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Broughton Speaks Tuesday At Community Picnic Here Honoring Trench Veterans

Tuesday Will Be An Important Day In Southport With Many Visiting Veterans And Next Governor Present

TRENCH MORTAR VETS IN REUNION

Special Activities In Honor Of Visitors Will Reach Height On Tuesday Night With Dance At Long Beach

M. Broughton, Democratic nominee for governor, has accepted an invitation to speak at a community picnic to be given Tuesday in Franklin Square in honor of veterans of Batteries "C" and "D", 2nd Trench Mortar Battalion, which outfits will hold their first reunion next week at Caswell, where members of two batteries received their discharge prior to the World War.

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Wells Defeats Russ In Second Primary Battle

Was High Man In First Primary And Increased His Margin Over Russ To 161 Votes In Saturday's Contest

W. S. (Bill) Wells of Southport defeated Burnice Russ, another local man, by a margin of 161 votes for the Democratic nomination for Register of Deeds in the second primary race held Saturday.

Wells' total vote was 733; Russ had 572. It is interesting to note that the winner received his strongest support from rural Brunswick, for in Southport Russ beat him 289 to 118, a majority of 171. However, throughout the rest of the county it was another story. Wells carried 12 of the 16 voting precincts, and piled up a commanding lead over his opponent in most places.

By virtue of his victory Saturday Wells takes his place on the Democratic county ticket in November with J. W. Ruark, who was unopposed for the Democratic nomination for Representative of the lower house of the North Carolina General Assembly. Wells will be opposed in the fall by Republican party chairman,



W. S. (Bill) WELLS

Local Men Interested In Hearing Held Today

U. S. Army Engineers Are Holding Hearing To Determine If Masonboro Inlet Is To Be Deepened

WOULD AID LOCAL MENHADEN FLEET

Would Eliminate Long And Dangerous Trip Necessary To Go Out Around Frying Pan Shoals

Several Southport men are in Wilmington today to attend a hearing before the U. S. Engineers regarding the project to dredge Masonboro Inlet to a depth of 12 feet.

Asked yesterday about the proposed project and its effect upon Southport fishermen, Captain John D. Eriksen said that this work could be of tremendous importance to local sea-faring men, especially the menhaden fishermen.

He explained that on a trip to the eastward off Frying Pan shoals would be shortened by half if it were possible to run up the inland waterway to Wrightsville and thence out through Masonboro Inlet. Deepening the bar at that point to 12-feet would permit this, he said.

On similar trips now, he said, it is necessary to go about 12-miles offshore from the bar, thence four miles across the shoals and back in again to accomplish what could be done by a short run up the canal.

Twin Squash Displayed Here

Miss Lillian Collins of Winnabow brought in a twin squash for exhibit in The State Port Pilot office this week. Save for the Siamese twin effect, the vegetable appeared to be just like any other normal white squash.

Miss Collins was very thoughtful and brought along a couple of extras, possibly to prevent the editor's appetite from doing away with the strange-shaped twins.

OFFICIAL RETURNS SECOND PRIMARY ELECTION

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Plenty Of Fish And Fishermen

The only thing in the world that's needed now for the fishing season at Southport to get in full swing is good weather. For a long time this spring the fish were like farm crops, mighty late in getting started.

In recent weeks, however, sportsmen going out of here have had good luck, both from off shore fishing and the Gulf Stream trips.

Word of these successes spread, of course, and last week-end saw a bumper crop of fishing visitors here. Sad to relate, most of them found the weather too bad for a trip outside and had to go home without wetting a line. Not one of them escaped without hearing of past deeds of greatness, and the imagination of each visitor has been fired for a return visit.

Movie And Talk On Beautification

Will Be Held At Bolivia School On Next Tuesday Night At 8:30 O'clock; Public Is Invited

A movie and lecture on the beautification of home grounds lawns, walks, etc., will be presented at Bolivia school Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock under the auspices of the Brunswick county home agent.

John Harris, extension landscape specialist from State College, will present helpful suggestions to all who are interested in improving the physical appearance of their grounds, and citizens are invited to come and bring their friends.

Special emphasis will be given to use of native shrubbery and to screening objectionable views.

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Resolutions To Help Allies Are Approved Here

Mass Meeting Thursday Night Brought Expressions From Several Prominent Citizens Regarding U. S. Position

ASK THAT SECTION BE INVESTIGATED

This Was Third In Series Of County Meetings And Another Is To Be Held Friday At Shallotte

A citizens meeting to discuss matters pertaining to national defense was held in the Brunswick county courthouse Thursday evening with Neil Thomas presiding.

During the evening short expressions were heard from the following citizens: Judge E. H. Cranmer, R. F. Placco, R. I. Mintz, J. W. Ruark, S. B. Frink, W. M. Stanaland, J. Berg, J. D. Eriksen, H. M. Shannon, Horace Glover, M. B. Watkins and J. J. Loughlin, Jr.

Another meeting will be held at Shallotte school on Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock. Sentiments of those in attendance were pretty well expressed in two resolutions passed by the body. They follow:

"WHEREAS the strongest military powers have always ruled world affairs and it is to be supposed that world affairs will always be ruled by the strongest military machine, and

"WHEREAS we are weak in military power now but have the resources to build that strongest military machine if we begin now.

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Brunswick County National Defense committee that we beg the president and congress to make every possible effort to speed up our defense program, use every resource of our country for preparedness now, even if it means conscription of every man woman child and every piece of property, and that they institute compulsory military training immediately.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the president of the United States, a copy to each of the speakers of the two Houses of Congress."

"WHEREAS, the government of the United States is now engaged in a comprehensive study of all potentialities for National Defense; and

"WHEREAS, the Cape Fear river constitutes the only important entry into North Carolina from the sea, U. S. Custom House and Cape Fear Pilot Association figures showing that more than 500 large cargo vessels passed up the river in 1939, as against only 3 such vessels at other points of entry; and

"WHEREAS, Fort Caswell at the mouth of the Cape Fear river and the adjoining Southport harbor have a geographically strategic location and many fine physical properties that would fit in with the need of the Government in its national defense program; and

"WHEREAS, two thirds of the (Continued on page 4)

Southport Nine Scores Victory

Wilmington Hi-Kappers Fell Before Locals On Wednesday Afternoon; Playing Here Today

Southport's baseball team travelled to Wilmington last Wednesday for a hot game with the Wilmington Hi-Kappers, the final score being 8-6 in favor of the locals.

Ganey started for Southport and was relieved when he weakened in the sixth, and finished strong. The Hi-Kappers used three pitchers in the long battle that lasted 'til nearly dark.

The first part of the game was played in ragged fashion by both sides. Southport settled down after the third inning and won going away. The Hi-Kappers got an early lead with a run in the first and a three run rally in the third. Poor base-running prevented another score. Claude McCall, catching his first game, turned in a fine performance and batted in the first run. This seemed to be the stimulus needed, and in the fourth Southport added another, McCall again furnishing the drive. The pay-off came in the sixth when D. I. Watson knocked one out of the park and scored two men ahead of him. This same inning netted four runs. One run each was added in the seventh and ninth to clinch (Continued on page 4)

Army Training Is Planned For Adult Citizens

Arrangements Are Being Made To Enlist 300 Business And Professional Men For 30-Day Training Period Without Pay

C. M. T. C. IS TO SPONSOR PROGRAM

No Commissions Will Be Granted And No Obligations Rest Upon Men Who Offer Service

R. I. Mintz, County Chairman of Brunswick County is now taking applications for a special camp, just authorized by the War Department, for training 300 business and professional men in the Fourth Corps Area. This is being held in connection with the Citizens Military Training Camps, the first time such a course has ever been offered in this corps area.

This Camp, the first ever offered in this Corps Area, is for patriotic civic leaders between the ages of 25 and 50, and will be held at Fort McPherson, Georgia, for thirty days, from July 8 to August 6. Applicants who are accepted will provide transportation at their own expense and will pay for their own meals at the Regular Army ration rate for the camp. Regular Army uniforms and equipment will be used. All training and administration will be conducted by Regular Army and Reserve personnel, who will organize the camp and train the 300 trainees. No obligation rests upon these trainees for military service in the Regular Army, and no commissions will be granted on completion of the camp.

Payroll Increase Noted For N. C.

Figures From State Unemployment Commission Show That Brunswick County Also Showed Increase

RALEIGH, June 24.—Payrolls were about \$31,000,000 greater in 1939 than in 1938 for about 8,500 employers in the state who were subject to and came under the provisions of the N. C. Unemployment Compensation Law, the approximate figures being \$373,000,000 in 1938 and \$407,000,000 in 1939, Charles G. Powell, Commission chairman reports.

The employer contributions, the 2.7 percent tax on payrolls, amounted to \$10,131,314 in 1938, as compared with \$10,975,999 in 1939, reflecting better operations. Unemployment Compensation, or jobless benefits, amounted to \$8,159,368 in 1938, the first year of payments, and dropped to \$4,256,864 in 1939.

North Carolina had 8,416 employers subject to the UC law in the year 1939, and in the same year 449,897 workers were protected by the law.

Applications for work in the 56 Employment Service Division offices in the State and at about 125 "service points" and about 150 "spot points" visited by representatives from these offices, numbered 307,954 in 1938, as compared with 331,161 in 1939, while placements on jobs numbered 89,694 in 1938, increasing to 107,821 in 1939.

Brunswick county, a breakdown of the state figures shows had 11 employers subject to the law and 344 workers protected by it in the year 1939.

Payrolls of employers subject to the law and paid on employees protected by the law, amounted to \$186,509 in 1938, as compared with \$206,997 in 1939, while contributions paid by the liable employers of Brunswick county amounted to \$4,922 in 1938, as compared with \$5,589 in 1939.

Benefits to unemployed or partially unemployed workers in the county amounted to \$8,057 in 1938, as compared with \$5,202 in 1939.

Central UCC office records further show 913 applications for work in 1938 and 1,766 in 1939 in this county, while placements in jobs numbered 133 in 1938, and (Continued on page 4)

Club Party At Bolivia Gymnasium

Town Creek Home Demonstration Club will give a party Tuesday evening beginning at eight o'clock at the gymnasium at Bolivia school.

Good string music will be provided, games etc. will be played. Refreshments will be sold for benefit of the club.

Everybody is invited to come and enjoy the evening.

Young Sam Fletcher Frink Is Gifted With Guitar

Young Son Of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Frink Won Event In Fiddler's Convention After Playing Less Than One Year

When they held their fiddler's convention at Shallotte high school last winter members of the large audience probably thought somebody was kidding when Young Sam Fletcher Frink came out on the stage lugging his guitar.

In the first place, this was a contest for grown-ups at least most of the contestants up until that time had been adults. And in the second place, the guitar he was carrying surely was adult size, for it was as large as he was.

But for the moment that Young Sam Fletcher strummed the first dulcet note from his music box, the audience knew they were in for something special. And they were; for not only did the youngster hold his own with the men and older boys, he played so well that he won first prize in the only event he entered in the first fiddler's convention he ever attended in his life.

The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Frink of Grissetown and is just a natural-born musician. He came by his talent honestly, however for his mother is a graduate pianist. There is no telling how far he may go with his present hobby, for at the time he won the contest he had been playing his instrument less than a year. He



SAM FLETCHER FRINK

likes to play, and play is practice; and practice, they say makes perfect.

Plaintiff To Recover In Western Union Suit

Red Cross Fund Takes A Spurt

Red Cross emergency relief fund collections spurred during the past week as total collections jumped from \$89.85 to \$224.69.

This is an encouraging milestone toward the goal of \$400 that has been established as the quota for the Brunswick county chapter.

One interesting thing to note about the collections so far is the extent that the entire county is represented in sending in funds for alleviation of suffering in European countries. No community where a call has been made has failed to respond.

Although small contributions have been coming in before from Southport, it was a series of substantial donations made during the past week by local businessmen that enabled the total funds to reach the new high for one week.

Recorder Hears Numerous Cases

Docket That Had Accumulated For Two Weeks Was Disposed Of Here Monday Before Judge Walter M. Stanaland

Monday was a busy day in Recorder's court as Judge Walter M. Stanaland and his colleagues cleaned up a docket that had accumulated for two weeks due to last week's session of Superior court.

Jennings Hardy, white, waived appearance and pleaded guilty to charges of driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Judgment was (Continued on page 4)

First Of Three Holiday Dances At Beach Friday

Beginning Friday night when the Southport Tennis Club stages a dance at Long Beach pavilion, the Fourth of July season for Southport and vicinity promises to be a merry time for all.

As stated above, the merry-making starts with the Tennis Club dance, music to be furnished by the Jay Bee band. Sunday will witness the beginning of a four-day convocation of World War (No. 1) veterans at Fort Caswell, and on Tuesday local interest in this event will reach fever heat when a community picnic is held in the grove at Franklin Park. At noon there will be the address by J. M. Broughton, North Carolina's next governor, but many persons in attendance will have in the back of their mind the dance at Long Beach that night.

Quotas Said To Mean Ten Cent Price Difference

If Marketing Quotas Are Approved For The 1941 Flue-Cured Crop Of Tobacco Price Should Be 15 Cents

NOT SAID AS THREAT, FLOYD EMPHASIZES

Growers Know The Importance Of The Tobacco Export Trade, And Effect It Will Have On Price, Floyd Says

If marketing quotas are approved for the 1941 flue-cured tobacco crop, this year's crop should bring about 15 cents per pound; if quotas are rejected in the referendum to be held July 20, tobacco may average as low as 5 cents per pound this year.

Those are the predictions of farm leaders, made at a conference of growers, bankers, warehousemen and merchants held in Raleigh. J. B. Hutson, assistant administrator of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration and the best informed man on tobacco in the U. S. Department of Agriculture, said that if quotas are approved on a three-year basis, the Federal Government can almost promise that prices this year will be maintained at a 15 to 16-cent level.

Dr. I. O. Schaub, director of the State College Extension Service, said that without quotas, prices may drop as low as 5 cents per pound.

"This is not a threat," says E. Y. Floyd, AAA executive officer of State College. "Growers know of the importance of the export market. When the British buyers were withdrawn from the market last year, the warehouses were closed. The Federal government stepped in and financed the purchase of Imperial grades. Despite this support, prices dropped to an average of 14.8 cents, 8 cents per pound below the average for the previous five years. Without this support, there is no telling how low prices would have gone."

"The Federal government cannot make loans or give other financial support to the tobacco market without assurance that the supply will be kept in line with demand; that the record crop of 1,160 million pounds grown last year will not be repeated.

"The Federal government will support this year's market if quotas are approved in the referendum on July 20; it will be in a position to give maximum support if three-year quotas are approved."

Local Ladies On Legion Program

Mrs. L. C. Fergus Invited To Sing On Memorial Service Program Opening State Convention

Mrs. L. C. Fergus of Southport received a signal honor during the past week when she was invited to sing Kipling's "Let Me Forget" on the memorial service program which opened the North Carolina Legion Convention at High Point. Mrs. Roy McKeithan went along with Mrs. Fergus to play her piano accompaniment.

The program arranged by Rev. Frank J. Howard, retiring chaplain of the state department, was held in the city lake amphitheatre before an audience of 6, (Continued On Page 4)

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, June 27	
0:31 a. m.	6:55 a. m.
1:06 p. m.	7:40 p. m.
Friday, June 28	
1:19 a. m.	7:48 a. m.
1:56 p. m.	8:39 p. m.
Saturday, June 29	
2:11 a. m.	8:41 a. m.
2:48 p. m.	9:33 p. m.
Sunday, June 30	
3:10 a. m.	9:30 a. m.
3:44 p. m.	10:24 p. m.
Monday, July 1	
4:11 a. m.	10:18 a. m.
4:38 p. m.	11:12 p. m.
Tuesday, July 2	
5:08 a. m.	11:06 a. m.
5:27 p. m.	11:59 p. m.
Wednesday, July 3	
5:58 a. m.	11:54 a. m.
6:18 p. m.	