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## Brunswick Growers Join With Other Weed Farmers In Continuation Of Quota

Note In This County Was  
355 Votes In Favor Of  
Continuation To 55 Votes  
Opposed To Quota Plan

ONE TOWNSHIP  
WAS UNANIMOUS

Note Throughout North  
Carolina Was About 94-  
Percent In Favor Of  
Continued Tobacco  
Control

RALEIGH. — North Carolina  
tobacco growers have voted 94.0  
per cent in favor of continuing in  
effect the three-year tobacco mar-  
keting quota plan first instituted  
in the state's largest "money"  
crop in 1934.

In a referendum held Saturday,  
returns from 66 of the 72 coun-  
ties participating in the voting  
gave this vote:

For three year quotas, 90,984.

For one-year quotas, 2,065.

Against any quotas, 5,848.

Out of an eligibility list of ap-  
proximately 70,000 farmers, only  
8,897 voted in Saturday's referen-  
dum. This compares with the 142-  
343 who voted in 1940 when the  
quotas which expire this year was  
adopted.

State Agricultural Adjustment  
Administration headquarters here,  
which supervised the referendum,  
said that there would be no re-  
turns from the six counties which  
had not reported today. The AAA  
said there were no votes cast in  
these counties.

With one township voting un-  
animously in favor of the tobacco  
quotas Brunswick county farmers  
joined other in the state Satur-  
day in voting in favor of tobacco  
quotas for the next three years.  
In this county 355 farmers voted  
in favor of quotas while only 55  
voted against. The state as a  
whole voted in favor of quotas by  
94 per cent.

## Farm Machinery Now Available

Additions Made To List Of  
Equipment And Imple-  
ments That May Be Pur-  
chased Without Permits

Pursuant to the authority vested  
in the North Carolina State  
USDA War Board by an amend-  
ment to Food Production Order  
3, the following items of farm  
equipment have been released  
from county quotas as of July 7,  
1943:

Potato planters, potato diggers,  
potato sorters and graders, lime  
spreaders, manure spreaders,  
spike tooth harrows, disc harrows,  
riding cultivators, pea and bean  
harvesters, corn huskers and  
shredders, ensilage harvesters,  
feed cutters, grain cleaners and  
graders, engines, horse-drawn  
mowers, dump rakes, side deliv-  
ery rakes, pick-up balers, grain  
binders, grain threshers, ensilage  
cutter, corn shellers, hay presses,  
and tooth weeders.

Items of farm equipment previ-  
ously released from county  
quotas by the State USDA War  
Board include:

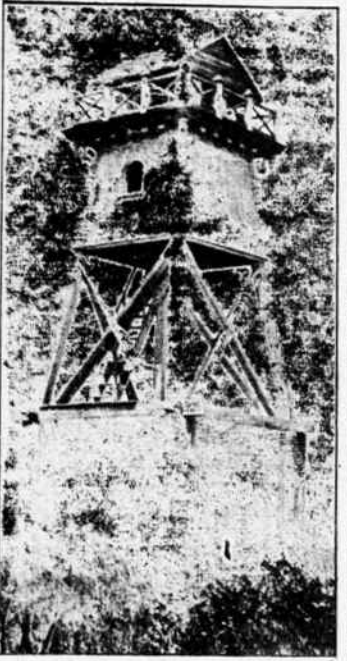
Tractor-drawn and mounted  
planters, tractor-drawn and  
mounted cultivators, tractor-  
drawn or mounted moldboard  
plows, tractor-drawn or mounted  
disc plows, one-way tillers, trans-  
planters, garden tractors, soil pul-  
verizers and packers, Rotary hoes,  
spring tooth harrows, power take-  
off tractor mowers, traction  
sprayers, spray pumps, power,  
power dusters, traction dusters,  
hammer mills, and burr mills.

Removal of county quotas does  
not release any of the above  
items from quotas set for the  
State, and manufacturers are re-  
quired to follow the original dis-  
tribution pattern by states. They  
are authorized, however, to ship  
any of the above items into the  
state without regard to county  
tags. Each machine, however,  
should bear a North Carolina tag,  
designating it for sale to a North  
Carolina producer, and machines  
so tagged cannot be sold to farm-  
ers of other states.

County farm machinery ration-  
ing committees may issue pur-  
chase certificates for these items,  
and dealers may honor the certi-  
ficates regardless of the counties  
for which the machines are tag-  
ged and regardless of county quo-  
tas. Applicants for purchase certi-  
ficates should be required to cer-  
tify that they have located the  
machines in dealers stocks before  
a certificate is issued.

The State War Board has de-  
cided not to release from county  
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## LANDMARK



The old channel light  
tower on Oak Island shown  
above has stood sentry dur-  
ing three wars. Although it  
is playing no useful part in  
present preparedness, it  
stands as a proud veteran of  
past activities.

## No Upset Bid Received In W. B. & S. Railroad

Indication Is That Property  
Will Go To Persons Who  
Bid It In At Public Sale  
Held Here On July 19

HAVE UNTIL NOON  
THURSDAY TO RAISE

Appears That Railroad Will  
Be Junked Unless Some  
Development Is In  
Prospect; Buses  
Will Continue

E. F. Middleton, receiver for the  
W. B. & S. Railroad, said yester-  
day that no upset bid had been re-  
ceived since the public sale of the  
railroad holdings here one  
week ago Monday. Any raise of  
bid must be made before tomor-  
row (Thursday) noon in order to  
be considered.

Already there is considerable  
speculation as to the fate of the  
railroad. According to best advice,  
that will be junked. However,  
there is a clear indication that  
the appent purchasers are in  
position to operate the road and  
will look the favor upon its opera-  
tion if business appears to justify  
such a move.

It is expected that the bus and  
freight franchise will continue to  
be operated in much the same  
manner as it has for the past  
several months. There has been a  
suggestion that improved and  
modern equipment may be substi-  
tuted in some instances, making  
possible a better service for  
freight and bus patrons.

The road will continue opera-  
tion under the direction of Re-  
ceiver Middleton until August 1,  
1943.

## Mussel Gathering Becomes Recognized As Business

Mussel gathering may now  
be regarded as an important  
addition to the seafoods opera-  
tions in this county, the work  
coming mostly during months  
when oysters are out of season  
and fishing is at a rather low  
ebb. From all information avail-  
able, it seems that the mussel-  
gathering work will be carried  
out only from early spring until  
September or October.

The value of the mussel ap-  
pears to have been discovered  
only about five years ago, and  
gathering has been on a small  
scale until war broke out. The  
product seems to have a valu-  
able chemical for both warfare  
and other purposes, and chem-  
ical industries in Delaware are  
now buying all that they can  
tending all down the North  
Carolina coast. Sooner or later,  
it is said, they will be gathered  
on the coast of all states where  
they are found.

## Navy To Accept Men For School

Seventy-Five Boys To Be  
Enrolled For Navy Petty  
Officer Training Needed  
Before August 8th

A total of 75 youngsters from  
Eastern North Carolina will be ac-  
cepted for the Navy's Petty Offi-  
cer Candidate Schools in cere-  
monies in Wilmington on August  
8, as the second annual obser-  
vance of Eastern North Carolina  
Navy Day takes place.

Brunswick county has been al-  
lotted 20 places for its natives,  
and all 17-year-old boys who are  
interested in being a part of the  
August 8th group should visit or  
write the Wilmington Navy Rec-  
ruiting Station, which is located  
in the postoffice.

Only 17-year-olds are eligible  
to volunteer, and they will be given  
their choice of 55 different  
schools. Chief R. L. DeLoach, offi-  
cer-in-charge of the station here,  
said today that the Navy Day en-  
listments would "just about wind  
up voluntary enlistments in East-  
ern North Carolina—and all over  
the State."

DeLoach said that the large  
quota was obtained in order that  
every youngster who desires the  
special training be given a chance  
to enlist before it is too late.

Application for enlistment on  
August 8 may be made at the  
Navy Recruiting Station at any  
time between now and the seventh  
of August. Also, 17-year-olds may  
contact the travelling recruiters  
who travel on regular schedules  
to many towns in eastern North  
Carolina.

Training is being offered in  
medicine, radio, aviation, and  
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## Southport Boy Among Sailors Saved From Japs

Potter Family Learn That  
Their Second Son On  
Cruiser Helena Is Includ-  
ed In 157 Men Rescued  
From Island

FIRST BROTHER  
REPORTED SAFE

Bryant Potter Had Written  
Parents, but Anxiety Was  
Felt Over Safety Of  
Frank Potter Follow-  
ing Sinking

Having heard directly from  
their son, Bryant Potter, last  
week that he was safe following  
the recent sinking of the Helena,  
members of the young Southport  
sailor's family were still greatly  
upset over the welfare of his brother,  
Frank Potter, a member of  
the same crew.

That anxiety was ended Friday  
with the published list of 157 sur-  
vivors picked up off a Japanese-  
held island in a daring rescue fol-  
lowing the naval battle, for the  
name of Frank Potter was among  
them.

Following is an eye-witness ac-  
count of that rescue, one of the  
most daring of the war, by Gordon  
Walker, staff correspondent for  
The Christian Science Moni-  
tor:

"Steaming impudently beneath  
a moon of almost dazzling brilli-  
ance, units of the United States  
Fleet rescued 157 survivors of the  
cruiser Helena from this island be-  
fore dawn today.

"(The 9,700-ton light cruiser  
Helena was sunk in the first Battle  
of Kula Gulf July 7. It was the  
only American loss in that en-  
gagement which cost the Japa-  
nese nine warships, and most of  
the probably 600 to 800 men  
aboard it were rescued within a  
few hours.)

"The pre-dawn rescue was one  
of the most magnificent maneu-  
vers in the Pacific war to date,  
and the very audacity of going  
into the enemy's own backyard  
through waters thick with subma-  
rines made its signal success the  
more remarkable.

"Tight heavily bearded men  
who had suffered from hunger,  
squalor, thirst and anxiety for  
more than a week slept once  
again without fear of molestation.  
It was an impudent thing to do,  
running up there, the commander  
of the protecting destroyer fleet  
said on his return, but it was  
well worth while.

"The Helena's men were fighting  
men.

"The commander explained that  
the force of destroyers—converted  
four pipers now known as APD's  
or destroyer transports—penet-  
ated northward deep into the Japa-  
nese Solomons.

"We Americans do more than  
most other people to rescue our  
fighting men, he continued, I am  
very happy our mission succeeded  
as mootly as it did without in-  
terference from the enemy. He  
crossed his fingers and grinned.  
We were lucky.

Having been aboard one of the  
rescue boats, the writer can at-  
test that during the entire period  
spent practically at a standstill  
off the enemy island, there were  
constant enemy contacts on our  
instruments.

"While we were waiting for the  
return of our landing boats from  
the beach—humorously so-called—  
a Japanese bomber came over and  
dropped a stick of explosives  
across the stern of one of the  
destroyers, but the blast appar-  
ently did no damage.

"At another point an enemy  
float biplane passed barely 100  
feet above our ship, but the  
moon ducked behind a black cloud  
at that moment, and we were un-  
molested.

"The rescue boats were in  
charge of Ensign Rollo H. Nuckles  
of Kansas City, Mo., erstwhile  
University of California drama  
student. Lowered from the des-  
troyers, they slid peacefully at  
snail's pace into the coral out-  
croppings, feeling their way  
through the dark passages.  
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## George Lewis In Flight Training

Naval Aviation Cadet George  
W. Lewis, of Southport, N. C., has  
completed three months of phys-  
ical conditioning and ground  
school work at the U. S. Navy  
Pre-Flight School here at Athens,  
Ga. He has been ordered to the  
Naval Air Station at Hutchinson,  
Kan., to begin progressive flight  
training preparatory to joining a  
combat unit.

Lewis, son of F. L. Lewis,  
Southport, graduated from high  
school in 1939. He was transferred  
here from the CAA War Training  
Service School, Hickory.

## FOSTER MOTHER



THIEF—A whole bus load of passengers stopped  
beside Dorman Mercer's pasture at Bolivia recently to  
see a pig robbing a milk cow. That is a rare sight, to be  
sure, and an even rarer thing is to be able to catch the  
thief in the fact with the aid of a camera.

## Western Union Plans To Discontinue Service

Fnds The Law No  
Respector of Person

Saturday night members of  
the board of aldermen called a  
special session and met with  
officials of Civilian Defense to  
reach an understanding about  
rules governing lights in homes  
and on cars in the restricted  
area, in which a portion of the  
city lies.

Following a discussion it was  
decided that a committee be  
named to decide about house  
lighting, and that Nash street  
and a portion of West street  
form the dividing line between  
the dim-out zone and restricted  
area. Arrest and trial of viola-  
tors was ordered.

On his way from the meet-  
ing to his place of business two  
blocks away Alderman Pearce  
Cramer was caught for driv-  
ing with bright lights.

## Two Cases Tried In County Court

One Man Comes In And  
Makes Appeal From Sen-  
tence Previously Impos-  
ed; Another Given Prelim-  
inary Hearing

Practically all of the case sched-  
uled for trial Monday in Bruns-  
wick county Recorder's court were  
continued.

John Floyd, white, over whom a  
six months suspended sentence  
was hanging, came into court and  
gave notice of appeal. Bond was  
set at \$200.00.

Julius Knight, colored, was  
charged with breaking and enter-  
ing. Probable cause was found and  
the defendant was bound over to  
Superior court under bond of  
\$500.00.

## Bulletin Will Aid Sawmillers

Tips On How To Increase  
Life Of Machinery And  
Reduce Labor Require-  
ments Included In Free  
Booklet

Valuable suggestions for reduc-  
ing labor requirements and for in-  
creasing the life of machinery in  
small sawmill operations are in-  
cluded in a bulletin, "Operating  
Small Sawmills in Wartime" re-  
leased by the U. S. Forest Ser-  
vice. Of interest to portable  
sawmill operators and farmers  
who harvest their own timber, the  
bulletin is particularly timely be-  
cause wartime demands for lum-  
ber require efficient operation of  
all existing mills.

Useful information on all phases  
of sawmilling is included, from  
tips on the most efficient methods  
of cutting logs to suggestions for  
keeping records to compute in-  
come taxes. Pointers on mill op-  
eration.  
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## Tobacco Farmers Feel Encouraged Over Sale In Georgia First Day

Lives 84 Years  
On Same Block

One of the venerable colored  
women of Southport is Mamie  
Eliza Swain, eighty-four years  
old. She lives with her daughter,  
Mary E. Gibbs, just in the rear  
of the colored Methodist church  
and she has spent her entire  
life on the block on which she  
was born.

Her husband has been dead  
many years. She has three chil-  
dren, Mary Gibbs and Beatrice  
Swain of Southport and Wil-  
liam Swain of Philadelphia. All  
of these, along with the aged  
woman, are highly respected.  
She has eight grand children  
and three great-grand children.

Although not strong en-  
ough to work she gets around  
well, her eyesight is still good  
and she has a remarkably  
clear mind.

## Farmers Free To Purchase Guano For Any Crop Now

Any Grade Of Fertilizer  
Now Being Manufactured  
For Any Crop Available  
To Farmer

COLTRANE MAKES  
SITUATION CLEAR

Unprecedented Amount Of  
Fertilizer Is Anticipated  
During The Coming  
Fall And Winter  
Months

RALEIGH. — North Carolina  
farmers are free to purchase any  
grade of fertilizer now being man-  
ufactured for any crop, D. S.  
Coltrane, assistant to the Com-  
missioner of Agriculture, has an-  
nounced.

"In order to meet the war-time  
requirements for food, feed and  
fiber, it is anticipated that agri-  
culture this fall and winter will  
call upon the fertilizer industry  
to produce an unprecedented  
amount of this material which is so  
vital to the farmer at this time,"  
said Coltrane.

Although manufacturers of fer-  
tilizers are faced with many han-  
dicaps, Coltrane is of the opinion  
that they will meet the demand  
"through careful planning and co-  
operative efforts."

He asserted that "we are in a  
stronger position as regards fer-  
tilizer materials than we were  
during the past year, for only in  
potash is our agricultural supply  
less than that of 1942-43. No  
shortage of chemical nitrogen is  
now expected. All told, this war  
has had much less effect on our  
fertilizer supplies than the last  
one."

While the indicated demand for  
nitrogen is not definite, it will  
have to be greater than this coun-  
try has known for it to exceed  
the supply, explained Coltrane.

With the increased production  
of chemical nitrogen and the re-  
duction of organic nitrogen, mixed  
fertilizers will necessarily carry  
more chemical nitrogen and less  
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## USO Club News Of Week

Dr. O. R. Gratton, (above) of  
the National Staff of the Army  
and Navy Y. M. C. A., with Ves-  
per Smith, of Raleigh, district  
supervisor of North Carolina, were  
guests of the Southport U. S. O.  
Club last week. Dr. Gratton met  
with the pastors of Southport to  
discuss the Church Desk proposed  
for the U. S. O. Club, with re-  
ligious literature and the opportu-  
nity for the service men to talk  
with representatives of the  
churches on their problems.

A feature of the U. S. O. pro-  
gram to help maintain the con-  
tact with home and the home  
communities is the metropolitan  
papers which have been added to  
the U. S. O. Library consisting of  
The New York Times, The At-  
lanta Journal, and The Detroit  
Free Press. Other papers will be  
added.

The U. S. O. appreciates the  
splendid co-operation of the Naval  
Section Base in loaning their mo-  
tion picture projector and in fur-  
nishing transportation for it to  
and from the U. S. O. Club dur-  
ing the period when the U. S. O.  
projector was in Chicago being  
overhauled.

The soldiers visiting for sever-

Report Indicates That To-  
bacco Brought From 70  
To 15 Cents Per Pound  
More This Year Than  
Last

41-CENT CEILING  
PRICE IS EXCEEDED

First Sales Averaged 40-45  
Cents According To Un-  
official Reports Fol-  
lowing Tuesday's  
Sales

Flue-cured tobacco brought  
from 10 to 15 cents per pound  
more than last season's average  
price as auctions opened Tuesday  
in the Georgia-Florida belt and  
an extension service specialist re-  
ported prices for lower grades  
"surpassed all expectations."

E. C. Westbrook, tobacco spe-  
cialist for the Georgia Agriculture  
Extension Service, said the unex-  
pected prices for low grades was  
particularly true of the Moultrie,  
Ga., market. Leaf that sold for  
three or four cents a pound last  
year brought from 25 to 38 cents  
a pound there.

Over the 15 Georgia markets  
and the two in Florida sales ex-  
ceeded the 41-cent average ceiling  
set by OPA. Best weed usually is  
offered first and later sales are  
expected to bring the average in  
line with the ceiling.

Some of the cigarette type leaf  
touched 60 cents and a good  
quantity brought from 50 to 55  
cents a pound. Most markets re-  
ported first sales averaged 40-45  
cents.

The average price last year was  
30.25 cents a pound for a 61,500-  
pound crop. This year's  
production has been tentatively  
estimated at around 50,000,000  
pounds.

The 41-cent maximum fixed by  
the OPA applies to total pur-  
chases of a single buyer during  
the entire season, permitting a  
tobacco company to pay 50 or 60  
cents a pound for some grades,  
but requiring purchase of enough  
lower grade leaf to bring the av-  
erage to 41 cents.

Offerings were light in some  
sections, due to the lateness of  
the crop this year.

## Heavy Rain Damages Crop

Heavy Downpour Monday  
Adds To Troubles Of  
Farmers In Charlotte Vi-  
cinity

The crowning deluge to the re-  
cent wet spell in the Charlotte  
section fell Monday through the  
noon hours, with one of the  
heaviest rainfalls ever witnessed  
in a short period.

This and other recent wet weat-  
her is causing consternation to  
tobacco farmers of that area. It  
isn't so much that tobacco is be-  
ing drowned in the patch — al-  
though some of it is — but it is  
the labor shortage that is made  
more acute each hour that work-  
ers are kept idle.

Another trouble is that tobacco  
that has been kept green long  
past the usual ripening period has  
been turning too rapidly for com-  
fortable handling, thus adding the  
shortage of curing space to the  
woes of the tobacco growers.

One shining example of a fel-  
low who made the best of a bad  
situation occurred this week when  
George Spencer, colored farmer,  
cropped tobacco all day by him-  
self, then went to the barn and  
handed while his wife tied. In this  
manner they managed to get in  
three rooms in their curing barn  
in one day.

## Many Agencies Join In Drive

United War Fund Cam-  
paign Which Is To Be  
Staged In Brunswick This  
Fall Has Many Responsi-  
bilities

More than one half of the  
\$125,000,000 to be sought by the  
National War Fund in a nation-  
wide campaign next fall will be  
used for service to our armed  
forces, it was announced today.  
The announcement was made in  
a detailed budget report present-  
ed by Winthrop W. Aldrich, presi-  
dent of the Fund.

The budget figures issued today  
show needs of National War Fund  
member agencies totaling \$125-  
000,000, of which \$67,672,000 is  
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