

### New Development In Investigation Of Lewis Death

Element Of Mystery Entered Picture Monday With Discovery That Warning Note Was On Fatal Machine

### SUIT PROBABLY TO BE FILED LATER

### Death Of Brunswick County Man Following Blood Transfusion May Be Basis Of Action

An element of mystery entered into the hearing held in Wilmington Saturday, with the object of determining the degree of civil liability, if any, on the part of the James Walker Memorial Hospital in the case of the death of Barney J. Lewis, Brunswick soldier.

Lewis died in the hospital on April 22, allegedly from embolism, incurred when Dr. C. H. Workman and a nurse, Miss Lina Walton, attached to his arm the tube of a machine that pumped air instead of draining blood.

Adjourning from the courthouse in Wilmington to the hospital for a continuation of the hearing, an inspection of the alleged death dealing machine revealed that it bore a small sticker inscribed: "This machine is not to be used for blood transfusions."

Dr. Gilland, resident physician at the hospital and nurses who were examined, could throw no light as to when or how the sticker was placed on the machine. Apparently it had been there for some time and was not noticed until the investigation was made. It was discovered by O. L. Henry of the Lumberton law firm of Varner, McIntyre and Henry, who have been retained along with J. W. Ruark of Southport to represent the estate of the dead man.

While being questioned by attorneys, Dr. Gilland described the death of Lewis as "a tragic error." The hospital was represented by City Attorney Campbelle, of Wilmington, Murray James, Wilmington attorney, was also present and joined in the questioning. It is understood he represented some insurance company.

Under the law hospitals and other charitable institutions cannot be sued for the death of patients in their care. In this case it is contended that Lewis was not a patient. He was a voluntary blood donor and, instead of attaching a rubber tube that would drain blood from his arm, the mistake was made of attaching another tube that pumped air into his veins. This effected vital organs, including the brain, and is said to have caused his death.

It is understood that Varner, McIntyre and Henry will file suit this week in behalf of the administrator of the estate. The hearing in Wilmington was under a court order, given for the purpose of arriving at a better understanding of the status of the hospital in the matter. Neither Dr. Workman or Nurse Walton was present. The former is understood to be in the armed service somewhere and Miss Walton left the hospital soon after the accident occurred.

### Small Catch Made On First Trip Out

John M. Morehead Brought In Sixty Thousand Menhaden Yesterday On Her First Trip Of Season; Fish Were At Mouth Of River

The first inspection cruise for fish this season was made yesterday by the boat John M. Morehead, Captain J. B. Church. No fish were found at any point down the coast.

On the return trip they encountered quite a good show of fish at the mouth of the river, just off the bar. A catch of sixty thousand was made. Captain Church stated last night that while there was a good show of these fish they would be in rather small schools for some weeks yet. They will afford some fair fishing and he hopes to find larger schools at some other nearby points.

A lot of small bluefish were seen and Captain Church said that it was his expectation that continued operations will reveal the presence of plenty of these fish. Mackerel will also soon be showing up.

Other local boats that are now fishing in Florida are not expected to return to begin work here for four or five weeks unless the local fish show up in greater numbers.

### Southport Lady Launches Ship Tuesday Afternoon

### Outstanding Celebration In Connection With Launching Of 100th Liberty Ship In Wilmington

Before 12,000 employees and visitors the 100th ship to be constructed at the North Carolina Shipbuilding company yards in Wilmington, the S. S. Charles D. Melver, was launched Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Harold Miller, of Southport, as sponsor.

Mrs. Miller is the former Miss Gladys Dozier and was selected for this honor by her brother, Edwin W. Dozier, a shipyard employee. The privilege to select the sponsor was granted Dozier because of his excellent attendance and efficiency record.

Misses Margaret and Edna Dozier, also of Southport, were maids of honor for her sister. Also in the group of visitors on the launching stand were Miss Constance Bennett, famed movie actress who was there to present to the shipbuilding company the Treasury department is coeted "T" emblem. Others there were: Major-General Edwin P. Parker of Camp Butler, commander of the 78th "Lightning" division Brigadier - General J. Underhill, commander of

### Application Cards For War Ration Book 3 Here

### Card Blanks Are Being Distributed Through The Post-offices Of The County And Must Be Returned By June 10

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SIGNED

After June 10 Applications Will Not Be Accepted Before August 1st; Must Be Filled In Carefully

Residents of Brunswick county this past week-end received through the mail a card application for War Ration Book No. 3 from the Charlotte OPA office. Instructions on the card state that the cards must be returned, properly filled in, between June 1 and June 10th. The cards are being distributed by the postoffice in each community.

Applications for Ration Book 3, trickling back into the Charlotte District OPA headquarters here, showed "an alarming percentage of error," L. W. Driscoll, district manager, said.

"At least 10 per cent of the applications we are getting back," Driscoll said, "are unsigned. These (continued on page four)

### Bond Sales For May Going Good

More Than \$8,000 Worth Of Bonds And Stamps Sold During First Half Of Month Of May

According to reports received from the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond and the Charlotte Branch Bank, the issuing agencies of Brunswick county (including the post offices) have for the period ending May 1-15 sold Series "E" Bonds in the amount of \$8,193.75. (Continued on page 4)

### Hundreds Of Birds In Nests At Battery Island Rookery

The first young Oyster catchers (birds) of the year made their appearance in the nests at the rookery on Battery Island on May 20. This is said to be an early date for these birds in North Carolina. Some time ago the early appearance of the American Egrets at the rookery broke all records for North Carolina.

Young Snowy Egrets are also now hatching out in great numbers. The first American Egrets to hatch out this season made their appearance over a month ago. Some of them are already grown and on the wing. Little Blue Herons and Great Blue herons are also at the rookery, old and young, in great numbers.

### Jury Recommends Improvements In Brunswick Jail

Several Findings Made By Grand Jury During Session Here Last Week Deal With Needed Repairs To Lock-Up

### OTHER FINDINGS OF ROUTINE NATURE

Grand Jury Spent Only Two Days In Session As Business Of The Court Was Completed During That Period

Following is the report made last week by the grand jury to Judge Q. K. Nimocks at the conclusion of their deliberations: "State of North Carolina "Brunswick County "To the Hon. Q. K. Nimocks, judge presiding: "We, the grand jury for the May 1943 term of Superior Court, convened at the courthouse in Southport on May 17th, and respectfully submit the following report:

"Jail Recommendation "Seat replaced on lavatory; plumbing fixtures replaced in cell 414. Plumbing fixtures replaced in cell 130. Plumbing fixtures replaced in cell 391. General repair to strong cell, and an automatic door opener inside, repaired, and hack saw cut welded. Small opening made in inside strong door and walls and floors of entire jail painted white, also plastering replaced and building kept in more sanitary condition. "County Home "Conditions found to be satisfactory in this home except the food situation and we recommend that the county commissioners investigate and remedy food conditions.

True bills returned 3, not true bills returned 3; Magistrates reporting 7. "We recommend that the Clerk of Court advise all magistrates when making their returns to segregate costs from fines so that the grand jury can properly check them."

### Market Summary

Southern fruits and vegetables moved during the third week of May, according to a report released by the Food Distribution Administration. The scene of harvest operations is shifting northward as the season progresses, but the bulk of movement is still from Florida, Louisiana, and South Georgia. Bean movement is at the peak in many localities with considerable diversion to canners. Florida limas, butterbeans, cucumbers, tomatoes, eggplant, and green corn increased. Demand for potatoes was not satisfied despite heavy loadings in Florida, Alabama, and Louisiana. Control over shipments from five major producing counties in southern Alabama and western Florida was provided effective May 21 to assist the armed forces to obtain needed supplies. Digging began in the South Carolina area during the week. The first Georgia peaches and Florida watermelons of the season were shipped. Strawberries are moving in moderate amounts from North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky.

### Six Cases Tried Before Recorder

Numerous Cases Covering Variety Of Offenses Disposed Of Before Judge John B. Ward Monday

In Recorder's court here Monday Elmer F. Ramsey, white, was tried for reckless operation, but the action was not pressed. Joseph Hewett, white, was convicted of driving after his license had been revoked. Given 90 days on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00. His license was revoked for an additional 12 months.

Rosa Evans and Mose Evans, colored, man and wife, each was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon. Mose was given 30 days on the roads but sentence for each was suspended upon payment of costs. Herman Stanaland, white, was found not guilty of drunken driving. Boyce C. Yarton, white, was found guilty of possession. Given 60 days on the roads, judgment (Continued From Page One)

### LIVESTOCK

Shipments continued to comprise the bulk of cattle receipts (Continued on Page Four)

### Former Citizen Dies Thursday

J. J. Loughlin, Sr., Was Former Business Man Of Southport; Funeral Held In Wilmington Saturday

J. J. Loughlin, Sr., former Southport resident, died Thursday at James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington following an extended illness. He was 75-years of age.

### August 3rd Is Tentatively Set To Open Market

Raleigh Meeting Adopts Four-Fold Plan Which Was Presented To Governor Broughton On Tuesday

### GA. MARTS WOULD OPEN WEEK EARLIER

July 27th Suggested As The Opening Date For The Georgia Tobacco Markets; Other Steps Taken

Representatives of tobacco growers, warehousemen, and dealers of the Carolinas and Virginia Tuesday agreed at a meeting in Raleigh unanimously on a plan for modifying warehouse selling seasons to avoid a possible conflict of tobacco marketing with harvesting of other farm crops. The action came after Governor Broughton appeared before the meeting and warned that, "If no satisfactory agreement is reached, I shall, if necessary, use all my powers by Constitution and statutes in closing tobacco warehouses by proclamation to get crops harvested."

### FOUR-FOLD PLAN

Here is the four-fold plan agreed upon and presented to Governor Broughton Tuesday afternoon:

1. To urge the sales committee of the United States Tobacco Association to adopt these opening dates for tobacco belt seasons: Georgia - Florida Belt, July 27; South Carolina-Border Belt, August 3; Eastern Belt, August 19; Middle Belt, August 31; Old Belt, September 7. Warehouses are urged to open as soon as possible and to close as late in the season as possible.
2. To sponsor adoption of these regulations of sales on warehouse floors: A 350-pound limit on tobacco baskets; a limit of 360 baskets per hour for auctioneers; a five-hour limit on daily working hours of buyers; no sales in warehouses except through regulated auctions. Tobacco manufacturers are urged to instruct their buyers to observe these rules and not to purchase tobacco on sales at which these rules are not observed.
3. To launch an education campaign. (Continued on page 4)

### New Principal For Waccamaw

H. D. Epting Resigned Position As Principal Of County School To Accept Job As Head Of Evergreen School

John S. Staton, principal last year at Herring high school in Sampson county, has been elected principal of Waccamaw high school for the coming term. Mr. Staton will replace H. D. Epting, principal at Waccamaw for the past two years, who recently resigned to accept a similar position at Evergreen in Columbus county.

### Ration Book For Canning Sugar

Stamps No. 15 And 16 In War Ration Book No. 1 May Be Used For Purchase Of Five Pounds Of Canning Sugar

Citizens were warned Tuesday by the Brunswick War Price and Rationing board that they must not take advantage of the five pounds of sugar allowable after May 31 on Ration stamps 15 and 16 unless they plan to use the sugar for canning purposes. Lengthy instructions have come to the local board explaining that the stamps may be used by persons who contemplate canning activity, but that others who attempt to use them will be subject to severe Federal penalties. Housewives who urgently need more than the amount of sugar obtainable by use of the 15 and 16 coupons will be required to make application to the board. However, officials signified their intentions of turning down all but the most important applications. "We shall not be able to release much extra sugar," the board chairman declared.

### Touching Story Of Mother Love Has Happy Ending

### General Alarm Caused By Prolonged Absence Of Mrs. Isaac Hughes From Her Home Recently

One of the most touching stories of mother love and of the joys and sorrows of war occurred in Brunswick county recently, but wound up with a happy ending. Mrs. Isaac Hughes, resident of Ash community, has three boys in service. One, Seaman Allen Hughes, had been reported wounded in action off North Africa, and Mrs. Hughes was deeply worried over the fate of her son. Being a woman of strong Christian convictions, she decided to unburden her troubles to the Lord, and so she entered a closet of her home to pray.

Exhausted from continual care, she fell asleep in the closet. This was about mid-afternoon. When her husband came in from the field, he could not find her, and felt some concern at her absence. When a preliminary search failed to reveal her whereabouts, a general alarm was spread, and neighbors joined in the effort to discover where she was. Late that night, Mr. Hughes entered the closet, and found his wife slumped over on the floor in sound slumber. All anxiety over her condition was soon dispelled, and friends joined with the family in the general feeling of relief. The happy ending was provided a few days later when her son, Allen, came home on a furlough, apparently as well and hearty as ever.



ALLEN HUGHES

### Sale Of Railroad Remains Unconfirmed By Court

Placed on the market for public sale on May 24, withdrawn from that with the announcement that it had been privately sold to New York industrial operators, the W. B. & S. railroad, running from Navassa to Southport, has still not changed hands, despite the fact that there seems no lack of bidders.

At a meeting Monday in Wilmington, at which time it was expected that Judge Q. K. Nimocks would confirm the sale to the New York industrialists, another bidder bobbed up and asked leave to bid. While the meeting was still in progress still another bid was received by mail and Attorney J. W. Ruark of Southport announced that he had a fourth party who might bid and who would operate the railroad if he managed to secure it. (Continued on page 4)

### County Jail Has Very Few Inmates

The grand jury in its report last week suggested certain alterations and improvements for the Brunswick county jail, but if it is not to be used any more for the next few months than it has since the first of the year, there is no rush.

Deputy Sheriff F. L. Lewis, jailer, said Tuesday that he had not had an inmate spend the night in jail during the month of May. Moreover, the man who keeps the local calaboose says that he has averaged about \$6-00 per month in jail fees since the first of the year—which is a slow way to get rich.

### Poppy Day Will Be Observed Here

Mrs. S. B. Frink Will Be In Charge Of Sale Of Artificial Flowers For American Legion

America's dead of two wars will be honored Saturday when millions of Americans will wear red poppies as a symbol of remembrance and tribute. Here, as in other cities throughout the country, women of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets at an early hour with baskets of poppies. A large corps of volunteer workers has been organized by Mrs. S. B. Frink, poppy chairman, to distribute poppies to everyone in the city.

The poppies have been made by disabled war veterans at Oteen Hospital who have been working at their beds and in the hospital work room during the winter and spring. This occupation has helped them pass the long hospital days pleasantly, has enabled them to earn money and has been valuable in promoting recovery. While distributing the memorial (Continued on page 1)

### Colored Man Sets The Pace For Victory Gardeners Here

If Southport, and Brunswick county people in general, were to work at their Victory Gardens anything like as hard as Buck DeVane does at his, there would be no question of an adequate food supply being produced for this summer and fall. Buck is a Southport colored man, well along in years. In addition he is crippled to the extent that it makes his getting around rather difficult. Despite this handicap he is growing what is probably the biggest and best garden in Southport. He has something near two acres in peas, beans, beets, onions, radishes, lettuce, sweet and Irish potatoes, corn and everything that goes to make a good garden. The interesting thing about his gardening is that he was unable to get anyone to plow the ground. So, he dug up the entire area with a hoe, planted his crops and is working them with the same crude implement. He is keeping everything well worked. Buck has his garden in the swamp garden area, a large tract of soft, black and very fertile lands in the eastern part of town. The tract is owned by C. Ed Taylor and the estate of the late J. Berg. Long ago these Southporters converted the tract into gardens, which they rented to parties who desired to work them at a very nominal figure. More often than not they failed to get any rent. However, the land has always served a wonderful purpose by enabling Southport residents to grow fine vegetables.

### Flower Show Is Success Despite Lack Of Flowers

Annual Event Sponsored By Members Of Southport Woman's Club Attracted Unusual Interest Despite Scarcity Of Blooms

### CHIEF EMPHASIS ON ARRANGEMENTS

Tea Served During Afternoon By Members Of Hospitality Committee; List Of Prize Winners Announced

The annual spring flower show sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club was held on Friday. Artistic arrangements took the spotlight as only a few specimen flowers were entered. Mrs. C. G. Ruark was winner of the sweepstakes prize, a camel-lia plant, because of the fact that she totaled more points in the show than any other person. A large number of visitors viewed the exhibits between the hours of 3 and 8 o'clock. In spite of the scarcity of flowers, the individual arrangements were up to the usual high standard of the show.

At 4 o'clock, tea was served by the Woman's Club to those present. Prizes were presented at this time. A complete list of the winners follows:

- Class I—Perfection of Bloom—Mrs. Warren Hood, 1st; Mrs. James Carr, 2nd; Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor, 3rd.
- Class II—Artistic Arrangements: Dinning room arrangement, Mrs. C. G. Ruark, 1st; Mrs. James Carr, 2nd; Mrs. Dallas Pigott, 3rd. Mantle arrangement, Mrs. J. W. Ruark, 1st; Mrs. C. G. Ruark, 2nd; Mrs. H. B. Smith, 3rd; coffee table arrangement, Mrs. James Carr, 1st; Mrs. James Harper, 2nd; Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor, 3rd; porch arrangement, Mrs. C. G. Ruark, 1st; nursery arrangement, Mrs. C. G. Ruark, 1st; Mrs. H. B. Smith, 2nd; Mrs. G. Y. Watson, 3rd. Boudoir arrangement, Mrs. H. B. Smith, 1st; Mrs. Nell Niernsee, 2nd; Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, 3rd. Wild flower arrangement, Mrs. James Harper, 1st. Seasonal arrangement, Mrs. Joseph Choquette, 1st. Vegetable arrangement, Mrs. H. W. Hood, 2nd. Living room arrangement, Mrs. C. G. Ruark, 1st; Mrs. J. W. Ruark, 2nd; Mrs. H. W. Hood, 3rd. Miniature garden, Mrs. H. W. Hood, 2nd.
- Class III—Shadow boxes: Mrs. Harold St. George, 1st; Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor, 2nd; Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, 3rd.
- Class IV—Potted plants: Mrs. J. J. Adams, 1st; Mrs. Bessie Cullis, 2nd; Mrs. H. W. Hood, 3rd.
- Class V—Table with dishes: Mrs. Nell Niernsee, 2nd.
- Class VI—Junior Dept.: Miss Loui Cox, 1st.

### Brunswick Boy Receives Honor

Private W. J. Robinson, Of Shallotte, Is Commended For Heroic Action In The Solomons Last August

Private First Class W. J. Robinson, son of W. E. Robinson, who lives between Shallotte and Supply, received a letter of commendation Monday for heroic action that he and members of his company engaged in during the occupation of the Solomons last August.

Private Robinson with an officer, Lieutenant, now Captain, Victor S. Malinovsky, of Kinston, and four other men, entered Japanese held caves and all escaped with only minor wounds after destroying the enemy. The entire detail received commendation.

### Bridge Approach Being Graded

Opening Date Of Caswell-Southport Bridge Dependent On Arrival Of Machinery For Operating Draw Span

F. D. Cline, Raleigh contractor, began grading the approaches to the new bridge on the canal between Southport and Fort Caswell last week. It is understood that this work will be completed in a short time. "The date of the opening of the bridge to travel," said O. L. Owens, resident engineer for the State Highway Commission, "is entirely dependent on when the machinery for operating the span may arrive." No one can say (Continued on Page Four)