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## Ft. Caswell Is Purchased By U.S. Navy as Site of Section Base Allotted For Southport

Official Announcement from Washington, D. C., Yesterday Puts End To Speculation Regarding

URCHASE PRICE IS NOT REVEALED

Does Not Include En-2600-Acre Tract, But Only 300-Acre Improved Area In Seawall

Navy Department com-Tuesday negotiations of menths duration for the of historic Ft. Caswell the Caswell-Carolina Corpo-

It is understood that the purembraces about 300-acres the 2.635-acre tract, including buildings inside the seawall most of the other physical mements on the property. rchase price was not an-

was received here yesdefinite decision by the navy deuse the Caswell instead of erecting a at a site on the Southport. However, communication stated action was not yet ofno news was released unannouncement

While the primary purpose of overnment in acquiring Ft. is to use the buildings scilities for a section base small craft, it is believed that decision to use that property indication that other dents in the matter of coast me may follow. It is known the site has been under contion for certain phases of anel training, these developa being contingent upon the m to locate the section base

ement was made to tate just when the navy will me into its newly acquired loim Fort Caswell has 45 buildom its improved area, water with approved source of electric power plant, sewilities, phone cable connec-

## Burning Permits Required Now

came Effective On First much brighter. Day Of October

County Forest Warden Dawtion of landowners to the fact.

by of the following fire towers: made." ilvia, Shallotte, Orton, Maco, nd Reigel; or from any of the only forest wardens.

full text of the law follows: SECTION 1. It shall be unlaw-M for any persons, firm or corration to start or cause to be arted any fire or ignite any mamal in any of the areas of woodthis under the protection of the hate Forest Service or within thundred feet of any such pro-(Continued on page 4)

## Colonel Thanks Southport People

L Colonel Nichols Expres-His Appreciation For riendly Welcome And Hospitality Shown His Camp Davis Men

he following letter from Lt. G. F. Nichols, commanding of the 94th Coast Artilery, Aircraft, was written to L B. Bussells, following toght visit of that outfit. The the will be of general interest: Camp Davis, N. C.,

Optain I. B. Bussells, September 30, 1941 hthport, North Carolina. Dear Captain Bussels:

behalf of the First Batwith Coast Artillery, I wish take this opportunity to exour appreciation for the cooperation and the hospitality extended to us Continued On Page Four)

### NAVY PROPERTY



PURCHASED-Official announcement was made in he told the young boy and girl Washington yesterday of the sale of Ft. Caswell by the drivers. Your school principals, Caswell-Carolina Corporation to the U. S. Navy. The pur- your neighbors and others have pose of the navy in obtaining this property is for the lo- said by their act of naming you cation of a section base there.

## Brunswick Is Still In Running For Air Base

Advices Received Here On Tuesday Night From Senator Reynolds Indicates Brunswick Site Being Considered

STRONG FIGHT ON FOR BASE

s and a steel pier in good Pender County Interests Working Hard To Secure Air Base That Will Involve Large Expenditure

Although Pender county has revived its efforts to secure the army airport for bombers, the his law, Text For Which prospects that Brunswick county la Hereby Quoted, Be- may land the project seem to be

Last night Senator R. R. Reynolds wired W. B. Keziah of the Chamber of Commerce the fol-In Jones wishes to call the at- lowing with regard to the efforts: "With further reference to my

at the burning permit law be- wire of recent date, I have just the effective on October 1. Per- personally contacted War Departto not cost anything, he ment regarding Airport for Brunswith out and only serve to help wick County. Have been advisforestry organization protect ed that survey has been conducted and site is under sonsideration, Permits may be secured from but no definite decision has been

> The local organization has been working along with other business interests and individuals to secure this defense project for Brunswick. It is understood that some six million dollars will be involved in the construction and that approximately eight thousand men and many planes will be

based at the field. One of the local contentions is that not one cent of defense former members and friends are funds has been spent in Bruns- invited to attend this all-day seswick county and that the area sion, which is the second annual could be used by many defense homecoming day celebration. (Continued on page 4)

Malcolm Frink Has Close Call

Malcolm Frink, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frink, was at home yesterday afternoon from the University of North Carolina after attending the funeral of William H. Sloan, Jr., in Garland yesterday morning.

Young Sloan was drowned Sunday afternoon in the Catawba river when he and Frink and another University student were forced to abandon a motorboat in which they were riding after the craft had caught fire. Young Sloan, apparently demoralized by the apparent danger of their situation, attempted to swim to shore without removing his clothing. He went down when he was about half way.

Albert Arnold, a Southport man was on shore and swam toward the drowning youth, but failed to reach him in time. He dived several time in deep wat-

body, but was unsuccessful. Frink and the other youth received painful burns before being rescued.

er in an effort to recover the

Homecoming Day At Antioch Sunday

Homecoming day will be observed at Antioch Baptist church on Sunday, October 12.

Former pastors, present and One of the feature attractions

## What Kind Of October Is This, We Just Ask You?

Whew! If we can get time ] out from wiping off the perspiration we'd like to inquire what kind of October weather is this we are having?

The temperature for the past three days in Southport has shoved up past the 90 degree mark-yesterday it was 91. This is something unprecedented for October in Brunswick, and nobody around here can remember the mercury ever going past 90 in October.

But even at that, Southport has been faring much better than some towns and cities of the country-Richmond, Washington, and New York reported temperatures during the weekend ranging up to 94 degrees, and Philadelphia at 8 o'clock last night reported a temperature of 94 in the downtown area.

The weather prognosticaters haven't yet come forth with their explanation of this phenomenal weather. GenerallyBrunswick county people may expect some freezing weather somewhere toward the end of October, and if it happens this year, there's got to be a drastic change in the temperature from

what it is now. Some people are freely predicting that the hurricane which is making up off the coast of Florida now may bring an end to the heat wave when the tail end of it hits this section, if in truth it does.

## **Bus Drivers Hear** State Official Talk On Safety

C. C. Brown, Equipment En-gineer For State School Commission, Attended Dinner Given Friday For

YOUNGSTERS TOLD OF RESPONSIBILITY

Open Forum Session Held To Give Principals And Drivers Opportunity to
Ask Questions
Wanted

School bus drivers of Bruns vick county were honored Friday night at a dinner given in their honor at Shallotte high school. C. C. Brown, equipment engineer for the department of education was principal speaker and others in attendance included the school principals, members of the county board of education, the county superintendent of schools and the

In a brief and informal talk directed to the young bus drivers Mr. Brown sought to impress them with their tremendous responsibility. He told them that North Carolina transports more chool children more miles each year than any other state in the There are 4,900 school buses in operation, he said, carrying 355,000 children to school, and 85-percent of these vehicles are being driven by student driv-"You are a hand-picked group,

as a bus driver that you are the best person in your community for this job. Your very presence here tonight is a result of their fine vote of confidence in you.

"You will never have a more responsible job in your life than the one you now hold, regardless of whether you become leaders in your church your school or in your government. The safety of the boys and girls who ride with you to and from school each day should be your first and last consideration. Your job requires constant viligance.

"I want to call your attention to the fact that while North Carolina is transporting more children more miles to school with greater safety than is shown by the record of any other state, you are operating your buses on highways of a state that has one of the worst fatality records in the United States. I warn you, fore, that you must not only look out for yourself, but must be constantly on the alert for the mistakes of the other fellow."

During the open forum session which followed Mr. Brown sueceeded in clearing up numerous problems that have been preplexing the principals and the drivers.

## Laws Governing Returning Men

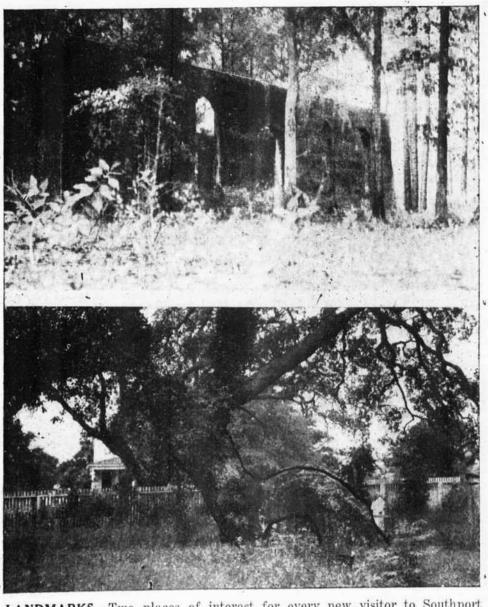
Selectees Who Have Completed Twelve Months Training Automatically In Enlisted Reserve Corps

The War Department has authorized the discharge of certain men in the armed forces and the relief of others from active federal service, General J. Van B. Metts. State Director of Selective Service, pointed out today. "These men are now returning to their homes," Director Metts said, "and in their interest I wish to clarify their position under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940."

Men inducted through Selective Service, who have served their 12 months and are released from active service, are transferred by the Army to the Enlisted Reserve Corps. Yet, the Director pointed out, a man discharged for some specific reason prior to completion of his twelve months' service, being separated from any military organization, is subject to reclassification under the Selective

Training and Service Act. Men who enlisted in the Army of the United States subsequent to September 15, 1940, for one Guard are definitely discharged from the military service at the and Mrs. A. T. McKeithan served. expiration of their terms of enlist- If anybody's name has been omitment, the Director said. These ted, its a shame, for the cooperamen are subject to registration But under War Department regu- ficers in charge of the men were lations they are priviledged to highly appreciative of the local enlist promptly in the Enlisted effort. Reserve Corps or in the National (Continued on page 4)

POINTS OF INTERSST



LANDMARKS-Two places of interest for every new visitor to Southport are the 17th. shown above. The top photo is a view of old St. Phillips Church which was erected in 1725. The lower picture shows the Indian trail tree in the side yard of the Cranmer home. This tree is a constant source of interest to naturalists.

## Stage Thrilling SearchlightShow

Five silvery fingers raked the sky over Southport Tuesday night for an enemy plane which wasn't there, and Southport citizens looked on in amazement at a glorius display of Uncle Sam's elaborate preparations for keeping enemy bombers from these shores.

The Second Battalion of the 4th Coast Artilery was town and five giant searchlights and an anti-aircraft gun were set up on the garrison grounds where four-score years ago cannon were mounted to defend Ft. Johnston. But never in all the war-torn history of this section was there a more colorful display from fighting equipment.

The beams reared upward for what appeared to be a distance of several hundred feet, and there was frank skepticism when the men in charge said that the lights' rays were traveling as much as six miles. Near the close of the two-hour practice period, however, doubts were dispelled when the five lights converged on old Bald Head tower on Smith Island and showed it standing there as plain as day. It was the first time in many a year that local citizens had seen anything of the old lighthouse at night, and was the only time in history when the tower was plainly visible from Southport after nightfall.

The searchlight session over, the men soon were at play. A dance in their honor was being held at the Army-Navy Club building, and during the evening practically every one of the more than 400 men dropped by, most of them to linger.

Music for the dance was furnished by the 94th orchestra. Arrangements had been made for Mrs. J. W. Ruark to serve as chief hostess for the occasion, her assistants being Mrs. H. W. Hood, Mrs. H. C. Corlette, Mrs. J. D. Sutton and Mrs. J. G. Christian. Mrs. C. W. Easley spent most of vesterday afternoon preparing punch for about five hunyear's service with the National dred-it turned out not to be enough-and Mrs. G. E. Hubband tive effort on the part of the and classification under the Selec- ladies conspired to make this a tive Training and Service Act. most enjoyable occasion, and of-

> J. J. Loughlin, Jr., was coordinator of the program.

## Visiting Troops Brunswick County Man Is Hit-And-Run Victim

Murray B. Robbins, Filling Station Proprietor, Hit And Fatally Injured By Automobile

DIED FEW HOURS LATER IN HOSPITAL

Coroner John G. Caison Empannels Jury But Says There Are No Clues To Driver

Murray B. Ribbins, 54-year-old resident of the Winnabow community, was struck by a hit-andrun driver early Sunday evening as he was crossing the highway from his Bell Swamp filling station to his residence on the opposite side of the road.

Robbin's body was discovered about 250 feet down the highway toward Bolivia, where it had either been dragged by the car which hit him or where he had been Negro Is Fast, flung by the force of impact. He was rushed to James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington where he died shortly after mid-

The following jury was empanneled by Coroner John G. Caison: W. E. Bell, Joel L. Moore, Price Furpless, A. E. Furr, R. L. Thompson and J. Berg. Coroner Caison said that only minor clues rested in connection

the Rev. A. L. Brown of South- a moment before. port, officiating, assisted by the (Continued on page 4)

Tropical Storm Heads This Way

Small-craft storm warning was received here this morning and local seafaring men were advised of a small tropical disturbance that was centered near Alma, Ga., last night and moving east-northeastward.

tore its way across Florida and through a part of Georgia leaving in its wake nine dead and countless injured in addition to large property damage. While the gale was known to

be headed in this direction. there was not much uneasiness locally since the force of the blow was diminishing rapidly.

# So Is Justice

Colored Employee Of Visiting Circus Captured Sun-Out Of Laced-Up Shoe; Sentenced Monday

were available for officers to work of the Shelby Circus, must have church and civic affairs. on, and that nobody has been ar- established some kind of record with the for being fleet of foot Sunday night when he ran right out of Funeral services were held this his laced-up shoe while fleeing afternoon at 3 o'clock from the from the Tom Hickman home into Mill Creek Baptist church with which he had been caught peeping

He was caught and turned over (continued on page four)

### Convict Probably Will Get Little Rest Between Terms Walter Stevens, Columbus , stealing therefrom an iron safe

county negro serving an 8months sentence on the roads at State Prison Camp near Shallotte, may have only a very short vacation when his term is up about the first of January.

Monday a warrant was issued requesting the presence of Stevens before Judge Walter M. Stanaland of the Recorders court in Southport on January 5th, 1942. The warrant charged him with breaking into the store of G. T. Ruark at Shallotte last Tuesday night and stealing therefrom a quantity of cigarettes.

At the same time another warrant was issued, charging Stevens with breaking into the store of D. C. Andrews at Shallotte on the same night and containing approximately \$100. The safe was carried away, broken into and the contents removed. Deputy Sheriff M. C. Tripp

and other officers who investigated the two robberies went to the convict camp and arrested Stevens. Practically all of the money from the Andrews safe was found hidden in his cell. It was located in a small heater, in the bedding of Stevens's bunk and in his shoes. Stevens was a trusty at the

camp, and it was understood that he just felt a craving for some cigarettes, etc, as well as for some pocket change. So he took a night off from the camp and his fellow lodgers and really got himself in trouble.

## NYA Project **Brings Training** To Young Girls

Eighteen Young Brunswick County Girls Being Given Opportunity To Earn While They Learn

MISS DOZIER IS THE SUPERVISOR

Typing, Shortland, Bookkeeping And English Are Subjects Being Taught In This Class

Eighteen girls representing a number of communities of Brunswick county are now enrolled in a NYA training class for which Miss Margaret Dozier is super-

Recently when the work, which is a \$6,010.80 project, was stopped county officials raised such a fuss that NYA officials re-opened the program which is destined to give practical vocational training to a score of young Brunswick county lassies.

The girls are required to put in a minimum of 80 hours each month in clerical work, which is a part of their training in typewriting, shorthand and bookkeeping. Their practical experience is being gained in several county and municipal offices where they are supplying clerical assistance that would not otherwise be available for these offices.

In order that NYA student service may be uninterrupted for these offices, the month is divided into two work periods, with one set of girls working from the 18th to the 4th, and another group coming on the 4th and leaving on

Miss Dozier. says that there is room for at east three more students in the course and is anxious to interview prospects this week. The pay is \$19.00 per month for the 80-hours

The following girls are workng in the following offices: County auditor: Marjorie Potter-Irene lemmons; Register of Deeds: Madeline Robinson and Mavis Watkins-Letha Arnold and Katharine Willetts; Clerk of Court: Evelyn Autrey-Arnett Stanaland; County Superintendent of Schools: Thelma Sellers-Elizabeth Henry; Welfare: Doris Lewis-Ethel Willetts: Board of Health: Eula May Smith-Lettie Sellers: Home Demonstration: Othelia Outlaw and Marjorie Jones-Evelyn Loughlin; City Hall: Margaret Bartells.

## This is the same storm which Former Resident Passes Suddenly

. H. Lindsey Died Suddenly Friday Morning In Wilmington Hotel; Former Senator From Bruns-

Thomas H. Lindsey, former State Senator from Brunswick County and a resident of Durham for a number of years, died in his room at a Wilmington hotel Friday of a heart attack.

Mr. Lindsey, who represented the old Tenth District in the Genday Night After Running eral Assembly of 1931, was a son of Mrs. John M. Lindsey of Durham and the late Mr. Lindsey. He lived in Southport for 18 years Wallace Miller, colored employee and was prominent there in

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### Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furthrough the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association. High Tide Low Tide

TIDE TABLE

Thursday, October 9

9:41 a. m.	3:40 a. m.
10:07 p. m.	4:15 p. m.
Friday,	October 10
10:19 a. m.	4:10 a. m.
10:51 p. m.	4:51 p. m.
Saturday,	October 11
11:02 a. m.	4:42 a. m.
11:40 p. m.	5:35 p. m.
Sunday,	October 12
11:51 a. m.	
	6:35 p. m.
Monday,	October 13
	6.28 a m

7:45 p. m. 12:47 p. m. Tuesday, October 14 1:37 a. m. 7:49 a. m. 8:48 p. m. October 15 1:49 p. m. Wednesday, 2:41 a. m. 8:58 a. m. 2:55 p. m. 9:42 p. m.