

As Tornado Ripped Through County



WHOLESALE DAMAGE—These pictures of devastation show graphically the untold damage done last Tuesday night as a roaring tornado ripped through eastern Columbus county, killing one person and injuring nearly two score more. The picture at the top left shows a home in the Honey Hill area completely demolished by the storm, while center is an unroofed dwelling in the same area. Top right shows another Honey Hill House demolished by the storm. In the center row, the picture at the left shows Honey Hill victims of the storm digging the wreckage of what was formerly their home for what valuables they might find. The picture in the middle and the one at the right are both of Bolton homes wrecked by the storm. Bottom left shows all that is left of the colored Baptist Church at Bolton, while bottom center shows more victims braving a biting winter wind to get for belongings in the flattened wreckage of what was their house. The house at bottom right was damaged more than this picture indicates.—(All Staff Photos.)

Dimout Rules In Effect In Area Since Nov. 30th

Territory 25-Miles In Depth From Coast Includes Practically All Parts Of Brunswick County

CITIZENS ASKED TO OBSERVE RULES

Step Is Being Taken In Protection Of Shipping Off The Coast Of The United States

ALTANTA, Ga. Dec. 7. —New dimout regulations, effective November 30, were announced today by Major General William Bryden, commanding general of the Fourth Service Command. Based on experience gained by the Army in the past six months, the new regulations governing the control of artificial lighting in the coastal dimout area of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida east of the Apalachicola river are issued by order of Lieutenant General Hugh A. Drum, commanding the Eastern Defense Command and First Army, and replace those published by the Army on May 14, 1942. Broadening of the dimout's purpose to include passive protection against attack by hostile aircraft, as well as to afford protection of coastal shipping, was also announced by Army officials to be one of the most important aspects of the new regulations. Furthermore, it was indicated that the dimout area in the four states has been extended further inland. Instead of an average of ten miles, specified in the former regulations, the newly prescribed area averages 25 miles in depth from the coast, marked generally by the line of counties bordering on the coast.

A general provision is that "any light from out-of-doors that cannot be extinguished, completely obscured, or reduced in intensity in accordance with Standard War Department Blackout Specifications within five minutes of the sounding of the signal for a blackout, shall be permanently extinguished."

Other provisions are:

1. — All lights or reflections therefrom shall be shielded, obscured or reduced in intensity so that they are not visible from the sea.
2. — Bonfires, brush fires, burning fields and other outdoor fires shall be completely extinguished during the hours that these regulations are applicable (from one half hour after sundown until one half hour before sunrise the following morning between October 1 and April 30, inclusive, and from one hour after (Continued on Page 2.)

Cotton Farmers Will Decide On Quotas Saturday

Voting Places And Hours Of Voting In The County Are Listed By The County AAA Committee

CLAIM BIG SURPLUS OF COTTON IN U. S.

Practical Halt In The Export Of Cotton Given As Reason For Necessity Of Limiting Production

Cotton farmers of Brunswick County have a big question to decide on Saturday of this week, December 12th, according to C. O. Bennett, Chairman of the County AAA Committee.

On Saturday, all cotton farmers will vote on whether or not they want to keep cotton marketing quotas for another year. If two-thirds of those voting vote "yes," then cotton loans will again be available but if quotas are rejected, there can be no loan on the 1943 crop according to law. The loan rate has been raised from 85 to 90% of parity and the present rate in Brunswick County is 18.41 per 100 pounds of linting 15-16th inch cotton. Although there is almost a two-

Commissioners Name Mintz Chairman Of Their Body In First Meeting Here Monday

DIRECTOR



Henry C. Stone, Principal of Shallotte high school, has been named director of the Citizens Service Corps for Brunswick County.

E. J. Prevatte Named County Attorney In Surprise Move Monday; Will Receive \$100.00 Per Month For All Work

JORGENSEN STILL IS TAX COLLECTOR

Effort To Have Vacancy Created In That Office Stopped With Confirmation Of Present Tax Collector

Amid all the tension and excitement of their first regular meeting here Monday, members of the new board of county commissioners organized with Steve Mintz as chairman. The motion was made by A. P. Russ, seconded by O. P. Bellamy. Upon motion of A. P. Russ, seconded by O. P. Bellamy, E. J. Prevatte was named county attorney at a salary of \$100.00 per month for all his services. The appointment was for 2 years, and ended considerable speculation as to who would be named. J. W. Ruark and Dwight McEwen, who had held the office for the past several months, were most frequently mentioned prior to the surprise naming of Prevatte. Upon motion of O. P. Bellamy, seconded by A. P. Russ, J. W. Ruark was named to continue as prosecutor of Recorder's court at a monthly salary of \$100.00. This appointment was for 2 years. A. H. Perry tendered his resignation at constable of Northwest township and his brother, O. W. Perry was named by the commissioners in his place. Upon motion of O. P. Bellamy, seconded by A. P. Russ, ex-Sheriff D. L. Ganey was named special officer without salary. Upon motion of O. P. Bellamy, seconded by A. P. Russ, W. P. Jorgensen was named to collect the 1942 tax levy. This was merely a confirmation of a prior appointment made by the old board, and blocked efforts to create a vacancy in order that the place might be filled by another man. W. M. Stansland presented an application for collector for the 1943 levy, but there was a noticeable strike-over in his typewritten application, indicating that the original had called for appointment for collection of the 1942 levy. Jorgensen's status was changed, in that he will be on a salary of \$200.00 per month after January 1, 1943, instead of being paid 2 1/2-percent for collections. He will be allowed \$100.00 per year expenses for his automobile.

New Officers Given Oaths Here Monday

Sam T. Bennett Sworn In By George Ganey, Then He Heard Oath Of Each New County Officials

MILLON GANEY IS SPECIAL OFFICER

Interesting Notes Are Made Connected With Opening Session Of Recorder's Court Session

Newly elected officers were sworn in Monday before Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett, after he had been sworn in for his second year by justice of the peace, George Ganey.

Officers sworn in included John B. Ward, judge recorder's court; C. P. Willetts, sheriff; O. P. Bellamy, A. P. Russ and S. I. Mintz, commissioners; W. E. Bell Coron-

later D. L. Ganey was sworn in as special officer; A. H. Perry as constable for Northwest township; and F. L. Lewis as deputy sheriff and jailor.

R. J. Holden also took the oath of office as assistant-clerk of court.

Interesting side-lights in connection with swearing-in of officers is that two ex-sheriffs were sworn in to assist Sheriff Willetts in law enforcement.

When Judge Ward opened court, there was no strange surroundings, having filed that office for several months prior to 1938.

Court was opened by Sheriff Willetts, who chanted the words of the regular call without reading or stumbling. He admitted he had been studying.

Spectator at Judge Ward's opening session was D. R. Johnson, who lacked only a couple of minutes of being on the judge's bench himself.

Former Local Boy Promoted

C. Holden, Graduate Of Southport High School, Now Stationed In Caribbean Area

James C. Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Holden, of Georgetown, South Carolina, a former resident of Southport, has been promoted to the grade of private (Continued on Page 2.)

Teen-Age Registration This Month In County

Friday, December 11th, Is First Date Set For Registration Of Boys Affected By Change In Draft Registration

ALL MUST REGISTER DAY THEY ARE 18

For Duration Of War, Those Born After January 1st, 1925, Will Register On 18th Birthday

The following announcement has been received from Price Furless, chairman of the Brunswick County Selective Service Board. All registrations covered in this announcement will be at the board office:

"The registration of male citizens of the United States and other male persons, who shall have attained the eighteenth anniversary of the day of their birth during the periods indicated below, shall take place in the United States between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 5:00 p. m. on the days hereinafter designated for their registration as follows:

(a) Those who were born on or after July 1, 1942, but not after August 31, 1942, shall be registered on any day during the week commencing Friday, December 11, 1942, and ending Thursday, December 17, 1942;

(b) Those who were born on (Continued on Page Two)

Telephone Call Includes Family

George and Harold Watson, who are now working in Trinidad, made a most successful long distance telephone call to their mother, Mrs. George Y. Watson, Sunday.

For military reasons, it cannot be stated from whence the call originated, but it was routed through New York. At any rate, Mrs. Watson had the satisfaction of talking to both boys, and they had the satisfaction not only of talking to their mother, but to their sister, Elizabeth, and to their brother, David, who has just returned from an overseas trip with a navy convoy.

Sentenced For Coupon Thefts

Lloyd Hill Pleaded Guilty To Possession Of Stolen Gasoline Ration Book Here Monday

The first case growing out of violations connected with the rationing program was tried Monday in Recorder's court before Judge John B. Ward. Lloyd Hill, colored, pleaded (Continued on Page 2.)

President Ends Existence Of WPA By Order

In a sweeping executive order Saturday, President Roosevelt with one stroke of the pen let the Works Progress Administration, ten year old relief organization, fade into history.

His order abolishing the WPA came at the same time he issued a statement in which he said that the WPA had served its purpose well, having given employment to millions of persons who would otherwise have been unemployed during the lean years of depression 10 years ago.

The order provided that the WPA program shall be closed out by February 1st in 16 states, and in the remaining states, the projects shall be closed out and the business of the WPA wound up as soon as possible thereafter.

Christmas Plans For Service Men

Bags Will Be Filled By Representatives Of Various Organizations In Concerted Effort To Please Service Men

At a tea held on Thursday afternoon at the U. S. O. Club, plans were made for filling about four hundred Christmas bags for the service men in this vicinity.

D. L. Scudder, director of the U. S. O., asked that the women of Southport cooperate in this undertaking. He received immediate response from representatives of various organizations in town.

The bags were made by Spoford Mills, Wertheimer Bag Co., Block Shirt Co., and the Carolina Printing Co., of Wilmington. It was suggested that they be filled with number of articles, among them candy, razor blades, shoe polish, address books, iodine, combs, pencils, playing cards, or anything which is small and which would be useful to a service man. These bags should be back at the U. S. O. by December 20.

Those who accepted bags to distribute, and those from whom additional bags may be secured are as follows: Daughters of America, the G. S. O., Mrs. Rob Thompson, Methodist Young Girls Class, Baptist Young Girls Class, Miss Annie Newton, Miss Mary Weeks, Mrs. Treadwell, Miss Susie New-

Directions For Making Appeal

Adjustments Will Be Made In Mileage Allowed Some Trucks, And Proper Procedure Is Outlined

Where there is dissatisfaction with the allotment of gasoline for trucks the farmer applicant should take his Certificate of War Necessity to his local gas rationing board and secure his allotment of gas for December and the first quarter of 1943 in order that he may have enough gas to keep him rolling until his application can be reconsidered.

Recent Weather Good For Ducks

However, No Unusual Success Has Greeted Efforts Of Hunters Of This Vicinity

Cold, cloudy and damp, the past three days have had all of the remarks of being ideal for duck hunting. But despite the favoring elements, reports of hunters making a good bag of the birds have been few and far between.

Plans Being Made For Orton Christmas Party

Preparations are going forward for Orton to have its annual Old Time Plantation Christmas Party as usual this year. Not all of the arrangements have been completed at this time, but the latest word from the Brunswick county show place is to the effect that the party will be held.

About 150 persons, all employed on the plantation or at the nursery, and their families participate in the festivities. As the name indicates, the party is conducted along the lines of those held on the plantations in the deep south before the Civil War.

Several of the plantation and nursery officials who have been active in making the Old Time Plantation Christmas parties a success in past years will be absent this year. Among those who will be Lieutenant Churchill Bragaw, former manager. His address is now in care of the postmaster in New York, which means he is on, or will soon be on, over seas duty. Bob

Outcome Of Deer Hunt Is In Doubt

There is a group of hunters here who are puzzled this week as to whether they killed a deer last Tuesday, or whether the deer killed himself.

A buck was jumped, and was shot at several times — probably with fatal results. But in his dying efforts, the deer busted head — long into a tree and broke his neck.

Members Of Southport Woman's Club Will Sponsor Decorations Contest For Homes Done Without Lighting

Will Call For New Ingenuity

Contest Will Be Conducted Along Same Lines As In Previous Years, Save For The Use Of Lighting

In cooperation with the dim-out regulations for coastal areas, the Woman's Club this year is not offering its usual prizes for outdoor trees and house decorations with lights. Instead, a first and second prize will be offered for the most attractively decorated house without lighting.

The houses will be judged in the day-time and it is hoped that a number of persons in Southport will cooperate to make their homes express the Christmas spirit.

Need No Permit To Kill Hogs

Message From Dean Schaub Is Released For Publication By County Agent Dodson This Week

County Agent J. E. Dodson is in receipt of the following letter from Dean I. O. Schaub, which should go a long way toward stopping the rumors that have been making the round about restrictions on killing hogs:

"Reports from the field indicate that much misinformation and gossip is going around as regards the Share-the-Meat Program.

"Reports from a number of counties indicate that many people believe they will need a permit before they can kill any animal. Also they report that these permits will cost from \$3.00 to \$5.00 or more. Other reports are to the effect that farmers will have to have their hogs weighed before killing them.

"Such reports are entirely erroneous and I hope you will do everything possible to stop such rumors. There is a possibility that such reports are being circulated deliberately. If you can get tract of any definite sources of such rumors, I hope you will advise me.

Two Southport Men Enlist

Thomas Earl Gilbert and Dallas Pigott, of Southport, enlisted in the Coast Guard Reserve at the recruiting station in Charleston, S. C., last week.

Gilbert, the son of Mrs. Elizabeth Gilbert of Southport, signed as a Seaman, first class, and Pigott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Pigott, of Southport, enlisted as a Boatswain's Mate, second class.

Visits Mother

David Watson, of the U. S. Navy, is visiting his mother, Mrs. George Y. Watson, during a short leave from sea duty.

Medical

Joseph Parker, of Shallotte, entered Dasher Memorial Hospital Monday for medical attention.