

### Congressman Clark Makes Address At Dedication Of U.S.O. Club At Southport

Interesting Program Arranged For Dedicatory Ceremony Here For Building On The Waterfront

Called "HOME AWAY FROM HOME" Officials Participate Program; Music For Occasion Furnished By H. S. Band

Congressman J. Bayard Clark principal speaker Saturday afternoon when the USO Club at Southport was formally dedicated and the keys to the building turned over to the director, Captain Erlof Anderson of the United States Army.

The impressive dedicatory ceremony was held in an outdoor amphitheater with members of the audience seated in front of the building which commands a scenic view of the Cape Fear river as it winds its way out to sea.

The program opened with the invocation by Rev. R. S. Harrison, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, Southport; following this the audience joined in singing the Star Spangled Banner, an accompaniment played by the New Hanover High School Glee Club; members of the Glee Club then sang the Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. T. Yaskell, Southport postmaster, who presided as master of ceremonies, then recognized Lt. Paul Coninsky, representing the War Relocation Authority, who expressed the appreciation of officials and men at the base for the USO Club and who explained the nature of the duties of the Section Base.

Mr. Butler Thompson, Southport attorney, presented J. W. Rank, another local attorney, in turn, introduced the speaker, Congressman Clark.

After explaining something of the history of the USO movement and its important part it is playing in the normal life of the fighting forces of the United States, Congressman Clark declared that there is nothing more important than the proper morale of our soldiers and sailors than to have them go forth to other shores with the knowledge that the people at home know what we are fighting for and want to do whatever they can to help in whatever role they may be cast. Unless they know that they have our one hundred percent support then they will not be the effective force we need, nor the fighting force that will prevail against our common enemy.

These men and boys have gone to fight at the decree of the United States. They have no right to send them to us to place all our interests, our resources behind them, our fighting forces and the support we give them are the only things that stand between the people of this nation and defeat and slavery.

Congressman Clark declared that he liked the words for which the United States stands. Service and sacrifice. He said that each word full of meaning in our history and he urged his listeners to remember the full significance of each as they help make the club of this community live up to the expectancy of its usefulness.

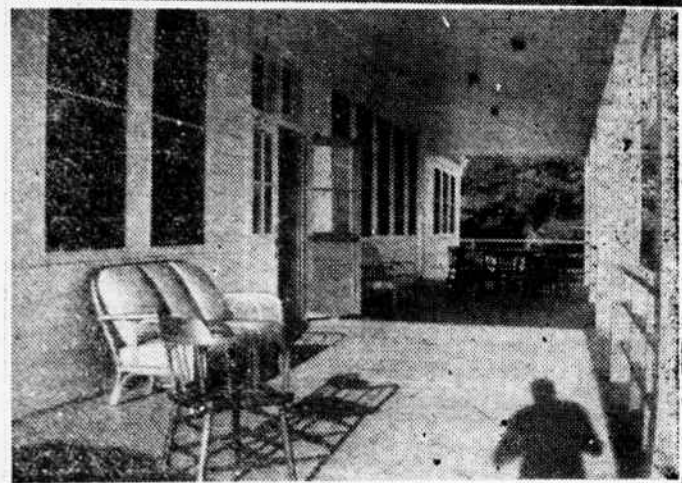
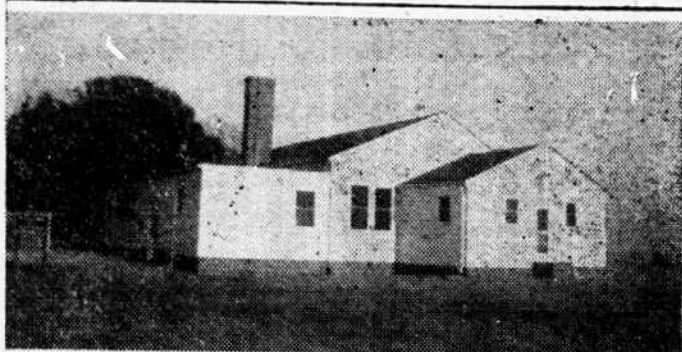
As a musical interlude at this point the New Hanover High School band played "Stars and Stripes Forever."

As the second portion of the program got underway the master of ceremonies introduced Captain Alden E. Spees, Area Engineer, representing the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps. Captain Spees traced briefly a history of the movement to obtain a USO building for Southport.

He pointed out that while the primary purpose for which the USO Clubs are intended is to provide good clean recreation and amusement for men in the armed forces, the buildings are also to be used by the civilian population of the communities where they are located. He spoke of the importance of having the citizens cooperate wholeheartedly with officials in charge in carrying out the program of activities in these buildings.

In concluding his remarks, Captain Spees turned the key of the building over to Harry M. Wellott, recreation representative of the Federal Security Administration, who said "Some communities are known as 'good' service towns, while others are accorded that distinction." (Continued On Page Four)

### TWO VIEWS OF USO BUILDING



### Restrictions On New Automobile Sales Now

### Three Leading Men Locked Up In Local Jail

Three highly reputable Brunswick county citizens were locked up in jail here Tuesday afternoon and were the victims of a first class case of claustrophobia before jailer Dock Robinson got around to turning them out.

### Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Pounds

Funeral services for Mrs. Annie E. Pounds, 86, who died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Larson, in Washington, were held Sunday afternoon at the Yopp Funeral home at 3 o'clock.

### Person Must Still Meet Eligibility Requirements In Order To Receive Purchase Certificates

IS PURPOSE TO CIRCULATE STOCK Only Objective Is To Place New Units In Hands Of Persons Who are Helping War Effort

The Office of Price Administration relaxed automobile rationing regulations today in an effort to speed up sales.

Price Administrator Leon Henderson said the action was taken in accordance with his plan to dispose of some 400,000 cars by next March, leaving 135,000 in a government stock pile.

Before persons in these classes may buy an automobile however, they must show need for it and the new regulations make it easier to establish such need.

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### Applicants For War Ration Book Need Information

Registration Of Consumers Will Begin Next Tuesday, May 5, In Five Consolidated High Schools

### LIST OF REQUIRED INFORMATION GIVEN Colored Residents Of This School District Will Register At Brunswick County Training School

Applicants for sugar rationing books today were cautioned by W. P. Jorgensen, chairman of the sugar rationing board, to come prepared with full information when they register at elementary schools in their vicinity May 5, 6, 7, and 8.

Institutional and industrial users of sugar registered April 28 and 29 at high schools in their communities. They will be required to file detailed records for two years. In the mean-time, they will not be permitted to make any sugar sales after April 28 except upon surrender of sugar certificates.

Here is the information which should be furnished at the time of registration:

- 1. A list of the members of the family and their exact names. 2. An exact description of each member of the family unit—height, weight, color of eyes, color of hair, age and sex. 3. The exact relationship of each member of the family unit to the person who is registering for the family unit. 4. It is necessary to know to the pound just how much sugar is in possession of the household. The amount of sugar will be divided by the number of people in the family unit and stamps will be torn out by the registrar for all sugar in excess of two pounds per person.

### John H. Cannon Killed Friday

Former Resident Of This County Is Fatally Hurt When Load Of Lumber Rolls Over On Him

John Henry Cannon, 39, Route 1, Wilmington, an employee of V. P. Loftis company, was fatally injured about 4:15 o'clock Friday afternoon when a load of lumber rolled on him as he was supervising the unloading of a car at the new shipyard extension at Sunset Park.

He was rushed to the shipyard hospital but was dead on arrival. According to authorities, his (continued on page four)

### Commencement Is In Full Swing In This County

Shalotte Will Be The First To Complete Graduation Exercises, Winding Up On Friday Night

### OTHERS WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY NIGHT

Baccalaureate Sermons Will Be Delivered At Four Of The Five Consolidated Schools This Sunday

Shalotte will be the first of the consolidated high schools in this county to complete its commencement program, with the finals slated for Friday night at 8:30 o'clock.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday evening at 8:30 o'clock by Dr. W. W. Leathers, of Conway, S. C. Tonight the seniors will present their class play, "Life Takes A Holiday," written and directed by Miss Ida F. Creech.

At Bolivia the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered at 8:30 o'clock Sunday by Rev. Woodrow Robbins. On the following evening at 3:30 o'clock the seniors will present a class play, and diplomas and honors will be awarded in an abbreviated closing exercise.

The class night exercises for Leland seniors will be held Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Walter L. Freed, pastor of the Lutheran church in Wilmington, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday evening in the school auditorium. The speaker for the graduation exercises on the following evening will be Professor E. W. Boshart, member of the faculty at N. C. State College.

### Local Scenes In Newsreel Shots

Cameraman From Fox Movietone Here Saturday For Purpose Of Making Pictures In Town

At the conclusion of a week of picture making, D. M. Cook of the 20th Century Fox Movietone News, got several hundred feet of film depicting activities at Southport's far famed Whittiers Bench, Saturday. Because of the jamming of the camera, (a new one shipped from New York only a few days previously) Mr. Cook was unable to get everything desired for a picture story.

However, he stated that what he got will serve for a good picture and he plans to return here as soon as possible and get another of the same scene and other objects of interest.

About 20 men figured in the Whittiers Park picture. They were engaged in carving out the various interesting articles and in just whittling and talking. No one here knows how old (Continued on page Four)

### May Day Program Will Inaugurate Commencement

Baccalaureate Sermon Will Be Delivered Sunday Morning At 11 O'clock By Rev. George W. Lingle

The finals of Southport high school will begin Friday, May 1, at 5 p. m. when the elementary and high school students will present a patriotic May Day festival on the school campus.

By unanimous vote of the senior class, Rev. George W. Lingle, of St. James Lutheran church, Fayetteville, was extended an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Rev. Mr. Lingle comes highly recommended, not only as a speaker, but as an advocate of public education.

This service is Sunday, May 3 at 11 A. M. in the Southport high school auditorium.

As has been customary in the past, the churches of the community will cancel their morning services. Local ministers will participate as usual in the school program.

Owing to national emergency and to the desire of the seniors, class night and graduation night have been combined into one program, with student participation throughout. This program will be held Monday May 3, at 8 P. M.

### May Quota For Tires And Retreads Reduced

Drastic Cut Made In Number Of New Tires And Retreads For Passenger Cars Of All Types TRUCK QUOTA IS ABOUT THE SAME

The passenger car quota for both new and retread tires has been drastically cut for the month of May, according to announcement this week from the local rationing board.

During the next month only 4 new passenger car tires may be granted through this board while the quota of retreads has been set at 18 for the month. Even passenger car tubes may be rationed.

On the truck question the picture is a little brighter. Provision has been made for 25 new truck tires, 40 truck retreads and 35 truck tubes for users in Brunswick.

A representative of the local board stated this week that the April quota was stretched to help as many motorists as possible by not allowing certificates for passenger car retreads more than two to each applicant. An effort was made, too, to take care of the needs of those engaged in work vital to the war program, or to the program of home defense.

Although applications will continue to be received and reviewed by the board at Southport, there will be left over from April applicants enough requests to more than take care of the May allotment. Therefore persons who make application should not be too disappointed if they miss getting what they ask for.

### R. F. Plaxco To Head Drive For War Bond Sales

Manager Of Brunswick Navigation Company Will Head Organization For Purpose Of Stimulating Bond Sales

### QUOTA FOR THIS COUNTY INCREASED

Purpose Of Concerted Drive Is To Have All Persons Make Systematic Purchase Of Bonds

Plans are rapidly shaping up for the formal launching of the War Bond Campaign in this county next Monday, May 4, when workers under the general direction of County Chairman R. F. Plaxco will begin a systematic canvass to the end that every income earning citizen may be given an opportunity to pledge voluntarily some portion of his or her income to the regular purchase of defense bonds and stamps.

Governor J. Melville Broughton, who is Honorary Chairman of the Campaign, in a proclamation, issued recently, designated May 4-9 as War Bond Week and called upon "the full and prompt cooperation of all citizens in signing a voluntary pledge for the purchase of United States savings securities."

Every pledge is conditional upon the signer's remaining financially able to make the stated purchase. This condition is expressly stipulated in the pledge. It will be left to the signers to decide whether or not they are able to continue their purchases.

Purpose of the campaign is to enable the government to take a nation-wide inventory, so that tax plans may be laid accordingly to pay for the cost of the war. The more dollars voluntarily pledged for the purchase of bonds, the less will be the tax load.

The money invested in these war savings securities—the safest investment in the world—will be taken out of competition for consumer goods, thereby preventing inflation and building up a cushion of savings for the individual when the war ends.

These securities also make every citizen buying them a shareholder in the future of America.

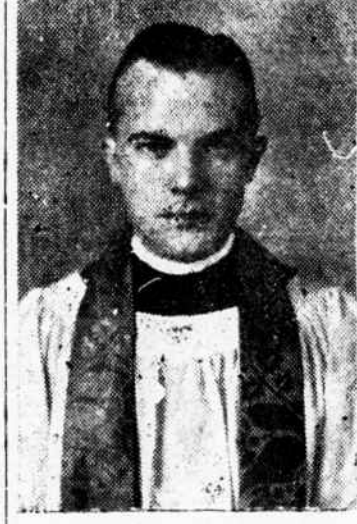
Following up Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau's recent announcement that North Carolina's quota for May had been set at \$5,888,500, State Administrator Charles H. Robertson and State Chairman Julian Price, of Greensboro, said in a joint statement that "we are confident North Carolinians can be counted upon to exceed the quota set for our State."

"North Carolina's average monthly purchases of these war savings securities in the seven-month period ending in January was \$4,207,031," they said, "and if we did that well before Pearl Harbor we certainly ought to be able to go ahead of that record now."

### Brunswick Man Soldier Reporter

Pvt. Audie Phelps, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Phelps, of Supply, has been made news reporter for Company I, 48th infantry, of the 7th Armored Division.

The 7th Armored Division, one of Uncle Sam's panzer units, is commanded by Major General Lindsey McD. Silvester.



GEORGE W. LINGLE

held Monday May 3, at 8 P. M. The faculty and student body wish to extend to all a hearty invitation to attend these programs.

### Flowers Being Cut And Sent North For Sale

A big business right now on one farm in Brunswick is the gathering and shipping of cornflowers, or bachelor buttons, or ragged robins. They are all three the same thing.

Up at Eastport Nursery the other night a representative of this paper found Joe P. Verzaal and about a dozen helpers busily preparing and packing for shipment the day's crop of 25,000 of these pretty pleish-blue blossoms.

Interested in the whole procedure, the newspaperman bombarded the nurseryman with questions, which he answered as he continued with his task of stripping the stems and packing the flowers. The cultivation of bachelor buttons (that's our favorite name for them) is comparatively new in this section. They are tied into bunches of 25-flowers each and shipped up north. Sometimes the market on them is good. Sometimes the market is very bad.

Most of the retail sales of these flowers are made by street peddlers, who sell them for bouquets.

The blue flowers—that's the kind Mr. Verzaal sells—sell best. Cutting and packing them is a mammoth job, and at peak season one acre will produce about 65,000 blossoms in one day. After the season, which lasts about six weeks, closes the harvest and sale of gladioli will begin. When they are gone the sixth month's cut-flower season will have ended.

And that's more than we ever knew before about cornflower, or bachelor buttons, or ragged robins.

### Five Cases In Court Monday

Defendants In Three Cases Ask For Trial By Jury While Two Other Matters Are Tried

In Recorder's court here Monday five cases were brought before Judge Walter M. Stanaland. Fitzhugh L. Fields, white, was charged with assault and asked for a jury trial. Bond was set at \$150.00.

Elijah Perkins, colored, was charged with making an assault with a deadly weapon and asked for a jury trial. Bond was set at \$200.00.

E. W. Lee, white, was charged with drunk driving and asked for a jury trial. Bond was set at \$200.00.

### 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.	
6:26 p. m.	12:30 p. m.

### SAMPLE OF APPLICATION FOR WAR RATION BOOK NO. 1

APPLICATION FOR WAR RATION BOOK (To be filled in by Registrar only) IMPORTANT.—A separate application must be made by (or, where the Regulations permit, on behalf of) every person to whom a War Ration Book is to be issued. The separate applications for each and every member of a Family Unit (see Instructions to Registrar) must be made by one, and only one, adult member of such Family Unit.

Local Board No. \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Application made at \_\_\_\_\_ NAME OF SCHOOL, BUILDING, OR OTHER ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_, 194\_\_\_\_. Book One No. \_\_\_\_\_

1. NAME, ADDRESS, AND DESCRIPTION of person to whom the book is to be issued:

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ MIDDLE NAME \_\_\_\_\_

STREETING OR P. O. BOX NO. \_\_\_\_\_ STREET OR R. F. D. \_\_\_\_\_ CITY OR TOWN \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ft. \_\_\_\_\_ in. \_\_\_\_\_ WEIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR OF EYES \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR OF HAIR \_\_\_\_\_ AGE \_\_\_\_\_ Sex (Male  Female

2. (a) If the person named above IS a member of a Family Unit, state the following:

(1) Number of persons in Family Unit, including the person named above: \_\_\_\_\_

(2) The person named above is \_\_\_\_\_

SELF  FATHER  MOTHER  HUSBAND  WIFE  SON  DAUGHTER  EXCEPTION \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Total amount of white and brown sugar in any form which is owned by the Family Unit or its members \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

(b) If the person named above IS NOT a member of a Family Unit, state the total amount of white and brown sugar in any form which is owned by the person named above: \_\_\_\_\_ lbs.

3. Number of War Ration Stamps to be removed from War Ration Book One (upon the basis of information stated above): IF NONE, WRITE NONE \_\_\_\_\_

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