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BEGINS GOOD WILL FLIGHT



DOVE OF PEACE—Mayor Tom Cooper, of Wilmington, is shown as he releases a homing pigeon bearing greetings and a message of good will to Mayor John D. Erickson in Southport. This ceremony was a part of a recent meeting of Southport representatives with Wilmington officials to discuss plans for closer co-operation between the two communities.—(Star News Cut.)

Whiteville Is Over Twelve Million Mark

Poor Quality Of The Offerings On County Markets Being Reflected In The Price Averages

LARGE QUANTITIES OF POOR TOBACCO

Chadburn, Fair Bluff And Tabor City Markets Are Still Moving Along Strong

Through Tuesday, Whiteville's tobacco market passed the 12 million mark. . . the sales through last week amounting to 12,076,300 pounds, at an average for the season thus far of \$17.76 per cwt. Thursday's sales, were totaled at 499,784 pounds at an average of \$15.47, and Friday's sales amounted to 497,856 at an average of \$15.56. All warehouses having first sales today are filled, and the sales are expected to run straight through. The market has had a considerable quantity of common tobacco during the past few days, which has been noticeably reflected in the price average.

Prospective Draft Isn't Increasing Marriages Here

Johnny Q. Draftee Doesn't Seem To Be Rushing To Marriage Bureau In This County

If the Brunswick county register of deeds, Harry L. Mintz, had expected that the prospective draft bill would send Johnny Q. Public scurrying to the marriage bureau with the nearest available female, then he admits he was in for a rude awakening. Mr. Mintz declared Friday that the draft, or the prospects of Johnny having to go to the army, had not spurred the Brunswick county marriage market in any way whatever, but rather the bureau has been experiencing the same lull that has characterized its activity for the past two years. Two months ago, or during July, when the conscription bill first began to be talked in the houses of Congress, the Brunswick county marriage bureau issued the sum total of two marriage licenses. Last month, when the debate grew hotter, and the draft came nearer to a reality than at any time since the World War, the marriage licenses issued from Mr. Mintz's office dropped off 200 per cent, or down to one license issue for the entire month of August. Now, with prospects that the draft measure will become law most any day now, it would not be surprising if there weren't a single license issued during the month. For the entire 8 months of 1940 up to the first of September, there had been scarcely more than a dozen licenses issued in Brunswick county.

Good Neighbor Attitude Will Receive Stress

W. B. Keziah And Gene O'Brien Have Talk With Wilmington Officials Regarding Inter-City Interests

HOMING PIGEON STUNT FEATURED

Bird Trained By Young O'Brien Released To Bring Good Will Message To Local Mayor

A delegation, consisting of W. B. Keziah from the local Chamber of Commerce and Gene O'Brien of The State Port Pilot, called on Mayor Thomas Cooper and a Wilmington committee Friday afternoon to discuss plans for a Friendly Neighbor drive. The purpose of the drive is to bring closer cooperation between the two cities. As an opening gun in the program, Mayor Cooper released a pair of homing pigeons on the front steps of the city hall—the birds carrying good will messages to Southport from Wilmington. The messages, taking approximately forty-five minutes of flight, ran thus: "Greetings and best wishes for continued cooperation and neighborly relations between Wilmington and Southport. Signed, Mayor Cooper."

Brunswick Schools To Begin Work Tomorrow

Seeking Way To Destroy Sandspurs

Despite repeated mowing and every effort on the part of the keeper, sandspurs growing on the Fort Johnston property are a nuisance each year. They also occasion considerable damage by causing runs in the hosiery of visitors to the property. Lieut. Colonel G. W. Gillette of the Engineers office, which has charge of the property, has this week written W. B. Keziah saying he will be down in a few days to see what he can do to lessen the nuisance and improve the property.

Faculty Lists Have Been Completed And Everything Is Set To Get Right Down To Business

PATRONS URGED TO BE PRESENT

County Superintendent Also Urges That All Eligible Children Start First Day And Continue

Consolidated schools of Brunswick county open for the fall term tomorrow with indications pointing to a record enrollment. In order that no effort be spared in attempting to secure additional faculty members for the schools, Miss Annie May Woodside urges that all children of school age enter on the first day and continue with perfect attendance during the opening month. If new teachers are to be made available, they will be allotted upon the basis of average daily attendance. Principals in each school have extended invitations to parents and patrons to attend the opening exercises, with the idea of working in closer cooperation between parents and teachers than ever before.

Pickpocket Gets \$60 From Smith

Proprietor Of Candy And Fruit Shop On E. Main Street Reports Theft Of Pocketbook To Police

E. B. Smith, proprietor of a Whiteville candy and fruit shop on E. Main Street, reported to police Friday night that he was victimized by a pick-pocket who relieved him of \$60 and his pocketbook. Smith told police that \$50 of the amount was in cash, and in addition there was a \$10 check in the amount taken. He said that he suspected a negro woman who entered his place as being the pickpocket. Smith said that he missed the money container, along with the cash, long after the woman had gone out of his place of business.

Democrats To Meet Sept. 20

Loyal Party Members Are Invited To Attend A Rally Which Will Launch Brunswick County Campaign

Party leaders met here informally Monday afternoon with Walter M. Stanaland, chairman of the executive committee, and decided to launch the Democratic campaign with a party rally at Charlotte high school on Friday evening, September 20, at 7:30 o'clock. A warm invitation has been extended leaders from each precinct to attend this meeting, and at that time plans for an active and aggressive campaign will be discussed.

Change Time For Evening Service

Beginning Sunday, September 15, evening services at Southport Baptist church and at Trinity Methodist church will begin at 7:30 o'clock instead of at 8 o'clock.

The Durhams And Their Refugee Warmly Received

A few weeks ago when there was a lot of talk going around about securing homes in America for English children for the duration of the war Mrs. Bonner Bussells received a letter from her sister, Mrs. Baxter Durham in Raleigh, saying that she and Major Durham were strongly considering taking one of the little refugees. Mrs. Bussells mentioned it to one or two of her friends, who mentioned it to some of their friends, and soon it was a pretty well circulated fact that the Durhams were going to adopt a little English child, and don't you think that's just fine? Well, just before Labor Day Mrs. Bussells received a letter from her sister saying that she and Mr. Durham were planning to come down for the weekend holiday and surprise—they were going to bring little Scottish immigrant who had come to make her home with them. Never before did the arrival of the Durhams on one of their visits here create more excitement in the Bussells's household. Even Captain Bonner left word at the Pilot Office to be called if he was needed, and came over to welcome the expected guests. At the appointed hour, up drove the Durhams; and with them was their ward, Captain Bussells admitted later that the lass was a bit larger than he'd expected the general run of refugee children to be, but, without, she appeared to be a very nice, timid soul. While other members of the family were getting their greetings exchanged and their small talk over, Captain Bussells was talking to the child visitor. (Continued on page 6)

Numerous Cases Before Recorder

Postponement Of Last Week's Session Caused Number Of Cases To Pile Up For This Week

Cases that had piled up for two weeks crowded the Recorder's court docket Monday, and Judge Walter M. Stanaland spent a busy day clearing out the cases. R. S. White, white, was found guilty of speeding. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Morris Taylor, white, pleaded guilty to charges of driving with no registration card and no driving licenses. He was given 30 days on the roads, judgment being suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$10.00. The fine was remitted. Clifford Gore, colored, was found not guilty of assault. Ollie W. McLamb, colored, was given 30 days for driving without operator's license. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. David Cooper, colored, was found not guilty of drunken driving. Dan Holden, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of one-half the costs. Wilbur West, white, was found guilty of violating the speed law. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00. James Dudley, colored, was found guilty of possession for the purpose of sale. Sentence of 6 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$65.00 and costs. Notice of appeal was given and bond was set at \$250.00. E. T. Thomas, colored, was charged with drunk driving and with operating an automobile with defective brakes. He was found not guilty on the drunk driving charge, but was convicted of the latter count. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs. Prime Thomas, Hilton Bell and Wallace Hill, colored, were up for chicken stealing. Found guilty, each was given 6 months, judgment in each case being suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10.00, one-third the costs and restitution in the amount of \$10.00 to the prosecuting witness. Charlie Hill and Henderson Bell, colored, were found not guilty of aiding and abetting in this case. Johnnie Stocks, George Jean, Glenn Walker and William Guthrie, white, waved appearance to answer charges of breaking, entering and larceny and were bound over to Superior court under bond of \$500.00 each. (Continued on page six)

County Council Meeting Planned

Bolivia Club Will Be Hostess To Home Demonstration Club Women Of County

On Wednesday, September 18, at 2:30 o'clock all club members of Brunswick county are invited to attend the County Council meeting at Bolivia Methodist Church. Election of county officers and project leaders for 1941, and program planning will be the main features of the program. This is a meeting of utmost importance to all home demonstration club members of this county and Mrs. Marion S. Doshier, home agent, urges as many as possibly can to be present.

Fairmont Mart Averages Gain

Tobacco Market Continues To Sell Over A Million Pounds Of Tobacco Daily At Averages That Seem To Please Its Patrons; Quality Off

FAIRMONT, Sept. 12.—The Fairmont Tobacco Market has sold more than 16 million pounds during the first 16 days of operation, according to C. B. Stafford, secretary. "Good tobacco," Mr. Stafford said in commenting on today's sale, "is selling as high as it has higher than at any time this season." Monday was one of the best days of the season, said Mr. Stafford, with 1,137,982 pounds being sold for \$194,644.16 to bring the farmers an average of \$17.50. Tuesday's sale was 16,168,714 pounds for \$177,727.32, average \$16.18. The season's total through Tuesday was 16,168,714 pounds for an average of \$18.62. Although the average was down it was brought about by the of (Continued on page six)

Judge Burney Will Be Here For Superior Court

Governor Sends Notice To Clerk Of Court That An Exchange Of Terms Has Been Effectuated By Judges

JUDGE WILLIAMS WAS SCHEDULED
Regular October Term Will Begin On September 30 With More Than Usual Interest Shown

Notice was received here Monday from Governor Clyde R. Hoey that an exchange of court terms has been effected between Judge John J. Burney and Judge Clawson L. Williams and that the former will come here on Monday, September 30, to preside over a one-week mixed term of Brunswick county Superior court. Judge Burney had originally been scheduled to preside over a one-week term in Wilson county beginning September 30 and Judge Williams was assigned to the Brunswick county court term. There is a growing interest in the coming term, for in addition to the trial of the four Southport negroes for assault upon two local officers there will be the trial of four of the men arrested in connection with a series of eastern North Carolina robberies, one group of which here perpetrated in Southport on three local business firms. The coming court session is to be a mixed term, and the latter part of it will be devoted to trial of several important civil actions.

Comstock Going To Jacksonville

The U. S. Engineers dredge, Comstock, which has been tied up at Wilmington for the past ten days, left today for Jacksonville, Fla., where it will be in dry dock, undergoing repair until October 1st. There appears to be a belief among the crew that there will not be any work for the vessel when she leaves the dry dock, and that she may be tied up for several months. However, Congressman J. Bayard Clark has notified the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that he intends to do what he can to see that work and funds are available.

Local Citizens Asked To Help

Two Requests Have Been Received By Mayor John D. Erikson From English People For Aid In War Work

To Mayor John D. Erikson this week came the following communication from citizens of England: Greetings from Southport. Lancashire, inviting cooperation of sister town in her effort to present Spitfire to nation. Chairman Spitfire Fighter Fund. The message is largely self-explanatory. It obviously is an international city-to-city appeal for aid in a project to provide the beleaguered British nation with badly needed fighter planes. In the interest of providing relief for the hamlets and villages of England, an appeal was also sent to the mayor for funds for the purchase of an American Trailer Ambulance. The aim of this project is to make one of these trailers available for each community in England. No plan for a local campaign for funds for these two purposes has been arranged, but with a strong local sentiment favoring the cause of the English it is possible that some local work may be done on the project.

NO SERVICE

There will be no preaching service at Southport Presbyterian church Sunday as the pastor, Rev. J. R. Fotts, is conducting a meeting at Rose Hill. Sunday school will be held at 10 o'clock and the Young People's League will meet at 7:15 o'clock.

It Takes A Specialist To Catch Real Live Gaitors

After a hard day spent with flowers there is no better recreation—or so says Churchill Bragaw—than hunting alligators with your hands at night. Bragaw is superintendent of the Orton plantation, one of the beauty spots of North Carolina. His vocational skill with camellias and azaleas is widely known. But his neighbors are even more impressed with Churchill's avocational skill. Even a highly trained botanist is not expected to produce perfect blossoms on every bush he grows. But when it comes to grabbing an alligator by the end of his nose and pulling him into the boat, the hunter isn't allowed even one miss. Bragaw goes hunting in a small boat, his only weapon a flashlight. Through cypress trees and lily pads the boatman paddles silently while Bragaw plays his light over the water, when two red balls of fire appear on the surface, as the light is reflected in the alligator's eyes, the fun begins. The light holds the gator fascinated as the boat approaches slowly. Then suddenly Bragaw plunges his right hand into the water and grabs the reptile by the end of his nose. The important thing is to grab it right;

otherwise the hunter is liable to lose his hand. Once he has the jaws clamped shut, Bragaw hands his light to his hunting companion, who frequently is attractive Emma Lou Harrison also of the Orton staff, and with his left hand takes a grip just back of the head. Then quickly he shifts the right back and gets a handlock around the horny neck. All this takes but a second for once the alligator realizes what is happening he begins lashing with his tail. It takes strength as well as skill not only to hold on but also pull the reptile into the boat and tie it with a rope. Recently Bragaw had some friends come to Orton for an alligator steak dinner. Some were a little dubious about the main course, for alligator eaters is far from common hereabouts. They decided to try another dish and found it quite good. It was not until later that they learned they were eating rattlesnakes which Churchill, armed with a forked stick, had gone out and caught for their special benefit. Undoubtedly, said Bragaw, they turned out to be the most unappreciative dinner guests that ever visited his home.

Henry Bacon Is Expected Here This Week-End

Will Begin Work Monday Dredging The Southport Yacht Basin, According To Reliable Report

WORK WILL TAKE ABOUT TEN DAYS

Hoped To Have Basin Shape In Time To Host To Boat Cruise In October

Colonel G. W. Gillette of the U. S. Dredging office in Wilmington advised the Chamber of Commerce secretary, W. B. Keziah last week that the dredge work on the new basin at Southport will begin on September 15th and will be completed about September 26th, just one month before the American Power Boat Association stages a big power boat race from New York to Southport, through Southport. Reaching this cruise, the New York steamers head lines at the top of one of its sport pages last week. In giving details of the trip this paper said that the most noteworthy event in the race would be the stop over at Southport, N. C., and the fish tournament that would be held while the boats were here. Definite date for the opening of the basin and the exact approximate length of time they will stay, no definite commitments have as yet been made. However, it has been decided to do something big in way of dedication ceremonies for the basin and in planning for a fishing tournament. The New York paper said that for more boats would participate in the cruise. More direct information received here, is to the effect that the officials at Larchmont, N. Y., are expecting many more than that.

Shrimp Story Made Him Hungry

The Sunday Greensboro News-Record Leonard had a page about the Southport shrimp, published with a beautiful layout of seven photographs, the shrimp was a honey and enough to make the mouth water. Leonard found time to tell over his own story. A friend of his, Bill Keziah, was out of bed last night to see that Leonard wanted boxes of shrimp, shipped him immediately by express, collect.

Donation Week At Columbus Hospital

Evelyn Heath, superintendent of the Columbus County Hospital in Whiteville has announced that the first week in September has been set aside as "donation week" to the hospital. During this time, all the people of this and other counties interested in the institution are asked to come and see it. Miss Heath said, if they have not done so before, and to bring a donation. Heath emphasized that a donation is not to be money, rather, in view of the fact that everyone at this time of year has canned goods, preserves and pickles that they can spare, and the hospital is in need of this type donation.

Appears Before Juvenile Judge

Willis, white, was taxed with costs by Juvenile Judge T. Bennett Monday when charged with operating a motor vehicle without license.

LEAVES FOR TRAINING

Miss Ina Glenn Maultsby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Maultsby, of Bolivia, left Tuesday to enter the School of Nursing at the Medical College of North Carolina at Roper Hospital, where she was an outstanding student.

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 High Tide Low Tide

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, September 12	
4:21 a. m.	10:35 a. m.
4:49 p. m.	11:06 p. m.
Friday, September 13	
5:16 a. m.	11:25 a. m.
5:38 p. m.	11:51 p. m.
Saturday, September 14	
5:01 a. m.	12:12 p. m.
5:20 p. m.	12:12 p. m.
Sunday, September 15	
6:40 a. m.	0:34 a. m.
6:58 p. m.	12:58 p. m.
Monday, September 16	
7:16 a. m.	1:16 a. m.
7:34 p. m.	1:40 p. m.
Tuesday, September 17	
7:51 a. m.	1:55 a. m.
8:08 p. m.	2:20 p. m.
Wednesday, September 18	
8:20 a. m.	2:30 a. m.
8:42 p. m.	2:57 p. m.