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Southport May Be Site For Construction Of \$265,000 Worth Government Barges

McMillan, Of Wilmington, Is Successful According To Announcement From Washington

Believed Likely That Wilmington Man Will Win On Construction Work At Southport

Associated with an Associated appearing in this morning's Wilmington Star Finley McMillan of Wilmington is one of the bidders on a government contract for the construction of 20 wooden barges for use in the inland waterway.

The approximate dimension of the barges are 18x60 feet, and it is necessary for the successful bidder to make delivery at New Orleans or Mobile. It is specified that delivery of the barges must be made within 90 days and the last within 120 days from the date of the award of bids and their delivery.

McMillan, Wilmington, N. C., at \$5,300; Thomas Marbury Co., Inc., Norfolk, Va., at \$5,300; Epsy Paving and Construction Co., Savannah, Ga., at \$5,300.

Behind this story is the fact that it is of interest to the State Highway Commission and Brunswick County. W. B. Keziah, secretary of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, learned several days ago about the contract for the barges and immediately wrote the Highway Commission for information.

McMillan has been successful in securing the contract for the construction of 20 wooden barges for use in the inland waterway. The barges are to be built at Southport for delivery to New Orleans or Mobile. The contract is for \$265,000.

Highway Commission Decides About Span

New Steel Bridge Over Inland Waterway Will Be Located At Site Of Present Crossing, According To Report

ROAD TO BEACH TO BE RESURFACED

This Is In Lieu Of The Proposed New Causeway And Bridge Direct From Southport To Caswell

It was reliably reported here this week that the State Highway Commission is making plans for the immediate construction of a new bridge over the inland waterway at the site of the present pontoon draw bridge.

Estimated cost of the new structure, which is to be of steel, is \$110,000.00, and in addition to this work it is understood that the highway commission will resurface the present road with the idea of making it suitable for heavy traffic. Estimated cost of the resurfacing is \$200,000.00.

These changes are being made with the idea of affording better and more reliable transportation facilities for Caswell Section Base. Original surveys and estimates were for a new causeway and bridge directly from Southport to the base, but investigation showed the cost of this proposition was too high.

Inheritance For Former Resident

Officials in Los Angeles, California, last week queried the local Chamber of Commerce in an effort to locate relatives of Lottie McNally, who as a widow, Lottie Smith, married Captain Edward M. Gaul at Southport on April 26th, 1901. Her first husband was a John Smith and she was 29-years of age at the time of her second marriage to Captain Gaul, according to records in the court house here.

There are numerous John Smiths in the marriage records of this county, but none of them are listed as having married a Lottie McNally. It is supposed here that she was reared elsewhere and married a John Smith in some other county, afterwards coming here and marrying Captain Gaul. It is understood that there is an estate to be settled with her relatives, if they can be found. The local organization will be glad of any information regarding Lottie McNally-Smith-Gaul.

Desertion Is Serious Offense

Men Who Desert From U. S. Armed Force Voluntarily Relinquish Rights Of Citizenship

General J. Van B. Metts, State Director of Selective Service, announced today that under the provisions of Federal law (RS 1996 and 1998; Sec. 1, Act of August 22, 1912 (37 Stat. 356) 8 USC 11; 34 USC 1200), all persons who desert the military service in time of war are deemed to have voluntarily relinquished and forfeited their rights of citizenship, as well as their rights to become citizens.

Such deserters are forever ineligible for citizenship.

February 16th Designated As Day For Registration

WASHINGTON — President Roosevelt, mustering the nation's manpower for "final and complete" defeat of the Axis, today ordered men between the ages of 20 and 44, inclusive, to register on February 16 for active military duty.

The order, issued under the amended Selective Service Act, will create a new reservoir of 10,000,000 men from which fighting forces can be drawn for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps.

Inductions will be covered by the rapidity with which the draft can be equipped and housed.

The revised Selective Service Act requires the registration of men between the ages of 18 and 64, inclusive. It subjects only those who have passed their 20th birthday, but not yet reached 45 to active service. Those between 20 and 44, inclusive, are liable for noncombatant work. They will be registered later.

Not all eligibles between 20 and 44, inclusive, will be required to register under today's order.

THOSE EXEMPT

The 17,500,000 men between the ages of 21 and 35 who registered on the first call issued on October 16, 1941, are exempt.

Meeting Is Set Tomorrow Nite To Start Class

Mrs. L. C. Fergus, R. N., who volunteered to teach the course to train nurses' aids for the American Red Cross, has called a meeting for tomorrow (Thursday) evening in the Brunswick county courthouse for the purpose of organizing a class in home nursing.

Both the course in home nursing and for nurses' aids will be conducted under the auspices of the Brunswick County Chapter, American Red Cross. All those who are interested, regardless of where they may live, should attend this meeting, which will be largely for the purpose of explaining the course.

New Bridge To Be Built Over Brunswick River

District Engineers Ask For Objections To Proposal To Erect A New And Broader Span This Side Of Wilmington

TO MAKE HIGHWAY NUMBER 17 SAFER

Hearing Scheduled At Request Of State Highway Commission, who Plans Improvement

A modern, wider highway bridge to replace the present narrow structure over the Brunswick river on U. S. Highway 17 three miles west of Wilmington has been proposed by the state highway department, it was revealed last week.

Building of the new bridge is a part of the state highway department's present program of highway widening and modernization over the state. When completed, the new bridge will materially facilitate the flow of traffic on U. S. 17, one of the chief transportation links between Wilmington and the south and west.

Since the beginning of the defense program, the highway has been under constant use by a heavy flow of traffic, day and night.

Application for a permit to replace the present river bridge and to build a temporary bridge, 35 feet up stream from the present bridge, has been filed with the U. S. District Engineer office here.

According to the plans submitted by the state highway department, the new bridge will have a fixed span with a horizontal clearance of 44 feet and a vertical clearance of 8.3 feet above mean low water in the river.

The temporary bridge will be a fixed span structure with a horizontal clearance of 15.5 feet and a vertical clearance of 8.3 feet, above mean low water.

A public hearing, for the purpose of receiving criticism and suggestions concerning the construction of the two bridges, from the standpoint of navigation, will be conducted by the Engineer office in the U. S. courthouse of the customhouse here at 11 a. m. on Jan. 9.

For accuracy of records all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, in advance to the Engineer office here, or handed in at the hearing. All interested persons are invited to attend.

Boys And Girls Back To School

College Students Have Returned To Their Respective Institutions Following Christmas Vacation

The following girls and boys have returned to their respective colleges and universities after spending the Christmas holidays here with their parents:

Misses Josephine Moore and Victoria Lancaster, Greensboro College; Miss Doris Corlette, Atlantic Christian College; Miss Wilma Barnett, East Carolina Teachers College; Miss Marion Frink, Lenoir-Rhyne; Miss Mary Dick Cannon, University of North Carolina; Harold Aldridge, Wake Forest College; Edward Taylor, Davidson College.

Numerous other boys and girls from other communities in the county have returned to the various institutions for their college work.

New Postmaster Begins At Supply

Miss Lottie Jane Frink Takes Over Duties Of Office From Douglas Hawes, Acting Postmaster

The appointment of Miss Lottie Jane Frink as postmaster at Supply has recently been confirmed by the United States Senate and she has taken over the duties of that office.

She succeeds Douglas Hawes, who was filling the position as acting postmaster.

During the period that the latter served the postoffice was located in the R. Galloway store at Supply. The office is now quartered in a new building fronting on U. S. Highway No. 17, that was especially constructed for the purpose.

This Is Season For Making Fire Lanes On Farm

Recent Rains Make This A Bad Time For Plowing Fields And Good Time For Building Fire Lanes

LITTLE CARE NOW SAVES BIG WORRY

Combination Of Plowed And Burned Fire Lanes Will Protect Timber Later In Year

Following the recent rains that have filled the streams and soaked the lands there is, for the moment, very little danger from forest fires. Still that season of the year when winds and possible dry weather will bring real danger is near.

Practically all Brunswick county land owners now regard their growing young timber as a real farm crop. Despite this realization of woods being a crop and its value, too few of the land owners are disposed to put in the little work that is necessary to safeguard the crop from woods fires.

This may be due to the fact that when the ground and woods are wet there is very little danger. When it is dry the farmers and land owners are too busy with other crops to put in the work that results in the difference between saving and losing a valuable crop of woods product.

County Forest Warden Dawson Jones was in town last night and talking about the importance of the woods crop, he said that right now was the time when land owners ought to be using their tractors or other plows to cut fire lanes that will stand against dry weather and the windy days that are sure to come a little later when the farmers will be busier and cannot take time out for such work.

On most farms it is too wet to plow now, but for the purpose of constructing fire lanes in the woods plows can be used without damage to the soil. Choice stands of young timber, and in fact all young timber, should be protected as well as possible against the coming of dry and windy weather. While the woods are as damp as they are it is possible to triple the protection with only a moderate use of the plow and the burning off on additional space as backing to the plowed lane. With things as they now are, the decayed matter on the ground will burn slowly and without much danger of the fire getting away or doing damage to the trees in the comparatively narrow swathe that should be burned.

In spite of the lessened danger in burning such lanes during the damp weather, it is advisable, says Mr. Jones, to burn the lanes in the late afternoons and early nights. There is usually very little wind at such times and this greatly reduces the possible danger of the flames spreading.

In addition, if it is possible to do so, it is always advisable to burn the lanes against the wind, even if the wind be ever so light. A fire going against the wind is much safer and it creates so little heat that it does no damage and can be extinguished easily when a sufficient area has been burned over to afford protection.

The warden was very much sold on the need of the land owners realizing fully what a valuable crop they have in their woods and on the need of everything possible being done right now, under the present favorable conditions, to protect this woods crop against the time, a little later in the year, when it will be in great danger.

Seven Cases In Recorder's Court

Monday Saw A Number Of Interesting Cases Tried Before Judge Walter M. Stanaland

In Recorder's Court here Monday seven cases were heard by Judge Walter M. Stanaland.

Ruby Tilson, white, pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving and speeding and was given 30 days on the roads. This judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs of the case, the defendant's driving license to be suspended for 12 months.

Laura Smith, white, was found not guilty of larceny and the costs of the case were taxed against the prosecuting witness. Notice of appeal was given, and bond was set at \$100.00.

The case against H. O. Johnson, colored, and Robert Hawes, white, was not pressed.

Sam Burris, white, was given 8 months for transporting and possession. Judgment in this case was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$100.00. Notice of appeal was given and bond was set at \$500.00.

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Beer Retailers Are Licensed

Total Of Thirty-One Retail Beer Dealers Are Licensed In Brunswick County

RALEIGH, Jan 5—The State Department of Revenue has issued retail beer licenses to 31 outlets in Brunswick county.

Figures compiled by the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee, as of December 31, disclosed that 4,822 retail outlets have been licensed by the state for the 1941-42 fiscal year. It is probable that the number will reach 5,000 before the tax year (for beer licenses) ends.

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First Aid Class To Be Taught

Accredited Course To Be Offered In Southport and All Interested May Take Course

A course in first aid will be taught locally under the sponsorship of the Brunswick County Defense Council according to announcement this week by W. S. Wells, chairman.

Among those who plan to take the course are WPA foremen and time keepers, and other interested persons are urged to attend.

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MEMBERS OF BOARD



OFFICIALS—L. T. Yaskell, left, has been named chairman and Prince O'Brien, right, secretary of the Brunswick County Tire Rationing Board. Applications for certificates with which to purchase tires may be obtained from a clerk in the office of the Register of Deeds in Southport.

Tire Rationing For This County Begins

L. T. Yaskell Made Chairman Of Local Group, With Prince O'Brien Named Secretary; J. A. McNeill Tire Inspector

APPLICATIONS ARE BEING RECEIVED

Tires And Tubes Available To Limited Number Of Users; Must First Have Old Tires Retreaded

L. T. Yaskell has been named chairman of the Brunswick County Tire Rationing Board, with Prince O'Brien secretary. Third member of the board is James M. Harper, Jr., and J. A. McNeill has been named tire inspector.

Temporarily at least the local board will have no office of its own, but applications for tires and tubes may be made at the office of the Register of Deeds with a clerk who is stationed there to attend to these matters. The board will go through all applications on Friday of each week and successful applicants will be notified that they may secure certificates for the purchase of the desired equipment.

The county's quota for January has been set at 9 new tires and 8 new tubes for passenger cars, motorcycles and light trucks and 26 new tires and 22 tubes for trucks and buses.

As soon as the tire rationing committee begin work, the procedure for Brunswick firms and individuals, who think that they are entitled to new tires and tubes, will be as follows:

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Soldier-Sailor Brothers Meet

Unfortunately for this story the names of the parties were not learned, but the story is vouched for as true.

One soldier at Fort Bragg has been in the army for more than a year and during that time he has not seen his relatives. Recently a younger brother enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to Fort Caswell.

This past Saturday night the soldier came to Southport, saw a sailor in uniform on the street and walked up behind him to ask for information. Tapping the sailor on the shoulder he gave his name, said he had a brother at Fort Caswell and asked if the sailor knew his kinsman. The sailor turned around and the soldier discovered to his surprise that the man he had tapped on the back was the brother he was asking about.

County Defense Meet At Bolivia

Officials Of Brunswick County Defense Council Held Meeting Last Night

Representatives of the Brunswick County Defense Council met last night in Bolivia for the purpose of perfecting an emergency organization to function in case of emergency caused by any development of the war.

Attending the meeting from Southport were W. S. Wells, chairman of the defense council; Chas. M. Tropp, county air raid warden; R. L. Brendle, WPA supervisor; and Mayor John D. Erikson. Sheriff Dillon L. Ganey and G. T. Reid also attended.

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If The Girls Don't Marry Seems Its Their Own Fault

Old maids and gay young widows—both varieties—may complain all they want to about their plight, but waste no more sympathy on them. The men are here for the asking—or accepting.

This is according to figures contained in a recent census report from the department of commerce which shows that the male population of Brunswick is 327 greater than the 3999 women. This means, of course, that there is a man for every woman, with that many extras.

There are other interesting facts contained in the census

Frozen Fillet And Shrimp To Be Packed Here

United Shrimp Company Plans To Pack All Seafood Shipments In Five-Pound Cardboard Cartons

CO-OPERATE WITH STORAGE HOUSES

Will Be Able To Place Prepared Seafood On Market Near At Home And Open Up New Territory

With Wilmington cold storage houses collaborating, neat 5-pound boxes of frozen fillet of fish are now being placed on the market by Lewis J. Hardee of Berwick, La., and Dallas Piggott of Southport. Operating under the firm name of United Shrimp Company, they plan to pack their products in neat, oiled cardboard boxes, freeze the whole thing and keep it on storage until distributed to the consumer.

Both fish and shrimp will be packed in 5-pound boxes. An initial shipment of 35,000 containers has already been received. The fish, each kind packed separately, are cleaned to the point of being ready for the frying pan, packed in the boxes and contents frozen and kept that way until distributed to the housewives. In this way fish can be kept as fresh as they were on the day they were taken from the water for a year or more.

Due to no recent catches, no shrimp have been packed and frozen thus far, but the company expects to be able to stock up in a few days. Like the fish, the shrimp will be cleaned and packed in 5-pound boxes, frozen and stored in the cold storage houses in Wilmington until they are called for. As in the case of fish, the shrimp will keep in a perfectly fresh condition for many months.

The frozen waxed cardboard boxes can be transferred to kitchen refrigerators and kept for a considerable length of time after being removed in their hard-frozen condition from the cold storage places.

This method of freezing and preserving seafood is new on this portion of the Atlantic coast. In Louisiana there are several score seafood producers who pack great quantities of fish and shrimp in these five-pound waxed boxes. Using this method they have built up a great business in interior Louisiana and adjoining states, saving much costly transportation.

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Tide Table

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

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, December 25	
0:51 a. m.	7:16 a. m.
1:10 p. m.	7:38 p. m.
Friday, December 26	
1:44 a. m.	8:19 a. m.
2:06 p. m.	8:33 p. m.
Saturday, December 27	
2:39 a. m.	9:16 a. m.
3:04 p. m.	9:24 p. m.
Sunday, December 28	
3:36 a. m.	10:08 a. m.
4:01 p. m.	10:11 p. m.
Monday, December 29	
4:30 a. m.	10:57 a. m.
4:55 p. m.	10:57 p. m.
Tuesday, December 30	
5:19 a. m.	11:44 a. m.
5:43 p. m.	11:43 p. m.
Wednesday, December 31	
6:01 a. m.	12:30 p. m.
6:26 p. m.	12:30 p. m.