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Southport Is Approved By House Naval Affairs Committee For Small Base

Bill Reported On May 1st Should Receive Prompt Action And Something Definite Should Be Known Here Soon

COST OF BASE TO BE ABOUT \$887,000

Total Of 59 Bases For Small Craft To Be Included In Bill Authorizing Spending Of \$50,000,000

Bill providing for the establishment of a section naval base for small craft for local defense at Southport was unanimously reported Thursday by the House naval affairs committee. The base is expected to cost approximately \$887,000.

There has been no further report on this matter this week, but before the location of the base here can finally be authorized, a bill must be passed by both houses of Congress. That is expected to be speedily done, however, and there may be an early announcement favorable to this locality.

There has been much speculation regarding a site here, the consensus of opinion being that Caswell probably will be used. In addition to the housing facilities afforded there, the location is considered very strategic, and it is known that the navy has had an option on the property for several months.

Vessels used in coastal and harbor patrol, mine sweeping, submarine detection and attack, coastal convoy and net tending will be stationed at these "section bases" that are part of a plan that will ring the entire coast.

Speedy action is planned for a bill authorizing a total expenditure of \$50,000,000 for 59 bases. Preliminary work is expected to begin immediately upon passage of the measure as \$20,000,000 already has been voted for this purpose. The remaining \$30,000,000 also will be provided without delay, according to Administration plans.

Representative J. Bayard Clark reported that the Southport base should be developed along these lines:

Construction of base, including land acquisition, \$560,000; ordinance equipment, \$40,000; medical and dispensary equipment, \$25,000; shop equipment, \$100,000; barracks and mess hall equipment, \$15,000; administration and communication, \$75,000; signal power and water tank, \$15,000; small boats, \$45,000; miscellaneous items, \$2,000; total per base, \$887,000.

Sprunts Move To Wrightsville Home

Owner Of Orton Reports That Gardens Enjoyed Very Successful Season This Spring; Price Of Admission Cut

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt are moving this week back to their summer home at Wrightsville. Their town house in Wilmington is being used as an inn to aid in relieving the housing situation which has become very acute in Wilmington, owing to national defense work.

While in town a day or two ago Mr. Sprunt expressed himself as being very much pleased at the number of visitors at Orton this spring. It is understood that the number has run several thousand more than during any previous season. With the peak of the flowering season now over many of the beautiful plants having ceased to bloom, the admission charge to the gardens was cut in half on May 1st.

When a representative of The Pilot expressed the hope that the Sprunts would some day become permanent residents of Orton and (Continued on page 4)

Colored Youths Leave For Camp

Five colored youths of this county have been ordered by the Selective Service Board to report here Wednesday morning. They are to be sent to Ft. Bragg in order that they may be inducted into the United States Army. These men are Vance L. Frink, Newton E. Gardner, Sirmie Hobbs, David Hobbs and William Henry Edge.

AT WACCAMAW



W. H. POWELL

Waccamaw High Closes Tuesday

Whiteville Attorney To Deliver Commencement Address Tuesday Night; Baccalaureate Sermon On Sunday

The finals for Waccamaw high school will begin Friday night, May 9, at 8 o'clock. At this time Mrs. Emily Williamson Powell will present her music pupils in their annual recital. Mrs. Powell extends a cordial invitation to the public to be present for this recital. The declamation recitation contest will immediately follow the recital. The judges' decisions will be announced on this day, and the awards delivered at a later date.

Rev. Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, pastor of First Baptist Church, Wilmington, will preach the baccalaureate sermon, Sunday afternoon, May 11, at 3 o'clock.

On Monday evening, May 12, the senior class will present their class day exercises, "The Parting of the Braves."

The graduation exercises will climax the finals for this year on Tuesday evening, May 13, Attorney W. H. Powell of Whiteville, will deliver the literary address, after which the awards and diplomas will be presented.

The senior class roll follows: Mary Frances Dodson, valedictorian; Luella Babson, salutatorian; Newton Edwards, Emily Ross, Lester Smith, Willa Pruitt, J. P. Mintz, Virginia Sellers, Audrey Bennett, Opal Norris, Gertrude Hewitt, Cortey Ward, Catherine Varen, Winifred Bennett, Annie Gray Ward, Isolene Smith, Frank Stanley, Ora M. Watts, Minnie I. Formy Duval, Nocha Mintz, Lear Pruitt, Ishmael Formy Duval, Moiene Mintz, Daughtridge Beck.

Marshalls are: Hugh Vance, chief; Desmond Simmons, Lena Mae Russ, Herman Jenrette, Louise Edwards.

Hospital Day To Be Observed

May 12th Has Been Set Aside As National Hospital Day, And It Will Be Observed Here

National Hospital Day falls on May 12, when the friends of hospitals who do much charity work all over the nation are asked to voluntarily make donations of things useful to the hospital.

Hospital officials appeal to friends in Brunswick, giving assurance that the following items will be acceptable: Vegetables, sweet potatoes, (Continued on page 4)

Daniel Resigns From School Board

Miss Annie May Woodside, county superintendent of schools, announced yesterday that Dr. R. C. Daniel, who recently was appointed a member of the local school board, has resigned and that J. J. Loughlin, Jr., has been appointed in his place.

Catholic Church Here Dedicated Sunday Morning

Colorful And Solemn Ceremonies Mark Dedication Of The Chapel Of The Sacred Heart Of Jesus

MONSIGNOR TREACY MADE DEDICATION

Solemn Pontifical High Mass Celebrated By Most Reverend Eugene Joseph McGuinness

The chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Southport was dedicated Sunday, May 4th, by the Right Reverend Monsignor John P. Treacy, Director of the Propagation of the Faith of the Archdiocese of Cleveland, Cleveland, Ohio, with colorful and solemn ceremonies.

The dedication ceremonies were followed immediately by a Solemn Pontifical High Mass celebrated by the Most Reverend Eugene Joseph McGuinness, Bishop of the Diocese of Raleigh.

The deacons at the throne assisting Bishop McGuinness were the Right Reverend Monsignor John P. Treacy, of Cleveland, Ohio, and the Right Reverend R. Marcellus Wagner, Director of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Ohio. The Archpriest was the Right Reverend Monsignor J. Murphy, Pastor of St. Ann's Church, Buffalo, N. Y.

The Deacon of the Mass was the Reverend Joseph McLaughlin C. S. S. R., Pastor of Holy Redeemer Church, Newton Grove, N. C. The Sub-Deacon was the Reverend William Pearson, First Lieutenant U. S. A. Chaplain, Scott Field, Illinois. The Master of Ceremonies was the Reverend John Brown, Administrator of St. Theresa Church, Burlington, N. C. Reverend Frank J. Howard acted as assistant Master of Ceremonies. William Shannon and Robert Shannon were the Acolytes, Gus McNeil, thurifer, Patrick Shannon was the mitre bearer and Alfred Shannon Crozier bearer.

The sermon was delivered by the Right Reverend Monsignor John P. Treacy, through whose labors and zeal the principal part of the funds were provided for the erection of this church.

Father Pearson, a classmate of Father Howard's, now stationed at Scott Field, Illinois, came by plane from Scott Field to take part in the ceremonies.

Numerous Cases Tried In Court

Monday Was A Busy Day For Judge Walter M. Stanaland As Several Drunken Drivers Are Haled Into Court

Monday was a day of considerable activity in Brunswick county Recorder's Court, and numerous cases were disposed of before Judge Walter M. Stanaland.

Floyd G. Brown, white, was found guilty of drunken driving and was given 6 months. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50. His driving license was revoked for 6 months.

Leonard Armstrong, white, was convicted on a similar charge. His sentence of 6 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of a \$50.00 fine and payment of costs. His license was revoked for 90 days.

Gus Meekins, colored, was found guilty of drunk driving and was given 3 months on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs, his license being revoked for 6 months.

Alexander Davis, colored, was found not guilty on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. Judgment was withheld in the case charging LeRoy Plenty, colored, with assault.

Clara Frink and Catharine Clardy, colored, were charged with assault. Their case was not pressed with leave.

Mit Long, white, pleaded guilty on charges of transporting. Given 6 months on the roads, judgment was continued upon payment of costs and a fine of \$100. His driving license was revoked for 6 months and his car was ordered confiscated.

Roscoe Jones, white, was found guilty of making an assault with a deadly weapon and was given 6 months on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50. Notice of appeal was given and bond was set at \$300.00.

Henry Corbett, colored, was (continued on page four)

May Day Is Celebrated With Colorful Pageant At School

Large Crowd Of Southport Citizens Attended May Day Program In Front Of School Thursday Afternoon

The Southport school celebrated the first day of May with a May Day program. The May Queen, Pearl Mae Lewis, wore a long white dress and carried a bouquet of white flowers. The maids of honor, Victoria Lancaster and Marge Jones wore lavender dresses. The maids in the court wore dresses of pastel shades. They were Mary Florence Moore, Lula Maire Swan, Eloise St. George, Martha Grey Brown, Annis Jean Weeks, Jessie Lancaster, Libby O'Brian, and Muriel Lee Jones.

The pages, Buddy Odin and Philip Fulcher, brought in the queen's crown. Mary Minta Mintz and Jean Thompson, as flower girls, preceded the queen and strewed flower petals in the path. The court jester was John Carr Davis. The crier was Billie Willis. The chorus was made up of girls from the elementary and high schools.

The participants in the colorful dances are as follows: Frost elves were: Dicky Marshall, Darrell Fisher, Gerald Spencer, Kenneth Hewitt, Glenn Northrop, Roger Ward, Carl Fullwood, Elliot Hickman.

Breezes were: Linder Hickman, Rebecca McRacken, Catherine McRacken, Nancy Swan, Stuart

Arrington, Frances Bowmer. Raindrops: G. W. Fisher, Billie Doshier, Ruby Bell, Jack Finch, Billie McDowell, John Newton, Robin Hood, Frank Plaxco, Billy Barber, Bobby Spencer. Sunshine fairies: Iris Newton, Nancy Watts, Delight Gay, Betty Sue Williamson, Janis Swan, Gloria Fay Cumbee. Spring: Gilda Arnold. Flowers: Barbara Weeks, Mary Ann Loughlin, Zaida Evans, Winifred Gunnerson, Betsy Jane Galoway, Frances Floyd, Sue Freder, Joyce Lancaster.

Butterflies: Bernice Phelps, Harriet Corlette, Latitia Hickman, Karer Swan, Joan Sutton. May Pole Dancers: Bess Miller Plaxco, Bennie Caison, Betty L. Oliver, Lucy M. Northrop, Dot Watts, Mary L. Thorsen, Ann McRacken, Aletta Glover, Betty Drew, Betty T. Corlette, Patricia Arrington, Janis Arnold, Dorothy Price, Otelia Simmons, Jack Swan, Billie Smith, Jimmy Russ, Johnnie Floyd Richard Brendle, Franto Mollycheck, J. T. Willis, David Simmons, John Fullwood, J. W. Hewitt, Kenneth Stillier, Louis Newton, Jimmy Smith, John Fullwood.

The chorus was composed of high school and elementary grade students.

Early Demand For Stamps And Bonds

To Mrs. C. C. Cannon belongs the distinction of being the first person to purchase one of the United States Defense Saving Bonds from the local postoffice, her transaction being made shortly after the window opened Thursday (first day the bonds were on sale). Her husband was next in line.

The first Postal Savings stamps handled by the Southport office went to W. B. Keziah.

Postmaster L. T. Yaskell reported that there was a surprisingly good demand for both bonds and stamps on opening day, and that there were several other healthy prospects in this community.

Commencement At Bolivia Tomorrow

Principal Of New Hanover High School Will Deliver Address Before Seniors Thursday Night

The commencement program for Bolivia high school got under way Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, when Rev. L. R. Jordan, student of Wake Forest College delivered the baccalaureate sermon.

The class day exercises are scheduled for 8 o'clock this (Wednesday) evening.

The commencement address will be delivered by Principal T. T. Hamilton, Jr., New Hanover high school, on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A class of thirty-one seniors will be graduated at this time.

The following is a list of the candidates of the high school (continued on page four)

Thirteen Percent Of South's Timber Is Destroyed By Fire

Destruction mortality accounts for 13 percent of the drain on living timber in the South, says R. W. Greaber, Extension forester of N. C. State College. The destructive forces are chiefly fire, insects, disease and wind.

"Timber farming is a great industry in the Southern states," Greaber said, "but it can be a greater and higher income-producing industry if care is taken to control destructive forces."

Recent data compiled by the U. S. Forest Service and other agencies shows that 40 percent of the timber used in the South is made into lumber. Another 29 percent goes for fuel wood, 4 percent for hewed cross ties, 4 percent for pulpwood, 3 percent for fence posts, and 7 percent for other uses by man.

North Carolina, a typical Southern state, has more than 10 million acres of farm woodland, or more than 50 percent of the total farm acreage. Another million and a quarter acres of idle land can and should be re-

Quail Come To Live In Town

Pairs of quails are being seen about town daily. They are apparently living contentedly and are little alarmed by the presence of people, dogs, cats, automobiles, etc. The favorite hangout seems to be around the Garrison lot in the center of town.

One afternoon the past week one of the birds flew against a glass window of the Crapon Filling station, on one of the busiest corners in town. The window was not broken and the bird did not appear to be injured.

Glee Club Gives Sacred Concert

Singers of Brunswick County Training School Presented One Of The Finest Programs Of The Year In White School Thursday

The glee club of the Brunswick County Training School presented one of the outstanding programs of the current year Thursday evening at Southport high school auditorium under the auspices of Circle No. 1, Trinity Methodist church.

Singing a program of spirituals, this vested choir of around forty voices responded beautifully to the directions of Andrew Howell, and was at its best when humming an accompaniment for Roberta Ellis, whose voice completely captivated the audience.

Also contributing to the perfection of the musical portion of the program was the quartet, composed of Howel and Albert Gore, of the Training School faculty. (Continued on page four)

Enlisting Men For Service In Inland Patrol

Recruiting Officers Here Tuesday Signing Up Men And Boys For Service With Naval Reserve Inland Patrol Force

CHARLESTON DISTRICT IS NEEDING MEN

It Is Believed That Men Who Sign Up For This Duty Will Be Stationed At Small Craft Base Here

Fishermen, yachtsmen, freight boat handlers and all who have had experience in boat handling, of ages ranging from 17 to 50 years, may now enlist in the Naval Reserve Inshore Patrol Force. Local men, that is men in this immediate area, will be on duty at Southport, unless they prefer to be stationed elsewhere.

One hundred and fifty additional men are now needed by the Charleston District, of which Southport is a part. The men are being recruited from Cape Hatteras to Mayport, Fla. The plan is to place them, so far as possible, at the bases nearest their homes. Both Southport and Morehead City are to have one of the small naval boat bases and each insofar as the number of enlistments will permit, will have a force made up largely of local men.

Men are wanted for the following ratings: Boatswain's Mate, Coxswain, Quartermaster, Signalman, Seaman, Radioman, Carpenter's Mate, Ship-Fitter, Machinist's Mate, Water Tender, Boilermaker, Electrician's Mate, Fireman, Yeoman, Storekeeper, Ship's Cook.

The pay will be from \$36.00 to \$99.00 per month, depending on the rating secured. Rations, lodging, medical and dental service will be free. When the men are on active duty an allowance of \$12.75 per year will be made them for clothing. Those who have qualifications for the sea will find this branch of semi-home work a very pleasing contrast to being inducted into the army and sent anywhere.

Lieut. Commander B. A. Grimbail and C. B. Albrecht, CEM, of Charleston, were here yesterday conferring with interested men. They are to be back here all day on Tuesday, May 15th, and will receive applicants for enlistments.

Both the officers were very much pleased with opportunities that the Southport harbor offers for the use of the Navy. The two officers conferred with Mayor John Eriksen and W. B. Keziah, of the Chamber of Commerce, both of whom assured all co-operation towards the small boat base and the effort to enlist local men.

Commencement Shallotte School

There Will Be No Formal Speaker For Commencement Exercises On Thursday; Baccalaureate Sermon By Rev. R. S. Harrison

The 1941 commencement program will get underway at Shallotte Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at which time Rev. R. S. Harrison, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Southport, will preach the baccalaureate sermon.

On Wednesday evening an original pageant with music, pantomime and dance, will be presented as the class day exercises. Its title is "Memories," and it was written by Miss Creech, member of the faculty.

This year's commencement exercises is a departure from custom in that there will be two students to deliver short addresses in the absence of a formal speaker. They are Ernest Parker, Jr., valedictorian, and Roderick Bellamy, salutatorian.

Marshals for commencement are Warren Sellers, chief; Hilda Kirby, Doris Robinson, Pella Bradsher, Leffis Bennett, Virginia Russ and Elnede Stanaland.

Stewards Meet At Shallotte

Stewards of the Shallotte charge met Sunday afternoon at Shallotte Camp Methodist church to organize their group. Harry S. Chadwick was elected president, with Rufus D. Holden being named vice-president.

The meeting was attended by the pastor, H. W. Whedby, and by W. A. McGirt, district lay leader.

Mayor Eriksen And All Six Aldermen Re-Elected By Voters Of Southport

AT SOUTHPORT



M. M. THURMAN

Voters Turned Out To Cast Record Number Of Ballots In Municipal Election Held Here Yesterday

INTEREST CAUSED BY OPPOSITION

Voting Was Heaviest In First Ward In Which Independent Candidate Marlowe Received 8 Votes

Mayor John D. Eriksen and the six members of the present board of aldermen were re-elected yesterday by Southport voters for another two-year term.

The biggest vote in years was recorded, with a total of 172 ballots being cast for Mayor Eriksen, who was unopposed. Voting was heaviest in the 1st ward.

In that voting precinct Mayor Eriksen received 84 votes; W. E. Doshier, 80; R. L. Thompson, 79; and Robert Marlowe, independent candidate, 8.

In the 2nd ward Mayor Eriksen received 32 votes, Captain I. B. Bussells, 31 votes and Captain J. I. Davis, 32 votes. In the 3rd ward Mayor Eriksen was given 56 votes. J. Berg, 55; G. E. Hubbard, 45; and Ed Marlowe, independent candidate, 10.

Set Program For School Finals

Rabbi M. M. Thurman To Deliver Graduating Address Wednesday Night; Baccalaureate Sermon On Sunday Morning

Commencement exercises at Southport high school begin Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at which time the baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. A. L. Brown, pastor of Southport Baptist Church.

Other ministers of the town will co-operate in the service, and there will be no preaching at any of the churches in town on Sunday morning. Special music will be rendered by the high school glee club.

On Tuesday morning at 10:00 o'clock the 7th grade graduation exercises will be observed in the auditorium, and seventh grade certificates will be presented by Miss Bertha Colvin.

At 8 o'clock on Tuesday night the class day exercises will be held. "Tonight We Sail" is the title of an original theme written especially for this occasion by Mrs. W. R. Lingle.

On Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock Rabbi M. M. Thurman, of Wilmington, will deliver the commencement address. The valedictory address will be delivered by Clarence Lennon, and Miss Victoria Lancaster will be salutatorian.

Awards and diplomas will be presented by Miss Annie May Woodside, county superintendent of schools.

St. George Again Legion Go-Getter

Member Of Brunswick County Post No. 194 Again Distinguishes Himself For Efforts In Behalf Of Membership

R. C. St. George of Southport has again earned the title of being a "Legion Go-Getter", having already turned in 16 legion memberships to date.

Following is a copy of a letter written by Adjutant J. E. Carr to state legion officials calling attention to the unusual record of Mr. St. George:

"We take great pleasure in informing you of the good work accomplished by our Go-Getter Comrade R. C. (Bob) St. George, a member of Vulture No. 245, Wilmington.

"Bob has turned in 16 memberships to date for 1941. "Considering our post being a very small one, we think this is a very good record."

Hood Is Named Head Of Schools

T. S. Hood, principal of Waccamaw high school during the past school year, has resigned to accept an appointment as county superintendent of public instruction in Pamlico county,

Three-Act Farce On Friday Night

Final Presentation Of Year By Members Of Southport High School Dramatics Club

"Romance in a Boarding House", a comedy in 4-acts, will be presented by the dramatics class of the Southport high school on Friday, May 9, at 8 p. m. There will be an afternoon show at 1:30 on the same date.

The action of the play takes place in the Smith's boarding house in the town of Gibson. Mary Anne wins a trip to New York, while there she meets Mortimer Throttlebutton. They fall in love. The Throttlebuttons later visit the Smiths to see if they approve of Mortimer's choice. The attempt of the Smiths—or rather "Smythe's" as they now call themselves—to pose as aristocrats, causes many laughable situations and much discomfort for Mr. Smith. Mary Anne bravely faces the difficult situation. Just when she thinks her whole scheme has failed and that she has lost Mortimer things take a rather unexpected turn, leaving everyone—except Bill—very happy.

Characters: Mrs. Smith, owner of a boarding house, Marie Moore; Mr. Smith, her husband, Henry Smith; Mary Anne, their daughter, Lula Marie Swan; Mrs. Benson, a deaf boarder, Othella Outlaw; Miss McGillicuddy, "maiden lady" Eloise St. George; Bill, another boarder, Ed Newton; Hettie, the hired girl, Libby O'Brien; Mr. Throttlebutton, aristocrat from New York, Bill Shannon; Mrs. Throttlebutton, his wife, Victoria Lancaster; Mortimer, their son, Billie Willis; Duke of Sussex, nobleman, John Julius Swain.

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, May 1	
10:45 a. m.	4:41 a. m.
10:16 p. m.	4:31 p. m.
Friday, May 2	
11:36 a. m.	5:22 a. m.
11:36 p. m.	5:16 p. m.
Saturday, May 3	
12:31 p. m.	6:16 a. m.
	6:23 p. m.
Sunday, May 4	
9:33 a. m.	7:25 a. m.
1:31 p. m.	7:38 p. m.
Monday, May 5	
1:37 a. m.	8:29 a. m.
2:33 p. m.	8:54 p. m.
Tuesday, May 6	
2:44 a. m.	9:27 a. m.
2:37 p. m.	9:54 p. m.
Wednesday, May 7	
3:53 a. m.	10:20 a. m.
4:36 p. m.	10:51 p. m.