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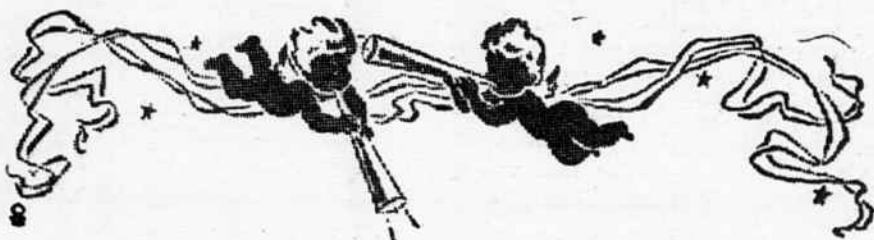
Most Of The News
All The Time

4 PAGES TODAY

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WE'VE RESOLVED.....

To carry on our faithful service in your
behalf. Our organization joins in
this pledge and in extending its
wishes for your health and
happiness in 1942.

Late War Bulletins

As we go to press announcement is expected momentarily of the fall of Manila, capital of the Philippine Islands. Reports early today indicate that United States and Philippine troops are being overwhelmed by the force of greater numbers and motorized equipment. While the Philippines may eventually be lost entirely to Japan, the fall of Manila does not necessarily mean that this is true. For one thing, Manila was not heavily fortified, and elsewhere in the island possession there are formidable fortifications for whose capture the Japs must pay dearly in both men and materials.

As a result of a series of conferences in progress during the past week between high ranking British officials, headed by Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and United States military and naval strategists, headed by President Roosevelt, there will be a unified war effort on the part of the allies. Just where and when this force will first strike has not been made clear, for obvious reasons, but it has been indicated that some sacrifices must be made in order to achieve major objectives.

The Russians' route of the German forces before Moscow and Leningrad continues, and on the first anniversary of Hitler's speech promising victory to his nation in 1941, comes word that the Russians have forced the Germans back to the Crimean peninsula. So far, the new trend of Nazi war strategy has not been made apparent, and the world awaits the first efforts of Her Hitler, commander in chief of the German armies.

County Closes Jenrette Suit

Accepts Sum Of \$500.00 In Full Settlement For Judgment Held Against Former County Official

The county accepted the sum of \$500.00 in full settlement of its judgment against (Continued on page 4)

Closing Year Witnessed Big Realty Turn-Over

As the year 1941 draws to a close Register of Deeds W. S. Wells believes that a record of realty transactions for a 12-months period has been established for this county.

Upon the basis of revenue stamps that must go on all papers for the transfer of property of more than \$100.00 in value a total of \$377,500.00 worth of real estate changed hands in Brunswick county during the year just closing.

High month for the period was December, when \$126,500.00 changed hands, as compared with \$16,000.00 in December of last year. A principal item in

Belated Blackout Is Staged At Southport

Visit Of Low-Flying Check-Up Plane Is First Word Received By Local Citizens In Trial Black Out Monday Night

QUICK RESPONSE
FOLLOWS VISIT

Local Officials Extremely Well Pleased With Cooperation Of Residents Once The General Alarm Sounded

A low-flying fighter plane thundered across the rooftops of Southport residences about nine o'clock Monday night and sent local citizens scurrying to their power switches for a belated blackout that resulted from faulty plans in getting word to this community.

All evening long plans were in progress to make the local effort one hundred percent successful, but because of an ill-advised effort to complete a person to person call to Chas. M. Trott, Brunswick air raid warden, instead of spreading the alarm through who ever answered the phone Southport was brightly lighted when the check-up plane came over.

Then things began to happen thick and fast, and by the time the night-flying visitor had circled and returned over the town, everything was in darkness.

Local officials were completely satisfied with the success of the test and with the spirit of co-

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Local Legion Post Over Top

Gains As Many Members As Has Been Assigned By State Department; District Commander Also Reports

Chas. M. Trott, commander of the Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, announced this week that the members in quota for this post has been filled for 1942.

R. C. St. George, district commander, says that the same condition is being approached by workers in the seventh district. He confidently expects his area to (Continued On Page 4)

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Final Report Of Membership Drive Sets New Record

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Red Cross Roll Call Chairman Reports Total Of 302 Members To Chairman Berg

CHAIRMAN PLEASSED WITH VOLUNTEERS

Work Made Easy By Interest And Enthusiasm Of Citizens And The Volunteer Workers In The County

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., roll call chairman for the Brunswick County Chapter, American Red Cross, was in a mighty good humor Tuesday when she made her final report to J. Berg, chapter chairman.

For one thing, this year's roll call effort resulted in an increase of almost one hundred over last year's total of 211 members. But most important to the roll call chairman was the generous response of citizens of the county and the many pleasant surprises that developed in the efforts of the volunteer workers.

"Only last night", she told Mr. Berg, "I was counting up getting ready to make my final report and we had only 298 members. While I was doing this Mr. Keziah came by for a few minutes, and I told him what a shame I thought it was that we were going to just barely miss getting 300 members. He said he thought so too, and hadn't been gone from the house more than ten minutes when he came back waving a handful of dollar bills and some names. He'd gone out and gotten three additional members that quick, thus putting us over the 300 mark. One other member came in and joined voluntarily this morning.

"And yesterday afternoon when I stopped to see Janie Henry she had four more prospects, but no money in hand. Two of these are going to join, I know," she said, "so I'm just going to hand in their money for them." She did, and then, before I could get out she called me back and gave me the money for the other two. 'If they don't want to join,' she said, 'I'll join for them.' I was about to leave when she called me back once more and said that she wanted to give her nephew, James Galloway, a Red Cross membership. That, by the way, makes the Henry family almost one hundred percent. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Henry, Elizabeth and A. P. Henry, Jr., Mr. Johnnie and Miss Janie all joined.

"I've already had something in the paper about Mrs. Ida Clemmons and Mrs. Bill Kopp out in the county and about Delia Huntley and the navy boys here. It's been fun doing this work this year."

The following complete the members in roll:

Mrs. R. D. White, Shallotte; Churchill Bragaw and Jim Fergus, Orton Plantation; Miss Hilda Muller, Pinehurst; Miss Annie Zue Newton, Southport; R. S. McKeithan, Miss Bertha Devane, Miss Katie Johnson, Webster Swain, and James Galloway, Winnabow.

Recruiters Here Enlisting Men

Number Of Men Examined By Naval Recruiting Officers Here Saturday And Sunday

Naval recruiting officers enlisting men for the offshore patrol signed up eight men here in two days this week. This was in contrast to a week in Wilmington where only six men were signed up.

Yeoman Dick Jones, in charge of the clerical work, stated that (Continued on page 4)

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Ward Announces Candidacy For Recorder Court Judge

Is First Man In County To Declare Candidacy For Office; Hot Contests Are Promised In Coming Primary Election

John B. Ward of Ash was in Southport Monday and stated that he is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Judge of the Recorder's court, a position now held by Walter M. Stanaland, chairman of the Democratic executive committee.

Ward has had experience in public office, having served previously in the position which he now is seeking. In addition he has served as a member of the board of county commissioners and as county tax collector.

This blows the lid off the political pot in Brunswick, which has a habit of boiling violently at least every two years; and the war and all other developments will have a hard time keeping down interest in the various contests that will develop.

In addition to the job of recorder, contests also will be in order for clerk of court, sheriff, coroner and three members of the board of county commissioner.



JOHN B. WARD

Final Approval Of Grant And Loan For Local Plant

Seamen Required To Be Registered

Effective on January 1, 1942, is a recent ruling requiring all men who go to sea in any capacity to be properly finger printed and registered with government authorities.

Affected by this law are all Southport fishermen and shrimpers, including the colored members of the crews of local menhaden fishing boats.

While the act was obviously intended as a curb for treachery among the Japanese fishermen of the west coast, it was made nation-wide in an effort to stem fifth-column activities in any territorial waters of the United States.

Accident Fatal To Leland Boy

Harvey B. William Dies In Wilmington Hospital Following Accidental Shooting Christmas Day

A holiday hunting accident claimed the life of one Brunswick county boy when 12-year-old Harvey B. Williams died at James Walker Memorial Hospital Thursday a few hours after being struck by a full blast from the single-barrel shotgun with which he was hunting.

The lad was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Williams of Leland and was out hunting on Christmas day with a young companion. According to the report made to Coroner John G. Caison the lad was standing on a stump when his gun went off, the full load striking him in the side of the face. His companion spread the alarm, and the injured youth was rushed to the Wilmington hospital, where he died a short time later.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Williams cemetery by Rev. H. S. Strickland. Active pallbearers were Charles Lanier, Ras Nelson, John J. Charles, William Williams, Arnold R. Potter and Thomas Williams.

Southport, England, Paper Praises Southport, N. C.

To Mayor John D. Erikson of Southport has come a clipping from a newspaper published at Southport, England, telling of the hospitality enjoyed here several weeks ago by officers and members of the crew of a British naval trawler.

"I have traveled widely in all parts of the world as a merchant seaman, including four years in the Antarctic exploration and whaling", wrote Chief-Officer E. L. Warren, master of the boat that called here, "but this welcome touched me as few have done. And," he added, "it was with no thought of 'leave-and-lend', but only a sincere desire to help in some way. Such is my impres-

Electrical Generation Facilities Of Local Power Plant Will Be Increased By 500 k.w.h. As Result

CASWELL BASE IS PRINCIPAL USER

Loan Of \$45,000 And Grant Of \$36,100.00 Is Announced For Immediate Use On This Project

City officials received official notice from Washington yesterday that a grant of \$46,100.00 and a loan of \$45,000.00 has been granted the city of Southport for the purpose of increasing electricity generation facilities at the municipal power plant.

Provision was made in the request for increasing the output of the local plant by at least 500kw. The present output of the plant is about 350kw.

The immediate need for this increase is to be in position to furnish electric power to Caswell Section Base, and it was because of this fact that officials were able to obtain quick action on the project. In the same communication informing officials of final approval, a request was made for an early submission of plans for the work, indicating that the project will get underway immediately.

In addition to new motors for the purpose of generating more power, funds for a new transmission line to Caswell are also set up in the project.

Cases Grow Out Of Slander Trial

Most Of Defendants In Recorder's Court Here Monday Were Either In The Case Or Were Up For Perjury

Most of the defendants in Recorder's court here Monday were involved in a case charging Rupert and P. M. Blanton with slander. The latter was found not guilty, while Rupert was convicted and was given 12 months on the roads. Judgment in this case was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$100.00.

The following were charged (Continued on page 4)

Shortage Likely In Materials To Make Barn Flues

Farmers Of The County Are Warned By County Agent J. E. Dodson Of Shortage To Repair Parts On Farm Machinery Also

ADVISES PLACING OF ORDERS IMMEDIATELY

Dealers Report Definitely A Shortage Of Sheet Iron Metal For Making Tobacco Flues

Farmers of Brunswick County are warned by J. E. Dodson, county Agent, of a potential shortage of repair parts to farm machinery and tobacco barn flues. Each farmer that has farm machinery such as plows, cultivators, mowing machines and disk harrows that are in need of repair parts, even including bolts and nuts for such machinery, should purchase them immediately.

Also farmers who needed tobacco flues should immediately purchase them and get their barns ready to cure tobacco in January rather than July. Information received from manufacturers of farm machinery and repair parts have definitely indicated that they will be unable to secure steel and iron to manufacture needed repair parts to farm machinery unless farmers needing repair parts place their orders several months in advance with their farm machinery dealers.

Dealers report definitely a shortage of sheet iron metal for making tobacco flues. The price of this sheet iron metal has increased from 3c per pound to 6c per pound as of December 22, and dealers already report their inability to secure sheet iron metal to make tobacco flues at this increased price. Therefore, under the above existing condition the tobacco farmers of Brunswick County who need tobacco flues should immediately place their orders with dealers without delay. The risk of not being able to obtain this metal is to great to wait until July to place such orders.

Southport Man Going To Army

T. J. Tobiasen Of Wilmington And Formerly Of This Community, Goes To Wright Field On January 6

T. J. Tobiasen, head of the division of contract and supply of the Wilmington district U. S. Engineer office, will leave for Wright field, Dayton, Ohio, on January 6, to assume the active duties of a first lieutenant in the Air corps.

Mr. Tobiasen held a commission in the Officers Reserve corps before being ordered to active duty by the War Department.

No announcement of a successor has been made. A native of Southport, Mr. Tobiasen has been associated with the District Engineers office here for eight years.

Mrs. Tobiasen and their son will go to her mother's home in Evansville, Ind., temporarily, Mr. Tobiasen said. He will be a non-flying officer in the Air corps.

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, December 25	
0:51 a. m.	7:16 a. m.
1:10 p. m.	7:38 p. m.
Friday, December 26	
1:44 a. m.	8:19 a. m.
2:06 p. m.	8:33 p. m.
Saturday, December 27	
2:39 a. m.	9:16 a. m.
3:04 p. m.	9:24 p. m.
Sunday, December 28	
3:36 a. m.	10:08 a. m.
4:01 p. m.	10:11 p. m.
Monday, December 29	
4:30 a. m.	10:57 a. m.
4:55 p. m.	10:57 p. m.
Tuesday, December 30	
5:19 a. m.	11:44 a. m.
5:43 p. m.	11:43 p. m.
Wednesday, December 31	
6:01 a. m.	
6:26 p. m.	12:30 p. m.