

IN OUR SERVICE



LT. JAMES B. SWETT, JR.

He "loves to fly." That's the word Mr. and Mrs. James B. Swett received from their oldest son, Lt. James B. Swett, Jr., who is now on the last lap of his basic training with the U. S. Army Air Forces. A graduate of Southern Pines High School, Lt. Swett was commissioned Second Lieutenant upon his graduation in aeronautical engineering at State College, Raleigh, in the spring of 1942. He has had his pre-flight and primary schooling and is now at Polaris Field, Lancaster, Calif., for his basic training. He is 23 years old.

New Class Starting for Nurse's Aides

Evening Class to be Held in Aberdeen and Daytime Group to Meet at Hospital

Two new courses for the training of Nurse's Aides are being arranged by the Moore County Chapter of the Red Cross.

An evening class will be held in Aberdeen, with Mrs. Mary Wilder Johnson as instructor. A daytime class will be held at the Nurses' Home of the Moore County Hospital. The daytime group will be taught by Mrs. Janet Falen, under the supervision of Miss Ellen Bruton, Superintendent of Nurses.

Everyone interested in either of these courses should communicate promptly with Mrs. Stuart Wood of Southern Pines, Secretary of the Red Cross committee, whose telephone number is 8334.

The value of Nurse's Aides, in the difficult conditions of today and tomorrow, is obvious, Mrs. Wood said. Their careful training enables them to do much routine work in hospitals and clinics, thereby allowing graduate nurses to concentrate on the tasks which only professionals can do. A county with a large corps of Nurse's Aides can face the future with increased confidence.

The new classes will start soon. Women between 18 and 50 years of age should request full particulars from Mrs. Wood.

BLAZING OIL STOVE CAUSES FIRE IN ROOM

A flaming oil stove in the home of Pearl Watson near Pennsylvania avenue in West Southern Pines shortly after noon Monday destroyed furnishings of one room, but did little damage to the house. The alarm was prompt and the Southern Pines Fire Company was able to extinguish the flames before the fire reached other rooms in the dwelling.

HALT SURPLUS COMMODITIES EXCEPT FOR SCHOOL LUNCHES

There will be only one more shipment of surplus commodities to be given recipients in their homes, Miss Pauline Covington, welfare chairman, announced this week. However, school lunch rooms will continue receiving their commodities from the Carthage store room, which is located in the basement of the court house.

STATE INCOME TAX

Lynn McIver, Jr., of Sanford, deputy commissioner of revenue for the state of North Carolina, will be at Broad Street Pharmacy on Tuesday, March 9, to render assistance to those making out State Income tax returns.

Work of Red Cross Right Here at Home Inspiring to Burt

Writer Goes on 2 Cases and Thinks of Manifold Other Jobs Performed

(Editor's Note: This is the third 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 its War Fund Drive during the month of March.)

NEXT DOOR NEIGHBOR BY STRUTHERS BURT

Two weeks ago I spent an afternoon with a RED CROSS worker; of the Moore County Chapter. It was instructive and interesting, and it brought the RED CROSS close to me. Put it right on my doorstep as it were.

Morale is an overworked word, and I wish there were a good English substitute, but there isn't, and so I suppose we'll have to let it go at that; anyway, as we all know, it means courage, and good spirits, and a calm cheerfulness, and fortitude both at home and at the front. And above all, it means winning a war. In the final analysis it is what wins a war; the second-wind that carries a nation to victory.

The Moore County HOME SERVICE worker had two cases that afternoon; the first, that of a young farmer who, after six months in the army, had been honorably discharged for an extremely serious physical disability; the second, that of a lonely mother whose only son had been drafted. The first case took us away out into the country where the young farmer lived with his brother and his brother's wife. He was an exceptionally nice looking boy, intelligent and pleasant, but you could see that he was lonely and dismayed. Only a little while before he had been told for the first time by an army medical board that he was a seriously ill man, and that although he might live many years, he could never again do hard work. He was trying to adjust himself to this news and to his discharge from the army. He was still wearing his army shoes and his army shirt, and he walked like a soldier. I watched the RED CROSS worker at her job; a charming, kindly and sympathetic young woman, and a good psychologist, and as I watched, I saw the young ex-soldier take hold of life again.

It was fine, and it was inspiring, and it was a lesson. And I want to add something about that young farmer, that young ex-soldier. There's an American for you. Politely and smilingly he refused all compensation. Yes, he knew he was entitled to it, but he didn't want it. The government could use the money some-

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Corps Presents Car to County Chapter

Red Cross Vehicle Given in Ceremony Thursday; Ives Praises Efforts of Women

The Moore County Red Cross Motor Corps Thursday afternoon formally presented the county Red Cross station wagon, to be used for various missions of the organization in carrying out its functions.

The presentation was made at the Southern Pines Firehouse, by Mrs. E. L. Ives, captain, county Motor Corps, with members of the Southern Pines Corps present. Immediately following this, the new vehicle and officials went to Pinehurst where the Pinehurst Motor Corps held a similar ceremony.

The Red Cross car was made possible through the efforts of the Southern Pines and Pinehurst groups.

In accepting the present for the county chapter, E. L. Ives, chairman, expressed appreciation for the useful gift and especially thanked Mrs. William J. Kennedy who, he said, "inspired the project and was largely responsible for carrying it through successfully."

Mrs. Kennedy is vice-chairman and adjutant of the county Motor Corps, having been appointed to fill out the term of Miss Harriett Barnum, who resigned.

Presenter and Recipient of "E" Award



GENERAL EUGENE REYBOLD

General Eugene Reybold, chief, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., will make the formal presentation of the Army-Navy Production Award to the J. A. Jones Construction Company at Hoffman Monday. J. A. Jones, president of the Company, will accept the award for his company and sub-contractors. (Photo of General Reybold by U. S. Army Signal Corps.) (Editor's Note: On Page 1, Section 2, is a picture erroneously identified as J. A. Jones. That picture is Edwin L. Jones, secretary-treasurer of the concern, and was identified incorrectly through no fault of THE PILOT.)



J. A. JONES

Ration Board Urges Food Point Budgets

Housewives Advised to Plan Buying in Eight-Day Periods; Large Users to Register

Suggestions for the best use by housewives of food ration points in War Ration Book No. 2 were made this week by the Moore County War Price and Rationing Board, which urged that buying be planned in four eight-day periods during March.

"Housewives (should) budget their points carefully when planning the family shopping," declared George H. Maurice, board chairman. "Each individual has 48 points available for the month of March, and it is suggested that they be spread over four shopping periods of eight days each so as to cover the full 31 days evenly. Otherwise, a shortage may develop during the last few days of the month."

"Of course," Mr. Maurice continued, "this is not practical for people who purchase three or four weeks supply at a time; their problem is how to make the rationed food last for a full period. All are urged to use fresh fruits and vegetables wherever possible, as the whole object of the rationing program is to reduce the consumption of canned and processed foods."

"All institutional and industrial users of coffee, sugar and processed foods are urged to go to the local Rationing Board in Carthage and bring December reports, if they have not as yet filed them with the Board; also inventories of foods on hand at the close of business, February 28, 1943."

The board added a word of caution to motorists seeking tires, saying that the "supply of tires each month is on a quota basis, by different grades, and any certificates issued cannot be changed to some other grade. All certificates remain valid, irrespective of the date issued, when left in the hands of a dealer."

February Weather Went from One Extreme to Other, Fooling Birds, Trees, Flowers

February weather from an extreme cold of 6 degrees to a high of 77 degrees—brought out the redly shining maples and the downy pussy willows. Purple flowers and white candles showed in the green pines, with robins, thrushes, mockers and cardinals busy in the sere gardens. But high winds and below freezing temperatures blasted the daffodils and other hasty blossoms and the song birds gave place once more to the junco's.

However, the high temperatures predominated, the month as a whole registering 5.7 degrees more than the average expectation. Nineteen days were all clear, seven days part cloudy, two days cloudy and four days with rain. Early morning hours of 13 days registered below freezing temperatures with a low of six degrees on the 15th. Afternoon of fifteen days recorded temperature of 60 or more degrees with a

RATION BOARD HOURS

Beginning Monday, March 15, the War Rationing Board offices at Carthage will be open to the public from 1 to 5 p. m. daily, except Tuesdays and Saturdays, when they will be open from 9 a. m. to 12 noon, and then from 1 to 5 p. m. it was announced this week by George H. Maurice, board chairman.

This change in the hours the board's office will be open to the public was made necessary "so that the office force may have time to handle the heavy increase of work due to the new point rationing program, price ceilings, and other government regulations."

Negro Soldier Dies in Stabbing Fracas

Two Held in Local Jail in Connection with Death at West Southern Pines

A Negro soldier and a civilian Negro girl were being held Thursday in Southern Pines jail in connection with the fatal stabbing of a Negro soldier from Camp Mackall during a rumpus at "Mack's Shack" in West Southern Pines Wednesday night.

Night Officer Irvin Morrison and Military Police from Camp Mackall answered a call from West Southern Pines about 9:15 p. m., to investigate report of a fight. When they arrived on the scene, there was no indication of knives or stabbing, but shortly after they arrived, a Negro soldier fell to the ground.

The officers thought at first that he was drunk, but upon turning him over, found that he had been stabbed in the breast. An ambulance was called, but the stabbed man died before he could be taken to the hospital, Morrison said. An inquest was being held late Thursday in Fayetteville, where the body was taken by Army officials. None of the names of those involved were available.

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Coveted Army-Navy "E" to Be Formally Awarded to J. A. Jones Co. Monday

CAMP MACKALL

The Airborne Command Base at Hoffman has been officially designated as Camp Mackall by War Department Order. The order was received at Post Headquarters on March 1st.

It has been named Camp Mackall in honor of the late Private John T. Mackall who was the first American Paratrooper to give his life for his country in the North African Campaign. Before going overseas, Private Mackall served with the Second Battalion of the 503rd Parachute Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, N. C.

"Japan Fooled Us!" Club Speaker Proves

Col. Harry Bennett Pulls Facts and Figures to Follow Growth of Japan to Power

"Japan really fooled us!" declared Col. Harry Bennett, signal officer, Army Air Force Technical Training Command, in a speech before the Sandhills Kiwanis Club Wednesday, and the Colonel, who has been in the Army since 1910, proceeded to lay down facts to prove his opening statement.

In less than 40 years, Japan rose from a small independent nation, not under foreign control, to one of the five great powers in the world, Col. Bennett declared, and she did it without the rest of the world, as a whole, realizing what was going on.

"Japan built a colonial empire and this led to the establishment of a great navy, designed to protect her commerce and to further the progress of economic imperialism."

"Irresponsible"

Calling Japan's government "irresponsible," he declared that this was so because civilians had almost no voice in the government, which was controlled largely by Army and Navy cliques.

Recalling the World War and its aftermath, Col. Bennett said that while Japan played little part in the first world war, she emerged from the war as one of the world's five great powers. She got Germany's colonies in the northern Pacific through mandates and proceeded to make these mandates into airfields.

While pretending good faith, even letting us have Christian missions on these islands, she tightened her holds and prepared, even in 1921, for 1942.

At the Washington Conference on limitation of armaments, Japan held out for a ration of 7 to 5, in favor of Japan. But even after she agreed to a ration of 5 to 3 against her, she proceeded to disguise her ability even to live up to the ration of three capital ships to five for the United States and Britain.

And so the United States sent her scrap iron, sold her other equipment, while the military party put on a great front of not being able to keep up armaments. But when Pearl Harbor came, Japan had the greatest Navy in the world.

Col. Bennett said that Japan's strategy and tactics were equal to ours and that she was one of the toughest opponents we had ever faced in war. While he expressed confidence that we would win in the Pacific, he cautioned:

"You haven't yet been inconvenienced! Don't grumble. Keep in there pitching. But before there is victory, there'll be more sacrifice."

As he concluded, he paid great praise to Norman Shenk and the Central Carolina Telephone company for their cooperation in making possible a vast network of communications which are used by the Command at Knollwood Field. As signal officer, Col. Bennett is in charge of the communications system. He was introduced by Mr. Shenk.

Visitor at the club Wednesday was M. F. Grantham.

General Reybold, Chief U. S. Engineer, Main Speaker; Starts at 4 p. m.

In a full and appropriate ceremony at Camp Mackall at Hoffman Monday afternoon, the coveted Army-Navy Production Award and "E" pennant will be formally presented to the J. A. Jones Construction Company and its sub-contractors for its performance in the erecting of the new Airborne Command post in the Sandhills area.

Announcement of the award for excellence in performance was made last month, but the actual presentation will be made by General Eugene Reybold, chief, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, Washington, D. C., and will be accepted by J. A. Jones, president of company which was the prime contractor.

The ceremonies will commence at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon and will take place in front of the J. A. Jones company's main building on the camp site.

The award was made as a result of the construction of the new camp running six weeks ahead of schedule. The War Department announced the award on February 6 when the following letter was received:

"To the Men and Women of the J. A. Jones Construction Co., Airborne Command Station, Hoffman, North Carolina.

"This is to inform you that the Army and Navy are conferring upon you the Army-Navy Production Award for your fine record in war construction.

"The award consists of a flag to be flown above your project, and a lapel pin which every man and woman working on the project may wear as a symbol of high contribution to American freedom.

"This award is your nation's tribute to your patriotism and to your great work in backing up our soldiers on the fighting fronts. I have full confidence that your present high achievement is indicative of what you will do in the future.

"Sincerely yours,
(Signed) Robert P. Patterson
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Under Secretary of War"

Still Work to be Done

Although there is still work to be finished at the Camp, just named Camp Mackall, the project is running six weeks ahead of schedule. There are to be about 1,750 buildings—barracks, mess halls, recreation centers, administrative buildings, hospitals and every other type of construction which makes up an independent Army camp. John D. Pellett has been project manager of the construction for the Jones company and many sub-contractors, who have done specialized work, will share in the "E" award honors.

The ceremonies Monday will begin with band music and the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by employees and guests, to be followed by the raising of the American Flag by the Post Color Guard. Army and Navy guests will be introduced and then General Reybold will be introduced and will make the speech of presentation.

The Army-Navy "E" Flag will be awarded by General Reybold to J. A. Jones of Charlotte, president of the Jones construction company, and to F. J. Bell of Charlotte, one of the oldest employees of the company.

The Army-Navy "E" Flag will then be raised over the company's headquarters by the Post Color Guard, after which Mr. Jones will accept the Award.

Capt. A. T. Clay, U. S. Navy, Durham, N. C., will then be introduced and he will make the presentation of the Army-Navy E pins to Mr. Jones and Mr. Bell, who will accept the award on behalf of the company's employees.

The ceremony will close with the singing of "America," and an exhibition parachute jump by members of the Parachute Divisions, to be stationed at Camp Mackall. There will also be a regimental parade to conclude the afternoon's ceremonies.

Officials of the J. A. Jones company will entertain visiting dignitaries at the Pinehurst Country Club Monday for luncheon.