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Good Work Done Cutting On Gwynn Land

Over Three Million Feet Of
Timber Taken From The
Gwynn Land At Long-
wood In Selective Cutting
Demonstration

AGENT SAYS THEY
HAVE DONE GOOD JOB

Forester Calls Attention
To Urgent Need For
Timber And Good
Prices That Are Now
Being Paid

Rice Gwynn, of Longwood,
supervised the selective cutting of timber
on his lands a little over a year
ago and to date has taken out over
three million feet of timber. This
demonstration showing, considered
labor shortages and other
difficulties on such a project during
war times.

E. Blanchard, Farm Forester
for this county, supervised the
project, in which both he and
Gwynn have been very much in-
volved. In addition to getting
the desired timber they have
cut much more desirable material
for future croppings and fire
breaks have been built to protect
the whole woods area. Gwynn and
Blanchard have done a remarkably
good job of it, according to a
statement made to this paper by
County Agent Dodson, who has
been an interested observer of the
work.

Illustrating the value and need
of getting out timber now, in
cases where land owners have it
can handle it. Mr. Blanchard
recently stated to this paper:
"In spite of the decrease in
selling, our lumber production is
falling behind the require-
ments. The Armed Forces and es-
sential civilian needs will have to
draw 24 billion feet of saw-timber
this year as well as 13 million
feet of pulpwood. The Army
alone has 800 different uses for
wood and the navy has almost as
many."

Loss of production has been
caused by several different fac-
tors. Labor shortage is one of
the largest and there is little
hope of improvement in the situa-
tion this summer.

Another big factor in decreased
production is that many people
have timber that should be cut at
this time and they will not put
the timber on the market. The
boys on the battlefields may be
going up their lives because they
did not get the ammunition that
would have been delivered but for
the lack of lumber. It takes 100-
150 feet of lumber to send every
shipment of supplies overseas. Can
these timber owners who will not
sell their timber face their neigh-
bors whose boy isn't coming back?

Stumpage prices have never
been higher and the mill owners
are anxious to buy. They are will-
ing to cut the timber in anyway
that the landowner desires.

Free advice and help is avail-
able to timber owners to see that
they get a fair price for their tim-
ber and to help them find buyers.
Anyone who has timber for sale
knows the timber for sale is
proposed to get in touch with
their county agent at once. Let's
back the invasion with more than
war bonds."

Hospital Gets Nice Donation

Crew Of Dredge Henry Bacon
Sends Check For
\$123.00 To Show
Appreciation Of Institution

Indicative of the general esteem
in which the J. Arthur Doshier
Memorial hospital is held, a letter
was received last week by hospital
officials from Captain Morton
Foster and the crew of the U.
S. Engineers dredge, Henry Bacon.

A check for \$123.00 was enclosed
with the request that the money
be used toward the purchase of
needed equipment.

The dredge is based at Wilming-
ton. Captain Parker and a number
of the employees are Brunswick
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Cases Are Pending Against State Highway Employees

Now Overseas



Pvt. Bennie A. Clemmons, son
of Mrs. Leona Clemmons, who
has recently been transferred to
overseas duty. Pvt. Clemmons
has been in the Army Engineers
for two years.

Mrs. Arnold Died Saturday Morning

Well Known Southport Woman
Succumbs Following
Long Period Of Illness.
Funeral Services Held
Sunday

Following a long illness, during
which she was a patient in the
Duke Hospital at Durham and
later in the J. Arthur Doshier
Memorial hospital, Mrs. George
W. Arnold died here at 3:30 on
Saturday morning.

Mrs. Arnold is survived by her
husband, George W. Arnold, of
Southport, and one son, J. F. Ar-
nold, of Baltimore and Southport.
Also surviving are two sisters,
Mrs. J. E. Pinner, of Southport
and Mrs. Arthur Marlowe, of
Loris, S. C., and four brothers, G.
L. and C. B. Reeves, of Loris, O.
K. Reeves, of Wilmington, and D.
P. Reeves, of Raleigh.

Funeral services were held from
the Southport Presbyterian church
at 3:30 Sunday afternoon, with
Rev. R. S. Harrison of the
Methodist church and Rev.
Cecil Alligood of St. Phillip's
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Sugar Lost In Destroyed Mash

Nine Hundred Pounds Of
Sugar Formed Part Of
Ingredients Of Mash Cap-
tured At Whiskey Still

In a haul made by Rural Police-
man O. W. Perry and A. T. U.
officers Charles Gray and A. E.
Leake, a 10-gallon steam whiskey
still was seized and destroyed.
Along with it were thirty gallons
of non-tax-paid whiskey. The cap-
ture was made in Northwest one
night last week.

Not the least of the haul was
1,800 gallons of sugar mash. This
was also destroyed. Going with
the mash would be nine hundred
pounds of sugar, the ingredients of
the mash being fifty pounds of
sugar to each fifty gallon barrel
of the stuff.

The still was in operation as
the officers endeavored to slip up
on it, but lookouts gave warning
and all escaped, leaving the still
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Chemical Plant Damaged In Fire

Spiritine Chemical Com-
pany Lost Part Of Its
Manufacturing Plant In
Fire Early Last Wednes-
day Morning

The Spiritine Chemical Com-
pany plant at the Brunswick River
Bridge was damaged by fire
early Wednesday morning of last
week. The refining plant, tool
house and a storage tank were
destroyed, along with some dam-
age to the main plant. It is under-
stood that the fire started from
a hot charcoal still.

It is said that there was no in-
surance on the plant and equip-
ment. The company is exten-
sively engaged in the manufacture
of Creosote and Wood Preservatives,
as well as insect exterminators.
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Herbert Creech And James
Simmons Being Tried In
Bladen County Today On
Charges Of Setting The
Woods Afire

MAY TRY SIMMONS
HERE NEXT MONDAY

Cases Pending Here Against
Simmons And Herbert A.
Creech Charging Them
With Setting Fires
Between Holden's
Beach And Old
Dock

Herbert A. Creech, Sr., and
James Edison Simmons, both em-
ployees of the North Carolina
State Highway Commission, are
being tried in the Recorder's
Court in Elizabethtown today on
charges of setting fire to woods
in Bladen county. Another defen-
dant, Herbert A. Creech, Jr., was
tried for the same offense at
Elizabethtown, last Wednesday
and given eight months on the
roads. From this he took an ap-
peal to Superior court. He entered
a plea of guilty in the Bladen
County Recorder's Court, in which
he was tried last week.

Following the trial in Bladen
county, today, James Edison Sim-
mons and the younger Creech
will probably be brought here for
trial next Monday. County Forest
Fire Warden Dorman Mercer,
says that cases are pending
against both of these men. The
specific charges are that they set
a trial of woods fires, from Holden's
Beach, in this county, to
Old Dock in Columbus county.

Some 25 fires were started be-
tween the above points one after-
noon, two months ago, the fires
breaking out in the wake of a
passing State Highway bridge
repair truck, in the body of which
young Creech and Simmons were
riding. Both had been working
with the bridge repair crew at
Holden's Beach and the crew was
moving on to other points. It is
alleged that Creech and Simmons
occupied their time on the trip
from Holden's Beach to Old Dock
by striking matches and throwing
them out into the dry grass by
the side of the road.

P. E. Sebring, District Forest
Fire Ranger and W. L. Brewer,
District Forester, were here this
past week with Warden Mercer,
working up the case against
Creech and Simmons, to be ready
for action when the cases in
Bladen are disposed of. It is un-
derstood that following the dis-
covery of the alleged proclivity of
the three men in starting forest
fires, the State Highway Commis-
sion has fired all three and has
also loined every aid in seeing that
they were prosecuted.

County Offices Will Be
Closed That Day; July
Meetings Of Commissioners
On Second And Third
Mondays

At their mid-month meeting
here on Monday the board of
county commissioners ordered
that the July meeting of the board
be held on the second and third
Mondays, instead of on the first
and third, which are the usual
dates. This change in dates for
the July meeting was made in
recognition of the fact that the
first Monday in July falls on a
day just preceding a holiday.

Monday, July 3rd was declared a
holiday by the commissioners and
all county offices will be closed
on that day.
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Army Flier Dies In Crash Nearby

Pilot Killed In Emergency
Landing Near Caswell
Road

Second Lieutenant Mason Jay
McCloud, 20, stationed at the
Blumenthal Field Army Air
Base, was killed while flying a
routine training flight near town
Sunday morning, air base officials
revealed yesterday.

The Thunderbolt fighter plane
which Lt. McCloud was piloting
developed engine trouble in mid-
air, and he attempted to make an
emergency landing, it was said.
The plane dove into the ground
and exploded, killing him instan-
tly. The accident occurred at 10:30
o'clock.

Police Chief Otto Hickman and
Dr. L. C. Ferguson rushed to the
scene of the accident to find the
pilot beyond medical aid.
Lieutenant McCloud had been
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Speeding Again The Main Offense

Half Of Defendants In Cases
Heard Monday By
Judge Ward Involved
Driving Too Fast On The
State Highways

Speeding comprised the major-
ity of the charges heard by Judge
John B. Ward in Recorder's Court
here Monday. Four defendants in
such cases each paid a fine of
\$20.00 and costs. In a fifth in-
stance the case was continued.
The minute docket shows the dis-
position made of the following
cases:
Johnnie S. Nance, speeding;
sixty days on roads, judgment
suspended on payment of fine of
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Election Board Declares Phelps Received Nomination

In Special Meeting Errors
Are Found In Count Of
Vote For Membership On
Board Of Education In
Recent Primary

REQUEST RESIGNATION
OF PRECINCT OFFICIALS

Vote For Chinnis At Shal-
lotte Was 33 Instead Of
The 53 Credited Him
On Sworn Returns
From Precinct

The Board of Elections met
here Friday in special session,
went over the records of the vot-
ing at the Shallotte precinct in
the recent primary and declared
that corrected returns from there
were such as to materially change
the county-wide results.

The corrections at the Shallotte
Precinct show R. I. Phelps to
have a majority of eight votes
over M. B. Chinnis, who in the
original count was declared the
nominee for membership on the
Board of Education by a major-
ity of 15 votes over Phelps.

The Minutes of the Board of
Elections, covering the special
meeting at which this action was
taken are as follows:
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Gun Crew Skipper Hurt In Action

Lt. (jg) Robert Ruark, Former
Southport And Wil-
mington Man, Recently
Wounded In The Shoulder
In Action

Bob Ruark, Southport and Wil-
mington man, who left the sports
editorship of the Washington
Daily News for the Navy nearly
three years ago, was wounded in
action recently, according to word
received by friends here. He is
now in hospital and his injuries
are said to be in the shoulder.

As a Lt. (jg) Ruark command-
ed a gun crew on a freighter car-
rying supplies to the forces over-
seas. Two interesting feature
stories, written by him and tell-
ing of his experiences in Armored
Guard have appeared in the Sat-
urday Evening Post during recent
months. Lt. Ruark is a son of
Robert Ruark, a Southport man
who served as postmaster in Wil-
mington for several years preced-
ing Wilbur Doshier.

Our ROVING Reporter

J. J. Ludlum, Shallotte farmer,
is said to have perhaps the largest
and best appearing pespedeza
field in Brunswick at the present
time. Mr. Ludlum has between 35
and 40 acres, all in one field,
growing this hay crop. His neigh-
bors say that it is a very pretty
crop. Other Brunswick farmers
are also said to have fine crops
of pespedeza. It is fast becoming
a very popular product in Brun-
swick, enriching the land in addi-
tion to producing great quantities
of hay.

The 1944 shore fishing season
is about to begin and from now
on through the remainder of the
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Bigger And Better Boats To Be Used Here This Year

Several Big Diesel Powered
Craft Capable Of Rough
Weather Fishing Have
Lately Been Purchased
In Florida

BIG INCREASE IN THE
NUMBER BOATS HERE

Many Craft Bought From
Outside State, Many New
Ones Built Here In The
County And Many
Others Rebuilt

Brunswick county fishermen are
said to be much better equipped
to begin this season than they
ever have been during a previous
fishing year. The number of home
owned boats has increased from
about 70 to around 100, according
to W. S. Wells, local seafood
dealer.

Not only are there more boats,
but they are much larger on the
average and also much better
powered. Wells made a trip to
Florida the past week and pur-
chased four large boats, all of
them powered with diesel engines.
These four, and one recently pur-
chased by Dr. L. C. Ferguson and
another by Herman Stanaland, of
Shallotte, make six boats with
heavy duty diesels, where there
has never before been more than
one such boat operating here.

The price on all six of these
diesel powered boats is understood
to range close to \$10,000.00 each.
They are large enough and have
power enough to go to sea and
fish in almost any sort of weather.

Merritt and Boyd Moore, who
have been fishing in Morgan City,
La., for the past three or four
years, are to return to Southport
in August. They will bring an-
other large and well equipped
diesel powered boat.

Lucian Fulford, of Supply, has
added a large and well equipped
boat, built this winter. About 15
or more new boats are said to
have been built by various fisher-
men around Supply and Shallotte.
In addition to these a great many
old boats, some out of use for
several years, have been complet-
ly rebuilt and equipped.

In all, it appears that Brun-
swick owned boats will be able to
produce all that the present list
of buyers can handle. At present
the understanding is that there
will be six buying houses. S. W.
Davis and brother, of Beaufort,
will use mostly their own up state
boats. Other buyers here this year
are Paul Fodale, W. S. Wells,
Wells Brothers, Hardie and Pigott
and J. J. Arnold. All are expect-
ing a considerable number of
boats to be operating by the first
of July. The few craft that have
gone out recently have made some
highly encouraging catches.

Started Curing The 1944 Crop

Several Growers Have Be-
gun Curing Tobacco And
Work Will Be Pretty
General By The First Of
July

T. T. Ward, farmer and tobacco
grower of Longwood, started
curing tobacco Saturday. Frank
Floyd, of Supply, beat Mr. Ward
to the start by one day and sev-
eral growers in lower Waccamaw
township are said to have beaten
both Ward and Floyd by begin-
ning to crop and cure their crop
the first of last week.

The first of July will see practi-
cally all tobacco growers in
Brunswick busily engaged in har-
vesting and curing the 1944 to-
bacco crop. Somewhere between
who have been around through
the county are reported to have
said that the crop was the best
grown in the county in many
years. The time between setting
out the plants until the harvesting
began is said to cover the short-
est period in which a crop has
ever been produced in the coun-
ty.

Farmers will have nothing in
the way of a rest period this
year. They got a late start with
planting and there have been no
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Aged Winnabow Resident Dies

J. H. Edge, Eighty-Four
Years Old And Widely
Known, Passes At Home
Of Son After A Long
Period Of Illness

Funeral services were held at
Zion Methodist church, in Town
Creek township, Saturday after-
noon at 4:00 o'clock for J. H.
Edge, 84-year-old and highly re-
spected resident of the Winnabow
community. Mr. Edge died at the
home of his son, W. M. Edge, on
Friday, following a long illness.
Burial was in the church ceme-
tery.
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War Bond Show

There will be a War Bond
Premier at the Amuzu
Theatre on Monday afternoon,
June 26, at 3:30. The feature
is to be "Best Foot Forward,"
starring Lucille Ball and Wil-
liam Gaxton, and is the con-
tribution of the Amuzu
Theatre to help further the
sale of bonds in the Fifth
War Loan Drive.

Admission will be only to
those who have bought bonds
in the present drive. No one
can see the picture through
paid admission. Either the
bond itself or a signed ticket
from the issuing agent must
be shown to Mr. Price Fur-
pless, owner and manager of
the theatre, before admis-
sion will be permitted.

Auto Tax Stamps Now On Sale At All Postoffices

Also May Be Had At Of-
fice of Collector of Internal
Revenue; Must Be
Purchased By July 1

Commissioner of Internal Re-
venue Joseph D. Numan, Jr., has an-
nounced that auto use tax stamps
in the denomination of \$5.00 were
placed on sale in all post offices
and offices of Collectors of Internal
Revenue on Saturday, June 10.
The stamps will evidence payment
of the tax for the fiscal year
beginning July 1, 1944, and must
be purchased on or before that
date. The stamps will be serially
numbered, will be gummed on the
face, and will have provision on
the back for entry for the make,
model, serial number and state
license number of the vehicle.

Mr. Numan said that, to guard
against loss or theft, it has been
suggested that, when affixing the
stamps, the vehicle owner should
dampen the windshield rather
than the adhesive side of the
stamp. This method has been
recommended to keep the stamp
intact upon the windshield. As an
additional precaution, it has also
been suggested that each motor
vehicle owner should make a re-
cord of the serial number which
appears on the use tax stamp
for protection in the event the
stamp should become lost.

Every owner of a motor vehicle
which is used upon the highways
should call at his local postoffice
or at the office of the Internal
Revenue Collector and secure a
\$5.00 use tax stamp and affix it
to his vehicle on or before July 1,
1944, the Commissioner said. The
various postoffices will sell the
stamps over the counter for cash
only and no mail order business
with respect thereto will be con-
ducted by the post offices. Collec-
tors of Internal Revenue are au-
thorized to accept cash, post-
office money orders, and certified
checks in payment of the use tax
stamp. Uncertified checks will not
be accepted.

Sales of the less than \$5 de-
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War Bond Sales Good In Some Areas Of County

Partial Report At Southport
Indicates Good Sales Lo-
cally, Although Little Is
Known Of General County
Results

SALES ALSO SEEM GOOD
IN SHALLOTTE SECTION

Believed That Workers In
Several Sections Of Brun-
swick May Show Some
Real Results When
Reports Are Made

The only report available on the
5th War Loan Bond Sale in
Brunswick is from the Waccamaw
Bank and Trust Company in
Southport. This report indicates
that a fairly good response is be-
ing made by Southport people.
The actual response may possibly
be much better than shown by the
report of the bank, as two other
agencies, The Southport Building
and Loan Association and the
Southport post office, are both
said to be active in their efforts.
The report of Cashier Prince O'-
Brien, at the bank, indicates that
if Brunswick county fails to make
good in its quota it will not be
through any fault or shortcomings
of folks in Southport and the im-
mediate area.

At Shallotte a day or two ago,
both Postmaster W. R. Holmes
and Hobson Kirby, who is one of
the county chairmen, reported to
the effect that things were going
good. No actual figures covering
sales were given, however.

The postmasters at Ash, Long-
wood and Freeland are handling
the bonds and it is understood
that they are doing all they can
to further the sales and see that
their communities make a credit-
able report.

At Supply, Bolivia, Winnabow
and Leland they have ladies serv-
ing as postmistresses. It is un-
derstood that all four of these
ladies are doing their best to fur-
ther the sales and the total will
show some splendid work having
been done by them.

The United States now has hun-
dreds of thousands of men en-
gaged in the bitterest struggles
that American manhood has ever
been called upon to engage in.
Thousands of these men are giv-
ing their lives and will never re-
turn to their homelands; thou-
sands of others will come back
crippled and maimed. Each day
that the war is prolonged will see
the numbers of these dead and
injured increasing by the hun-
dreds. The American people who
are at home are backing this
struggle by buying War Loan
Bonds, which is doing nothing
more than investing money in the
best possible security and at a
good rate of interest.

No city, town or community
can afford to fail to do its part.
Brunswick and Brunswick com-
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Ration Pointers

CANNING SUGAR
Sugar stamp No. 40 good
for five pounds of canning
sugar until February 28, 1945.
Apply to local boards for sup-
plemental rations.

FUEL OIL
Period four and five fuel
oil coupons good through Sep-
tember 30. During October un-
used coupons may be exchange-
d at rationing boards for new
1944-45 heating season cou-
pons.

GASOLINE
A-10 coupons now valid and
will expire August 8.

MEATS & FATS
Red A-8 through W-8 (Book
4) now valid at 10 points each
for use with tokens. Good in-
definitely.

PROCESSED FOODS
Blue A-8 through V-8 (Book
4) now valid at 10 points each
for use with tokens. All are
good indefinitely.

RENT CONTROL
All persons renting, or of-
fering for rent, any living
quarters whatsoever must reg-
ister each dwelling unit with
rent control office in their
rent area. In counties not un-
der rent control, persons who
feel that they are being over-
charged for rents may sub-
mit complaints to OPA on
complaint forms which are
available at the local War
Price and Rationing Board.

SHOES
Airplane Stamp No. 1 and
No. 2 (Book 3) valid indefi-
nitely.

SUGAR
Sugar stamps No. 30 and
No. 31 (Book 4) good for
5 pounds indefinitely. Stamp
No. 32 became valid for 8
pounds on June 16.

