

In a single hour, a 105 - mm. cannon can fire more than three tons of steel.

**BUSES EXPECTED TO ARRIVE TODAY**  
(Continued From Page One)

Until after Christmas it is thought that most of the mail transportation will have to be done by truck. Heavy passenger movement of this time of the year, and also the heavy mail, makes it practically impossible to carry both passengers and mail in the same bus.

**FUNERAL HELD FOR ACCIDENT VICTIM**  
(Continued From Page One)

in Wilmington until about three months ago, when she went to New York to work. She was a highly esteemed young woman and the news of her death was a

**Sheet Music**  
New Hits Received Weekly  
**BRAXTON'S**

shock to relatives and friends. Surviving are the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Warren H. McKeithan; two sisters, Mrs. Henry Hinson, of Wilmington and Mrs. B. H. Price, of Southport; three brothers, Dickie McKeithan, of Southport, Shelby McKeithan, of the U. S. Army, and Horace McKeithan, of Hollis, N. Y.

The active pall bearers at the funeral were: Hugh Price, Buddy Cox, Earl Wescott, Calvin Wescott, Herbert Swain and Johnnie Drew; honorary, Boss Leonard, Willie Guthrie, Charlie Hickman, Dillard Price, George Walton and Sam Watts.

**Know The Marines Landed Because They Took Part**  
(Continued From Page One)

Transport Joseph T. Dickman, a 34,000 tonner that played a big part in carrying and landing troops.

Walking with a stick, owing to a wounded leg, the officer is otherwise hale and strong. He declined to talk about his having been wounded, other than to say that the injuries would not force him to quit the Coast Guard, to which he is intensely devoted. Heparant lack of interest on the

expects to serve his full 30 years and then come home to Southport and live on his farm a few miles from town. Mrs. Bomberger and Barbara, their 4-year old daughter, are here with him from Mobile for his ten days leave from duty. She is the former Miss Marilyn Drew of the well known Drew family of near Southport.

**Southport Women Fail To Support Their Fighting Men**  
(Continued From Page One)

The local chapter was asked to complete all quotas on hand at that time before Christmas as the dressings were sorely needed by the armed forces. This meant that Southport was asked to complete 105,000 dressings before the holidays.

Since October, not quite half of this number has been completed.

"It is a disgrace to the women of the town that we cannot back up our boys to the extent of spending only a few hours each week folding dressings for them," says the chairman. "The main burden of the program has fallen to the comparatively few ladies who are faithful despite the apathy which he is intensely devoted. Heparant lack of interest on the

part of the majority of our citizens. Very often supervisors are on duty with only one or two workers appearing. If our boys fought with the same degree of interest our women are backing them up we would not have such good news from the fronts."

**News Reporter Printer Tells Interesting Story**  
(Continued From Page One)

while Willie is there.

So long as there is plenty of cussing, mostly from Willie, in the back office, the front office knows that everything is running smoothly and there is nothing to worry about. It is when Willie pipes down and the rest of the shop workers follow suit that the front office knows something has gone wrong and Willie is intent on fixing it. He never learned his job, the job has been built up right around him and he is one of the most vital cogs. He is literally a part of the job.

A few days ago Willie was interviewed regarding his long service with the News Reporter. The reader will make note of the fact that he only got into the sixth grade in school. He never finished that grade, going instead to work in the printing office. There he got a better education in some things than the average college graduate has when he gets his diploma. In response to the inquiry as to his work with the paper, Willie sat down to his favorite Intertype and turned out the following story with about as much speed and accuracy as any high powered typist.

**WILLIE'S STORY**  
I was 47 years old this October 22, 1943. When I was 14 years old, I had reached the 6th grade

**WHEN YOU BUY OR TRADE CARS—Pay CASH—With a loan from BRAXTON'S**  
STANDARD RATES  
STANDARD TERMS  
FRIENDLY SERVICE

in the Whiteville school and I stopped there in order to go to work in the News Reporter printing office. The paper at that time was a weekly, owned and edited by Mr. T. Larry Gantt. He was assisted by his daughter, Mrs. Helen Himmis. I was 14 years old at the time and the rest of my education has been picked up in the printing office.

The first four weeks and more or less since then, I held the enviable position of Printer's Devil. Every printing shop has one and the duties run to everything from sweeping the floor to cleaning out the cuspidors. Most of the old time printers were devoted to their chewing tobacco. Very few of them smoked. When they did it was mostly pipes.

When I had advanced in my rating as a Printer's Devil to the point where I could be trusted to try and learn how to set type, they gave me a box of pied type. In those days all type was set by hand.

After the type had been used to print the paper it had to be put in its proper box in the cases. When it got spilled or mixed it was referred to as being "pied" and it was a tedious job to handle this pied type and get it back into the proper boxes. Some times a great deal of pied type accumulated before some one would come along and undertake the degrading job of getting it unpied. Well, to make a long story about pied type short, I learned to clean out the hell box, as the box of pied type was called. In learning this I also learned the proper boxes for all letters.

I was soon on the road to setting type. It was disheartening, at first. I had to be sure that the words were properly spaced, that the letters were not upside down. Accuracy had to come before speed. I remember how after I had worked for some months, and thought I was pretty good, I was given something to set into type. I thought I would show how expert I had become an finished that job in short order. Pride comes before a fall. After I carried the proof to Mrs. Mimms I was crestfallen at being called to her desk and receiving a dressing down. I was ordered to distribute the type in its proper cases and reset the story, following copy.

We had a good press, taking four pages at one operation. That meant that when we were printing an eight page paper, four pages would be run off and the forms removed from the press. The forms for the other four pages would then be put to bed and the other side of the paper. The press had to be run by hand, as we had no motive power. Grant Gore, serving as man power at the crank on the large fly wheel could turn out about four hundred prints per hour. Charlie Gayle, now living at Scotland Neck, did the feeding of the press. We had no folder and the papers had to be folded by hand after being printed.

After I had been there about a year Mr. Gantt bought a gasoline engine from Mr. Oscar High. It stepped up the printing to about eight hundred an hour, that being about all that we could feed into the press by hand in that time.

A few years later Mr. Gantt got a type setting machine. It was called the "Junior Linotype." It didn't work long and was a source of constant trouble while it did. The boy that Mr. Gantt got to run it left and since no one else in the shop knew anything about it, Mr. Gantt sent the machine back to the Evening

Telegram in Rocky Mount. While we had the machine we never stopped setting type by hand, even when it would work the machine would not set over seven galleys in ten hours.

Mrs. Mimms died and shortly after losing his daughter the health of Mr. Gantt failed. He sold the paper to Mr. Joseph Little, of Wilmington the year that Mr. Little ran for Congress. Mr. Little bought a new and better press, which served us many years.

Soon Mr. Little sold the paper to Attorney Jack Greer, of Whiteville. Mr. Greer kept it for only a few weeks and then sold to Mr. R. F. Beasley, of Monroe. Mr. Beasley bought the first linotype machine ever brought to this county, a Model "K" Linotype. When it came in I helped the erector install it and he stayed with me two days. After that, I go along with the machine as best I could and finally became expert in handling it and producing type.

Mr. Beasley sold the paper to W. B. Keziah who ran it a number of years. During Mr. Beasley's early ownership (he bought it in 1916) we became involved in World War I, I was on the point of being drafted but Mr. Keziah, who was in charge since Mr. Beasley first bought the paper, got me deferred for awhile. I was finally booked to leave on the morning of November 11th. That turned out to be Armistice Day. I didn't go and didn't miss a day from my work.

The Lewis Brothers took over the paper after Mr. Keziah sold it.

They bought a new model Intertype with a much wider range of production than the Model K. Several years ago they added still another standard model machine to the shop. Along with it they bought various other modern printing office machines. Not the least of these new machines is the web perfecting press, which prints and folds eight pages, complete at one operation.

I was born and raised in Whiteville. To tell the truth I have been outside of Columbus County or Whiteville very little since I started to work for the News Reporter 33 years ago. Sometimes I am called to printing offices in neighboring counties to fix linotypes or other refractory machinery.

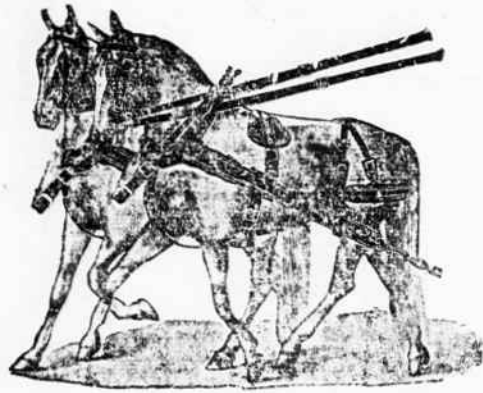
**DOLLS DOLLS**  
See our display of dolls now.  
There will not be enough to go around this year. Don't let Santa disappoint your little girl.  
**SHOP EARLY**  
Late shoppers will be disappointed this Christmas.  
**BRAXTON'S**

I was married to Miss Hooks, also a native of this town, on February 21, 1921. We have had eight children, four dead and four are living. Our boys and two girls. The oldest our sons is now serving with the armed forces.

**IF YOUR NOSE FILLS UP**  
Do this—Try 3-purpose Vicks Vapo-Rin. It (1) shrinks swollen membranes, (2) soothes irritation, (3) relieves transient nasal congestion. It brings greater breathing comfort. You'll like it. Follow directions in folder.

**Don't Worry**  
About money for Christmas shopping.  
Get a loan on your car. Pay back in small monthly payments. No red tape.  
No endorsers required. 30 minutes service. Cash in your hands immediately.  
Your car fully covered in event of accident or loss by fire or theft.  
**Braxton Auto Service**  
LOAN DEPARTMENT

**MULES - MULES - MULES**



We have plenty of fine fresh **TENNESSEE MULES**

... The kind that will please anyone wanting a good mule for any purpose. Ages 3 to 5 years old. Be sure to see our mules before trading or purchasing.

Also We Have On Hand Several Traded-In Mules.

**Seth L. Smith & Co.**  
WHITEVILLE

**A Small Repair Can Save Your Tire**

A whispered rumor can cause a panic or spoil a good reputation. A small leak in your tire can ruin the entire casing and lay up a costly and essential automobile. We have learned to do without many things—we have learned to make things last longer. None of them are more important than tires. The existence of the nation depends on the care you give your tires—how often you have them inspected—how quickly you have repairs made. The armed forces are also having tires repaired as often as required—sometimes as many as four sectional repairs are made on a single tire—just so they can continue to give service. We civilians must support our fighting men in the same fashion—by making our tires last.

**Make The Best Of The Tires You Have**

Don't expect your tires, worn out through carelessness or neglect, to be replaced by new ones. There just aren't any. Those that are being made are going to the armed services first, and only a few will be available for civilian use—at least until the latter part of 1944. Your tires MUST last. They will require frequent inspection—careful inspection by men who have the equipment and the knowledge to tell tire ailments—and how to cure them. Tires must be repaired at the first sign of a leak or damage. Anything less than doing everything possible is not enough.

Expert Tire Inspection Will Let You Know Your Tire Ailment—  
Expert Repairing Will Insure Your Future Driving—Delay Is Dangerous

We are equipped with tire spreaders that make a tire tell its innermost secrets. We know how to diagnose those cracks and breaks and how to repair them. We have learned much during the emergency on how to make tires last longer—a knowledge and experience which is at your command. Leaks must be repaired quickly. Small cracks must be vulcanized before they spread. A few hundred miles driven on a damaged tire may prove a costly drive—cause the break to spread so it is beyond repair. We don't work miracles—but we can save you heartaches in your tire problem if you come to us in time.

Fully Realizing the Drastic Tire Situation, We Pledge to Give You the Utmost in Tire Service. We Independent Tire Dealers Have Kept the Nation on Wheels and Will Continue to do Everything Within Our Power to Maintain Motor Transportation.

**Black's Service Station**

W. C. BLACK, Prop. Telephone 110-J WHITEVILLE, N. C.  
Member—National Association of Independent Tire Dealers

**FOR YOUR . . .**  
Christmas Tree  
Pine Tops  
Holly  
Mistletoe  
— SEE —  
**DAVID MOORE**  
Leave your orders at  
The State Port Pilot  
Office

**RADIOS**  
A few table model radio-phono combinations  
A few cabinet models  
A few battery sets complete with battery and aerial.  
A few phonographs and record players.  
NO MORE FOR DURATION  
**BRAXTON'S**

**YOU SAID IT;**  
**SANTA CLAUS**  
Is A BUSY  
FELLOW--Making  
Ready for  
CHRISTMAS

You can help Santa a lot this year if you will get your shopping plans arranged to make earlier than usual visits to Wilmington Stores.

There is a wealth of gifts available despite wartime conditions — maybe not all the things you'd expect under normal times but withal a wide variety of practical ideas to make Christmas shopping pleasant and worthwhile.

For your convenience in sending presents to your friends elsewhere, Wilmington merchants this year have worked out a free wrap-for-mailing service at the Chamber of Commerce.

Just carry your gift packages there after purchase, for wrap-to-mail and get them en-route before mid-December.

**REMEMBER--**  
*You Are Always Welcome In Wilmington Christmas or Anytime--*  
*Let us Help You--We're Ready To Serve--*  
**WILMINGTON RETAIL MERCHANTS**  
Retail Division Chamber of Commerce