

## To Explain Farm Bill To Farmers Before Voting

Brunswick County Meeting Is Scheduled To Be Held On Thursday, March 10, At Supply

### SPECIALIST WILL SPEAK ON PROGRAM

Cotton and Tobacco Referenda Will Be Held On Saturday, March 12; Farmers Urged To Cast Vote

E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive director at State College, has announced the complete schedule of farmer meetings to be held in connection with the cotton and tobacco referenda. Brunswick county farmers will gather in Supply on Thursday, March 10, to hear details of the farm program explained by L. L. Nicholson, of the AAA State office.

Eighty of North Carolina's 100 counties will be affected. The remaining twenty counties are located in the mountainous section of the State where either little or none of the two crops is grown.

Floyd explained that office workers connected with the county agent in administering the program will meet during the morning previous to the mass meeting to have provisions of the act explained to them.

The cotton and tobacco referenda will be held March 12. On that date farmers will vote for or against marketing quotas on the two crops in 1938. If two-thirds or more of the farmers vote favorably for quotas, restrictions will be clamped on the crops this year.

For flue-cured tobacco, the quota will be set in pounds. North Carolina's allotment will probably be between 450,000 and 500,000 pounds, Floyd said.

Cotton will be handled differently. North Carolina lint growers already have an allotment of 22,525 acres, and they will be allowed to produce all the cotton they can on these acres without penalty.

## Little Bits Of Big News

News Events Of State, Nation and World-Wide Interest During Past Week

### Improving

The recovery of General John J. Pershing from a grave illness depends on the ability of a weak and badly damaged heart to keep pumping large amounts of fluid his physician said Tuesday. "If the heart is able to do this, the general can get well," said Dr. Roland Davison in an official bulletin, in which Lt. Col. S. U. Marietta, army consultant, concurred.

### Poet Dies

Gabriele D'Annunzio, Italy's great warrior-poet, symbol of Italian nationalism and president of the Academy of Italy, died unexpectedly Tuesday in his Villa Vittoriale. A cerebral hemorrhage caused his death. He would have been 75 years old March 12. The body of the great warrior-poet, who defied his own government to capture and hold Fiume after the World War and who later became a symbol of the nationalist dreams of fascism, lay Tuesday in the death chamber he built for himself in his Villa on the shores of Lake Garda.

### German Defiance

Germany's only active field marshal, Hermann Wilhelm Goering, Tuesday rattled the saber in best Prussian fashion as he warned that the Reich's air force was ready to protect the "ten millions of Germans on our borders." If Premier Milan Hodza of Czechoslovakia, which has 3,500,000 Germans, and Chancellor Kurt Schuschnigg of Austria, which has about 6,500,000, did not hear him, it was not his fault. His defiant address commemorating the third anniversary of the air force, which he as minister created, was broadcast.

## Ft. Caswell Pool Is Popular



**BATHERS**—The hot-water pool at Fort Caswell is a popular place for off-season swimmers. Above, left to right, are shown Marion Frink, Doris Corlette, Wilmo Barnette and Mercedes Watts, four comely Southport mermaids.

## Hot Water Well Continues As A Sunday Attraction

Number Of Fort Caswell Visitors Sunday Probably Outnumbered Record Crowd Of Previous Sunday

Several Visitors Sunday Brought Along Bottles And Jugs, Apparently Intent Upon Testing Water

Sunday was another big day in the history of Ft. Caswell, and it is probable that last week's record crowd of motorists was more than equaled.

The four-star attraction was, of course, Caswell's far-famed hot water well (plus the prospect of another prelude of March mermaids). Weather that had been cold and threatening all week cleared up early Sunday, and the logical place for pa and ma and all the kids to go was to Ft. Caswell.

News that the warm, artesian flow over at the abandoned government reservation actually does contain healthful properties evidently has spread abroad, for it was no unusual sight Sunday to see persons filling jugs and bottles at the shower.

Presiding as master of ceremonies at the spray was W. B. Keziah, propagandist extraordinary, who, like a barker as a county fair, extolled the virtues of the mineral water. "Twill cure everything from dog mangle to the sins of childhood," he promised, and there was a growing demand for free samples.

The general attitude of the visitors was one of amazement at the possibilities of development. They apparently appreciated, too, the unhampered freedom of the place, and the absolute absence of commercialism. They seemed to realize that Caswell is dealing in futures.

## Seven Cases Are Tried Wednesday

Numerous Offenses Included In Actions Disposed Of Here Before Judge John B. Ward In Brunswick County Recorder's Court

Seven cases, covering a wide variety of offenses, were disposed of here in Recorder's court last Wednesday before Judge John B. Ward.

Henry Hickman and Charlie Simmons, white, pleaded guilty to charges of assault. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Sam Farrow, white, pleaded guilty to charges of trespass and his judgment, too, was suspended upon payment of the costs.

James Jenkins, colored, was found of a similar offense and his punishment was the same.

G. D. Perkins, colored, was found not guilty to charges of (Continued on page 4.)

## Already Planning First Gulf Stream Trip Of Year

Wilmington and Southport are both preparing for the Gulf Stream fishing season. Southport being the main expedition headquarters, although many parties will form at Wilmington and come through here.

Conferences were held in Wilmington Friday between the Civic Club secretary and the Gulf Stream committee of the New Hanover Fishing Club. It was assured on both sides that there would be the heartiest cooperation. The undertaking to acquaint sportsmen all over the country with the fact that the best of big game fishing may be had here will be carried on mutually.

B. F. Ozment, publicity director for the New Hanover Fishing Club, is already busily engaged in sending out several letters to distant sportsmen, telling them all about the local fishing and inviting them to join in the parties. The Southern Civic Club is pursuing a like course and has given an order for the printing of 5,000 mailing cards that will be sent out, starting the last of this week.

T. I. Watkins, A. D. Caswell and Geo. B. Canady, all on the Gulf Stream fishing committee for the New Hanover organization, are deeply interested. But they are not exceptions, the whole of the several hundred Wilmington sportsmen are on their toes for the beginning of the season.

Tentatively, the first expedition will sail from Southport about March 10th. It is not planned to enlist a great number of sportsmen for this event. The plans are simply to take a couple of boats with six sportsmen and a camera man out on board each craft. They will go to points near the Gulf Stream and if they find the fish are running it is the plan for (Continued on page 4.)

## Red Cross Roll Call Reported

Final Figures For This Past Campaign Have Been Forwarded To Headquarters By The Rev. A. L. Brown

There are ninety-four members of the American Red Cross in Brunswick county according to the report of the last membership campaign recently announced by the Rev. A. L. Brown, chairman.

"Our greatest strength lay in the schools," said the local Baptist minister. "Every school in the county was what we call 'one hundred per cent.' That is, every grade in every consolidated school became a member of the Red Cross."

The work of Mrs. Boyd Moore, one of the assistants to Southport Chairman Mrs. J. W. Ruark, deserves special recognition, according to Mr. Brown. Miss Catherine Fullwood also rendered valuable service.

## To Construct Fire Tower

Work will begin immediately on the construction of a new fire tower on the Makatoka-Bolton road. It will be of wood construction, and will be located about one mile from the Columbus county line.

## Boards Approve Plans For Farm School Program

Vocational Agriculture Department For Waccamaw High School For Next Year Is Assured

### DISTRICT DIRECTOR ATTENDS MEETING

Commissioners Include Item Of Expense In Plans For Budget For Next Fiscal Year

N. B. Chesnut, of Whiteville, district director of vocational agriculture, attended a joint meeting of members of the county commissioners and the county board of education here Monday and told members of those two groups that a vocational agriculture teacher would be made available for work in Brunswick county beginning with the next school term.

Members of the board of county commissioners passed a resolution to include in the budget for the next fiscal year an item of expense sufficient to cover the cost of the erection of a vocational agriculture building and shop at Waccamaw. And resolution to make this a WPA project already has been made out.

This will be the first vocational agriculture class in the county, but there are definite plans to expand the program to include at least two other schools.

Members of the board approved a request to recommend to the state highway commission that it take over the maintenance of the old Fayetteville road in Northwest township.

The commissioners authorized the employment of J. C. Wright in the Bald Head Island matter. A remittance of \$34,368.73 was made to the Harris Trust and Savings Bank, of Chicago, to retire interest coupons maturing between April 1, 1931, and September 30, 1932, in connection with the Brunswick county debt service.

## Encouragement Is Seen In Regards To County Roads

Information From Reliable Source Indicates That At Least Three Much-Needed Projects Will Receive Attention

### WORK HAS BEGUN ON ROUTE NO. 130

Three Bridge Projects, All Of Them Affecting The School Children, To Receive Immediate Attention

From a reliable source comes information that at least three much-needed and bridge projects in this county will soon receive attention.

Work on a bridge over Calabash river, near the South Carolina line, already has been completed so that it is now safe for use by school buses.

Cresote piling already is on hand for repairs to the second bridge between the inland waterway and Caswell Beach. This bridge has been condemned for use by school buses.

Another project affecting the safety of school children will be the erection of a walkway over the Shallotte river bridge. This is expected to be started before the end of this month.

Work already has begun on another section of the Shallotte-Whiteville highway. This project will begin in Columbus county and will extend to Old Dock. It will leave a little more than eighteen miles of unpaved road between Whiteville and Shallotte.

## Beloved Woman Passes Sunday

Mrs. Annie L. Ferguson, 80, Died At Her Home Sunday Evening Following Extended Illness

Mrs. Annie L. Ferguson died Sunday evening at her home here following an illness of several months' duration.

The deceased, who was eighty-years-old, was one of Southport's best beloved citizens. Up until a short time before her death she retained a remarkable memory of things that had transpired in this community during the past three-score years, and she took an unending delight in recalling the glory of the past.

She was a loyal member of the Trinity Methodist church, and was for over fifty years a member of the Methodist Women's Missionary Society. She was a charter member of Endeavor chapter of Kings Daughters.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Ada Morse, of Southport, and a grand daughter, Mrs. Park Winslow, of New York City.

The funeral services were conducted Tuesday afternoon from the Trinity Methodist church, with the Rev. E. M. Hall in charge, assisted by the Rev. C. N. Phillips. The body was laid to rest in the family plot of the Southport cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: Joel Moore, John Boyd Finch, R. C. St. George, C. Ed. Taylor, J. J. Ramseur and Rudolph Saunders. Honorary pallbearers were: Captain W. C. Thompson, R. F. Plaxco, I. B. Bussells, W. E. Doshier, J. Berg, Captain J. B. Church and C. M. Crapon.

## Contributions For Gymnasium

Splendid Response From Patrons And Friends Of Bolivia High School Help Secure Lumber

Considerable lumber for construction of the Bolivia high school gymnasium already is on the grounds and enough other material already has been promised.

Under the direction of Coach Ealo Cesserao, thorough canvass was made of the community. (Continued on page four)

## Boy To Return To Reformatory

Burriss Bozeman, of Shallotte, who escaped several weeks ago from Jackson Training School, at Concord, was in the hands of Welfare Officer C. C. Russ on Tuesday and will be returned to the Concord institution.

## Fair Luck For Local Boatmen

Thirty-five or more trawlers are making fair to good wages and expenses this week with combined catches of shrimp and fish. S. I. Burriss, who operates one of the four buying houses now open, had fourteen boats working Monday and Tuesday. Other buying houses also had goodly numbers of boats.

## Tells Tale Of Captain John William Anderson

Picture Recalls Tale Of Heroic Action Of Pilot John William Anderson, Of Civil War Fame

### STORY HAS BEEN SPREAD ABROAD

Released Through State News Bureau, This True Story Of Civil War Bravery Will Appear In Many Aapers

A picture and story, shortly to be released to northern and southern newspapers from the local Civic Club by a cooperating agency, will be of a lot of interest to Southport people.

The picture shows the old New Inlet lighthouse, on the river two miles above Southport. The lighthouse is shown as it looks today.

The story has to do with the lighthouse as it was during the Civil War when New Inlet, just opposite the lighthouse, and the West Entrances, at Bald Head lighthouse, were both important channels into the Cape Fear.

Of chief interest, however, is the story of the blockade runner, Mary Celeste and her memorable trip to Nassau in charge of Pilot John William Anderson.



As is already pretty well known, the Mary Celeste got through the blockade despite being discovered and fired upon during her outward bound voyage. At Nassau Pilot Anderson was stricken with yellow fever, and he lay on his bunk dying as she approached the Cape Fear on her return journey at the dead of night.

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## Basketball Tournament Will Be Held Next Week

Northern Lights Pool Reporter

In Wilmington there is a man who, through repeated contacts with County Forest Warden Dawson Jones, has become very much interested in the forest protection program in Brunswick. Consequently when he sees a dull, red glow down this way, he makes a nelevator trip to the top of the Murchison Building to see if it is a forest fire. If it is, he immediately calls Warden Jones.

Several weeks ago the Brunswick county fire warden had an excited call from his friend. "There's a big fire in the northern end of your territory," he said. Warden Jones wasted no time getting started, but search as he may, he was unable to sight a blaze. It was not until the next day when he read reports of the aurora borealis that he understood the reason for his wild-goose-chase.

## Southport Will Be Host To Annual Brunswick County High School Tournament, Which Opens On Monday

PAIRINGS MADE FOR ALL GAMES

Tournament Will Be Run Off In Two Days, Necessitating Two For One Of Finalists On Same Day

The annual Brunswick County high school basketball tournament will be played in the Southport gymnasium Monday and Tuesday.

High school coaches and principals met Monday afternoon and mapped out the tournament schedule. Deaf ears were turned to the proposal that the number of teams in each division be limited to four; and a proposal to run the tournament for three days in an effort to avoid the necessity of two games for one team on Tuesday also was voted down.

As a consequence, one of the finalists in each division will enter Tuesday night's championship game after already playing in the afternoon, and will face a fresh opponent.

Bolivia, defending champions in the girls division, has another good team this year. Their crown will be threatened by a fine team from Waccamaw and a determined bunch of lassies from Shallotte.

Waccamaw boys have been carrying on their winning ways this season and promise to be strong enough to more than hold their own against Leland and Bolivia, their principal antagonists.

The bracket below probably will explain the pairing and time of games better than it can be done in English.

## Three Men Toss Hats Into Ring

Another Candidate For Coroner, Another Sheriff Candidate And An Addition To Commissioners

The political pot brews warmer and warmer week by week in Brunswick county, and since last Wednesday three more men have announced their intention to seek nomination in the Democratic primary in June.

Wrent Mintz, well-known farmer of the Freeland section, will oppose Sheriff J. A. Russ and Dillon Ganey.

Coroner John G. Cason will have opposition from Drew Long of Shallotte, who has announced his intention to seek the nomination.

Latest addition to the race for county commissioner is Roland Mintz, a citizen of the Grissett

## PAIRINGS FOR TOURNAMENT

BOYS	
SOUTHPORT	Tuesday, 4:00
LELAND	
BOLIVIA	Tuesday, 7:30
Monday, 8:30	
SHALLOTTE	
WACCAMAW	
Monday, 7:30	
BOLIVIA	
SHALLOTTE	
Monday, 3:00	
SOUTHPORT	
WACCAMAW	
LELAND	Tuesday, 3:00

## Fisheries Man Discusses The Fish Industry

Says That Sport Fishing Is Definitely Tied In With Commercial Fishing On Coast

### CHIEF WORK HAS BEEN WITH SHAD

Impressed With Sport Fishing Possibilities Off Southport, Especially In Gulf Stream

H. L. Canfield of the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C., was here Saturday and had a conference with the Civic Club relative to the fishing industry.

Mr. Canfield stated that it was hard to divorce sport from commercial fishing. In fact the commercial and sport fishing are very much dependent on each other. The sport fishing gives employment to men and boats at times when there is no commercial fishing to engage in. "Therefore," he said, "both the Federal Bureau and the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development are very much interested in the sport fishing off Southport."

His work, recently, has been in connection with the shad fishing industry, and he is still engaged in this. He presented the cause of the shad fishermen on the Cape Fear and other eastern Carolina rivers in a very interesting light. He described how some communities were literally dependent on these fish for considerable periods in the late winter and early spring, sportsmen often coming hundreds of miles for shad dinners and, in addition to paying the high price that the fish command, they also spend other money in the communities.

Mr. Canfield stated that a few days ago Captain John Nelson, N. C. Fisheries commissioner, was discussing the sport or recreational side of fishing here at Southport and at other points on the coast and was very much interested in the development because it meant so much to the boatmen and others in the communities in which it was carried on.

The Civic Club plans to enlist the aid of both the Federal and State Bureau in the development of the wonderful sport fishing at Southport, especially that part (Continued on Page 4)

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, March 3	
8:21 a. m.	2:26 p. m.
8:37 p. m.	3:41 p. m.
Friday, March 4	
8:59 a. m.	3:05 a. m.
9:18 p. m.	3:18 p. m.
Saturday, March 5	
9:42 a. m.	3:45 a. m.
10:02 p. m.	3:56 p. m.
Sunday, March 6	
10:30 a. m.	4:28 a. m.
10:52 p. m.	4:36 p. m.
Monday, March 7	
11:23 a. m.	5:13 a. m.
11:46 p. m.	5:21 p. m.
Tuesday, March 8	
12:22 p. m.	6:19 a. m.
	6:27 p. m.
Wednesday, March 9	
0:46 a. m.	7:32 a. m.
1:27 p. m.	7:42 p. m.