heavy, and these crops are flourishing.

One thing especially interesting at the moment is the fact that Brunswick county chickens are taking in food production. The white leghorns of Mrs. J. E. Dodson, of Ash, appeared to be leading the

BUILDING MATERIAL FROM THE FARM



SHINGLES—Riving shingles is a long-lost art in many sections, but not so in rural Brunswick. And it may be that before this war, with the resulting scarcity of building materials, is over, scenes like the one above may become more general. It is just another example of the fact that you cannot stop a man who lives on a farm and knows how to do things for himself.

Many Matters Settled Before County Board

J. D. Price Is Named As Superintendent Of County Home And Manager Of County Farm, Succeeding Chas Hickman

STANALAND AGAIN ON WELFARE BOARD

Numerous Tax Matters Are Disposed Of Before Commissioners In Meeting As Board Of Equalization - Review

Much business has been transacted by members of the board of county commissioners during the past week both as a board of equalization and review and as commissioners.

For one thing, J. D. Price was employed at a salary of \$175.00 per month as superintendent of the county home and manager of the county farm. County Attorney E. J. Prevatte was asked to employ someone to check Mr. Hickman out and to check Mr. Price in by April 1st.

Upon motion of O. P. Bellamy, seconded by A. P. Russ, W. M. Stanaland was reappointed a member of the Brunswick county welfare board.

A. J. Robbins was permitted to pay his taxes from 1939 to 1942 upon the basis of the adjusted valuation reported last week from the board of equalization and review; the Henry Bell estate was permitted to pay 1942 and prior years' taxes upon basis of \$2,000.00 valuation; Garland and Ruby Clemmons were permitted a reduction of \$1,056.00 because of (Continued on page 4)

Community Committeemen To Assist With Rationing

Group Effort On Moving Program

Moving is never a pleasant job, and so it was that employees of the Southport War Price and Ration Board were dreading their move from the building next door to the tax office into the May building.

Word got to Principal W. R. Lingle that there was a job to be done, so Monday afternoon right after school was out he showed up with about every able bodied boy in his high school group. With the assistance of Robert Maultsby's transfer truck the shift was made in short order.

Nor was the professor just a straw boss. While rolling down the sidewalk the safe overturned, and it was not until Mr. Lingle stooped over and straightened up that the safe was ever righted.

Sunday School Program Planned

Associational Sunday School Conference Will Be Held On Monday, March 29, At Bolivia

Following is the program for a one day Associational Sunday School conference to be held at Bolivia Baptist church on Monday, March 29, under auspices of Brunswick Baptist Association: Song — Scripture — Prayer (10 minutes); Review of attainments in 1942 and reports from Associational Officers, Pastors, and Superintendents (15 minutes) — Team Leader; Conference on Associational goals and plans for 1943 (30 minutes) — Team Leader and Associational Superintendent; Conference on the Sunday School work in the churches, with (Continued on page Four)

Thompson Given New Commission

R. B. Thompson, who for the past year has served as captain of the pilot boat after that craft was taken over by the Coast Guard, was released from his commission as chief petty officer last week and has become active again as a pilot. He is now a full lieutenant in the Coast Guard Reserve.

Named To Head Price Pannel

E. J. Prevatte, Southport attorney, was named yesterday to head the price panel of the War Price and Rationing Board of Brunswick county.

He succeeds R. F. Plaxco, who recently resigned.

Other members of this board are E. H. Kirby, Shallotte merchant, and Gilbert Reid, Winnabow man who, is in the forest service.

Will Assist Farmers In Completing Applications For Gasoline For Tractors And Farm Autos

TRANSPORTATION GROUP PASS ON THESE

Recommendations Of These AAA Officials Will Be Closely Followed In Making Allotments Of Gasoline

Community committeemen for the AAA program in Brunswick county will cooperate with the farm transportation committee of the USDA War Board and the two rationing boards of the county in seeking a more equitable distribution of gasoline for farmers.

Before any more applications for supplementary allotments of gasoline for farm use will be filled by the rationing boards, it will be necessary for a completed record of farming activities to be signed by a community chairman and approved by the Defense Transportation Board.

For the convenience of applicants a supply of application forms, both for passenger cars and for tractors and other non-highway equipment, will be in the hands of each community committeeman. The committeeman will be responsible for mailing in the blank to the county office, which will in turn forward them to the rationing board, together with their recommendations.

Following is a list of community chairmen in this county: Herbert Russ, Shallotte; B. A. Russ, Ash; L. J. Carter, Wampee, S. C.; Clarence H. Jenrette, Ash; Elroy King, Freeland; S. Keifer Babson, Ash; D. B. Edwards, Freeland; Paul Brown and James T. White, F. Leo Medlin, Leland; A. P. Henry, George N. Swain and W. E. Lewis, Winnabow; F. H. Swain, Southport; G. R. Holden, Bolivia; John W. Sellers, Edgar Holden and Lucian Fulford, Supply; H. B. Bennett and L. Thomas Hewett, Shallotte; R. T. Long and John F. Allen, Ash; Weston Evans, Freeland; A. J. Walton, Jr., Ash.

Bond Sales For Half-Month Good

Brunswick Appears Headed For Another Month Of Sales Totalling About \$10,000.00

According to reports received from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and the Charlotte Branch Bank, the issuing agencies of Brunswick county, including the post offices, have for the period March 1-15 sold Series "E" Bonds in the amount of \$4,518.75.

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.

Cooperation Is Secret Of Good Fire Protection

Farmers Of This County Have Become Thoroughly Sold On Value Of Protecting Their Timber From Fires

REIGEL PEOPLE SET FINE EXAMPLE

These People Not Only Have Aided In Educating Citizens In The Value, But Also In Protection

Half of last week spent in going over Brunswick county with Garland B. Porter, Ben M. Patrick, and with County Agent Dodson being in the party one day, revealed a lot of things that are pleasing to know. A fair sized book could be written as a result of that trip, telling how Brunswick farmers are coming along.

One of the main things of interest to all of us was the pine wood crop. To grow this crop the control of forest fires is essential. The trip revealed unmistakably that the wood crop is growing well, even faster than it is being cut. It is as farm forestry agent, H. E. Blanchard, remarked to us a few days after our tour of the county, Mr. Blanchard said:

"In spite of such fires as we do have, our woods are growing much faster than we are cutting." His remarks mean that a great surplus of lumber, pilings, pulpwood and cord-wood is in the process of growing. It will not be long after the emergencies of war have passed before practically every landowner in Brunswick will be able to harvest a sizable and very profitable crop of wood products each year.

It is doubtful if many Brunswick land owners will ever again put the axe to everything growing in the shape of trees on their farms. Instead they will cut their timber gradually, thinning out as the trees mature to the size suitable for this and that purpose.

Above all, they will always seek to guard against destructive forest fires and will leave plenty of regenerating parent stock standing when they take the axe to the woods. The farmers, or such is our conclusion, are literally forest fire prevention minded and thoroughly sold on the value of the woods crop that can be produced on the farms.

A year or two ago County Dodson remarked to us that the value of the woods was much greater than that of all the crops that could be produced on the farms. To some people that may sound like a strange remark to have come from a county agent, supposed to be interested only in farm and field crops. The remarks were not strange at all; the growing of a crop of woods, is little different than growing a crop of cotton, tobacco or corn, except that it takes less work. The day is coming when it will be realized on all sides that one of our most important farm crops is our woods.

Reigel People Cooperative It took little if any questioning to reveal the fact that the Reigel Paper company of New Jersey is a powerful factor in aiding forest conservation in Brunswick county. They preach against the destructiveness of forest fires and take practical steps to avoid and control them.

The company has 94,000 acres of land in Brunswick and much in the adjoining county of Columbus. This big acreage is all in woods, some of it bearing mature timber, but with the major part in young and rapidly growing pines that are zealously guarded from damage by fires.

With none of the timber on their lands being harvested in that time, the Reigel people have been paying Brunswick county around six thousand dollars each year in taxes. Over and above that, and with no revenue yet coming to them, they have been maintaining an efficient forest fire fighting force and expensive fire fighting machinery.

The big yearly sum that they are paying out in taxes and for fire protection, on lands that are bringing no revenue, is a guarantee in itself of how highly the company values its timber. They are not paying taxes on the land and paying for forest fire protection for the fun of paying. They know that in their woods they have an immensely valuable crop in the making.

Their fire fighting efforts are not confined solely to their own lands. They cooperate with the neighboring farmers on all sides. Should a woods fire breakout anywhere, even many miles from the Reigel lands, then the Reigel (Continued On Page Four)