

Giving to Red Cross "Just Plain Sense" Says Struthers Burt

Southern Pines Writer
Calls Organization
"The Universal Friend"

(Editor's Note: Maxwell Struthers Burt of Southern Pines, well-known fiction writer and author of the recently acclaimed "WAR SONGS," has prepared a series of articles on the American Red Cross in Moore County. This series will run in THE PILOT during the Red Cross War Fund Campaign. Below is the first of the articles, and others will follow from week to week.)

THE UNIVERSAL FRIEND BY STRUTHERS BURT

The world is engaged in a terrific, a total, and a global war; a war greater and more disastrous than any war ever fought. We did not declare it, it was declared against us, so all we can do is to fight it out to the victorious end with all our minds, our hearts and our majestic strength. It is life or death, and in this struggle each man and woman and child is involved. War has come home to us; it is our next door neighbor; it lives with us in our house; it sits at our hearth; it eats with us. And when we sleep, it lies down beside us.

Hardly a house now that hasn't a son, or a husband, or a father, or a brother, or two, or three, or four other relatives at war. And in every quarter of the globe American boys are fighting. Something like fifty million men are now actually in uniform if one counts the armies of our enemies as well as the armies of our friends. Something like a hundred million more will be called. Somewhere around ten million are already dead. Meanwhile, at least a hundred million civilians have died of starvation, of exposure, by bombs, by fire and by bullets.

"The Greatest Mother"

The whole world is at war. The whole world has turned to war. And in all this, one world-wide agency alone, the Red Cross, stands for universal mercy, and kindness and immediate succor. From the smallest thing to the largest, it is there, it is ready, and it goes to work. From the North Pole to the South, from China back to China, unafraid, defying danger, never too busy to help, organized, disciplined, trained, the men and women of the blood-red cross, the simple cross, the undefiled cross, the cross of gentleness and

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Fellowship Church Selects New Pastor

Tucker G. Humphries Accepts
Call; Taylor Assigned to Methodist
Church, Liberty, S. C.

The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries, pastor of the Puritan Congregational Church at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Church of Wide Fellowship in Southern Pines and will take over his duties early in March, it was learned this week from David S. Packard, chairman of the church pulpit committee.

The Rev. Voigt O. Taylor, who resigned his pastorate as of January 1 after serving the church for the past six and a half years, left this week to assume duties as pastor of the Liberty Methodist Church at Liberty, S. C. Mrs. Taylor and their two children, who have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Arthur Welling and Dr. Welling, at Newberry, S. C., will join Mr. Taylor at Liberty.

Church officials spoke highly of Mr. Taylor's service to the Church during his pastorate here, pointing out that the mortgage on the church building had been cleared and that there had been a healthy increase in membership during his period of service.

The Rev. Mr. Humphries is a native of Virginia and studied for law before becoming interested in the ministry. He has served at the Kipton Community Church, Kipton, Ohio, the Dover Congregational Church, Dover Center, Ohio, before going to Wilkes-Barre. He is married and has one daughter, aged three.

Two Southern Pines Men in Our Service



CORP. ROBERT HENDERSON



CORP. CHARLES M. HACKNEY

Two local men now with the U. S. Army are Corp. Robert Henderson, nephew of Mrs. John Jayme, who formerly worked for Simons Electric Company here, and Corp. Charles McLean Hackney, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hackney of Southern Pines. Corp. Henderson, graduate of Southern Pines High School, took special training at Washington, D. C., after his induction, and at Camp Murphy, Fla., and is now assigned to Pendleton Field, Oregon, with the Signal Corps, Radio section. Another Southern Pines High School youth is Corp. Hackney who received basic training at Camp Walters, Texas, was later assigned to Camp Gruber, Okla., and is now stationed at Camp Swift, Texas, with the supply Co. of the 48th Engineers. Corp. Hackney was working at the Tug Shop when inducted.

"Mrs. Miniver" Visits Here and Shows Burt and Hayes Some Commando Holds

Miss Jan Struther Looks
Over Southern Pines While
Visiting Here with Burts

"Mrs. Miniver" came to town last Saturday. You may have seen her along Broad street—or maybe in Claude Hayes' Book Store when she was trying to show "Pop" Hayes and Struthers Burt some "commando" tactics as used in the best of Army circles.

"Mrs. Miniver" is, of course, really Miss Jan Struther, author of the famous best seller, "Mrs. Miniver," which packed in American audiences in its moving picture version. An attractive, lively little woman, who really looks like "Mrs. Miniver," and not too unlike Greer Garson's version of the English woman, Miss Struther was stopping over in Southern Pines for a two-day vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt from a lecture tour in the South.

Jan Struther—Maxwell Struthers Burt—is there any connection there? "We don't think so," Miss Struther exclaimed, "although we think we may be—ah—distant cousins. His nose is just like mine, you see?"

And then Miss Struther explained that the name came from a Gallic word meaning "Saddle," which might give an appropriate nickname to the author of "Diary of a Dude Wrangler"—"Saddle" Burt.

"I've found that the women of America are really becoming war-conscious," Miss Struther said. "And especially so, the farther away you get from New York. There's so little in New York to make you aware of the war—except shortages."

Not only does Miss Struther remind you of Mrs. Miniver . . .

"My oldest boy's not active right now," she said in answer to a question. "He was taking Commando training, but he wrenched his knee and is laid up for a bit now."

"And my husband," said Miss Struther, who is the wife of Captain Maxton-Grahame. "I had a letter only a few days ago from him. It came through the Red Cross. He was captured by the Italians in the Libyan campaign and is now in one of their prison camps."

"You know, he's written five plays—three one-acts—and organized several musical and band groups since he's been in camp," she laughed. "And he was nothing but an insurance broker before the war. Never had written a thing in his life."

Her blue eyes were vivacious. Beneath her headkerchief, dark hair, attractively streaked with gray, pushed forward. She laughed with Claude Hayes and Struthers Burt about the weather, and books, and about her lecture tour.

"I'm fascinated with American pioneer history," she said, "and have been studying it ever since I've been in this country. I think it's a shame that geographical pioneering is at an end."

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EDUCATION BOARD

Nominated for the Moore County Board of Education to serve two years in the biennial omnibus bill introduced in the General Assembly at Raleigh Wednesday afternoon were J. W. Graham of Aberdeen, D. D. McCrimmon of Hemp, J. F. Taylor of Pinehurst, L. B. McKeithen, and F. D. Farrell of Aberdeen.

Books, Please! Give for Men in Services

Katharine Newlin Burt
Writes Appeal for Local
Victory Book Campaign

BY KATHARINE NEWLIN BURT

He's tired. He's blue. He's lonely. He's homesick and more than a little grim sometimes about what's just ahead. And you can't do much for him . . . out there. But there's one thing you can do. Give him a book. Take his mind right out of its depression by a good mystery story, concentrate his wits on the solution of a detective plot, give him the relief of sympathy for some other fellow's troubles and the uplift of some other fellow's courage. Make him laugh. Interest him in his hobby—photography, mechanics—give him the solace of beauty and peace; a girl, a forest, a river or the sea. Entertain him with real adventure and experience. Teach him a new game or a card trick.

If one of these men asked you for this much help you'd jump up and hand him the Best Seller you're reading now. You'd say, "Here, take it. I can wait."

There's a Victory Book Drive on here and now, in this community. We've collected about three hundred books. We ought to have three or four times as many. And the time for the drive is getting short. These people have already contributed, good, unsoiled, readable volumes.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Vale, Mr. and Mrs. George Jenks, Mr. and Mrs. James Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. Struthers Burt, Mrs. Wallace Irwin, Mrs. James Swett, A. B. Yeomans, Miss Mary Yeomans, Miss Margaret Bishop, Mrs. George C. Moore, Mrs. W. E. McCord, Dr. and Mrs. James S. Milliken, Mrs. P. T. Kelsey, T. B. Smith, Judge and Mrs. W. A. Way.

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NELSON HYDE AND FAMILY ARRIVE FOR VISIT HERE

The former PILOT publisher and editor, Nelson C. Hyde, with Mrs. Hyde and son, Timmy, arrived in Southern Pines Thursday morning to spend a vacation here. They will stay with Mrs. Hyde's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Pleasants, in Aberdeen. Mr. Hyde is now connected with the Syracuse (N.Y.) Herald-Journal.

Currie Offers Bill to Put Clerk, Deeds Register on Salary

Senator Would Remove
Fee Basis of Payment;
Also Increase for Board

Senator Wilbur Currie of Carthage, who served 12 years as chairman of the Moore County Board of Commissioners, has introduced two bills at the General Assembly in Raleigh which concern the compensation of county officials.

One of these would establish a salary of \$50 per month for the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and compensation of \$10 per day for each other member of the Board for each day upon which they attend a meeting of the Board. Also, the bills provide five cents per mile to defray expenses in traveling on official duty. The bill would also provide \$5.00 per day and five cents per mile to members of the Board of Education, the Welfare Board and the Board of Health of Moore County.

A second bill introduced by Senator Currie would provide a fixed salary for the Clerk of Superior Court and the Register of Deeds of Moore County. The salary, to be definitely set by the Board of Commissioners would be "not less than \$3,600 nor more than \$5,000 per annum, payable monthly" for the Superior Court Clerk, and "not less than \$2,000 nor more than \$2,500 per annum, payable monthly" for the Register of Deeds.

The Court Clerk and Register of Deeds at the present time receive their compensation from fees paid them for work performed. Under Currie's bill, all fees and commissions would go directly into the County general fund. The bill also provides an amount of not more than \$2,500 be allowed the Clerk for assistants, clerical employees and deputies and of not more than \$1,200 for the Register of Deeds.

Miss Hazel Getchell Dies; Here 19 Years

Services Held Tuesday A. M.
in Southern Pines; Burial
at Derry, N. H., Thursday

Miss Hazel Getchell, resident of Southern Pines for the past 19 years, died at Moore County Hospital Sunday morning, after being seriously ill for 10 days.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Powell Funeral Home by the Rev. Voigt O. Taylor. Miss Getchell was a member of the Church of Wide Fellowship and of the Church choir.

Miss Getchell was born March 3, 1893 at Windover, N. H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Getchell. Interment was at Derry, N. H., Thursday, following services there at 2 o'clock. Since coming to Southern Pines, Miss Getchell has made a wide circle of friends.

Surviving are one sister, Mrs. Nat Bertbeck, Salem Depot, N. H., and Miss Fanny Harvey, her companion for many years.

BANKS TO CLOSE

The Citizens Bank and Trust Company and the three branches of the Bank of Pinehurst will observe a holiday Monday, February 22, George Washington's Birthday, and remain closed all day.

Musical Presentation of Burt's Poem Features Show by Soldiers in Pinehurst

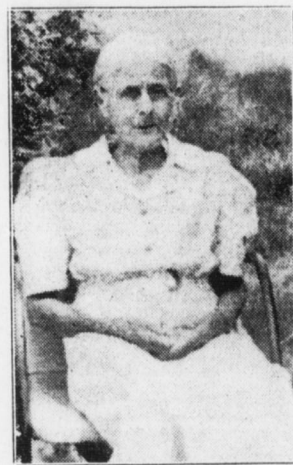
An exceptional program of entertainment, featuring the first public performance of Struthers Burt's "We Are Wonderful, We Are Wise," from his "War Songs," set to music by Otto Guth, composer, conductor and pianist, was presented at the Carolina Theatre in Pinehurst last Saturday evening by a group of soldiers from Fort Bragg, benefitting the Pinehurst Soldier Center.

With Frank Daley as narrator, the composer at the piano and Zeik Kaufman, accomplished violinist, playing the drum background, Mr. Burt's poem was dramatically presented and received with high feeling by the audience.

This was only one of several entertainment features, which ranged

New Point Ration Books to be Issued Next Week from Schools in County

DIES



MISS MARY CAMERON

Miss Mary Cameron Dies After Illness

Moore Native Known As
"Aunt Mary" Raised Camerons
on Children for Brothers

In the early morning last Saturday, February 13, Miss Mary Isabel Cameron of Manly, last surviving member of her family, died after several weeks' illness. She would have been 80 years old on May 24.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the Manly Presbyterian Church, by her pastor, the Rev. T. D. Mullis, assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. M. D. McNeill of Sanford. Interment was in the family cemetery located on Beaver Creek, four miles east of Cameron.

Miss Cameron was a native of Moore County, the daughter of the late Neill and Nancy Johnson Cameron. In 1900, "Aunt Mary," as she was known throughout her circle of friends, moved to Manly to live with and care for her widowed brother, Fairley Cameron, and his four small sons. Through the succeeding years, she never relaxed her care and solicitude of these "boys," as she always called them. They were Gordon, Herbert, Ewen and D. D. Shields Cameron. Later she took into her care the children of her second brother, Alexander Cameron, and trained them under the strict but loving discipline of her Scotch Presbyterian faith. Besides the nephews named above, surviving are also Edward, Chase, Crowson, Raymond and Margaret Cameron, Mrs. Lois Hall and Mrs. Louise Boney, and a number of other relatives.

Miss Cameron was always known to be "considerate of others, possessing an unusual degree of kindness in thought, word and deed. In her passing, the community has lost an ever-sympathetic friend and neighbor," said one close to her. "No eulogy, however well spoken, can portray the characteristics of her life. May her image live fresh in those she left to mourn her."

Pallbearers at the funeral were John Cameron, Clifton Cameron, Dewey Bass, Lloyd Woolley, Ernest Wilson and Harry Goldsmith.

Distribution to be Made from 3 to 9 p. m., Lasting Monday Through Friday

All sales of canned and frosted foods to be rationed beginning March 1 will be suspended at the end of the day Saturday, February 20, until Monday, March 1, and during the five days from Monday, February 22, through Friday, February 26, War Ration Book II for purchase of these foods will be distributed throughout Moore County at local school houses between the hours of 3 to 9 p. m.

(Thursday morning announcement was made by the OPA in Washington that sale of canned fish and canned meats, with certain few exceptions, had been ordered suspended until the start of meat rationing about 60 days hence. This order had no direct connection with the start of the canned fruit and vegetable rationing program which begins March 1, but does extend further the list of canned items which cannot be sold by grocers.)

Thus, on March 1 food purchasers will be required to surrender ration "points" for the purchase of about 300 items of canned and frosted foods, chiefly fruits and vegetables and soups.

The Moore County Ration Board officially announced this week the plan of distribution of War Ration Book II in this county.

Statement of Goods

"All applicants for Ration Book II must bring Book I (the sugar book) with them, and a statement of all canned foods in their possession, and the amount of coffee on hand November 28, when coffee rationing started. Each applicant is allowed five 8-ounce cans and one pound of coffee. Any excess of these amount will necessitate removal of stamps from Book II or coupons from Book I," the Board said.

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a copy of the Declaration Form which must be submitted, and the Ration Board said that applicants may cut this form out and bring it with them already filled out. However, forms will also be provided at the school houses. Care should be taken to make these forms legible and accurate. (Note: Newspaper does not take ink. If you use the form in THE PILOT, use pencil or typewriter.)

"Any one person may apply for all members of the family," the Board said, "if Book I for each member is presented. Do not include housekeepers or servants."

"When you receive Book II keep it safe. It is worth more than money, and loss of a book will cause very serious inconvenience," the Board cautioned.

Irwin Steals Ideas From Soldier Lounge

But He Doesn't Get Away
With Anything But the Idea
That Everyone Should Help

BY WALLACE IRWIN

The other morning I burglarized the new Soldiers' Lounge at the Civic Club, but didn't take anything away but a pleasant impression of numerous playthings which the public spirit of Southern Pines has assembled to entertain our service men in what few idle hours the drill sergeant allows them nowadays. In the big room there seemed to be every sort of game from checkers to shuffleboard. I didn't see any poker chips, but there were plenty of card tables; and I paused to dawdle with a small but effective pin-ball game. The large center table was heaped up with periodicals. I hope that fresh copies will be brought to this table every week.

There is an ample writing room, well supplied with what a soldier needs when he's reporting to his best girl, even if she's his wife or mother. And there's a piano in the big room; also a Victrola with enough records to confuse even Irving Berlin.

A nice lady of the Committee

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