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Announce That Potato Prices To Be Supported

Department Of Agriculture
Support On Irish Potatoes
To Be Continued Through
Season

PROVES WELCOME
NEWS TO GROWERS

Growers Of Potatoes, In
Which Columbus Is
Among First Rank,
Will Welcome Govern-
ment Announcement

U. S. Department of Agriculture support prices on Irish potatoes will be continued in North Carolina throughout the entire marketing season and it is not necessary for growers to dig potatoes prematurely in order to obtain prices at the support level, according to H. A. Patten, state AAA executive assistant.

The Department announced earlier this year that it would support the 1943 crop of Irish potatoes at \$2.25 per 100 pounds for No. 1 potatoes in carload lots. Potatoes grading at least 85 percent No. 1 will be supported at \$2.15 per hundred, and U. S. Commercial will be supported at \$2.05 per hundred. The support price for potatoes grading No. 2 or U. S. No. 1 size B will be supported at \$1.35 per 100 pounds. The ceiling price at which growers may sell potatoes in North Carolina is \$2.70 per hundred.

"It is reported in several areas that some producers are speeding operations in order to receive higher prices, even though the potatoes they are marketing are unusually small," Patten said.

"Since arrangements for governments buying will begin as soon as prices go below the support levels, many producers will find they can obtain a larger net return for their potatoes by marketing them a little later in the season."

In addition to the price supports, growers this year will receive a special payment from the AAA or 50 cents per bushel, times the county's normal yield, on all potatoes produced on acreages between 90 and 110 percent of individual farm goals, provided the farm has a goal of at least two acres.

Brown Speaker At St. James

Pastor Of Southport Baptist
Church Speaks At St.
James Church On Race
Relations Sunday Night

Rev. A. L. Brown, pastor of Southport Baptist church, spoke to members of the congregation of St. James Methodist church on the subject of "Race Relations."

Starting with an analysis of the phrasology used in the preamble of the Constitution of the United States, the Rev. Mr. Brown showed how environment, education and opportunity limit the literal interpretation of those words.

The true solution to the matter of race relations, he pointed out lies in the field of morals that come through the Christian religion, since this is truly the one common ground of all peoples.

An interesting feature of the evening's program was a group of songs by members of the girls chorus at St. James church. This music was particularly appreciated by a number of white citizens who were visiting members of the congregation.

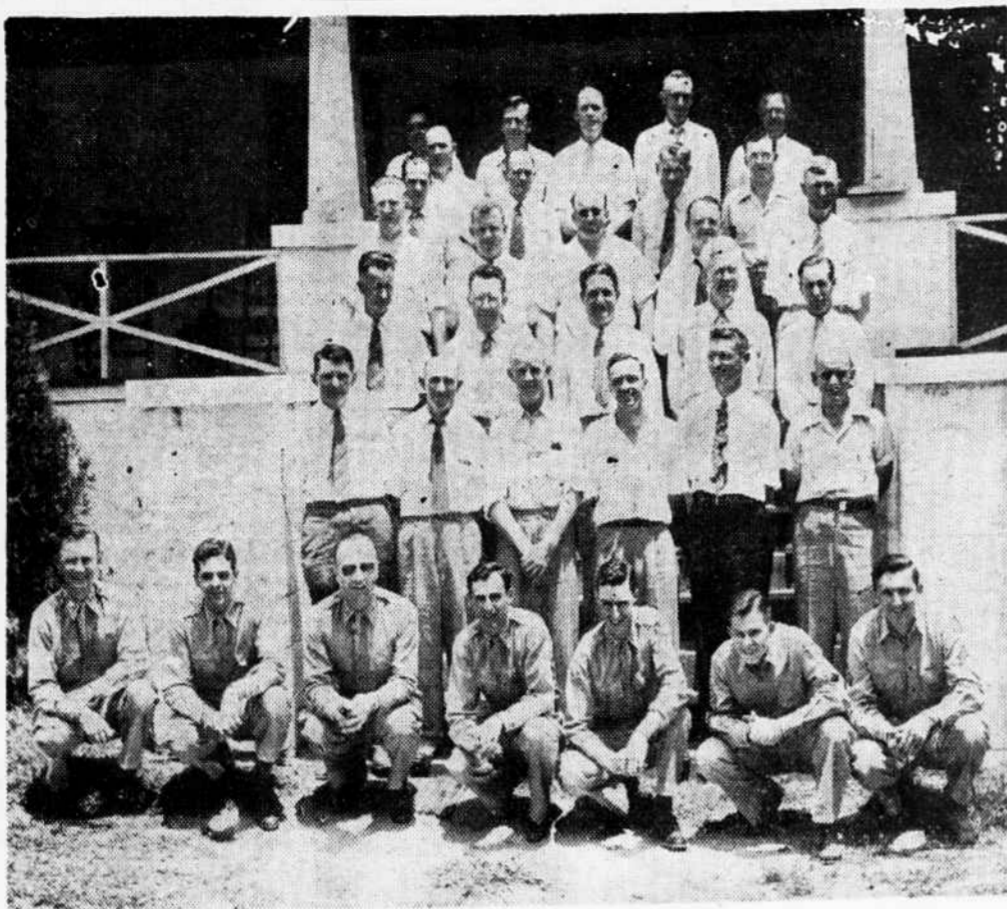
Gets Increase For Power Projects

Additional \$10,000.00 Appropria-
tion For Power
Line Poles And Wiring
Secured During The Past
Week

Adding to an original project, the appropriation for which was \$46,000.00 for a power line to the Navy Base and replacing poles throughout the old systems, J. J. Loughlin last week, secured an additional \$10,000.00 loan and grant for the city of Southport. This sum will permit the replacing of all light poles in the city limits and some wiring.

It will also allow for new poles to the county home and to the W. T. Fulwood place. This last point is about two miles from the new inland waterway bridge, to

AWS OFFICIALS MEET



District civil directors and area supervisors affiliated with the ground observer system of the Aircraft Warning Service and military personnel of the Wilmington Air Defense region are pictured after a meeting June 5-6 at Lake Waccamaw. Lieut. Col. Oscar C. Tigner, commander of the region, expressed appreciation at the session for the work of the civilian personnel of the ground observer corps.

Bottom row, kneeling from left to right: Lt. Col. Oscar C. Tigner, Lt. Alfred D. Schiavo, Lt. Joseph

S. Matjasko, Lt. Samuel W. Schartz, Lt. John J. Lee, Sgt. John J. Ridley, Cpl. Shirley Andrews. First row, standing, reading from left to right: Robert T. Whitehead, Lake City, S. C.; Louis H. Vowell, Wilmington; Jim Finch, Winnabow; John W. Baird, Elizabethtown; J. L. Phillips, Kingston; Penrod Jones, Manning, S. C. Second row: L. A. Corbett, Clinton; William H. Bailey, Beaufort; Joseph S. Mann, Whiteville; Robert T. Brown, Sumter, S. C.; R. E. Watson, Stoneville; Third Row: Clay

Hughes, Loris, S. C.; C. F. Mallard, Jr., Burgaw; William J. McCutcheon, Bishopville, S. C.; R. Cook, Whiteville; H. D. Gray, Trenton. Fourth row: W. M. Best, Lumberton; Ralph J. Jones, Warsaw; F. M. Chadwick, Morehead City; Tom H. Hood, Bayboro. Fifth row: William H. Humphrey, Lumberton; Mayor Scott B. Berkeley, Goldsboro; Jim Feger, Winnabow; V. Gray Herring, Goldsboro; Edward B. Hamer, Marion, S. C.; Francis W. Floyd, Fairmont.

New Plan For Sunday Movies

New USO Director Requests
That Service Men Be Given
Chance To See Pictures
Sunday; Civilians
Invited For Monday Night

James I. Muffley, director of the USO, stated yesterday that since his arrival here the first of the month he has found a "most cordial spirit of cooperation on the part of the people of Southport. There appears to be a general object of making the Community Building a center of real service for the Navy, Army and Coast Guard. This spirit is one that all who are actively engaged in carrying on the work sincerely appreciate, he says.

For next Sunday evening, June 20th, a buffet supper will be served the service men. This will be followed by the showing of the movie "Ice Land" and a short at 9 o'clock. Inasmuch as the USO seating facilities are rather limited, it is requested that civilians do not attend the Sunday evening shows. By not attending at times when a great many service men are on liberty these men are all able to secure seats and observe the pictures. On Monday evenings the same pictures will be shown at the club for the public in general, as well as for those service men who were unable to see it on Sunday.

Funeral Today For Mrs. Beck

Wife Of Naval Lieutenant
Died Sunday At Doshier
Memorial Hospital After
Critical Illness

Mrs. Lula Varn Beck, wife of Lt. (j. g.) L. H. Beck of the Naval Section Base, died Sunday at 1 o'clock at Doshier Memorial Hospital, where she had been in critical condition during the past week.

The deceased was a resident of only a few months in this community, but during her stay here had become one of the most popular service wives.

The body was shipped to Atlanta, Ga., where the Becks formerly lived where funeral arrangements were made for burial this (Wednesday) afternoon.

Funeral services were held at 5 o'clock at the Church of Incarnation by Rev. Theodore V. Morrison, pastor. Interment was made in West View cemetery.

Gas Officer Tells What To Do In Case Of Attack

Allgood Gives Some Time-
ly Suggestions With Re-
gard To Precautions In
Event Of A Gas Attack

GET OUT OF OPEN
AIR AT ONCE, SAYS
Advices Person Caught Outside
To Take Refuge In
Closed Building; Rooms
Should Be Sealed
Against Gas

"What would you do in case of gas attack by the enemy?" This is a question which C. L. Allgood, of Southport, gas officer for Brunswick county, has answered very well with the following suggestions which he recently received from Atlanta headquarters of the OCD:

1. Stay indoors. A tightly closed room affords protection against war gas. All windows and doors should be tightly shut, and blankets (to be soaked with water) or cardboard should be kept in readiness to cover and seal shattered windows. Choose a room on an upper floor if possible; most gases are heavier than air, although they may be carried up with air currents.

2. If caught outdoors in a gas attack, get out of the area at once. Look down and shield your eyes with your arm. Do not worry about any brief vapor exposure to which you may be subjected.

Piloting Bomber In Mediterranean

Pilot Officer, Ted Lewis,
Son Of Mrs. Brady Lewis,
Believed To Be Pilot Of
One Of Bombers In Most
Active Theatre Of War

Hopping off just as soon as he finished high school, Pilot Officer Teddy Lewis ran the gamut of the mechanics training school, from there he took the pilots training and was afterwards assigned to spend several months training other pilots. Last Thanksgiving he was sent overseas to the African theatre of war and the active service which he coveted.

Last week's war news told of the terrific bombings to which two Italian strongholds were subjected before they surrendered. It is believed that Pilot Officer Lewis was among the pilots who proved the power of the United States and British air forces.

Lieutenant Churchill Bragav has also believed to have been with the fighting forces in Africa. He is with the infantry and spent

Important AWS Meet Wednesday

There will be an important meeting for aircraft spotters and others interested in the work of the AWS next Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock at Zion Methodist church at Winnabow.

Jim Finch, who is in charge of plans for the program, says that Dr. Edwin F. Keever, retired Lutheran minister of Wilmington, will be the principal speaker. Dr. Keever was a chaplain in the last war. In addition, a new and unusually interesting AWS picture will be shown.

Finch wishes to have it stressed that driving to this meeting will not constitute pleasure driving, and a cordial invitation is issued to citizens throughout the county to attend the session.

Southport Man Returns Home

Lt. (j. g.) W. S. Wells Is At
Home On Leave Follow-
ing Tour Of Duty In Ice-
land

Lt. (j. g.) W. S. Wells arrived here Sunday to spend a 15-day leave from duties in the United States Navy.

Since he left here several months (Continued on page four)

Claims That Pitcher Plant Out-Catches Venus Flytrap

Although the famed Venus flytrap is much better known than the pitcher plant, Dr. D. L. Wray, entomologist with the State Department of Agriculture, revealed yesterday that the beautiful pitcher flower, which thrives in the swamps of Eastern North Carolina, catches more insects than does the flytrap, and lives largely on boll weevils, Mexican bean beetles and other insects consumed by it.

The insects are attracted to the flower by its sweet odor, and the minute hairs which grow on its inner walls prevent them from escaping. The digestive juices of the pitcher plant do the rest, and soon the insect becomes nothing more than a jelly-like substance which seeps down into the plant as food. In some instances snails

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Tobacco Buyers Ask Parity For Crop In Section

Roscoe Coleman, Of Tabor
City, Is Elected To Direc-
tors Of Association At
Saturday Meeting

PLEA MADE FOR AID
IN LABOR SHORTAGE

Governor Johnson Tells To-
bacco Men That Labor
Shortage Is Threaten-
ing And That Now
Is No Time For
Loafing

MYRTLE BEACH, June 14. — Members of the South Carolina belt warehouse association adopted a resolution at their annual convention here today asking the federal government to put South Carolina on a parity as to tobacco prices with all other bright belts.

The association also heard an address by Governor Olin D. Johnston and at a business session that followed re-elected its officers and conducted an open discussion of problems of the tobacco industry.

These officers were re-elected: President, W. Wesley Singletary of Lake City; vice president, A. E. Garrett of Fairmont, N. C.; secretary-treasurer, Lawson Jordan of Mullins. All the directors were re-elected except George Myers, Jr., of Chadbourne, who expects to enter the armed service shortly. Roscoe Coleman of Tabor City, was elected in Myers' place.

Lieut. Gov. Ransome J. Williams spoke briefly, after which Brig. Gen. Halmes B. Spring of Myrtle Beach, state director of selective service, introduced Governor Johnston.

The governor commended South Carolina farmers for the part they are taking in winning the war and said, "The labor shortage has almost wrecked the farmers of South Carolina. This is not time for loafing. Every able-bodied person should either work or fight."

County Egg Goal Is 377,000 Dozen

National Poultry Defense
Committee Hopes For An
Increase Of 14.2 Per Cent
Over Last Year

The National Poultry Defense Committee has just released figures giving the Brunswick county egg production at approximately 331,000 dozen during the past year. There is no date showing just when the year ends and it is not known if the above production included the spring laying, which undoubtedly broke all records.

For this year Brunswick farmers are asked to increase the above production to 377,000 dozen. This is a 14.2 percent increase over the past year and would appear to be an easy goal for the poultry raisers to reach. Many well informed poultry raisers of the county, including the county agent, have set the present supply of hens and young birds at 100 per cent greater than in the past year.

With the admitted doubling in the number of fowls, it should not be unreasonable to expect the Brunswick egg production to go considerably above half a million dozen during this year. During the past spring one Brunswick woman's flock produced in excess of 550 dozen eggs daily. Several other

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Trial Of Johnson - Ward Case Starts Next Week

Special Term Of Superior Court Ordered For New
Hanover County For Trial Of Political
Controversy

The interest of Brunswick county citizens will be centered in the special term of Superior Court to be held in Wilmington next week for the trial of the case of Johnson vs. Ward, an action growing out of disputes resulting from the last general election.

This case has been the subject of continual controversy since the night of the election, when Ward was returned a one-vote majority over Johnson. It was believed that matters would be cleared one way or the other at the canvassing of votes following the election, but when the one-vote majority was sustained, argument waxed hotter and hotter.

The case was docketed for trial here during April before Judge Q. K. Nimocks, who after becoming acquainted with some of the facts involved, had the scene of the trial removed from this county, and into the neighboring county of New Hanover.

More than one hundred witnesses were summoned for the trial here, and it is believed likely that all of these and possibly others will be called for service next week.

Judge Jeff D. Johnson of Clin-



JUDGE JOHNSON
ton has been named to preside over this trial.

Baby Show Will Be Held Here Tomorrow Afternoon

Demonstration By
Father-In-Law

C. C. Cannon, pharmacist in charge of the U. S. Public Health office here, had a little official business up at the quarantine station Tuesday morning, so he asked his son-in-law, Arthur Clark, if he'd like to go along and do a little crabbing in the river.

The young man took up his father-in-law on this proposition, and was doing plenty good with the pinch-fish when time to leave for home.

"Here," said Mr. Cannon, "hand me a line a minute and I'll show you something about this fishing business." So saying, he pulled off a hunk of crab meat, baited a hook and cast his line overboard. There soon followed a lot of splashing and thrashing around in the water, and the demonstration ended with an 8-pound drum on the dock.

Only Two Cases In County Court

Short Session Of Brunswick
County Recorder Court
Held Monday Before
Judge John B. Ward

Only two cases were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge John B. Ward.

Drew Long and Olan Hewette, white, were found guilty of simple assault. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs.

Frank O. Usery, white, pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving. Given 4 months on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$50.00. His driving license was revoked for 12 months.

Cruising Vessels Reporting Fish

Dolphin And Other Fish
Reported To Be Very Nu-
merous Out On Fry-
ing Pan By Crews Of Vessels
Running Out From South-
port

During the past week quite a number of sailors on vessels that make runs out from Southport and over the Frying Pan Shoals have been making inquiries as to the sort of fishing tackle best adapted to the taking of dolphin and other big fish. They are reporting that schools of large dolphin are numerous and other big fish are also frequently seen. Since their ships usually proceed at moderate cruising speed, the men who are off duty are anxious to see if they can produce something for the cooks galley.

It may interest these sailors to know that the largest dolphin ever caught on the Frying Pan would have broken all world's records.

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Pulpwood Plays Important Role In War Economy

National Director Says That
War Could Not Continue
For Six Months Beyond
End Of Production Of
This Material

GOVERNMENT NEEDS
ALL CAN GET NOW

Production Of Pulpwood In
27 States Must Be In-
creased By About 25
Per Cent At Once

Pulpwood and paper products are so vital to the war effort, Frank Block of New York said recently that "if our supply of pulpwood was stopped tomorrow we could not fight this war for more than six months longer."

Block, who is director of the War Production board committee of the pulpwood consuming industries, said in an address prepared for the Inland Daily Press association spring meeting that 35 per cent of the entire pulp and paper industry production now is grooved directly into the war program.

"Pulpwood is urgently needed," he said, "for making smokeless powders, rayon for parachutes and military clothing, medicinal products and medical supplies for our armed forces, blueprint paper, paper boards, containers and fabrications; for shell cases and many other wartime uses."

Block said that 3,800,000 farmers in 27 states now producing more than one-third of the national pulpwood supply must increase their production by 2,500,000 cords, or 20 to 25 per cent, "to avert an acute shortage."

"There is no shortage of trees," he added. "The shortage is in man power in the woods. It takes an average farmer about 1 1/2 days to cut a cord of pulpwood. . . . If every patriotic farmer in pulpwood states will find three days in 1943 to devote to pulpwood cutting as an extra service to his country at war—no further shortages will develop."

Locals Meet In Far Away Place

Australian Town Scene Of
Chance Meeting Between
Three Southport School-
mates Who Knew Nothing
Of Where Each Other
Were

Victor Earl Cox, son of Mrs. Mary Cox of Southport, was in the state militia when the war broke out. He was in the first convoy of men who went overseas. In May or June of 1942 he was wounded, spent several weeks in the hospital, recovered and returned to active duty.

It appears he has been wounded for the second time. He was recently in the hospital again, and the pretty red haired nurse who was assigned to attend him turned out to be Lieutenant Eleanor Niernse, daughter of Mrs. Frank M. Niernse of Southport. Lt. Niernse sailed from Baltimore with several hundred nurses and doctors shortly after Christmas in 1941. Young Cox, who is now Sergeant Cox, was in school with her, although six or seven years younger and in a lower grade when she graduated. Incidentally, Sergeant Cox has a year-old daughter whom he has never seen. She lives with her mother, who is staying with her parents at Ash until the husband and father returns.

Another interesting meeting in the same Australian town occurred when Lt. Niernse was out for a walk on the street and collided

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Many Birds At Local Rookery

Normal Bird Population Of
Battery Island Said To
Have Increased By Several
Hundred During
Current Year

Exclusive of the several hundred young birds, the population of the rookery on Battery Island is said by observers to have increased over previous years by several hundred. Some of these new inhabitants may have come from Bald Head Island, alarmed by the firing on the range at Carolina Beach.

Among the birds now nesting at the rookery are American Egrets, Snowy Egrets, Louisiana Herons, Little Blue Herons, Great Blue Herons, Black Crown Night-

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