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BORDER TOBACCO MARKETS TO OPEN AUGUST 20

Visiting Veterans Guests At Picnic At Southport

Broughton Is Speaker Here Before Vets

Tells Veterans Of Batteries B And C, 2nd Trench Mortar, That They May Be Called Upon Again To Shoulder Arms

THRONG ENJOYS COMMUNITY PICNIC

Held In Franklin Square In Honor Of Visitors Who Are Holding Reunion Over At Ft. Caswell

Beneath the canopy of stately live oaks here in Franklin Square yesterday J. M. Broughton, of Raleigh, Democratic nominee for governor of North Carolina, warned members of Batteries B. and B. second Trench Mortar battalion, that the battle which they fought in 1917-18 "to make the world safe for democracy" has failed in its purpose and that today they are faced with the prospect of marching, and having their sons to march, in another war against a serious threat to our civilization.

"To stop this foe", he said, "we must stand ready to give every dollar we have, to make every personal sacrifice in our power." He spoke sorrowfully of the downfall of the French Republic but to rise again in our generation, and gravely reviewed the situation which now faces our mother nation England.

Mr. Broughton emphasized the kinship which we feel for Britain, and recalled for the benefit of visitors from other states that North Carolina was the birthplace of the new English speaking nation on the North American continent. "Today", he said, "our country is the last place on earth where citizens enjoy freedom of speech, freedom of the press and freedom of religious worship. If we are to keep it thus, we must be willing to fight in defense of these liberties, and possibly to take agressive steps for their preservation."

This speech by the governor-nominate came as a climax to a community picnic given by Southport citizens in honor of the World War veterans who have been holding their first reunion here at Ft. Caswell this week. A local committee headed by Mrs. R. B. Frink and Crawford Rourk was in charge of arrangements, and everything went off without a hitch.

Citizens of the town turned out in a body to welcome the boys whom they knew 22 years ago as trainees at Ft. Caswell. The R. O. T. C. band from Wilmington was on hand and played a program of martial music that was just the proper setting for the occasion. The speakers' stand and the flagpole in the grove were all draped in gaily colored flags.

The speaking program got underway immediately following the picnic dinner, and was opened when Rev. R. S. Harrison gave the invocation. Toastmaster L. T. Haskell then presented Judge John J. Burney, of Wilmington, who intruduced Mr. Broughton.

Short talks were made by Judge E. H. Cranmer, retired, of Southport; W. E. Caston, Roy Rangsberg, Captain W. R. Cox, Lieutenants Moore and Dixon, of Charlotte, Addison Hewett, chairman of the board of New Hanover conuty commissioners, W. R. Bonner, postmaster at Wilmington; C. David Jones, New Hanover county sheriff, C. Bunn Frink, of Southport.

Building Boom At Long Beach

Assurance That Road Facilities Will Be Improved Has Greatly Stimulated Interest In This Resort

Long Beach is now seeing a great deal of construction work with new homes starting up almost daily and since last Wednesday work has been commenced on three new residences that have from six to 9 rooms. They are being built for Roger Swain of Bolivia, Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport and Mrs. Maggie Williams of Acme.

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GOVERNOR-NOMINEE SPEAKS

SPEAKER—In a stirring patriotic address here yesterday, J. M. Broughton, Democratic nominee for governor, was principal speaker at a community picnic given in honor of veterans of batteries B and C, 2nd Trench Mortar Batallion.

Sewing Room Project Has Joint Sponsors

Conferences During Past Week Insure Fact That It Will Not Be Closed Down As Reported

VALUABLE WORK IS BEING DONE

In Addition to Payroll Each Month, 4,000 Finished Garments Are Being Made For Distribution

Unless some unexpected situation arises, the sewing room project for Southport will be continued despite previous announcement that work would be discontinued after July 1.

The difficulty arose from the inability of the county and city to provide the sponsor's share for the work, and it was only after a series of conferences last week that arrangements were made for the county and city to provide $65.00 per month each as their part of the work.

These sewing rooms gives employment to a supervisor and 16 women, who earn between $30.00 and $35.00 per month. Even more important than the payroll, however are the 4,000 garments which they complete annually and turn in to the county for distribution to needy families. These articles of clothing are worth an average of 28½c-each.

Louisburg College Offers Farm Course

Eastern Carolina is improving greatly its farming methods. A long felt need for a two year course in practical farming will be offered this fall by Louisburg College. The aim of this course is to teach the high school graduate modern scientific methods of farming. This course is not to supplant the two year preparatory course that leads to a B. S. degree in Agriculture at State College, but is set up with the purpose of holding the young men to the farm and preparing them to become successful farmers.

Reptile Repast Served Guests

Here's a tip to all loyal readers of The Pilot: If Churchill Bragaw ever invites you up for a meal it might be a good idea to inquire discreetly just what is in prospect for the bill of fare.

Our reason? Well. It's like this: Bragaw had visitors Sunday. For breakfast the guests were served fried frog legs; for the noonday repast the piece de resistance was alligator steak; and just by way of variety, the main dish at dinner in the evening was nice, juicy rattlesnake meat.

Want a second helping?

Routine Cases Before Recorder

Whiskey And Fighting As Usual Furnished Most Of The Defendants for Monday's Court Session

In Recorder's court here Monday Thomas L. Brocher, white, pleaded guilty to charges of driving with improper brakes. Judgment of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs.

Jimmie Stringfield, white, pleaded guilty to charges of parking on the highway. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs.

Madison H. Pratt, white, pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk on the highway. Given 30 days on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of $15.00.

Azeline Turner, colored, was found guilty of possession of intoxicating liquor for purpose of sale. Sentence of 4 months on

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Southwest Winds Have Caused Fishermen Grief

During 24 of the 30 days of last month southwest winds have been blowing—and most of the time at a right good clip—so it is small wonder that Southport fishermen are glad to see June go, with the hope that the adverse winds have gone with it.

Not only did the sport fishermen suffer, but even the menhaden boats remained at their docks many days during the month. Both made their get-away Monday.

One result of the sportsmen was the fine Gulf Stream catch made by a party aboard Hulan Watts' Summer Girl, which made the 35-mile trip in a sea not yet stilled from last week's churning. Barracuda, amberjack and dolphin rewarded the efforts of the party.

But, getting back to the statistice of June weather, records of the local weather bureau show that 94-degrees was the high reading for the month on June 15. On June 26 the mercury hit its month-long low of 62-degrees. Of particular interest, however, is the fact that not once during the final 10-days of the month did the thermometer go above the 85-degree mark.

There was an unusually low rainfall recording of 1.92-inches, with thunderstorms on June 19th and June 25th. During the month there were 16 clear days, 12 partly cloudy days and 2 cloudy days.

Pic-Nic Notes

Never before has it been our privilege to attend a more bountiful picnic than the one given by the Southport community yesterday in honor of visiting veterans of Trench Mortar Batteries B. and C. Our hats is off to Mrs. S. B. Frink, president of the local Legion Auxiliary, and to Crawford Rourk, commander of the Brunswick County Legion Post. Chief responsibility fell upon their shoulders, but fine support was given them by Southport citizens who once more lived up to their reputation for hospitality.

There was a doctor in the crowd, Dr. Brown. We thought maybe he'd come to render first aid to any over-stuffed victim, but once we saw him in action we knew that it was appetite and not altruism that was the motivating influence.

Tomorrow might just as well not be the Fourth of July so far as Southport is concerned, for anything that happens probably will come as an anti-climax to yesterday's dinner served in the grove, patriotic speaking, band concert and dance. Everything except the fireworks!

Mr. Broughton had his youngest son with him, but soon after the picnic had been done full justice, the youngster played hookey from his father's speech and lit out for Long Beach and a dip in the surf.

Every community ought to have one man (and one is enough) like Yaskell, for without him there'd be a lot of local events that would just waste away for want of a master of ceremony. He was at his informal best yesterday.

The R. O. T. C. band from Wilmington is really what added the final Fourth of July flavor to the picnic, and Southport was happy to have the young musicians here for the day.

If some of his buddies take time to write Randolph Scott the details of their reunion, he's one gentleman who'll be sorry that Hollywood is so far from Southport, and that movie schedules are so exacting.

New Cigarette Tax In Effect

Became Effective On July 1st And Is Part Of Tax Program Designed To Raise Defense Funds

The Collector of Internal Revenue at Greensboro, N. C., announced today that the new Internal Revenue Act of 1940 which has for its purpose the raising of funds to pay for national defense, among other things increases the tax on cigarettes by 8 1-3%, or one-half cent on a standard package of twenty small cigarettes. This change will have the effect of increasing the value of all cigarette stamps purchased by manufacturers from the Collector of Internal Revenue on and after July 1, 1940. It has a further effect of imposing a floor stock tax on all cigarettes in the hands of manufacturers, Wholesalers and retailers even down to a single package.

The Collector of Internal Revenue is cautioning all manufactures and dealers in cigarettes to make an accurate count of their stocks on hand before the beginning of business on July 1 and to preserve an accurate record of the quantity of such cigarettes. The Collector explained that each cigarette manufacturer and dealer should immediately request a blank internal revenue form for the purpose of making an official report of the cigarettes on hand as of July 1. The tax on such cigarettes will be computed by the taxpayer and the return and inventory of stock will be sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue accompanied by a remittance covering the tax not later than August 1, 1940.

The Collector explained that

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G.O.P. NOMINEE AND WIFE

IN PHILADELPHIA—Wendell L. Willkie, Republican nominee for President, and Mrs. Willkie, pose together for the first time after the GOP selected Willkie as standard bearer. Photo was taken in Philadelphia as the Willkies held their first press conferences after the utilities mangate was named to lead the Republicans in the 1940 election.

Census Figures Show Gain For This County

Population For Brunswick Increased By 1,152 Persons Since 1930 Census But Number Of Farms Show Decrease

SOUTHPORT SHOWS GAIN OF 25 PERSONS

Figures For Shallotte And Bolivia Also Show Substantial Increase Since 1930 Census

According to figures contained in a preliminary count released by J. W. Barrington, district census supervisor, the population for Brunswick county jumped from 15,818 in 1930 to 16,970 in 1940, an increase of 1,152 persons.

In Southport there was an increase of 25 persons over the 1930 census figures. Ten years ago there were 1,735 persons in this town while this years count shows 1,760 residents.

A gain of 165 persons is shown in census figures for Shallotte, with 379 persons in 1940 as compared with 214 in 1930.

Bolivia is another community in which there has been a healthy growth in population. Census figures for 1930 showed only 156 residents while the 1940 figures stands at an even 200.

One peculiar fact brought to light by the census is the drop in number of farms in the county since 1935. According to the 1940 census of agriculture there are 1,723 farms as compared with 2,079 in 1935. However, the 1940 figures failed to fall back to the

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Carrier Pigeon On Bumming Trip

After the recent expedition to the Gulf Stream for the purpose of releasing carrier pigeons for a flight to their home loft in Greensboro, Wiley Sholar was considerably dismayed when one of his pets failed to return within a reasonable length of time. ....

This week the bird made his safe return, via railway express, and here is his course in the meantime: After a short survey flight the bird decided that the Frying Pan lightship looked plenty good to him, so he lighted there and spent the night. The next day while doing a short trial spin, he booked passage on a passing tanked headed north, and several days later swapped vessels in mid-stream to hop a ride on a freighter to Philadelphia.

It was from that city that a message came to Sholar saying the bird had been identified and was being shipped home to him.

Tobacco Export Prospects Dim

Hutson Asks N. C. Growers To Consider The Control Question Seriously

OXFORD, July 4.—J. B. Hutson, assistant administrator of the federal agricultural adjustment administration, said Tuesday that present indications were that it would be difficult to export tobacco this year.

At the 18th annual field day of the tobacco station here, Hutson said:

"Developments in Europe in recent months are likely to cause a falling off in the consumption of American flue-cured tobacco in Europe regardless of the outcome of the war. Due to the fact that stocks in foreign countries were large at the beginning of the war, exports are likely to be reduced more in the immediate future than foreign consumption."

These, he said, appeared to be "reasonable conclusions" about the tobacco situation:

"1. We have record supplies and a reduced market.

"2. If disastrously low prices

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Fishermen To Have Chance To State Case

Semi-Annual Meeting Of Board Of Conservation And Development Will Be Held At Morehead Next Week

COMMERCIAL MEN MAY COMPLAIN

Monday Is Day Set Aside For Hearing Complaints From Members Of That Division

Commercial fishing interests of the state will receive a full day of consideration at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development scheduled to be held at Morehead City on July 8-10, R. Bruce Etheridge, director of the department, announced today.

Following the usual custom, the opening meeting on the morning of July 8 will be in the form of a hearing for commercial fishermen and dealers at the city hall in Morehead City.

The hearing, according to plans announced by Director Etheridge, will be recessed in order to permit the members of the Board and the fishermen to hear an address by Robert A. Nesbit, in charge of middle Atlantic fisheries investigations for the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries. It is expected that Mr. Nesbit will review investigations being conducted by the Bureau of Fisheries, particularly touching on their application to North Carolina.

At the conclusion of the address by Mr. Nesbit, the hearing on commercial fisheries will be continued during the day until completed. The Board will then hear individuals and groups on other matters coming under the direction of the Department at the close of the fisheries business.

On Tuesday, the Board will hear reports from the Director and various Division heads, including forestry, game and inland fisheries, mineral resources, commerce and industry. State advertising, and water resources and engineering.

Following the reception of reports, the Board will go into business session to consider matters brought to its attention and the routine work of the organization. It is expected that the July meeting will be one of the most widely attended in sometime.

Shark Attacks Man In Water

Charlotte Man Painfully Hurt When Bit By Shark Sunday While Standing In Water Fishing

While beach fishing near Holden's Beach Sunday W. J. Dye of Charlotte was attacked and painfully hurt by a shark that apparently had been attracted to him by a string of fish that he had suspended from his belt.

The unofficial version of the incident is that the shark ate the fish, and his appetite still unappeased, kept right on going when he got to the fisherman.

Whatever the shark's motive, his victim was brought to Dosher Memorial Hospital Sunday morning for treatment for bites he sustained in the encounter.

Return Of Comstock Is Like Home Coming

The Southport waterfront was crowded with cars late Sunday afternoon when the U. S. E. Dredge Comstock, for it was just like homecoming day for the heads of many local families.

The boat, which was put back into active service last year after being condemned and placed in dry-dock, will be here for the next two and one-half months tending to her annual duties of maintenance on the Cape Fear river bar.

This year there can be no complaint from local shrimpers that the Comstock has come along just in time to ruin their fishing, for shrimp hauls have been just about nil so far this season. This time, indeed, the shrimpers are even hoping that the appearance here of their annual nemisis will improve their luck.

Southport is liberally and ably represented in the make-up of the officer and crew personnel of the Comstock, with each of the four mates from here. They are Lee Hewett, first, Preston Bryant, second, Charles Southerland, third, and Kimbell Price, junior. Chief engineer is J. M. Barnhill, second-assistant is C. W. Osborne, inspector is J. S. Oliver. In the crew is Harold Watson, Willie Johnson, Early E. McKeithan, Joseph A. Sellers and Charlie Nichols.

Latest Opening In History Of Border Markets

Georgia Markets Will Be Opened On August 8th, Date Normally Expected For Opening Here

EASTERN CAROLINA OPENS SEPT. 17TH

Recommendation Made At White Sulphur Springs That Selling Day Be Limited to Six Hours

Tobacco markets of Columbus county, along with those of the Border and South Carolina belts, will open on Tuesday, August 20, it was decided at the closing session of the Tobacco Association of the United States meeting at White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

This is the latest opening in the history of the markets of Columbus county and the South Carolina Belt. It had normally been expected that local markets would open perhaps a week latter than last year—probably on the 8th. Last year the markets of the county opened on August 3rd.

But the Georgia margets were set for the opening normally expected for the S. C. belt—August 8th. This opening generally precedes the opening of local markets by a week.

Tobacco markets of eastern North Carolina will open September 3, thirteen days after the opening of the markets of the South Carolina belt. The middle belt will open September 17, and those of the Old Belt on September 24. Virginia's dark fired markets will open November 25.

The convention elected J. W. Dunnington, of Farmville, Va., president to succeed James Ficklen of Greenville, N. C., and named as vice presidents W. A. Goodson, of Salem, N. C., A. B. Carrington, Jr., of Danville, Va., and L. L. Gravely, of Rocky Mount, N. C.

A recommendation was made by the association's sale committee that selling time in any one market day be limited to not more than six hours.

President Ficklen told the association that the United States faces the immediate prospect of losing from two-thirds to three-fourths of its total tobacco exports.

Total exports of the 1940 crop, he predicted, will drop to approximately 120,000,000 pounds "if it develops that neither Great Britain nor the countries now occupied by Germany can import any of the crop, which seems likely, and the other countries of the world do not increase their purchases . . ."

China, he said, was possibly the only nation that would increase its purchases.

Bishop Darst Coming Sunday

Bishop Thomas C. Darst will pay his annual visit to St. Phillips Episcopal church Sunday and will preach at the 11 o'clock service.

Bishop Darst always has been unusually popular in Southport and a large congregation is expected to hear him.

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

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday July 4	
6:44 a. m.	0:49 a. m.
6:56 p. m.	12:43 p. m.
Friday, July 5	
7:28 a. m.	1:37 a. m.
7:38 p. m.	1:33 p. m.
Saturday, July 6	
8:13 a. m.	2:23 a. m.
8:22 p. m.	2:21 p. m.
Sunday, July 7	
9:00 a. m.	3:07 a. m.
9:09 p. m.	3:09 p. m.
Monday, July 8	
9:51 a. m.	3:51 a. m.
10:00 p. m.	3:58 p. m.
Tuesday, July 9	
10:44 a. m.	4:36 a. m.
10:54 p. m.	4:49 p. m.
Wednesday, July 10	
11:39 a. m.	5:24 a. m.
11:49 p. m.	5:46 p. m.