

RED CROSS IN ACTION



WIND-UP.—The drive for Red Cross War Funds has been held open in Brunswick county through the remainder of this week to give those who have not received a check a chance to contribute from their first of the month income.

Red Cross Drive Winding Up With Goal Unreached

However, Indications Are That Receipts Will Be In Neighborhood Of \$3,000.00, Which Is Three-Fourths Of Goal

IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL JUST WHAT IS TOTAL

Returns Will Be Coming In From All Over County During The Next Few Days; Final Report Next Week

Mrs. S. E. Frank, chairman of the Red Cross War Fund Committee, wishes it distinctly understood that donations will be received throughout this week in order that persons who have been waiting for their pay check may use a part of it to help the Red Cross.

As matters stand now it appears that between \$2,500.00 and \$3,000.00 will result from the greatest all-out effort ever made for a charitable cause. Of this amount more than \$1,100.00 was raised from Shallotte school and the town of Shallotte.

It was impossible to make a complete final report today, but a full account will be rendered next week, showing the principal sources from which the funds were received.

The name of Frank Floyd should be added to the Red Cross Committee for the Supply section.

Bolivia School To Give Tests

Students Will Be Given Opportunity To Qualify For Further Training By Army And Navy

Principal Glenn Tucker, and J. M. King, of Bolivia School, will serve as supervisors for the qualifying examinations to the Army Specialized Training Program and the Navy College Training Program.

Students desiring to take these tests leading to college work at institutions under contract to the army and the navy may make application for them through Mr. Tucker. Successful candidates will be enlisted or inducted into the Army or the Navy and sent to college at the expense of the respective service. Students selected for the Army Program must undergo further screening during thirteen weeks of basic military training before they are finally qualified for college attendance. Students chosen for the Navy Program, after selection by the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, will be detailed directly to college. While in college they will be in uniform with pay on active under military discipline.

The students selected for training by the Army and the Navy following the tests on April 2 will enter college some time in 1943. Since no other qualifying tests will be given for many months, students desiring to enter college under either the Army or Navy programs are urged to apply for the April 2 examination.

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Election Case Scheduled For Trial In Court

Case Of Johnson Vs. Ward Grows Out Of Dispute In Returns Of November General Election Which Returned Ward Winner

CITIZENS OF COUNTY GREATLY INTERESTED

One-Vote Margin Of Ward Is Being Hotly Contested By Johnson, With Serious Charges Being Brought

It has been a long time since there was as much interest in a term of civil court in Brunswick county as there is in the session which convenes here Monday with Judge Q. K. Nimmicks, of Fayetteville, presiding. Attention is centered, of course, in the hearing of Johnson vs. Ward on matters growing out of the general election last November. John B. Ward was declared winner by one vote in the contest with D. R. Johnson for the office of judge of Recorder's court. Neither the loser nor members of his party (Republican) were satisfied with this result, and much litigation developed in subsequent hearings before the Brunswick County Election Board.

As the hearings progressed, the charges and counter-charges grew more serious, with the result that almost all kinds of election fraud are recited in the bill of particulars and in the answer.

Representing the plaintiff in this matter will be Alton Lennon and Louis Goodman, Wilmington attorneys. For the defendant, Osmer Henry, of the Lumberton firm of Varsar, McIntyre and Henry, will appear. There are a few other cases on the calendar, as may appear elsewhere in the advertising section of today's paper, but it is a safe bet that most of the court's time will be consumed in the trial of the election case.

Destroy Liquor Following Trial

Forty-Five Quarts Of Bottled-In Bond Whiskey Destroyed By Judge John B. Ward Following Trial Here Monday

Forty-five quarts of bottled-in-bond whiskey went down the drain here Monday following the conviction in Recorder's court of two defendants for possession and transporting.

George H. Street, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of transporting and was given 12 months. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$150.00. His driving license was revoked for 12 months.

Harmon Lewis, white, pleaded guilty to charges of possession and was given 60 days. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00. Of this amount \$10.00 was remitted.

Madie Brown, white, was found not guilty of assault. Johnnie Grissett, colored, was charged with drunk driving, assault with a deadly weapon and reckless operation. He was found not guilty on the first charge, but was convicted on the two latter counts. Given 2 years on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine.

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Men Named By Secretary Of State Are From Four Of The Six Townships In Brunswick

Nine Brunswick county men have been named magistrates in an order received this week by Clerk of Court S. T. Bennett from Secretary of State Thad Eure. They may qualify anytime within 90 days after April 1, 1943.

The following were named: Northwest township: M. B. Chenis, M. S. Gacey; Smithville (Continued on page 4)

School Teacher Dies In County

Miss Annie Terry, Member Of Waccamaw School Faculty, Died Suddenly Monday Night Of This Week

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Great Caution Urged For Men Doing Burning

This Is Season For Brush Burning And Is Also Season Of Great Hazard In Life Of Forest Wardens On Duty

LAND OWNERS ARE ASKED TO COOPERATE

There Is No Fooling About This Control This Year And F.B.I. Agents To Investigate Cause Of Some Fires

Farmers clearing land for new ground, or otherwise burning brush in connection with spring planting, were urged to use extreme care to prevent forest fires, as County Forest Warden D. L. Mercer this week appealed to land owners to cooperate with County state and Federal protection agencies in reducing the number of forest fires resulting from carelessness.

According to Forest Service officials a large number of destructive forest fires have already occurred this spring as a result of careless brush burning. In addition to destroying timber, farm homes and equipment, the smoke from these fires has slowed aviation and artillery training programs. Valuable hours of manpower have been lost in controlling fires, where fire crews were drawn from military camps and war industries.

As a result of the seriousness of this situation F. B. I. Agents and military authorities are investigating a number of these fires, and federal charges will be instigated under the sabotage act. Officials pointed out that the destruction of war vital timber or endangering of military establishments will be classed as sabotage where the fire results from either carelessness or malicious intent. A reasonable amount of care will eliminate these fires, Mercer emphasized.

Brush should be burned only on windless days — stacks of brush should be kept small. Before burning a fire line should be plowed or raked around the area burned, plenty of help with tools to control any spot fires should be available. Last, but not least, the ashes should be kept wet down to prevent sparks from blowing the ashes after the workers leave the field.

Price Expert To Be Here Friday

Merchants And Others Who Are Puzzled About Price Ceilings Urged To Contact Him On That Date

H. Bluenthal, OPA price specialist, will spend Friday in Southport and will be at the service of merchants who may wish to have the price program simplified for them. Consumers who have peculiar problems also are invited to come in to see him.

Mrs. J. G. Christian has been designated Price Clerk of the Brunswick County Rationing Board and all inquiries about bulletins and other information desired should be directed to her. E. J. Prevalte, Southport attorney, is head of the price panel. G. T. Reid and E. H. Kirby are other members.

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Bird History Being Written Anew By Discoveries Here

Billy Bragaw Is Making Interesting Discoveries About Birds In This Locality; Keziah Reports

Largely through the activities of Cadet Billy Bragaw, who is in training for the Navy Air Force and who has been at home for several days awaiting orders, much valuable knowledge relative to bird life has been unearthed here during the past week.

Young Bragaw, a State College student before entering the service, is a nature lover, and is thoroughly familiar with birds. During his stay at home he and Douglas Jones, local Eagle Scout, have been locating various members of the feathered tribe and reporting their discovery to W. B. Keziah, who in turn reports the finds to C. S. Brimley, one of the authors of "Birds of North Carolina." Mr. Brimley is connected with the State Museum in Raleigh.

Mr. Keziah has had several communications from Mr. Brimley during the past few days, expressing interest in the various reports, and asking for reports on still other birds.

Of special interest has been the presence of approximately a hundred American Egrets, already arrived at the rookery on Battery Island and with their nesting progressed to the point

that the birds are sitting on their eggs. Some of the young are expected to arrive this week. Some of these American Egrets were seen along the river as early as the first of March. The booklet, "Birds of North Carolina," published through the celebration of C. S. and H. H. Brimley and Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson of the Audubon Society, credited April 7, (1927) as the earliest spring date they have been reported in North Carolina. Mr. Brimley was naturally interested in an authentic report of their being at Southport as early as the first of March.

The local boys also discovered that the double-crested cormorant were fairly numerous here. This is a bird whose time of arrival and departure in North Carolina has never been determined.

A flock of more than 50 Hudsonian Curlew was found. The earliest previous spring date for a flock of these birds to be seen was on April 29, 1911, when H. H. Brimley, of the State Museum discovered them on Orton pond in this county.

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Citizens Will Nominate Mayor In Convention

Methodist Church Suffers Damages

A majority of Southport residents were up in plenty of time to go to church Sunday morning, because the fire bell rang shortly before 9 o'clock to summons the volunteer fire department to fight a blaze in the Sunday school annex at Trinity Methodist church.

Scene of the fire was one of the class rooms that recently had been redecorated by members of the young ladies group. A defective oil stove is believed to have been the cause of the trouble, and only the quick and effective work of the volunteer firemen managed to confine the damage to one room and the hall.

USDA War Board To Issue Permits

Livestock Dealers Also Must Operate Under A Permit On And After April 1st, According To Latest Regulations

Farmers of Brunswick county and all other livestock slaughterers for sale must obtain permits from the County USDA War Board by April 1 in order to continue their operations, according to C. O. Bennett, chairman of the board.

Livestock dealers who buy animals for resale also must obtain permits by that date, Mr. Bennett said. The dealer permit regulation, however, does not apply to most farmers as a livestock dealer is defined as a person who buys animals and sells them in less than 30 days.

The permit orders are a part of a national meat control program recently announced by Secretary of Agriculture Claude R. Wickard designed to stamp out black market activities and bring all meat into legitimate trade channels.

Chairman Bennett said the County USDA War Board now has permits ready to be issued to farmers, local slaughterers, butchers and livestock dealers who intend to operate after March 31.

"I would like to emphasize that farmers who slaughter animals for home use do not need permits to do so," he said. "A permit is (Continued On Page Four)

Mother Of Bank Cashier Passes

Mr. and Mrs. Prince O'Brien and daughter, Libby were called to Charlotte Saturday because of the death of Mrs. E. B. O'Brien, mother of the local bank cashier.

Mrs. O'Brien, who was 81-years-of-age, died at Charlotte Memorial Hospital following a stroke suffered last week. She was the mother of 12 children. Burial was made Sunday at Green Lake Methodist church near Rockingham.

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Stabilization Of Price For Sweet Potatoes Planned

This Is Being Done In Effort To Encourage Farmers To Produce Food Crops During 1943 Season

PRICES WILL BE SET BY SEASON

Arrangements For Distribution Will Be Handled By Government Agency, Says Bennett

In an effort to assist growers in meeting the 1943 production goal, prices at which sweet potatoes will be supported for Brunswick county growers have been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, according to C. O. Bennett, chairman of the County AAA Committee. The prices, applicable only to the 1943 crop, range from \$1.15 to \$1.45 per bushel, depending on seasonal differences.

The 1943 national sweet potato goal recently was increased 32 per cent over the earlier goal. The goal for Brunswick county is 1,808 acres.

Prices will be supported through purchases by the Food Production Administration at \$1.15 per bushel during the harvesting season from August through November; at \$1.30 per bushel in December and January; and at \$1.45 per bushel during February, March, and April, Chairman Bennett said. Those prices apply to sweet potatoes grading U. S. No. 1 and packed in either bushel crates, baskets, or hampers. U. S. No. 2 potatoes containing 75 per cent or more of U. S. No. 1 quality will be supported at 15 cents per bushel below the prices for U. S. No. 1's.

When a purchase program is started in any area, Mr. Bennett said, arrangements will be made by the Food Distribution Administration to purchase the sweet potatoes from growers at the scheduled support prices. Potatoes offered must be in standard containers, either new or second-hand, but must be durable and clean. Purchases will be made only in carload lots, but any number of growers may pool their potatoes to make up a car. All carlots offered must be inspected by Federal-State inspectors at the expense of the sellers. Loading places and time of loading will be designated by County USDA War Boards and purchase agents of the FDA.

Chairman Bennett said potatoes also will be purchased in 50 pound sacks, but at a discount of 10 cents below the designated bushel prices. This differential takes into consideration the lighter weight of the packed sacks and the lower packing costs.

The seasonal prices spreads should assure orderly marketing of sweet potatoes throughout the marketing season, officials say, and the announced prices will apply to any variety in any state which has an established goal for sweet potatoes.

Arrangements For Pay To Dependents

Payments Continue For Men Reported Missing Or Missing In Action, It Is Announced

ATLANTA, Ga., Mar. 31.—Payments to dependents of military or civilian personnel, officially reported missing, missing in action, captured or interned, are authorized by law. It was announced today by Headquarters, Fourth Service Command.

These payments may be by continuation of previously made allotments, by increases in such allotments, or by making new allotments, deductions to be made from the pay which accrues to the credit of the missing person, according to the regulation.

Increased or additional allotments may not exceed the amount required for the reasonable support of dependents and in no case may they, with other deductions from pay, exceed the base and longevity pay to be credited to the absent person.

It is pointed out that other relief authorizations in this law include payments of insurance premiums by allotments from pay and provision for transportation of dependents and effects of persons killed, injured or missing, as a result of military operations.

The above regulation is in addition to Form 625, covering family allowance payments made to dependents of enlisted men in the four lowest grades. However, increased allotments may be made (Continued On Page Four)

Season Closes For Fishing

Freshwater Fishing Season Comes To Close Monday, April 5th, For Spawning Season

The closed season on freshwater fishing takes effect April 5th. From then until May 15th it will be unlawful to take freshwater game fish in any manner in the inland streams and lakes of eastern North Carolina.

The closed season is in order to permit the fish to spawn. This week is finding a lot of fishermen out, anxious to make a catch or two before the season closes. Four parties of sportsmen were fishing on Orton pond yesterday, but as they were not contacted on their return to the dock and the extent of their catches is not known.

In just an hour of fishing yesterday afternoon Postmaster L. T. Yaskell and W. E. Keziah got nine large-mouth bass and yellow perch. The latter part of last week a sportsman whose name (Continued on page 4)