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## Fish Being Killed Illegally By Use Of Explosives

Penalty Of Such Cases Out Of  
Jurisdiction Of J. P.'s As  
Penalty Is Not Less Than  
\$100.00

## MATTER BEING REPORTED TO THE BUREAU OF MINES

Addition To The Hun-  
dred Dollar Penalty It Is  
Possible Offenders May  
Face Federal Action

Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett  
states that within the past few  
months there have been several  
instances wherein dynamite was  
illegally used to kill fish. One  
of these cases, occurring in Wac-  
camaw township, is said to have  
been tried before a magistrate  
with a penalty of only \$40.00  
for the bunch. Inasmuch as the  
Code indicates that

infractions of the law can-  
not be tried by a magistrate, there  
is a possibility of these Wac-  
camaw cases being reopened.

According to Section 1968,  
North Carolina Criminal Code,  
persons of Peace cannot try  
cases involving the killing of fish  
with dynamite. The above section  
penalizes for a penalty of \$100.00  
for each and every such offense.  
It happens that Justices of the  
peace are restricted to cases  
where the penalty is not more  
than \$50.00.

County Game Warden H. T.  
Bennett is said to have another  
instance of fish case set for  
trial in Recorders Court next Mon-  
day. The accused parties are resi-  
dents of the Supply section, Mr.  
Bennett, who is judge of the Ju-  
venile Court, also has a case set  
for trial.

In addition to the penalty of  
\$100.00 prescribed by the North  
Carolina Code, there is a possi-  
bility that the Bureau of Mines  
of the U. S. Department of the  
Interior may have something to  
say about such illegal use of ex-  
plosives. License to handle ex-  
plosives is granted only in cases  
where the substance is desired for  
necessary work, such as blasting  
ditches, etc. The Bureau of  
Mines will probably institute ac-  
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## Fisherman Dies In McKenzie Pond

Boat Upsets With Fatal  
Results To Resident  
Of New Hanover County;  
Companion Escapes

Julius Lander, thirty year old  
resident of the Carolina Beach  
section of New Hanover  
County, drowned while fishing in  
McKenzie pond on Lilliput  
Island, Orton Plantation, last Wed-  
nesday. His body was recovered  
after his boat overturned but  
he was not recovered.

Lander and a companion had  
gone to the pond to fish. They  
were with them a very small  
boat on a trailer. The boat, ac-  
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## Brief News Flashes

### TRADE MEETING

There will be an important  
trade meeting held for all retail-  
ers of Brunswick County at the  
Court House on April 10 at 8 o'-  
clock. P. M. It is imperative that  
all retailers attend this meeting  
at Mr. Yowell, of the District  
Office will be present to ex-  
plain the new regulation M. P. R.

### WILKINSON TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the  
Wilmington Doshier Memorial  
Hospital on Thursday night at  
8 o'clock with Mrs. Josie  
Smith. She wishes to have as  
many members as possible present  
at the meeting.

### DECEASED SON IN N. Y.

Register of Deeds and Mrs.  
J. Walton spent Easter in  
New York with their son, Ray,  
who is in the Navy and is now  
stationed there. Mr. Walton stat-  
ed that his son gets the State  
Pilot every Saturday morn-  
ing and that he looks forward  
to its arrival.

### WILL IN HOSPITAL

Friends of Colonel Earl I.  
Wynn will regret to know that  
he is ill in the James Walker  
Memorial hospital in Wilmington.

## Runaway Of Young Toledo Boy Ends In Happy Reunion

Following an absence of twelve  
days and a frantic search by his  
parents and the police, extending  
over a dozen states, Donald Smith,  
13-year-old Toledo, Ohio, school  
boy, was found here at Long  
Beach Friday by Chief of Police  
Otto Hickman. Confronted at the  
anxiety that he knew his disap-  
pearance had caused his parents  
and overjoyed at soon seeing  
them, he left Monday afternoon  
to return to Toledo. Accompany-  
ing him were his grandmother,  
Mrs. W. S. Smith, and his aunt,  
Mrs. Betty Smith. They had as-  
tended here as soon as advised by  
Chief Hickman that the missing  
boy was found and was safe.

The youngster told Chief Hick-  
man all about it. He set out from  
Toledo on the spur of the moment  
with only one dollar in his pocket.  
Traveling on the strength of  
an active thumb and his pleasing  
face, he reached Southport with-  
out the dollar. This was not  
strange as his journey led him a

distance of 850 miles before the  
vigilance of Chief Hickman led  
to his journeying being cut short.  
Seen by a newsman just before  
he started his return to Toledo,  
Donald said: "I wish you would  
tell the boys through the paper to  
take my advice: Don't run away  
from home, I had luck and got  
along all right but I have been sorry  
for my act every since I left  
Toledo. Once I was started I kept  
on going until I wound up here.  
Folks have been very nice to me,  
but I wish I had not left home  
as I did."

Donald is in the 8th grade in  
the Toledo school and seems un-  
usually intelligent and well bred.  
Speaking for his parents, as well  
as for themselves, his grandmo-  
ther and aunt were both very ap-  
preciative of all kindnesses shown  
him, here and elsewhere. They  
were also, naturally, just as over-  
joyed at reaching him here as he  
was to see them.

## Department Is Interested In Offshore Fishing Here

### State Lacks Costly Survey- ing Equipment and Train- ed Men; Director Ether- idge Is Trying To Enlist Federal Aid

**SURVEY IS BADLY  
NEEDED TO LOCATE  
OFFSHORE GROUNDS**

### Need For Work Off The Coast Of Brunswick Is Recognized And Real Effort Will Be Made To Get Survey

From the interest shown by R.  
Bruce Etheridge, Director of the  
Department of Conservation and  
Development, in Raleigh Thursday,  
it is indicated that offshore  
shrimp trawling, will soon be a  
possibility on the Brunswick  
county coast.

Several years ago the State of  
Louisiana and the Federal Fish-  
eries Bureau in Washington did  
some extensive surveying and  
charting of waters approximately  
20 miles off the Louisiana coast.  
They found waters without bottom  
obstructions in which shrimp  
abound. Owing to the distance of-  
shore the boats used in Louisiana  
have to be large enough for it to  
be safe for them to spend the  
night at sea. They take on ice,  
go out and fish for one or two  
days, or until they make a catch.  
The shrimp taken offshore are  
unusually large and of the finest  
quality. The returns from trawling  
offshore in that state are  
several times greater than when  
the boats operated in the waters  
close inshore.

During the past two years the  
trend at Southport has been to  
get bigger and better shrimp  
trawlers. With most of them pow-  
ered by diesel engines, there are  
now 25 or 30 Brunswick county  
boats amply large enough to go  
to sea and stay there until a  
catch is made. The trouble is that  
there are no fishing grounds  
charted offshore. Now and then  
a boat may go out 15 or 20 miles  
and accidentally hit upon a good  
place. Then the same craft and  
others may spend a week with-  
out success, looking for the same  
uncharted location.

Mr. Etheridge was told that un-  
less the offshore grounds could be  
charted and their locations defi-  
nitely fixed, all local efforts at  
development were useless. The  
large boats that Brunswick  
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## McKeithan Boys Both Now Home

Two Ash Men Back Home  
With Families After Do-  
ing Their Part Overseas;  
One Seriously Wounded

Pfc. Willie D. McKeithan, son of  
Mr. and Mrs. Gaston McKeithan,  
of Ash, has recovered sufficient-  
ly from serious wounds received  
in Germany during January to re-  
turn home. He has been in gov-  
ernment hospitals since the first  
of the year.

He was wounded by shrapnel in  
both ankles, but his most serious  
injuries were about the chest, a  
bullet having plowed  
through him from shoulder to  
shoulder. Outwardly showing no  
ill effects from his wounds, he is  
still weak in the chest. It is un-  
derstood that army surgeons as-  
sure him of complete final recov-  
ery in time. Owing to the serious-  
ness of his chest wounds he has  
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## British Tars Think End Near

Here last night aboard three  
small ships, a group of His  
Majesty's Royal Navy boys  
seemed to be unanimous in the  
belief that the war in Europe  
would end during the present  
month of April. Predictions as  
to the finish in Japan ran all  
the way from one month to a  
year after Germany fell.

One of the exponent of the  
belief that fighting with Japan  
might possibly go on for a  
year pointed out the fact that  
the Japanese Empire is com-  
posed of many different is-  
lands. All of them, he  
thought, might have to be  
conquered in turn.

The Jack Tars, which British  
sailors are called, presented  
a snappy appearance, espe-  
cially so when one con-  
trasted them with memories  
of other tired and worn Brit-  
ish sailors who have been here  
in past years.

When asked what they  
thought of their British Prime  
minister, one of them cheer-  
fully admitted that there was  
a time when the fate of the  
world, especially of England,  
hung on his pugnaeous stub-  
bornness of Winston Church-  
ill.

## Require Dogs Be Vaccinated

**Commissioners Say That All  
Dogs Must Be Vaccinated  
For Rabies Before May  
30th**

The Board of County Commis-  
sioners transacted considerable  
routine business at their meeting  
Tuesday among which was the  
passing of an order that all dogs  
in the county be vaccinated  
against rabies during the period  
beginning on April 15 and ending  
May 30. To do the work of vac-  
inating, the following appoint-  
ments were made: North West  
Township, G. F. Ganey; Town  
Creek township, Goley Lewis;  
Smithville, Clarence Cragon;  
Lockwoods Folly, Lindsey Clem-  
mons; Shallotte, W. H. Milliken;  
Waccamaw, W. D. Evans. These  
workers are required to keep a  
list of all dogs vaccinated and to  
report same to the board.

## Will Present Senior Play

**Senior Class Hard At Work  
On Presentation Of "The  
Colonel's Maid"**

The senior class of Southport  
High School will present its an-  
nual play, "The Colonel's Maid,"  
on April 6 at 8:00 P. M. in the  
school auditorium. The play is an  
humorous comedy concerning a  
young man named Bob Rudd, who,  
in order to overcome his father's  
prejudices against his fiance, the  
daughter of an old rival, has her  
father come to interfere, but  
after stormy interviews the two  
old rivals consent to the match.  
The characters are: Colonel  
Robert Rudd, a widower of North  
Carolina, played by Wyatt Gay,  
and Colonel Richard Byrd, a wid-  
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## Clothing Collection Begins



●Burlap skirts, instead of real pants, and no shoes, stockings or underwear is the war-imposed style for this homeless Greek boy and thousands like him. To help protect these war victims against cold and disease, round up all your serviceable used clothing, shoes and bedding for the United National Clothing Collection.●

## Southwestern Brunswick Thriving In Recent Years

Grissetown, Thomasboro,  
Longwood and Hickman's  
Cross Roads Have Made  
Very Fine Progress In  
Recent Years

### MANY SMALL FARMS ARE NOW ON THE OLD THOMAS PLANTATION

Neil Thomas Of Thomas-  
boro And Rice Gwynn Of  
Longwood Have Done  
Much For Develop-  
ment Of Respec-  
tive Sections

The section of Brunswick county  
that embraces Grissetown,  
Thomasboro, Hickman's Cross  
Roads and Longwood is striking  
demonstrative of the rapid gen-  
eral development that has been  
going forward in Brunswick county  
for a number of years. More  
and better homes have been built  
there and general living conditions  
have improved more than a hun-  
dred per cent. That section of  
county has made splendid ad-  
vancement.

A few days ago Cornelius  
Thomas, who now owns and lives  
at Clarendon Plantation on the  
River Road, between Southport  
and Wilmington, had occasion to  
make a business trip to Grisset-  
town and Thomasboro. He was  
kind enough to go out of his way  
and invite the representative of  
this little over a decade ago Mr.  
Thomas, then living in Mecklen-  
burg county, decided to return  
to his native Brunswick county  
and take over the three thousand  
acre farm left by his parents, the  
late Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Thom-  
as, Sr. A part of this farm lay  
at a cross roads and this cross  
roads became the hub of a thriving  
little community named Thom-  
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## Our ROVING Reporter

In case you do not know it, on  
the big daily papers there may  
be quite a number of persons who  
go under the title of Editor. The  
Editor proper is the fellow who  
is supposed to shape the policy  
of the paper and he may write  
about anything since Noah's flood  
on into the remote hereafter. He  
just writes. He's the Editor, with-  
out any prefix. In this case we  
call him "Slim" when he comes  
down to Southport and goes fish-  
ing with us each year.

Last week we were in Greens-  
boro and the Editor of the Greens-  
boro Daily News sent for us to  
come around. He wanted to show  
us over the office and shop. We  
showed up in due time and met  
the Assistant Editor who does  
the work when the Editor goes  
fishing and, probably, at other  
times.

Starting on the tour of the  
big office, the Editor paused in  
the doorway, surveyed the assem-  
bly and inquired if I felt safe to  
go through there where all those  
pretty girls were working? The  
workers were about half and half  
women, the Editors description  
being alright for the girls but it  
struck us that their co-workers  
looked as if they needed a bromo-  
seltzer. We have felt the same  
way at times.

The Editors sarcastic sugges-  
tion that we might be afraid was  
not lost on us. It was obvious  
that he was insinuating that we  
had been short of having experi-  
ence with girls and we naturally  
resented that he should consider  
us unsophisticated. We promptly  
advised him that he would be  
amazed to know how well we  
could get along with all sorts of  
dumb things, especially horses  
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## Shallotte School Red Cross Record

The following is a record of the contributions from each room. Shallotte High school ended its Red Cross Drive with a total of \$1,607.52, \$207.52 above the \$14,000 quota. Each teacher and her pupils should be commended for throughout the Drive.

Teacher	Grade	No. of Pupils	Total Amount
Mrs. Katie White	1	35	\$62.57
Miss Elba R. Hawes	1	33	\$30.00
Miss Margaret Register	1	34	\$18.77
Miss Ina Dean Caldwell	1	35	\$11.00
Mrs. Gay White	2	36	\$52.57
Mrs. Alice Barrett	2	32	\$18.39
Mrs. Clyde Lassiter	2	36	\$18.12
Miss Gladys Thomas	3	38	\$44.00
Miss Britie Holden	3	40	\$37.25
Mrs. Bill French	3	34	\$20.00
Mrs. Annie Russ Weeks	4	44	\$30.35
Miss Beattie Moore	4	40	\$18.64
Mrs. Al Morris	4	33	\$65.25
Mrs. Mae Russ	5	39	\$35.88
Mrs. Margaret Russ	5	38	\$35.00
Miss Lois Lancaster	5	39	\$162.10
Mrs. H. C. Stone	6	39	\$72.75
Miss Margaret Clamp	6	39	\$152.34
Miss Edith Breedlove	7	41	\$70.65
Miss Louise Tweed	7	38	\$112.00
Miss Angelia Hubbard	8	33	\$44.35
Mrs. Muzette W. Arnold	8	32	\$150.27
Mrs. Edna Russ	10 (boys)	14	\$115.00
Mrs. Frances Hill	11	41	\$65.27
Mrs. Harry Tatum	10 (girls)	38	\$85.10
Miss Mary Riser	9 (girls)	32	\$58.10
Miss Betty Wham	9 (boys)	20	\$36.66

The Honor Roll consists of those pupils who contributed a definite amount (\$1.00-\$5.00 at different age levels) to the Red Cross.

First Grade: Michael Russ, Faye Douglas, Bobby King, Laura Lee Hawes, Jackie Henson, Jr., Simmons, Derriline Bowen, Malton Tripp, Jimmy Hewette, David Rourk, Archel Dance, Julia Bellamy, Douglas Grissett, Ralph Frink, Sheldon Pigott, Shelda Leonard, Warren Milligan, Glyn Inman, Marvin Bennett, Wayne Holden, and Ruby Jacobs.

Second Grade: Jackie Platt, Mima J. Williams, Henry Gray, Onell Gaine, Barbara J. Parker, Avis Sellers, Fay Galloway, Joan Bellamy, Emma Gore, Joan Parker, Jackie Russ, Carolyn Blanton, Wesley Suggs, Tommy Lowe, J. C. Gore, Phyllis Long, Frances (continued on page two)

## Tobacco Farmers Marking Time

Plants Have Reached Such  
An Advanced Stage Of  
Growth That Transplant-  
ing To The Fields Is  
Forced

With the plants having reached  
such a stage of growth that many  
farmers are practically being  
forced to plant now, there is a  
general marking of time among  
the growers of Brunswick county.  
They are waiting as long as  
possible, hoping it will rain. If  
rains does not come within a few  
days many of them will have to  
plant with the aid of a water  
barrel, in order that there be  
enough moisture for the plants  
to take root.

There has been no reports indicat-  
ing that there may be a shortage  
of plants at any point in the county,  
but rather the reverse. There  
are plenty of plants and in the  
finest healthy condition, but they  
must be set out soon or they  
will be of such size that stunting  
will result from the transplanting.  
About all growers are said to  
have their lands ready. The first  
rains will be followed by a very  
busy transplanting period.

## Quota Reduced For April Tires

**Drastic Reduction In April  
Quota Gives Cause For  
Increased Care**

Brunswick county passenger car  
drivers will have to guard their  
tires even more carefully during  
the coming months if they are  
to continue to drive, J. A. McNeil,  
chairman of the local War  
Price and Rationing Board said  
today.

Brunswick county boards will  
have only 100 passenger car tires  
for rationing in April as compared  
to 184 in March, he said.  
The shortage of passenger tires  
makes it necessary that they be  
issued only after the war im-  
portance of each applicant's car  
use is measured against the im-  
portance of other applicant's cars,  
he pointed out.

A preferential list of occupa-  
tions for use in selecting persons  
to receive passenger car tires  
has been established.  
This list will be used in chan-  
neling the reduced quota of tires  
to persons whose transporta-  
tion needs are regarded as most  
essential to the war effort, he  
declared.

Under the new plan the number  
of eligibles is not reduced, but  
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## Recorder Holds Man On Assault, Robbery Charges

**James McNeill Placed Under  
\$500. Justified Bond  
For Assault On Richard  
Griffin**

### GRIFFIN ALSO ROBBED ALLEGEDLY BY McNEIL

**Drunken Driver Drew \$75.  
Fine And Costs In Re-  
corders Court Here  
This Week**

The most outstanding matter to  
come up before Judge John B.  
Ward in Recorders Court here  
Monday was the hearing of  
charges against James McNeill and  
William King, local negroes who  
were charged with the assault  
and robbery of Richard Griffin  
on the night of the 10th of  
March. Griffin has been a patient  
in the J. Arthur Doshier Mem-  
orial hospital for the past nineteen  
days and was only able to get in  
the court room with the aid of  
friends.

It was alleged that McNeill and  
King assaulted him on the street  
at night. He was seriously in-  
jured and lay on the street for  
four hours until he was discover-  
ed and taken to the hospital. In  
addition to the assault it was al-  
leged that he was robbed of nine  
dollars.

Judge Ward found probable  
cause against McNeill and held  
him for Superior Court under a  
bond of five hundred dollars. No  
probable cause was found against  
William King and he went free.  
One drunken driver drew a \$75.-  
00 fine and costs during the day.  
The remainder of the docket was  
formed of small charges, the fol-  
lowing being the cases handled:  
Biggie Joyner, drunk driving,  
four months on the roads or fine  
of \$75.00 and costs. Loftin Clem-  
mons, parking on highway after  
dark and possession, continued to  
April 16.

J. E. Wheeler, reckless opera-  
tion, judgment suspended on pay-  
ment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs.  
James A. Ballard, reckless opera-  
tion, judgment suspended on pay-  
ment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.  
Adolph E. Hoppy, speeding,  
judgment suspended on pay-  
ment of a fine of \$15.00 and cost.  
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## Forest Fire Warden Asks Cooperation

**Timely Aid In Extinguish-  
ing And Reporting Forest  
Fires May Result In  
The Saving Of  
Much Timber**

Dryness and high winds have  
resulted in several serious forest  
fires throughout the county, ac-  
cording to reports reaching town  
this week. Owing to the fact that  
all forest fire wardens have been  
extremely busy, this paper has  
been unable to contact any one in  
authority for the purpose of learn-  
ing how much damage has been  
done. The wardens have all been  
engaged either in actual fire  
fighting or in watching to see  
that none got started.

Saturday evening a bad fire  
was reported near Winnabow. At  
the same time another of like  
seriousness was reported getting  
underway west of Shallotte. Sun-  
day and Monday, with the con-  
tinued high winds, probably saw  
the start of many other fires  
that seriously taxed the fire  
fighting resources of the county.  
With the woods crop now be-  
coming generally recognized as  
the most valuable crop that can  
be grown in Brunswick county,  
Chief Dorman Mercer recently  
made an appeal to citizens to aid  
in every way to prevent fires  
during the windy days, when most  
damage can be done. Should they  
get started despite all precautions  
it is urged that persons finding  
such fires report them immedi-  
ately to the nearest fire tower. The  
public can also render much val-  
uable aid by extinguishing or at-  
tempting to extinguish all woods  
fires that they may discover. A  
few minutes quick work when a  
fire is first discovered may result  
in the saving of many thousands  
of dollars worth of timber and  
much wildlife from destruction.

## Southport School Helps Red Cross

**School Raised Nice Sum For  
Red Cross; Good Work  
Done By Mrs. Lennon**

The Southport School complet-  
ed its drive for Red Cross funds  
with a total of \$566.00. Mrs.  
Frank Lennon directed the drive  
in the school.

Southport School has approxi-  
mately 300 students and the amount  
raised per pupil is a distinct  
credit to the school. The students  
worked hard and used several  
methods of raising money. What  
they raised was separate from  
the money raised in Southport by  
solicitors. The total figure for  
Southport will be much higher  
than the above figure when the  
total is released by the county  
chairman.

Mrs. Robert Willis' second grade  
led the school with a total of  
\$133.00. Mrs. Lennon's seventh  
grade raised \$122.00 to be in  
second place. The eighth grade,  
with Mrs. Warren Hood as home  
room teacher, raised \$104.05.  
The following is a record of the  
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**PROCESSED FOODS:  
BLUE STAMPS**  
C-2, D-2, E-2, F-2, G-2 ...  
expire April 28.  
H-2, J-2, K-2, L-2, M-2 ...  
expire June 2.  
N-2, P-2, Q-2, R-2, S-2 ...  
expire June 30.  
T-2, U-2, V-2, W-2, X-2 ...  
expire July 31.  
**MEATS & FATS:  
RED STAMPS**  
T-5, U-5, V-5, W-5, X-5 ...  
expire April 28.  
Y-5, Z-5, A-2, B-2, C-2, D-2 ...  
expire June 2.  
E-2, F-2, G-2, H-2, J-2 ...  
expire June 30.  
K-2, L-2, M-2, N-2, P-2 ...  
expire July 31.  
**SUGAR**  
Sugar Stamp No. 35 ...  
good for five pounds ... ex-  
pires June 2.  
**SHOES**  
Airplane Stamp No. 1, 2,  
3, now good.  
**FUEL OIL**  
Period 4 and 5 (last season)  
and Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5  
(this season) valid for 10 gal-  
ons each.  
**GASOLINE**  
A-15 coupons good through  
June 21.