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## R. I. Mintz Come From War Games Maneuver

Brunswick County Register of Deeds Was First Lieutenant With Company I of 120th Infantry in War Games

TOTAL OF 29,000 TROOPS PARTICIPATED

Official Says That Of Hardships Of War Were Experienced, But Says Is Practical

R. I. Mintz, register of Brunswick county, returned Monday from Brooklyn, where he served for two years as First Lieutenant with Company I of the 120th Infantry in the war game maneuvers. A total of 29,000 troops saw action in that section in the United States. Mintz was with the troops on duty it was to successfully defend the rail center at Hattiesburg, Miss., and move on New Orleans. This defense was successful, and the methods employed were just as thrilling as mock warfare could be. There were hardships encountered. The supply of food and fresh water was particularly welcomed item to the tired soldiers. The place where his company was encamped was high and dry, he said, and there was no trouble from mosquitoes. But the red bugs were another matter. Mintz believes that valuable practical instruction resulted from this large scale battle, and believes that this is an important training ground for national defense.

In addition to the Brunswick county register of deeds, there are four privates from Brunswick county in his company. They are the two cadet boys from Leland and Privates Anderson and Thomas, from Leland.

## Little Bits Of Big News

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

### Two Victims

Remains of two women were found Tuesday night in a fill-dump near the shore of Lake Erie and police worked on the theory that they were victims of Cleveland's mad "torso slayer." The first body discovered late today, was dissected in four parts—head, upper torso and both legs. A skull and bones of a second body were found tonight by detectives searching for clues not far from the first.

### Deaf

President Roosevelt called in emphatic language Tuesday for the defeat of Senator Millard F. Tydings of Maryland and Representative John O'Connor of New York in the coming democratic primaries. Answering a press conference question, the chief executive said, and issued as his own statement, a recently published editorial (New York Evening Post) which said Tydings was attempting to obtain re-nomination "with the Roosevelt prestige and the money of his conservative republican friends."

### Children Threatened

Mrs. Cecelia Dempsey, mother of Jack Dempsey, said Tuesday he was "worried about the safety of his children" and planned to bring his family to Salt Lake City to live within two years. Mrs. Dempsey told reporters the former heavyweight boxing champion, now a successful restaurant man in New York, has been alarmed by kidnappings and "Jack was always a mama's boy and wants to come home to me anyway."

### MOVE OFFICE

The office of County Auditor E. C. St. George has been moved from the hall from his former location into a room that recently has been repainted and

## Caught Crocodile Bared



**BARE-HANDED**—Bill Ward, Whiteville filling station attendant, is shown here with the crocodile which he captured recently in a dense swamp area in Brunswick county with his bare hands. Ward says that he is not afraid to capture crocodiles bare-handed, and declares that he's done it many times before.

## Commissioners Set Tax Rate At \$1.40 For 1938

Material Reduction Made In County Tax Rate As Revaluation Increases Taxable Wealth Of Property

RATE LAST YEAR WAS SET AT \$1.75

County Auditor R. C. St. George Carried Copy Of Budget Before Local Government Commissioners Last Week

The budget for the next fiscal year has been adopted by members of the Brunswick county board of commissioners and the tax rate for 1938 had been definitely set at \$1.40.

A material reduction in the tax rate was made possible through a horizontal increase of 25 percent in property valuation, for the last year the tax rate for the county was \$1.75. The new budget provides 40 cents of the tax dollar for general operating expenses, including the county poor and veterans and public health; seven cents for social security and blind aid; 75 cents for debt service and 18 cents for schools.

It was estimated that the operating expenses for general county purposes will be \$59,150.00. (Continued on page 6)

## Better Fishing Weather With Change Of The Moon

According to all indications the bad weather jinx that has been curbing sport fishing here for the past six months was broken with the coming of the change in the moon on August 11th. Since that date continuous perfect weather for sport fishing has prevailed.

What is better, the weather-wise folks are of the opinion that the fine weather will continue with few interruptions for the next several months. While the weather is perfect for sport fishing, it is not rated as being quite so good for the commercial boats. The heat and stillness causes the menhaden to scatter and break up into small pods. It is quite a task for the huge purse nets to be put out and taken in again, whether the catch be large or small. When the schools, or pods, of fish are small it takes arduous labor on the part of the crews to produce on a scale that will bring them

## Rudy Walters To Play For Dance

Rudy Walters and his swing orchestra, from Lake Waccamaw, will play for a dance to be held Friday night in the Community Center Building. The dance begins at 9:30 o'clock.

Local music lovers will remember this band as the one which played the last two nights of the 1937 Regatta dances. It gained a reputation for being one of the most popular ever to play here.

After having good orchestras here every few weeks all last year, several months have now elapsed since the last dance. For that reason it is expected that a large crowd will attend the dance Friday night.

## Trout Now Biting Around Old Wrecks

Dr. H. L. Price, of Taylorsville, M. H. Heiss, of Greensboro, and postmaster L. T. Yaskell made a pretty catch of 97 speckled trout while fishing over the wreck of one of the old ships on the shoals last week.

## New Power Line Project Is Being Sought By City

Project Would Entail Expenditure Of \$15,000.00 But Would Give City Complete New Pole And Line Equipment

PLANS FOR THIS PROJECT DRAWN

Application Will Be Made Within Near Future To Head Of PWA In This State; Authority From Legislature

A \$15,000.00 PWA project for the erection of new poles and electric lines throughout the city of Southport is being prepared by city officials, and formal request for money to complete this work will be made within a few days.

Through an act of the legislature it is possible for a city government to issue revenue bearing bonds, even though the municipality is in default in payment of its bonded indebtedness. Through the plan now being considered the sum of \$15,000.00 can be secured from the PWA. Of this amount 45 percent will be an outright grant. Revenue producing bonds extending over a period of 20 years may be issued to pay the remaining 55 percent.

It is estimated by the city officials that payment of interest and principal on these bonds will not amount to more than one-fourth the monthly cost of upkeep on the local power line.

## Several Sent To Court For Fight

Fighting And Non-Support Furnished Cases Tried Last Wednesday Before Judge John B. Ward

The defendants in five cases tried in Brunswick county Recorder's court last Wednesday were furnished from one free-for-all colored fight.

Dock Bryant was found guilty of making an assault with a deadly weapon. His sentence of 60 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of a \$10.00 fine and the court costs. Her part in the affray cost Pauline Bryant a 30-day suspended sentence after she had paid the court costs.

Dave Brown got mixed up in the affair to the extent of being convicted of making an assault with a deadly weapon. His sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of a \$10.00 fine and the costs. John Smith paid out of his case with a \$10.00 fine and his part of the costs. The 30-day sentence of Jo McKoy was suspended upon payment of her part of the costs.

Leia Frink, colored, was found guilty of assault. She was not mixed up in the first fight, but hails from another end of the county. Her transgression, it appeared in court, was biting another colored woman with whom she was engaged in strife. In addition to paying the costs of her case she was required by the court to pay the \$2.00 doctor bill of the prosecuting witness.

Fred Fulford, white, was found guilty of charges that he has failed to support his illegitimate child. He was ordered by the court to pay the sum of \$5.00 monthly for this purpose until further action of the court.

Elva Mconey, white, was found guilty of charges of non-support and was given 6 months on the

## New Equipment In Local Show

Amuzu Theatre Recently Has Installed Latest Sound Equipment Available; Other Improvements Planned

The Amuzu theatre re-opened last Wednesday night after being closed for two days while a complete new sound unit was being installed. Patrons of the theatre Wednesday were instantly able to tell the improvement, and the general opinion was that the acoustics were as good as may be found anywhere.

Price Furless, proprietor of the local show house, stated that he has an order in now for new seats and that soon he will have the best equipped, most modern furnished little theatre in this part of the state.

## Interest Being Shown In Queen Mermaid Race

Inquiries From Various Sections Show Interest On Part Of Lovely Maids In All-Expense Trip To Wrightsville

WINNER WILL BE GIVEN NEXT WEEK

Names Of No Contestants Are Given Today, For Next Week's Announcement Of Winner Must Be Surprise

From several sections of Brunswick county have come inquiries concerning the contest for the selection of Queen Mermaid for Brunswick county, for which the first prize will be an all-expense trip to the Water Carnival at Wrightsville Beach August 27 and 28.

The plan is simple. Just pick out your favorite pretty girl above the age of 16 and send in your vote for her as Brunswick county's queen. Official ballots are printed on the editorial page, and no vote will be counted that is not sent in on one of these forms. All ballots must be in the office of The State Port Pilot not later than Monday, August 22, at 12 o'clock noon. The decision of the judges will be final.

The winner will receive the title of Brunswick county's Queen Mermaid and will represent this section in the beauty contest at Wrightsville Beach August 28. The two day trip to the carnival will be paid for by this newspaper, who is offering this prize to the county's most beautiful and popular mermaid.

Remember: This is a county-wide contest; and all votes must be in before Monday noon.

## Dr. Shupert Is Back For More

Centralia, Ill., Physician Made A Fine Catch Here In Half Day Last Year And Is Ready To Try Again

Dr. F. M. Shupert, of Centralia, Ill., holder of the 1937 record for a half-day catch of trout, arrived Monday with Mrs. Shupert and their daughters, Misses Jean and Jacqueline. The doctor intends to put in a full week of fishing this time.

Last year, Dr. and Mrs. Shupert were attracted to Myrtle Beach. Near the end of their vacation they heard of the Southport fishing and came here for the last three days of their stay. During one of these days, while out on the boat of Captain Hulian Watts, Dr. Shupert hauled in trout to the astonishing number of 97. He caught about all of these himself, Mrs. Shupert being seasick as was one of the little girls. The other assisted her father by taking eleven.

The large number of trout caught by one man in hardly more than half a day was all the more remarkable in view of the fact that the fish were unusually large ones. They averaged about three pounds to the fish, many specimens tipping the scales at four pounds and better.

Pictures of the big catch were widely circulated, appearing in Illinois newspapers and various North Carolina publications.

## Sportsmen Hear Of Gulf Stream

From Distant States Have Come Inquiries Regarding Big Game Fishing Off Shore From Southport

From all over the United States inquiries have been pouring in during the past week regarding Gulf Stream fishing at Southport. The inquiries have come from all sorts of people, from the Governor of Pennsylvania on down.

Governor Earle, of Pennsylvania, did not merely make an inquiry; he asked if he could get a boat and made inquiry regarding the weather. It is believed that he will show up at Southport before the end of the summer for Gulf Stream fishing.

From the right distant state of Wisconsin two inquiries came in one day. The sportsmen writing were both actuated in their interest by a story appearing in the last issue of one of the best known outdoor magazines in the United States.

Incidentally, Paul K. Whipple, of Minneapolis, Minn., editor of the

## Southport Attorney Is District Bar President

Poisson, Wilmington Attorney, Tells Of The Problems Confronting The Attorney Of Today

SOUTHPORT ATTORNEY NAMED AS PRESIDENT

H. L. Lyon, Jr. and Dwight McEwen, Both Of Whiteville, Are Named Officers In District

S. Bunn Frink, of Southport, was elected president of the eighth judicial district bar association when fifty members gathered at the Anchorage pavilion at Lake Waccamaw Friday evening for their annual dinner session.

H. L. Lyon, Jr., of Whiteville, was elected as vice president, Dwight McEwen, Sr., of Whiteville, and Wilmington, secretary and treasurer and Louis J. Poisson, of Wilmington was re-elected counselor.

Members of the executive committee were elected as follows: Julian D. Lewis, of Whiteville; Leon H. Corbett, of Burgaw; Robert W. Davis, of Southport; K. O. Burgwin, of Wilmington, and Irving Tucker, Sr., of Whiteville.

Louis J. Poisson was the principal speaker of the evening, speaking on "Problems Confronting The Bar Today."

He clasped the problems of the



S. BUNN FRINK

bar under three heads: The growth of arbitration; administration tribunals; and unauthorized practice of law.

In suggesting means of meeting the problems he gave a brief history of the development of the profession and of the part played by members of the profession in the development of the nation. He spoke of the "steadfast adherence of the attorneys of the nation to the fundamental principles of democracy through the trying time in U. S. history."

He called for unity among the members of the bar in meeting the bar's problems and in rendering (Continued on page 6)

## Begin Paving Stretch Of Beach Road Near Station

Postmasters To Visit Southport

Postmaster Wilbur Doshier, of Wilmington, was in town Saturday afternoon talking over prospects for a meeting here sometime next month of the postmasters of this district.

Postmaster L. T. Yaskell got in touch with the head man at the Wilmington office Monday and the two of them decided upon a district meeting to be held here during the first or second week in September.

## Take-Outs For The Tax List

Following First Insertion Of County Tax List Last Week Several Tax Payers Have Paid Up

The first publication of the county tax list was made last week, and since that time a number of property owners have come into the office of Tax Collector Chas. E. Gause and paid their 1937 taxes.

Once the list was set up, it was impossible to withdraw the names. However, we are running herewith a list of persons whose property has been advertised, but who have since paid their taxes: (Continued on page 6)

## About A Mile Along Ocean Front Between The Coast Guard Station And Caswell Beach Is Being Surfaced

W. R. McAULEY IN CHARGE OF CREW

Is Foreman In Charge Of Sand - Asphalt Workers Who Have Been Sent Here To Begin Project

A sand-asphalt crew of the State Highway Commission under the direction of W. R. McAuley, is working this week to complete about a mile of paving from the Oak Island coast guard station down to Caswell Beach.

Instead of using the old roadbed, the new road lies over toward the ocean and will, when completed, afford a pretty ocean front drive.

Present plans call for the surfacing of just this portion of the road. Later the pavement will be extended another mile down the beach, where it will intersect the old beach road as it runs out to the ocean. Completion of the pavement now is contingent upon preparing a suitable roadbed along the remainder of the beach and across the causeway, which has been pronounced by engineers as being too low.

With the completion of this stretch they will have quite a change from the old order of things at Oak Island. It was only a few years ago that boats provided the only way for the guardsmen to come and go between the station and Southport. At that the guardsmen had to walk nearly a mile of causeway from the station to reach the point where the boats were kept. A half dozen years ago, in addition to building a modern and (Continued on page 6)

## Raleigh Mayor Has A Try At Trout Fishing Here

Mayor George A. Isley, of Raleigh, demonstrated Friday that he was a right good sportsman. The demonstration was not so much along the line of ability to catch fish as it was to show he could take hard luck and keep plugging away.

Coming down as the guest of Frank Johnson, of Statesville, Mayor Isley went out on the boat of Captain H. T. Bowmer. The moon had changed just the day before and the fish evidently decided to take a holiday Friday in celebration of the event. They would not bite for anybody, except Mr. Johnson, until the afternoon. It began to look like the said Mr. Johnson was going a bit too far and was taking all the sport from the mayor and the Civic man, who was also a guest.

Came noon and the Raleigh chief executive had not caught anything at all despite diligent effort. His poor luck did not upset him. He stuck to his fishing. His patience was finally rewarded. In the afternoon the fish completely deserted the Statesville man in favor of Raleigh Mayor Isley reeled in trout after trout and the most that Mr. Johnson could do was to chew more industriously on his tobacco and mutter soft things to himself. The day wound up with the Mayor about a dozen trout ahead.

The days results was pretty good, intriguing the Raleigh man so much that he is coming to try it again. He had one unfortunate accident during the afternoon. Believe it or not, he hooked the great granddaddy of all the trout, and brought him up alongside the boat. Just as he made the haul that was to land the big fellow in the boat the fish let go the hook and swam decouly away.

## First Pre-School Conference Will Be Held On 25th

Meeting Called By Dr. J. Henry Highsmith For All Administrative Officials In This County

VARIED PROGRAM IS PLANNED FOR EVENT

Thorough Discussion Of Vocational Education To Be Discussed; Principals To Hold Meeting

On Friday, September 16, there will be the first of a series of school clinics held here for the benefit of Brunswick county school officials. This meeting originally was set for August 26, but school will not be open at that time, and school teachers and principals will not be available.

A representative of the Division of Instructional Service and a representative of the Division of Vocational Education will be present at the conference. The program begins at 9:00 a. m., and will adjourn for lunch at 1:00 a. m. The morning program will be devoted entirely to a discussion of professional improvement through:

1. Various types of professional meetings.
2. Use of the professional library.
3. Observation and study of classroom practices.
4. Educational trips, excursions, inter-school visits.
5. Council meetings, workshops, and organized committee work.
6. The study and use of pupil records and reports.
7. A knowledge of instructional materials, supplies, and equipment for the school as a whole.
8. Participation in curriculum studies.
9. Practical uses of courses of study and manuals.
10. Adaptation of instruction and information in 1938 Handbook.

The second part of the morning program will be given as a discussion of school improvement through:

1. Values in requirements for accreditation.
2. Accumulative history records of pupils.
3. General history record of the individual schools.
4. Accession records of materials, supplies, and equipment.
5. Better housekeeping for all buildings and the proper care, use, and beautification of school grounds.
6. Plans and programs for coordinating and unifying the work of individual schools (also within each school).
7. Health and physical education program coordinated with the school programs.
8. School and community organizations and co-operating agencies.
9. Safe and efficient transportation of pupils (bus system).
10. Interchange of visits between the home and the school.
11. State and National plans and programs.

A thorough discussion of vocational education as a vital part of the program of education with special emphasis upon the various phases of the instruction program for the ensuing school year, will be discussed under the leadership of a representative of the vocational department.

The afternoon session, which will be held in the Textbook Depository, with the principals only, will deal with the administrative program for the year, as well as plans for the opening on Thursday, September 1st. Among those expected to be present in addition to the State officials will be the following: G. O. Rogers, I. C. Pait, R. L. Marsh, Ivo Wortman, Mabel White, F. A. Flicquet, C. H. Pinner, T. L. Wooten, B. E. Ratchford, E. L. Derrick, L. M. Adcox, J. R. Woodard, Jap Led (Continued on page 6)

## 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, August 11	
7:27 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
1:32 A. M.	7:54 P. M.
Friday, August 12	
8:06 A. M.	2:15 P. M.
2:10 A. M.	8:28 P. M.
Saturday, August 13	
8:44 A. M.	2:55 P. M.
2:47 A. M.	9:03 P. M.
Sunday, August 14	
9:22 A. M.	3:36 P. M.
3:25 A. M.	9:38 P. M.
Monday, August 15	
10:03 A. M.	4:20 P. M.
4:08 A. M.	10:17 P. M.
Tuesday, August 16	
10:50 A. M.	5:09 P. M.
4:45 A. M.	11:03 P. M.
Wednesday, August 17	
11:42 A. M.	6:05 P. M.
5:31 A. M.	