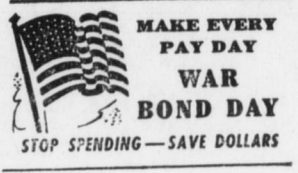




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Cooperation in Test Blackout Fair But Comprehension Isn't

New Regulations Confuse Not Only Sandhills Residents but Entire State

The test Blackout and Air Raid in the Sandhills Tuesday night showed "about 100 percent cooperation, but only about 80 percent comprehension," to quote one of their many air raid wardens who were scrambling about trying to keep lights off during strategic moments of the practice.

But, after studying the practice for one day, Civilian Defense leaders concluded that the "80 percent comprehension" was an overestimate.

Despite the efforts to spread the word about the new Blackout and Air Raid signals through word of mouth and printed word, there was a large percentage of folks who immediately flashed on lights when the Air Raid signal came or when the second "Blue" period sounded.

Lasts Less Than Hour

The first Blackout Signal—a two-minute steady blast of sirens—came about 9:15 Tuesday night and shortly thereafter came the "Red" warning of enemy planes overhead—when all motor and all pedestrian traffic is supposed to stop and complete darkness prevail. This was followed by another "Blue" signal—an intermediate warning—and then lights flashed on all over the place. Air Raid Wardens scurried to these places, warning them that the Blackout was still on. The All-clear signal was received just before 10 o'clock, and the street lights went on four minutes later, indicating all-clear to residents.

One violator in Southern Pines was cited by officials for lack of cooperation with the Blackout practice.

New Siren Used

New siren in Southern Pines was used for the first time Tuesday night, augmenting the regular fire siren sound. The new warning siren, located on the hill on Massachusetts avenue, helped residents in the eastern part of town to know when the blackout came. Reports from Knollwood section were that the sirens there were not used, but that the blackout practice was fairly successful.

John Howarth, head of the Citizen Defense Corps for Southern Pines, said that the confusion was to be expected, but that the new instructions should be read and re-read for future surprise blackouts. He warned that all signals on the sirens mean continued blackout. Lights should never be turned on because of an audible siren signal. The only indication of all clear is the turning on of street lights. He warned householders not to use automobile lights as an indication of the all-clear, because certain official cars may be allowed to use lights and other traffic my use lights during the "Blackout" periods, but not during the Air Raid period.

Incidentally, the confusion was not confined to this area. Throughout the state, reports were made that the Blackout practice was a pretty poor one.

MEETING OF COUNCIL OF SOCIAL AGENCIES

The Southern Pines Council of Social Agencies will have its March meeting at the Southern Pines High School next Tuesday evening, March 2, at 8 o'clock. At this time, Mrs. James B. Swett, executive secretary, will report on the year's work.

The Council is planning an ear clinic for sometime in April, to be held at the schools, as a follow up for the successful eye clinic which the Council helped to sponsor. Mrs. J. H. Towne, chairman, urged all regular delegates to attend next Tuesday's meeting and said that the public was invited to participate.

JOINS AIR FORCES

William C. Hendren, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Hendren of Eureka Community, left this week to report for pilot training with the U. S. Air Forces at Miami, Fla. Young Hendren was a student at State College at the time of his enlistment. He is a nephew of Mrs. Haynes Britt of Southern Pines.

COMMISSIONED



LT. JOHN A. LANG, JR.

Now serving as classification officer with the Fourth Air Force at Hammer Field, Fresno, Calif., is Second Lieutenant John A. Lang, Jr., of Carthage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lang. Lt. Lang was commissioned at Officers Candidate School in Miami, Fla., recently after volunteering at Fort Bragg and receiving basic training at Keesler Field, Miss. At the time of his enlistment, Lang was State Administrator for the National Youth Administration.

Tuberculosis Drive Nets \$200 Over Quota

Total Exceeding \$2,800 Collected from Seal Sale to Carry on T. B. Fight

Moore County's contributions to the Tuberculosis Association Seal Drive for 1942 netted the largest amount ever collected and exceeded the county's quota by \$200, a report by Mrs. T. A. Cheatham, county chairman, revealed. A total of \$2,802.75 was realized from the drive this year.

Of the total, \$557.90 was raised through the efforts of the Negro Schools, the Moore County Colored Ministers' Alliance, and a group of Pinehurst caddies. P. R. Brown, principal of West Southern Pines School, was county chairman for the Negro drive. White schools raised \$307.41, their full quota. Of the amount raised by schools, 10 percent is returned for the school health work.

Total amount raised in 1941 was \$2,521.75, and the 1942 quota was \$2,600.

The funds raised by the County Tuberculosis Association go to help carry on the State and National associations, but primarily for use in Moore County to prevent, arrest and cure tuberculosis. (For interesting account of a State Sanatorium patient's views on the cure of tuberculosis, see story in other part of THE PILOT.)

Mrs. Cheatham gave the following list of seal sale results. The community is followed by the local chairman and the amount raised:

- Aberdeen, Mrs. J. B. Edwards \$177.32; Addor, Mrs. W. A. Gray \$13.00; Cameron, Mrs. H. C. McPherson \$58.20; Carthage, the Rev. W. L. Warford \$228.94; Eagle Springs, Mrs. Myrtle Cecil \$24.78; Eureka, Miss Mary Black \$28.15; Glendon, Mrs. R. H. Dowd \$10.00; Hemp, Mrs. E. A. West, \$259.00; High Falls, Miss Lucy Reynolds and Miss Ruth White \$19.36; Jackson Springs, Miss Lola Carter, \$11.00; Manly, Mrs. Whelan Blue \$11.82;
- Also, Mt. Holley Club, Mrs. G. P. Jones \$3.34; Pinebluff, Miss Florence Fowle \$75.00; Pinehurst, Mrs. Max von Schlegel and Mrs. Chester I. Williams, \$1,094.48; Roseland, Miss Flora McDonald \$1.32; Samarcand, Miss Reva Mitchell \$21.36; Southern Pines, Mrs. A. B. Patterson \$553.55; Vass-Lakeview, Mrs. S. R. Smith and Mrs. Raymond Johnson \$71.72; West End, Mrs. Lucy R. Cochran \$94.00; Westmore, Mr. Phillips \$10.00; Sandhills Kiwanis Club \$10.00; Colored Ministers Alliance \$26.50.

REPAIRING COURT HOUSE

Carpenters are busy this week putting the windows in the court house in good condition. New sash cords are being placed in all of the windows and decayed sash replaced with new.

Burt Sees Red Cross Dollars Translated Into Men and Women

Writer Says Statistics Don't Mean Much—Until You See Them at Work

(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles written by Struthers Burt of Southern Pines, noted fiction writer and author of "WAR SONGS," especially for the Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross to assist in its War Fund Drive during the month of March.)

FACTS MADE HUMAN BY STRUTHERS BURT

I have said that I don't like figures—statistics—very much unless they are translated into human terms; into men and women; into flesh and blood. A thousand men or women doing this or that, a million dollars here or there, escapes the imagination, and as the digits increase, so does the lack of warmth. But if you see each one of these digits as your next door neighbor, or the boy or girl who lives in the same block, or just down the road; if you see each dollar, not as money, but as immediate assistance to some broken body or broken life, statistics suddenly begin to assume features; hair, eyes, pleading or triumphant, mouths, smiling or bitter, hopes, helplessness. And the curious thing about all RED CROSS statistics is that they immediately do just this; immediately they turn into human beings. That's because the RED CROSS is the greatest human and humane agency in the world.

That's all it thinks about and all it does.

Dollars Become People Helped

You give five, ten, a hundred, a thousands dollars, and at once your gift, your money, becomes people being fed, people being warmed, the wounded being taken care of, the worried and the ill and the homeless being rescued.

Each RED CROSS dollar is a lighthouse in a black world.

The human statistics are gigantic. Between January 1st, 1942 and February 28, 1943, the AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS will have spent \$57,600,000 as follows:

SERVICES TO THE ARMED FORCES; \$40,400,000. What does that mean? Well, it means hospital and convalescent service; home service for the able-bodied and hospitalized men and their families; blood plasma for the Army and Navy; emergency supplies for the armed forces, and chapter-produced supplies such as surgical dressings, etc.; assistance to disabled men and their families of this and past wars; and assistance to American prisoners of war. And for the men overseas, in addition to these other services, it means as well special welfare and recreational service.

It May Mean You

DISASTER RELIEF; \$2,500,000. There's no need to explain this. We all know what that means, and year in and year out the RED CROSS has been at work since 1881. Disaster relief means flood, fire, cyclone, and so on, right here in the United States, and so it may mean you, and a lot of your kin, and it may mean that tomorrow, even if you're five thousand miles away from the nearest front. Disaster strikes, and at once the RED CROSS is on the job, through its National Organization, through its nearest Local Chapters. And this isn't amateur assistance, it is trained assistance and perfect set-up. Last year, for instance, was the worst year for national catastrophes since the RED

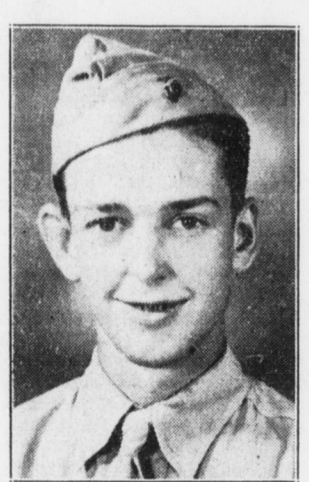
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Patient at State Sanatorium Calls Tuberculosis "Worse Killer of All"

The constant attention needed to cure the disease of tuberculosis and the happiness of progress as the patient begins to be rewarded for his patience and moves along the road to health is graphically told in a letter received this week from Chase Cameron, of Manly, who has been a patient at State Sanatorium, near here, for about two years.

Because of the wide interest in Moore county in the Tuberculosis Association, headed by Mrs. T. A.

Two Local Brothers in Our Service



PVT. DURWARD L. EPPS, USMC

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Epps of Southern Pines are serving with Uncle Sam's armed forces. Private Durward L. Epps, U. S. Marine Corps, enlisted shortly after Pearl Harbor, on December 9, 1941, and following training at Parris Island, S. C., for the past 14 months has been serving in Panama. He attended Southern Pines High School and was one of the star baseball players. Pvt. Kenneth M. Epps entered the U. S. Army the last of November, 1942, trained at Fort Slocum, N. Y., and is now with the Medical Detachment, Station Hospital, Camp Shanks, N. Y. He formerly worked for THE PILOT and was working for Postal Telegraph when inducted into the Army.



PVT. KENNETH EPPS, USA

Station Wagon Purchased by Red Cross for Use in County Work and Emergencies

DRAFT STATUS

The re-classification of men registered under the Selective Service System, engaged in "non-deferrable" work, without regard for dependents, will begin April 1, it was announced this week by Clyde B. Shaw, chairman, Local Board 1, Selective Service system.

Contributions Make Possible Chapter's Owning Special Car for Home Relief, Other Work

The Moore County Chapter of the American Red Cross has augmented its ability to render services throughout the county by the purchase of a Chevrolet metal station wagon, to be equipped for use as an ambulance, which will be used for official business of the Red Cross Chapter.

The car and its operation were made possible by a number of contributions totaling \$1,695 through Wednesday. A brown, all-metal car, it will carry a Red Cross on the back and on each side and the legend "American Red Cross, Moore County Chapter" on each side.

The Red Cross vehicle, purchased second-hand from the Pinehurst Garage, will be used for distribution of production material to the different branches in the County, for home service work, which takes workers throughout the county, for assistance at clinics and Nurses Aide work, and for any emergency use.

In general, members of the Motor Corps, captained by Mrs. Ernest Ives, will drive the car for its official duties. It will be housed at McNeill Service Station in Southern Pines, which is donating the storage space, and will have a special parking place allotted in front of the Chapter Headquarters on West Broad street in Southern Pines.

The Red Cross has received contributions for the purchase and operation of the car from Robinson Cook, Pinehurst; Mrs. W. J. Kennedy, W. J. Kennedy, Mrs. Ralph K. Trix, Mrs. Jane Drexel, Mrs. M. Thorne Smith, Mrs. E. V. Hughes, Miss Laura Kelsey, Miss Harriett Barnum, Mrs. H. B. Greenman, Mrs. Lee Page, Mrs. Wilmer J. Smith, Mrs. James Boyd, Mrs. E. L. Ives, Miss Emily May Wilson, Mrs. Miller Gaffney and Mrs. William Lippincott, all of Southern Pines.

MORE CONTRIBUTIONS TO SOLDIERS LOUNGE

The Soldiers Lounge committee, which is operating open house for soldiers at the Southern Pines Civic Club, has acknowledged the following additional contributions to its work, bringing the total to date to \$350 for expenses connected with the work.

Miss Martha Emley, Mrs. P. T. Kelsey, Mrs. J. I. Neal, Fred Roberts, Miss Lillian Roberts, Mrs. Julia Chambers, Mrs. W. P. Swett, Carlton C. Kennedy, Miss Lillian D. Roberts, Norris L. Hodgkins, Miss Mary C. Cameron, Miss Mary K. Wintyen, Mrs. George Jenks, Mrs. Struthers Burt, Dorn, Shaw Paint and Wallpaper company, Hugh Betterley, Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Mrs. L. D. MacDonald, Struthers Burt, Mrs. E. V. Perkinson, Mrs. Bruce H. Lewis, Mrs. Thomas Smith, Mrs. William H. Barnum, Mrs. C. L. Hayes, Mrs. M. G. Nichols, Miss Rebecca Cameron.

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Friday is Last Day to Get Ration Book from School Houses

Failure to Get Point Coupons May Mean Trip to Carthage, Board Says

Folks who wait too long to apply for their War Ration Book II, giving them point stamps for purchase of canned and frozen fruits and vegetables, will have to make a trip to Carthage to secure these books, Ration Board officials warned this week.

Friday at 9 p. m., the distribution of the new ration books will cease at the school houses throughout the county, and reports from some schools indicated that the applications were slow during the early part of the week.

Philip J. Weaver, school superintendent, said that through Wednesday evening, about 2,500 had received their point ration stamps at Southern Pines High School and around 1,225 at West Southern Pines school. He said they had anticipated distribution about five or six thousand books in this section.

Not Much Fussing

The Ration Book distribution proceeded comparatively smoothly the first part of the week. There were "a few folks fussing," but not as many as were expected. Most frequent complaint came from those who thought the charging of only eight points for canned goods on hand was an injustice, inasmuch as most of the canned goods have a much higher point value.

There apparently was considerable honesty in declaring excess canned goods. Mr. Weaver said about 100 stamps had been removed, books, indicated that number of excess cans had been declared. Largest number declared by one person he added, was in West Southern Pines one man, living alone, declared an excess of 200 cans.

The book distribution has been carried on here by the school teachers with the assistance of most pupils from the 11th and 12th grades while 10th grade pupils have helped with considerable clerical work connected with the rationing.

With most canned goods frozen, local merchants this week were spending their time sticking ration point values on the cans which will go on sale again Monday—but will be delivered only on surrender of the required number of ration points. Merchants expected to post lists of point values and each rationed product will carry the point values.

Purchasers of the canned goods were urged to study instructions on the ration books carefully and to study the charts of point values.

LOCAL AUTHOR GIVEN ART ALLIANCE MEDAL

Struthers Burt left this week to appear on several radio programs in Philadelphia and New York and to accept the Philadelphia Art Alliance medal, which has been awarded him this year.

The Art Alliance announced: "On the basis of your magnificent 'WAR SONGS,' you have been awarded this year the Philadelphia Art Alliance Medal as the person connected with Philadelphia who has done most for the arts during the year. This medal is awarded at the annual meeting."

LT. M. GREER STUTZ ASSIGNED TO PHILA.

Lt. M. Greer Stutz, who has been serving as medical officer aboard Navy ships for the past two years, and who recently returned from active duty in the Pacific, has been assigned to the Navy Hospital at Philadelphia. Mrs. Stutz and two children, who continued to make their home in Southern Pines while Lt. Stutz was on ship duty, have joined him in Philadelphia.

LOCAL SOLDIER ON RADIO

Pvt. Edward Cox, recently inducted into the U. S. Army at Fort Bragg, is now broadcasting Fort Bragg news over the FaGyetteville radio station, daily at 5:40 p. m. Pvt. Cox is son of the Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Cox of Southern Pines.