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Men Leaving To Begin Service In Armed Force

Several Southport Men And
Others From Out
In The County Will Go
Into Active Service With
Naval Reserves

WILL REPORT AT
GEORGETOWN, S. C.

Five-Man Quota Called For
From Selective Service
Board On January 10,
To Be Filled By
Volunteers

Five Southport men and several
others from other points in the
county who are members of the
U. S. Naval Reserve have been
called to report at Georgetown,
S. C. on January 2 for active
duty.

These men are of Class V-6 of
the Sixth Naval District, with
quarters at Charleston, S. C.
All of them volunteered several
months ago for active duty with
the Naval Reserve and are now
being called.

Included in the group are
Charles Swann, Boatswain's mate
1st class; Boyd Moore, Cox-
swain's mate; and Walter Ald-
ridge, Russell St. George and
Blackie Webb, 1st class seamen.
Several other men from this coun-
ty, most of them from the vicini-
ty of Shallotte, also will report
for active duty.

Notice also has been received
from the Brunswick County Selec-
tive Service Board that 9 men
will be sent to an induction sta-
tion of the United States on Jan-
uary 10.

Everyone of these men, and
their alternates, are volunteers.

They are Jack Ellis Dodson,
order No. 349; Riley O. Sellers,
order No. 422; William A. Phelps,
order No. 610; Joseph C. Lewis,
order No. 627A; David H. Sellers,
order No. 915; Herman B. Long,
order No. 1177; Wilbur E. Russ,
order No. 1658; Ivan V. Bennett,
order No. 1660; Willie T. Robin-
son, order No. 1733.

The alternates are Morton R.
Eiken, order No. 60; Herbert R.
Patterson, order No. 386; Albert
E. Quinn, order No. 772; Ernest
K. Coleman, order No. 1870.

Women To Have Chance To Serve

Women May Enlist In
Legion Auxiliary As Means
Of Helping To Keep
Fires Of Freedom Burn-
ing

"Women who kept the home
fires burning in 1917 and 1918,
will help keep the ideals of free-
dom burning brightly in America,
though these be quenched in all
the rest of the world."

This was the statement made
by Mrs. Edna Bell, Ameri-
canism Chairman of the South-
port Unit of the American Legion
Auxiliary, as she appealed for all
women of World War fami-
lies to join the Auxiliary.

"Everyone knows the menace
of present world conditions to
the free American way of life,"
she said, "but not everyone knows
how to do about it as an in-
dividual. There is little we can
do as individuals to stop the
spread of totalitarian 'isms' to-
ward our country. As individuals,
we would be overcome one by one
until not a free man or woman
was left in the country."

"Only by organized strength
can we combat successfully the
organizations at work within the
United States to rob us of our
freedom. Only by organized effort
can we build devotion to our
democratic ideals so strong that
they never can be overcome. A free
people united in voluntary associa-
tions have power far greater than
the regimented force of auto-
cracy."

"That is why I am appealing
to all eligible women to come into
the Auxiliary this year. One
woman can accomplish very lit-
tle in Americanism work by her-
self, but half million women
united in the same program can
achieve much toward keeping
America thoroughly American.
There is a place for all in our
Auxiliary activities. There is
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Gets Fine Buck While On Visit

William Price, former South-
port high school basketball star,
was living in Franklinville, N. C.,
and Mrs. Price, spent the holi-
days here with relatives. Bill car-
ried home with him a nice 150-
pound buck deer that fell before
the shotgun during a hunt at the
Price farm, just outside of South-

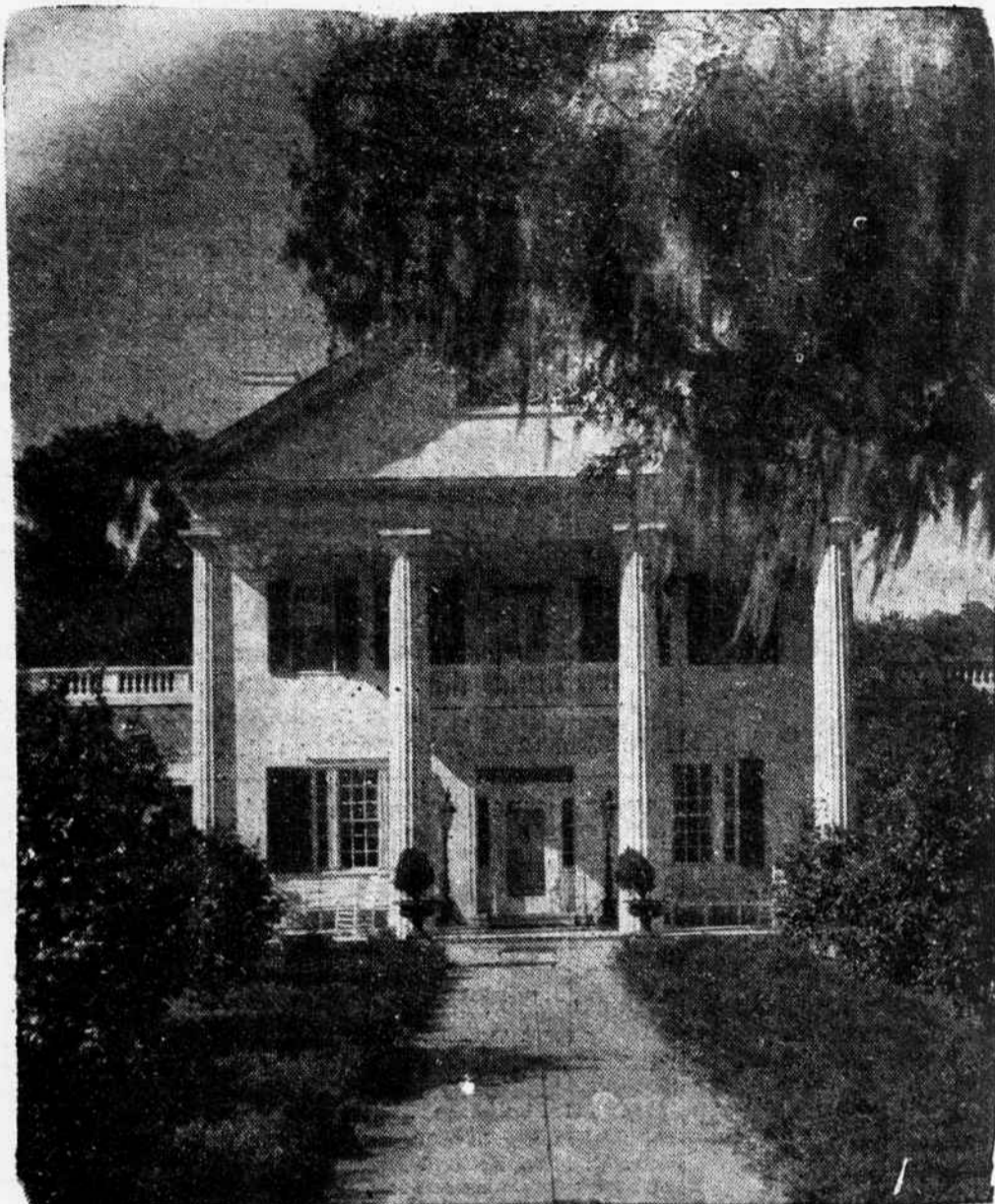
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SCENE OF CHRISTMAS PARTY



IN LIFE.—This week's issue of LIFE MAGAZINE is slated to carry the picture
story of the unusual Christmas Eve party held at Orton Plantation, near Southport.
The program for the day—and night—followed closely the pattern of colonial plan-
tation days and promises to furnish an interesting feature for the nationally circula-
ted magazine.

Orton Plantation Was Scene Of Big Party

An Old Fashioned Christ-
mas Party At Famous
Plantation Had All The
Trimmings Plus Life Pho-
tographer

PICTURE STORY
OUT THIS WEEK

Christmas Eve Party Had
All Features That Made
This An Event To Be
Looked Forward To
In Slavery Days

Orton Plantation, winter home
of Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence
Sprunt, gave its white and colored
employees and a few invited
friends one of the most unusual
Christmas parties that has ever
been held in this state. The
festivities started in the morning
of the 24th and lasted all through
that day and a goodly portion of
the night. Churchill Bragaw,
manager of the plantation and
host for the occasion, outdid him-
self in arranging a program in
which nobody from the smallest
negro child up to the most dis-
tinguished guest was forgotten.

First on the morning program
was a sermon by an old pre-
Civil War negro preacher, who
held forth with all of the fire
and brimstone that often went
with sermons during those days.
He was imported for the day
from up state, and it is said that
he gave his listeners a plenty.
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Coroner's Inquest
Is Postponed

Coroner John G. Caison said
Winnabow; Miss Carolyn Milli-
deaths of John Ed Stewart and
H. L. Touchton, Leland men who
were killed in an automobile ac-
cident on Christmas Eve, would
be postponed pending the return
from a trip of one of the jurors
and an important witness.

Goes To Church First Time In 10 Years; Finds It Closed

Recently in looking over a
roll of members for Trinity
Methodist church—Rev. R. S.
Harrison and the stewards came
across the name of W. B.
Keziah.

"Now here's a man who is
in sympathy with the church
and whose efforts are directed
toward the betterment of his
community," said the parson.
"It's a shame that because he
is unable to hear, the pleasure
of worshiping in company with
his fellow members is denied
him." Then turning to the
chairman of the board of stew-
ards, C. Ed Taylor, he said,
"Brother Taylor, I think it
would be mighty nice if you'd
address a letter to Brother
Keziah, telling that we value
his membership and that we
think of him, even though he
feels that he cannot derive full
benefit from church attend-
ance."

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benefit that the young people
of the church now take an
active part in the evening ser-
vices and that he might enjoy
attending.

The letter expressed such a
genuine feeling of fellowship
that Mr. Keziah concluded he
might indeed find pleasure in
attending worship service at
the evening hour, so Sunday
evening he went around. Al-
though he was a little early, he
was surprised to discover upon
arrival that there were no
lights at the church. A short
walk around the park and re-
turn, and still no lights. Then,
a longer walk, and the church
was unilluminated.

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Numerous Cases Tried In Court

Judge Walter M. Stanaland
Had A Busy Time Monday
Disposing Of Variety
Of Cases

Monday was a busy day in
Brunswick county Recorder's
court and Judge Walter M. Stan-
aland meted out sentences of
varying degrees of severity.

Arch Caison, white, was charged
with being drunk and disorderly
and with assault. The case
was not pressed at no cost to the
county.

In the case against Elmer
Mooney, white, for disposing of
mortgaged property the defend-
ant was given 90 days on the
roads, judgment being suspended
upon payment of costs and a
fine of \$15.00. Notice of ap-
peal was given and bond was set
at \$100.00.

The case charging Clyde Mil-
liken, white, with trespassing
was not pressed at no cost to
the county.

Frank Prevatte, white, was
charged with drunken driving. He
pleaded guilty to charges of reck-
less operation. He was required
to pay a fine of \$25.00 and
costs and to make restitution in
the sum of \$150.00 to the prose-
cuting witness.

Owen Goodman, colored, plead-
ed guilty to charges of drunk
driving. He was given 6 months
on the roads, judgment being sus-
pended upon payment of costs
and a fine of \$50.00. His license
was revoked for 90 days.

Allen Graham, white, pleaded
guilty to charges of reckless op-
eration and was given 90 days on
the roads. Judgment was sus-
pended upon payment of costs and
a fine of \$25.00, of which amount
\$15.00 was remitted.

Aaron Townshend, colored, was
charged with drunk driving and
wreckless operation. Sentence of
6 months on the roads was sus-
pended upon payment of costs
and restitution in the amount of
\$100.00.

Shaddie Simmons, white, was
charged with possession of an
apparatus for the manufacture of
liquor. The defendant pleaded
guilty of manufacturing for his
own use and was given 4 months
on the roads. Judgment was sus-
pended upon payment of a fine
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Former Resident
Dies In Wilmington

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Rules Governing Allotments For Weed Farmers

County Agent J. E. Dodson
Outlines Plans Under
Which New Farmer May
Be Permitted To Grow
Tobacco

FEBRUARY 1ST IS
DEADLINE ON THIS

Under Rules Of New AAA
Tobacco Program New
Man Will Be Given Op-
portunity To Start
Farming

February 1, 1941, is the last
date on which an application can
be made for a Group C tobacco
allotment for the year 1941, ac-
cording to county agent, J. E.
Dodson. The following ruling is
copied from 41-Tob-35 issued Nov-
ember 8, 1940:

Sec. 10. Determination of acre-
age allotment for new farms. The
acreage allotment for a new farm
shall be that acreage which the
local committee determines is fair
and reasonable for the farm tak-
ing into consideration each of the
following factors: The past to-
bacco experience of the farm
operator; the acreage of cropland
in the farm suitable for tobacco
production; the number of fami-
lies on the farm available for
tobacco production; the acreage
capacity of barns which are
located on the farm and which
are in usable condition and avail-
able for the curing of tobacco;
the customary crop rotation prac-
tices and the adaptability of the
soil to the growing of tobacco;
provided, that the acreage so de-
termined shall be subject to ap-
proval by the State committee
and shall not exceed the small-
est of (1) one-fifth of the past
acreage of tobacco grown by the
farm operator 1936-1940; (2) one-
half of the acreage capacity of
the curing barns which are locat-
ed on the farm and which are in
usable condition and available for
the curing of tobacco for the
farm, or (3) one acre.

Notwithstanding any other
provisions of this section a to-
bacco acreage allotment shall not
be established for any new farm
unless the following conditions
have been met:

(a) The farm operator shall
have had two years or more ex-
perience in growing tobacco as
a share-cropper, tenant, or as a
farm operator during the past
five years;

(b) The farm operator shall be
living on the farm and largely
dependent on this farm for his
livelihood;

(c) The farm covered by the
application shall be the only
farm owned or operated by the
farm operator on which any to-
bacco is produced;

(d) No kind of tobacco other
than flue-cured will be grown on
the farm in 1941.

The acreage allotment estab-
lished as provided in this section
shall be subject to such adjust-
ment as is necessary to bring
such allotment in line with the
total acreage available for al-
lotments to all new farms. The
acreage available for establishing
allotments for farms on which
no tobacco was grown during the
past five years shall be one-
tenth of one percent of the na-
tional allotment.

Sec. 11. Time for filing appli-
cation. In order to obtain an al-
lotment for a new tobacco farm
in 1941, the operator of the farm
shall file an application therefor
on 41-Tob-37, prior to February
1, 1941.

Writers Want To
Return For Visit

J. Hammond Brown, outdoor
editor of the Baltimore American
and Baltimore News Post, and
Joe Brooks, widely known Mary-
land Sportsman, will come to
Brunswick county on the 19th for
a stay of several days. They will
be accompanied by a couple more
outdoor writers and sportsmen.

Brown and Brooks were here
with the Outdoor Writers Asso-
ciation of America in November
and both became enthusiastic
boosters of Brunswick county.

Rains Restore
Water Level

Rains during the past week
have had the effect of slightly
improving the water level in the
hundreds of freshwater ponds in
Brunswick county.

Improvement was about all they did,
for many of the shallower ponds
are still completely dry. In the
deeper ponds where there was
still considerable water the levels
have been raised by several in-
ches. It is said that the ponds in
Brunswick have not been level
full in three years or more.

December Must Have Set Record For Warm Weather

On Eighteen Days Last Month Mercury Went Above
60-Degree Mark And On Nine Days Failed To
Ever Get Below 50-Degrees

This section may miss having
June in January, but the month
of December brought weather
that would grace the days of
May.

Only once during the past 31-
day period did the thermometer
drop below freezing. That was on
December 4th when the mercury
hit the 24-degree mark. But the
warmer side of the story is where
the interest lies.

Only on one day did the ther-
mometer fail to record a reading
of 50-degrees or above, and on
18 days this maximum reading
was 60-degrees or over. On 10
of these days the mercury was
65-degrees or more, reaching the
month-long high of 69-degrees on
December 12 and December 13.
On 24 days during the month the

thermometer didn't drop below
the 40-degree mark, and on 9
days it failed to dip below the
50-degree station.

There was marked relief from
the protracted drought experi-
enced during the past few months
when total rainfall for the month
reached the 2.71-inch mark. There
was a light fog on December
15th and December 25th, and on
December 26th there was a dense
fog.

During the month there were
15 clear days, 8 cloudy days, 7
partly cloudy days and 1 rainy
day. Prevailing wind was from
the southwest, although at some
time during the month the wind
blew from every point of the
compass.

Wilmington District League Of Stewards In Meeting

Court To Open
Here Monday

The January term of Bruns-
wick county Superior court for
the trial of civil cases will
convene here Monday with R.
Hunt Parker of Roanoke Rap-
ids scheduled to preside.

However, it is generally be-
lieved here that Judge John J.
Burney of Wilmington will ar-
range a trade in terms with
Judge Parker and will be on
hand for the week.

No cases of outstanding in-
terest or importance other than
to the principals are slated for
trial.

Another Fox Hunt Locally

Dr. J. V. Davis and Friends
From Concord Are Plan-
ning To Come Down
Soon For A Few Day's
Sport

Prospects are fine for another
big fox hunt in Brunswick coun-
ty this month, in fact for several
hunts. Dr. J. V. Davis of Con-
cord writes the Chamber of Com-
merce secretary that he will be
in with his new pack of hounds
to stay a month or longer, chas-
ing the swamp grays.

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same time as Dr. Davis, but prob-
ably not staying as long as he,
are John R. Boger, Gene Beaver
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Blasting On Bald Head

They were not exactly cele-
brating Christmas, they were
blasting out stumps with dyna-
mite on Bald Head island last
week. Sometimes they let go with
as many as 31 sticks of the ex-
plosive at a time.

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Aunt Mary Ann Galloway Has Picture On Front Of State

The picture of Aunt Mary
Ann Galloway, aged Southport
colored woman held the place
of honor by covering the whole
of the front page of The State
magazine on Christmas Day.
The State, published by Carl
Goerch, in Raleigh, is now eight
years old. During that short
span of life it has built up a
wonderful reputation as an
unique and interesting weekly.
As its name indicates, it covers
the whole state of North Car-
olina and there are few inter-
esting things that Carl ever
fails to unearth and present
to his readers in a wonderfully
interesting form. The especial
object of interest about Aunt
Mary Ann is that she is 110
years of age.

Recently when a local news-
man visited the old colored
woman, in response to a re-
quest from Mr. Goerch, she was
found in her combination

Representatives Of Official
Boards Of Methodist
Churches In Three Coun-
ties Met In Whiteville
Sunday Afternoon

DISCUSS YEAR'S
LAY PROGRAM

Dr. Koonce Of Chadbourn
Heard In Impressive Talk
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Defense Board Is Appointed Monday Night

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