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Second Survivor Of Helena Came Home On Friday

Boatswain Mate Frank Potter Reaches Home And Is Reunited With Family And Other Brother He Had Not Seen Since Helena Was Torpedoed

PENT SEVEN DAYS ON JAPANESE HELD ISLAND

On Water Three Days Without Being Attacked By Passing Japanese Planes, No Food Except Cocoanuts While On Island

Boatswain Mate Frank Potter came home Friday night and was welcomed by his parents, brothers and sisters, including Boatswain Mate Bryant Potter, whose 10 days leave from the navy was up. Bryant left early the next morning after a few hours reunion with the brother whom he had not seen since the Cruiser Helena was torpedoed and sunk by the Japanese. Both young men, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Potter, were shipmates on the Helena from the time she was commissioned until she sank that early morning in late July.

The boat in which Bryant, the youngest of the brothers, left the sinking cruiser was picked up three hours after the Helena went down. A destroyer making the rescue, Bryant was uninjured and three or four weeks after the battle he was allowed to come home on 30 days leave. Prior to Frank's arrival Friday night, Bryant had not seen him since a few hours before the battle in which the Helena went down. She did not go down, however, without taking with her the credit of sinking two Japanese cruisers and two destroyers in her last engagement. In all, from the time she was commissioned until the night she sank, the Helena received official credit for the sinking of 12 Japanese warships, during 13 battles. The two Potter boys were in all of these battles, which included the treacherous attack from the Japanese at Pearl Harbor. The Helena was badly damaged in that attack.

Seen by Pilot's representative this week, Frank related how all boats left the sinking warships at about the same time, after a Japanese destroyer had delivered four torpedoes broadside on. At the time when she fell a victim to the torpedoes the Helena was steaming at full speed and with all her guns going for a Japanese cruiser, dead ahead. The Japanese destroyer was lurking in the darkness off to one side and let go with her tin fish as the Helena passed. Despite being mortally wounded, the Helena turned her guns on the destroyer and literally blew her out of the water. She then finished off the cruiser ahead before the orders came to abandon ship.

Frank in one of six lifeboats that held a total of 160 men from the Helena, got off on the starboard side, while the other boats that were picked up soon afterwards were launched from the portside. While the six boats kept together they were lost in the darkness and were not picked up. To make things worse, all the food was lost. For three days and nights the six boats with the 160 hungry men, made their way towards one of the Japanese held islands. During this three days the six boats were seen repeatedly by Japanese planes.

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Ration Pointers

GASOLINE — "A" book coupons No. 6 good for three gallons each and must last till November 22 in North Carolina.

FUEL OIL — Period 5 coupons in old rations remain good through September 30. Period 1 coupons in new rations are good through December.

SUGAR — Stamp No. 14 good for 5 pounds through October. Stamps Nos. 15 and 16 good for 3 pounds each for home canning through October 31.

SHOES — Stamp No. 18 good for 1 pair through October 31.

STOVES — Consumer purchases of rationed stoves must be made with certificates obtained at local War Price and Rationing Boards.

MEATS, FATS — Red stamps X, Y, and Z good through October 2. Brown stamps A and B good through October 2. Brown stamp C becomes good September 26 and remains good through October 30.

PROCESSED FOODS — Blue stamps U, V, and W expire October 20.

THE BEST BUY IN THE WORLD TODAY



The 3rd War Loan Drive, designed to raise \$15,000,000,000 in the U. S. which to buy the tanks, the planes, the guns necessary for our men at the front to fight their way to ultimate victory, is now past the halfway mark. Columbus County has a quota of \$1,194,000 in this drive. Every man and woman in this county should make an effort to buy at least one \$100 war bond during this drive.

County Has Quota Of 25,000 Cords Of Pulpwood Now

War Industries Must Have An Extra Three Million Cords Of Pulpwood Before January 1st

BLANCHARD GIVES SOME SUGGESTIONS

Ceiling Prices Will Be Paid For All Pine Pulpwood; Says Every Farm Should Produce One Carload

The War Industries must have an extra 3,000,000 cords of pulpwood between now and January 1. Brunswick County's share in this production is 25,000 cords. "If every farm in this county will produce at least one carload of pulpwood during the next three months, we can more than meet our share of the need," H. E. Blanchard, County Forester said today.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR PULPWOOD

- "Pulpwood cut to the following specifications," Blanchard said, "will be acceptable to any of the pulpwood companies operating in this county":
- "1. Sticks must be cut with saw 5 feet long.
- "2. Minimum diameter—4 inches.
- "3. Sticks must be reasonably straight.
- "4. Branches and knots to be cut flush with the body of the stick.
- "5. No burned wood will be acceptable. (does not include burned bark).
- "6. Wood cut for roadside purchase (continued on page four)

A Day Of Court For Divorces Only

Judge Burney Returned On Monday To Hear Eight Divorce Cases, All Of Which Were Granted; Most Of Plaintiff's Were Women

The September term of superior court, usually scheduled to run two weeks with the criminal cases occupying the time of the first week and the civil docket beginning Monday of the second week, had some unusual features. By consent many small civil matters were handled during the criminal court week. This left nothing for the civil term, which (Continued On Page Four)

Bond Buying Slow In County Citizens Not Backing Drive

Two Business Firms Credited With Having Bought Four-Fifths Of All Bonds In Drive In Brunswick

War Fund Workers To Meet The 30th

Mrs. S. B. Frink, Chairman of the United War Fund Workers, has announced that there will be a meeting of all workers at the Shallotte high school, Thursday evening, Sept. 30th. The public, along with all workers, is urged to attend.

Commissioners In Routine Session

Board Authorized Immediate Repairs To County Jail; Seeks To Get Highway Commission To Repair Road

At their middle of the month meeting, Monday, the board of county commissioners found themselves confronted with the usual run of tax matters, necessitating slight adjustments in some cases. Orders for foreclosures to collect taxes were given in other instances.

On motion of commissioner O. P. Bellamy, chairman of the board, the county auditor was authorized to immediately make the necessary repairs to the county jail. The board ordered that contact be made with the State Highway Commission with a view of having needed repairs done on the road leading from Highway 139 through the Gore and Milligan settlement, on through Freeland, Kingtown and out to Old Dock.

Spotters To Be Recognized Tues.

Wing Insignia To Be Presented To 173 Plane Spotters In Appreciation Of Their Efficient Work

On Tuesday, September 28th, at 8 o'clock in the evening, one hundred and seventy three plane spotters will receive their wing insignia. The meeting will take place at the Shallotte high school, according to Jim Finch, District Civil Director of the Air Warning Service. The insignia will be presented to them from the U. S. government. (Continued On Page Four)

Must Maintain Timber Output For War Effort

Output Of Forest Products Must Be Maintained At High Level To Aid In Prosecution Of War

SELECTIVE SERVICE ASKED TO COOPERATE

Great Number Of Items In Military And Naval Equipment Can Use Lumber

Increased production now of lumber and timber products is vital to North Carolina's success in carrying her share of the war effort, according to H. B. Bosworth, Area Forester for North Carolina of the Timber Production War Project. Due to the allot efforts of our Agricultural workers in harvesting and marketing farm crops, the production of lumber and pulpwood has declined steadily during the past two months. North Carolina has always depended on part time farm labor to produce over half of its total timber products and lumber. The present seasonal decline is therefore about normal, but the demand for the kinds of lumber and pulp that North Carolina can produce is far above normal.

President Roosevelt says, "I am in agreement that unusual action is needed to maintain the output of forest products at a high level as an essential aid in the prosecution of the war." Under Secretary of War Patterson says, "We are not getting enough lumber to fill all the needs of the armed forces. Our requirements are going up; our production is going down. Lumber comes close to the heart of our whole war program. There are 1,200 different items of military and naval equipment that can use lumber," and Chairman Davis of the War Labor Board states, "A logger or lumber worker can serve his country best by staying on the job and by giving it the best he has in him."

There can be no doubt, therefore, of the need to increase lumber and pulp production as soon as crops are in, nor that such work makes the woods and mill worker a vital part of the whole war effort. Major General Lewis B. Hershey, Director, Selective Service says, "Many men must be selected to remain at home produce ships tanks planes and guns and to produce the raw materials and manufacture the products from which those war tools are made. Without the lumber and lumber products which you produce, America's great Army cannot be (Continued on Page Four)

Fine Compliance With Blackout

Colonel William S. Pritchard Very Much Pleased With The Cooperation And Compliance With Blackout Regulations

Seen by a representative of this paper last week, following his overnight stay and inspection of the manner in which local citizens were complying with the blackout regulations, Colonel William S. Pritchard of the U. S. Army, Field Artillery corps, was extremely pleased at the manner in which local citizens were carrying out blackout orders. "Everything," he said, "was in excellent accord with the regulations. The local blackout officials and the Southport public cannot (Continued On Page Four)

Russian Countess Writes To Mother Of Overseas Lt.

During the summer Lt. Churchill Bragaw, then stationed in North Africa, wrote his mother, Mrs. Helen G. Bragaw, of a very fine elderly Russian family living in a town near where he was stationed. He included pictures of the couple and spoke glowingly of their kindness and hospitality. The lady in the case was a Russian Countess, Madame Mary Gazarine. This week Mrs. Bragaw had a very cordial letter from the lady and with her permission it is being printed below. It should be of interest to the numerous friends of Lieutenant Bragaw: "Dear Madam: I take the liberty of writing to you without the please to know you. It is about your son, Churchill, that I want to write to you.

Mission Planned At Local Catholic Church In Sept.

Father John Renehan, A Native Of New York City, Will Be The Spiritual Director At The Retreat

SERVICES SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 28 - 30

Services Will Open With Holy Mass At 9:00 A. M. On Tuesday, And Will Close Thursday After noon

The Sacred Heart Catholic church of Southport will have a 3-day mission beginning Tuesday, Sept. 28th and closing Thursday, Sept. 30th. The mission will be conducted by an outstanding missionary, Fr. John Renehan of the Redemptorist Fathers. He has spent the last 12 years in giving missions and retreats in the eastern United States. At a mission conducted by him at Fort Bragg last year, over 5,000 people attended each night. The crowds so overflowed the Chapel that the services had to be held out in the



FATHER JOHN RENEHAN

open air. A spiritual treat awaits those attending. The exercises will begin each night at 7:30. At the close of the mission the Papal Blessing will be given. The public is cordially invited.

Ceiling Price Deals Heavy Blow To Shrimp Industry

Helena Survivor To Address Meeting

Adjutant Crawford Rourke, of the American Legion, has announced that there will be a meeting of the Legion at the U. S. O. Club on Thursday, September 30th, 8:00 p. m.

Of outstanding interest in connection with this meeting is that a survivor of the crew of the cruiser, Helena, which went to a glorious death while battling the Japanese, will be present and will make an address.

Hit-Run Driver Kills Mr. Hardee

Prominent Citizen Of Hickman's Cross Roads Community Met Death While Returning From Work on Airport At Myrtle Beach

Burr Hardee, 54, years old and well known and respected citizen of the Hickman's Cross Roads community, was killed by a hit and run driver at Myrtle Beach Friday night. His body was found beside the highway some time later.

Mr. Hardee is understood to have been walking from his home to his boarding house in or near Myrtle Beach. He had been employed for some time on the airport work near Myrtle Beach. So far as is known, there were no eyewitnesses, except the occupant or occupants of the car. Mr. Hardee was dead when found.

A South Carolina coroner's jury will hold an inquest at Myrtle Beach Thursday of this week. The remains were brought to the home at Hickman's Cross Roads and interred there Sunday afternoon in the Bennett cemetery. His wife, who was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hickman, prominent residents of that community, died in 1937.

Surviving the deceased are four sons and three daughters, Burr Hardee of Loris, S. C.; Elton Hardee of Elizabethtown, Shelton and Odell Hardee, of Shallotte; Mrs. Millard Blanton, Mrs. Jerome Jenrette and Mrs. Luther Rogers, all of Shallotte.

Pay The Taxes Or Lose Your Dog

Police Will Begin Impounding All Dogs On Which Taxes Have Not Been Paid By The First Of October, To Eliminate Strays

Beginning October 1st Chief of Police Otto Hickman will round up all dogs in Southport. If owners have not paid taxes on the animals, or if the name of the owners cannot be discovered, they will be impounded and after a brief period of detention will be killed. This, says the chief, will apply to all dogs. If taxes have not been paid no exception will be made in the case of any dog owner. His or her dog will be taken to the pound and disposed of in short order if the owner does not pay up. This roundup and disposal of (Continued On Page Four)

The Army Gives Complete Rules For This Area

Restricted Zones Defined For Information Of People Living In This Area

ARMY AUTHORIZED TO ENFORCE LAW

Corporate Limits Of Southport Not Excluded; Other Rules Given

Public Proclamation No. 2 dated Sept. 7, 1942, Public Proclamation No. 3 dated December 21, 1942, and Public Proclamation No. 5 dated August 9, 1943, issued by Lieut. General Hugh A. Drum, Commanding General of the Eastern Defense Command and First Army, under authority of Executive Order of the President of the United States, No. 9066, dated February 19, 1942, created certain Restricted and Prohibited Zones along the Atlantic Seaboard.

In accordance with Public Proclamation No. 2 above, and Memorandum No. 5 Headquarters Fourth Service Command in connection therewith, the Commanding General, Southern Sector, Eastern Defense Command is authorized to enforce the restrictions applicable to Prohibited and Restricted Zones lying within the Southern Sector.

Colonel Lloyd W. Goepfert, Commanding Officer, Carolina Sub-Sector, has requested that all people residing in or near the N. C.-S. Coastal area acquaint themselves with the boundaries and restrictions of Restricted Zone B-60 and B-61, listed in the above mentioned Public Proclamations, and herein described.

The Restricted Zones are as follows:

- Zone B-60: Location: The area consists of all the Islands, Banks and Dunes along the eastern coast of North Carolina, bounded on the north by the Virginia-North Carolina border; on the east by the Atlantic Ocean; on the south by the North Carolina-South Carolina boundary, and on the west by the Inland Waterway, Bogue Sound, Core Sound, Pamlico Sound, Roanoke Sound and Currituck Sound, successively.
- This area includes but is not limited to the following: (a) Virginia - North Carolina peninsula: That area bounded on the north by the Virginia-North Carolina boundary, and on the south by Oregon Inlet which is variously known as Wash Flats, Currituck Beach, and Bodie Island.
- (b) Cape Hatteras Island, bounded on the north by Oregon Inlet; on the southwest by Hatteras Inlet.
- (c) Ocracoke Island, bounded on the northeast by Hatteras Inlet, on the southwest by Ocracoke Inlet.
- (d) Portsmouth Island and Portsmouth Bank, bounded on the (Continued on Page Two)

NEWS BRIEFS

GOT VA. MULLET
J. L. Bowers of the Bowers Construction company, reported a catch of 34 large Whites of Virginia mullets in the surf at Long Beach, one day the past week. The same afternoon O. L. Owen of the State Highway Engineers, got two large black drum in the surf at the same point.

SQUIRREL SEASON OCT. 1
The hunting season for squirrels in North Carolina opens on October 1st. Inasmuch as there are many fox squirrels in this area and many new hunters among service men who may not be acquainted with the game laws, it may be timely to state that there is no open season on fox squirrels.

RECEIVES PROMOTION
Mrs. Bradie Lewis has recently been advised that her son, Lt. Teddy Lewis, has been promoted from second to first lieutenant in the air corps. A story in this paper last week related how Lieutenant Lewis had been decorated with the Air Medal for meritorious service in Tunisia and Sicily. He is the pilot of a bomber in the Avenger Squadron.

GOES OVERSEAS
Victor Bartels of the amphibian forces, a twin brother of Miss Margaret Bartels of the State Port Pilot office, is now with the overseas forces, according to word received by relatives.