

Home Service Chairman Reports on County Activities

Mrs. James D. R. mley, Beaufort, home service chairman for the County Red Cross Chapter, has released a report on Red Cross "home service" activities. She also describes Red Cross responsibility in this field in her report below:

From the first of July 1955 through February 1956 our local chapter has handled 120 cases. These cases cover about all the services that Home Service offers. We are interested in the problems and attempt to give prompt and sympathetic service.

These are the last three cases we have had, as examples: A serviceman's wife is greatly distressed because she has not heard from her husband who is overseas. Red Cross will locate him and report to us what has happened.

A mother knows her son has been hospitalized but has not heard from him in three weeks. Red Cross will get a report from the hospital for her.

A family in Providence, R. I., was expecting their son to be discharged from the Marine Corps the 16th of March and to come home. The family has heard nothing from him and do not know where he is. Red Cross has reported that he was discharged on schedule but did not leave here until late afternoon of the 17th and was likely held up by the bad weather.

121 Requests
In addition to the above cases, we had 121 requests for health and welfare reports during and following the hurricanes in the fall. We are not allowed to count these as cases although they often consume much time and alleviate anxiety when communications are out of order.

Congressional statutes obligate the American Red Cross to furnish volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of the armed forces, and to provide a medium of communication between the people and their armed forces. These general purposes are explicitly defined in the regulations of the armed forces.

Home Service is the program through which the American Red Cross carries out in communities this responsibility to service men and veterans and their dependents, and to the dependents of deceased service men and veterans.

This service is organized and available to every section of our country through local chapters and to military installations at home and abroad through field directors.

Armed Services Aid
The American Red Cross national organization and chapters have a primary responsibility to provide Home Service as a well-rounded program of service to members of the armed forces and their families. This includes the following specific functions:

1. Counseling in personal and family problems. This service is an integral part of all other functions of Home Service.
 2. Reporting and communication service, including reports and social histories needed by the military authorities, verification of need for emergency leave.
 3. Assistance in applying for government benefits.
 4. Referral service through which applicants to the Red Cross may be informed of and assisted in the utilization of other available resources.
 5. Financial assistance on basis of need.
- The American Red Cross provides to former members of the



Not One Carteret Windmill Survives in County Today

By F. C. SALISBURY

In the latter part of the past century, 20 windmills for the grinding of corn and grains were scattered throughout Carteret County. Every settlement had one or more of these crude "power-houses," so essential for the supplying of family needs. Not one remains in the county to serve even as a museum piece.

Windmills, as a means for producing power, came into general use in America as early as 1640, the method being brought from Holland by the Dutch. Although wind-powered mills were designed for riverless areas, they had the advantage over waterwheel mills in that they could operate even when water froze.

New England windmills, many of which have been preserved as tourist attractions, are most interesting in construction. Built tapering, six-sided, two stories high, they have a revolving dome which contains the main axle to which the four wings are attached.

The dome operates on a track so that the wings or propeller can be brought into the wind. On the main axle is a large gear wheel, meshed with the upright shaft on the end of which is fastened the runner stone.

The wing-like propellers are so arranged that they can be adjusted to the velocity of the wind. In this style of mill the grind stones rest on the ground.

Pictures of the mills built and operated in this county show they were not so elaborate in design as the New England ones. A building large enough to contain the millstones with sufficient working and storage space was mounted on a rigid tripod, high enough from the ground for the wings to clear.

The large center post of the tri-

lever contraption raised the stairs when it was necessary to turn the millhouse.

Solid Construction
These old millhouses were of most solid and rigid construction, for the crude driving power was far from smooth and quiet running. From the millstones of these power houses came a grade of corn meal that cannot be surpassed today.

Older persons of the county can recall that the best corn meal came from a mill where the meal had not been scorched by fast grinding. When meal is fresh from slow-turning stones, "as warm as from the underside of a settin' hen," it makes the best corn bread.

Most of these early mills were built near the coast, for from that source the wind was most apt to be blowing. If a family was out of meal, it was a calamity when a stretch of calm weather struck the coast. Mills were operated on the toll system, taking one-eighth from the half bushel measure for the mill's share.

Besides the grinding of grains, where salt was being manufactured along the coast windmills were put into use to operate the pumps that supplied the settling tanks with seawater.

For several years, Allen Taylor of Sea Level has been trying to interest either the State Historical Society or some other organization to build one of these old-time windmills as a tourist attraction as well as a museum piece of bygone days.

His knowledge of the construction of windmills of former days would be valuable assistance in constructing one of these early power-houses.

Soup at Wholesale
Fairgrove, Mich. (AP) — Bean soup—400 gallons of it—is dished out each year to the thousands of persons who attend the annual Fairgrove Bean Festival. The village is in the heart of Michigan's bean country.

Wrong Timing
Bartow, Fla. (AP)—Looking for a suspected moonshiner, state beverage agents stopped at his house and were told by a small boy: "You can't see my Daddy now. He just left with some 'shine'."

Legislators Propose to Cut Accidents With Horn

Phoenix, Ariz. (AP)—When two state legislators introduced a novel proposal to cut the auto accident rate, their colleagues called it a sound idea. They proposed that all cars be equipped with a device to sound a car's horn after it reaches the 70-mile-an-hour mark. The horn would keep on blasting until the car slowed down.



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Sculptor Offers Gifts to College

Williamsburg, Va. (AP)—Busts of John Marshall, George Wythe and William Blackstone by Sculptor Felix G. W. deWeldon have been offered as a gift to the College of William and Mary School of Government.

The Virginia Art Commission says they "lack sufficient artistic merit." Virginia's governor told the college it couldn't accept them without approval of the Art Commission.

Then someone suggested the college accept them, not as a gift but as a permanent loan. That got around the law, but the governor has a bill before him to put a two-year limit on art loans.

Sculptor deWeldon, who did a famous statue of the Marines raising the Iwo Jima flag says: "It makes no difference to me. Time will rectify this and people with better judgment will come along. My work is recognized around the world."

American Travelers
Stonington, Conn. (AP) — The first United States ship to carry the flag around the world with an all-American crew was the Betsy of Stonington, Edmund Fanning master, which made a voyage to China in 1797-99, say marine historians.

March 23 — Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Carraway were in Raleigh recently on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thompson of Durham spent last week here with Mrs. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Garner.

Mrs. Jason Mann and little son of Greensboro spent Friday here with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Mann.

Dalton B. Rhue of Burlington, N. C., spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Rhue.

Mrs. Parker Guthrie and Mrs. Sammy Barnes accompanied Mrs. Robert Laughton of Morehead City to Durham for the weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Henderson, Miss Justine Henderson and Douglas Henderson spent Sunday in Wilson.

Larry Howard, who attends school in Gastonia, is spending several days at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Henderson spent Sunday in Hubert.

Mrs. Jack Howard and little son, Douglas, spent Monday in Morehead City.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Ira Garner were business visitors in New Bern Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Connie Adams of Chester, Va., visited the J. Wiley Adams' last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milton Meares of Richmond, Va., returned home after spending the weekend here with Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Meares.

Mrs. C. M. Hill and Mrs. Walter D. Heath shopped in New Bern Tuesday.

Roy T. Garner and Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Rhue visited Lt. Commander and Mrs. Lewis Lee Edwards in Falls Church, Va., last week. Mrs. Pearl Garner returned home with them.

L. G. Lewis entered a hospital in Norfolk, Va., Friday for an operation. Mrs. Lewis, who was with him, returned to her home here Sunday.

Tony C. Hill was a business visitor in New Bern Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gould and boys, Bobby and Butch, and Miss Lucille Gould went to Raleigh Sunday to carry Jimmy Gould who had been visiting his grandparents here.

Mrs. Nora Garner and Mrs. Robert G. Parish spent Tuesday shopping in New Bern.

Mrs. John Bell Kelly shopped in New Bern Tuesday.

Edward Earl Carraway returned to State College, Raleigh, after the weekend here.

W. D. Heath Jr. and son, Duffy, went to Rocky Mount Tuesday to get David Heath, who had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Heath for two weeks.

Bridge Club

Miss Agnes Quinn was hostess to the Friday evening bridge club at the home of Mrs. M. C. Howard. Mrs. Howard was high scorer and Mrs. W. J. Kirby second high. Mrs. Salon Perkins won both low and bingo. Colas and nuts were served during play and ice cream, cake and coffee at the end of the game.

Birthday Celebrated

Twenty-one young friends helped Bobby Gould celebrate his ninth birthday last Thursday afternoon from four to six. Games were enjoyed, and favors of paper hats, poppers and bubble gum created much fun. Bobby received many gifts, and refreshments of potato chips, cake and drinks were enjoyed by all.

Report Asked On Polar Bear

Norfolk, Va. (AP)—Across the crackling wastes of an arctic Navy operation area the USS Rushmore messaged: "Desire daily polar bear report at your earliest convenience."

The USS Lindenwald, a landing ship, dock, like the Rushmore, replied: "Herded bear to within 50 feet of well several times but bear proved more agile than LCVP (landing craft, vehicle-personnel)."

Later the Rushmore pursued the matter further: "Re polar bear report, please keep us advised all bear episodes; odds quoted 10 to one on bear with few takers."

Crew members of the Lindenwald related the bear story on their return from the far north unloading operation. It seems an inquisitive polar bear nosed up to a porthole of a small craft, a cook sounded the tally-ho and landing craft churned out of the well deck of the LSD in pursuit of the bear.

Members of the crew also related that even a losing bear hunt is something extra special in an area where there isn't too much else going on.



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