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## To Celebrate Xmas Season In Southport

**Community Tree And Church Programs To Add To Joy Of Yuletide In Southport**

**COMMUNITY TREE SERVICE AT 7:30**

**Young People To Participate In Programs At Various Churches; Christmas Music To Be Central Feature**

Celebration of the Christmas season will begin on Thursday night at 7:30 with the lighting of the Community Christmas Tree in front of the courthouse. A program has been planned for the occasion.

On Friday night, Christmas Eve. 9:00 o'clock, St. Phillips Episcopal Church will have a Candlelight service.

At the Sacred Heart Chapel a midnight Mass will be held Friday night.

Christmas night will find two programs in progress, one at the Baptist church and the other at Trinity Methodist. The Baptist church will present "Our Love Gifts" by Ruth Hergt, a pageant based on the Legend of Cathay and emphasizing the White Christmas idea. The gifts presented during the pageant will go for the continuance of special mission work in China. The pageant is under the direction of the pastor assisted by Mrs. Ruben Cooprider and Mrs. Philip Golden. Mrs. D. I. Watson is directing the music and decorating and costuming is being handled by committees.

A musical program presented by the combined choirs of Trinity Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Pigott will be presented at 7:30 o'clock. There will be recitations by the younger folk and songs by the lower church school classes.

## Bragaw Praised In News Dispatch

**Associated Press Correspondent Described Lt. Churchill Bragaw As "A Cool One" During Fierce Battle Of San Pietro**

This week the Associated Press received a delayed report from Don Whitehead, war correspondent, of the storming and capture of San Pietro in Italy. He described it as the bitterest and toughest battle of World War II and in his account he mentions Lt. Churchill Bragaw who is well known to this county.

The part of the Associated Press release which mentions Bragaw is as follows:

"In all of the fighting from the beaches of Salerno to the Garigliano river, none has been so packed with drama and heroism as that of this 48-hour span, nor has it been so costly in American lives as the battle for San Pietro which ended today when we walked through "death valley" to reach this pile of misery and rubble that once was a town.

The Americans call it "death valley" because death was on the rampage for 48 houars as they stormed this enemy fortress ringed by fortifications, dug into the

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## Ration Pointers

**SUGAR**—Book 4, stamp 29, 5 pounds, expires January 15.

**GASOLINE** — Coupon No. 8 in A book good for three gallons.

**SHOES**—Coupon 18 in the sugar and coffee ration book valid for one pair of shoes has no expiration date. No 1 airplane stamps in Book 3 became valid November 1 for one pair shoes.

**FOOD**—Brown stamps, Book 3, meats and fats L, M, N, P, expire January 1. Green stamps Book 4, processed foods, A, B, C, expire December 20. D, E, and F valid December 1, expire January 20.

**FUEL OIL** — New No. 1 coupon, Class 4 sheet, good for 10 gallons (1 unit), expires January 3; new No. 1 coupon, Class 5 sheet, good for 50 gallons (5 units), expires January 3; new No. 1 coupon, Class 6 sheet, good for 250 gallons (25 units), expire January 3. No. 2 coupon valid November 30, expires January 25. No. 3 valid November 30, expires February 22.

**TIRES**—Inspections required of A book holders every six months; of B holders every four months; of C holders every three months.

## Former Trinity Pastor Finds That This Is A Small World

**He Is Now A Colonel In The Army And Living In Santa Ana, Calif., While Three Blocks Away Live Colonel And Mrs. Clarence Ulrey Who Were Members Of His Southport Congregation**

Southport people, especially the congregation of Trinity Methodist church, remember Rev. Thurman G. Vickers, who was pastor of that church in 1915-'16, leaving Southport to enter the army as a Chaplain.

In Southport at the same time were Captain and Mrs. Clarence Ulery, Captain Ulery being stationed at Fort Caswell and Mrs. Ulery having been Miss Ella Windsor before her marriage to him. She was a native of Southport.

Captain Ulery has continued in the army all of these years, since before 1916. He is now a full Colonel and is stationed at Santa Ana, California.

Rev. Mr. Vickers is now Colonel Vickers. He wears the Silver Star and the French Croix de Guerre for gallantry in the first world war. He served with the famous 81st .. Infantry campaign in that war and has only just returned to the United States after 18 months with the 10th Air Force in the China-Burma-India theatre. He is now Chaplain of an entire 19-state command on the west coast.

The former Trinity Methodist church pastor, as Colonel Vickers, now lives in Santa Ana California, only three blocks from Colonel and Mrs. Clarence Ulery, who were members of his congregation when he lived in Southport. Mrs. Ulery writes that the two families love to get together and talk of their friends and he times in Southport, when they lived here more than a quarter of a century ago.

## Commissioners Draw Jurors For January Term Of Court

**Routine Tax Matters And Orders For Repainting of Court House Occupied Attention Of The County Board At Mondays Meeting**

**JUDGE HARRIS TO PRESIDE AT TERM**

**Clerk Of Court Sam T. Bennett Says That So Far There Is Very Little Of Importance Docketed For Criminal Session**

The drawing of juries to serve at the January term of Superior Court was the main feature of the meeting of the board of county commissioners here Monday. Several tax matters were settled and an order was given for the County Auditor to have the interior of the court house, including all offices, repainted. The order also instructed for such repairs as are needed.

The January term of court is to convene on the 24th with Judge W. C. Harris, of Raleigh, scheduled to preside. The term is for one week and will be for the trial of both criminal and civil cases. The following names were drawn to serve as jurymen for the term:

Roland Varnum, O. M. Holden, H. T. Ward, Eunice Varnum, W. A. Calson, H. T. Varnum, John S. Grissett, Douglas H. Hawes, R. Lee Clemmons, G. A. Robinson and Jessie Brown, Supply.

E. C. Eichorn, R. E. Danford and Melvin Smith, Bolivia.

G. F. Benton, Dawson, Leland.

J. G. Arnold, N. R. Bozeman, Walter Stocks, G. F. Goley, Harry W. Bennett, E. Holden, Jr., A. C. Hewett, Walter M. Stanaland, L. C. Tripp, D. G. Hewett, R. L. Wilson and T. T. Browning,

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## Snow Covers All Of Brunswick

**Sudden Drop To 12 Degrees Brings With It Swirling Snow Which Is Unusual Sight Here**

Brunswick County was blanketed in snow last week as the result of the heaviest snow reported here in six years. Starting with sleet early Wednesday, the sky was soon filled with flakes which in a short time made roads practically impassible.

Though a number of minor accidents occurred none of any seriousness were reported. The sudden drop in temperature to 12 degrees on Wednesday night left in its wake a great number of bursted pipes in Southport. It was several days before roads were celared entirely of the packed snow which

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## *First Christmas Away From Home*

Pvt. Norwood O. Brooks writes from St. Augustine, Fla., that this is being his first Christmas away from his home at Seaside. But it isn't keeping him so blue that he can't wish his friends in Brunswick a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

He has been undergoing the grind of basic training since his induction in the early fall. He says he still has six more weeks to go before he will know if he is an Infantryman or still a clerk.

## Fields Held For January Court

**Coroners Inquest Results In Paul Fields Being Held For Grand Jury, He Is Charged With Causing Death Of Elvin Justice**

At an inquest held at the court house Monday night Paul Fields, Wilmington negro, was ordered held for the grand jury to fix his responsibility for the death of Elvin Justice. Justice was killed on the highway at Leland three weeks ago when his car, which he was driving, was ran into by another machine, allegedly driven by Fields.

Mrs. Justice, in the machine with her husband, suffered a broken leg and other injuries. The holding of the inquest was delayed until she could attend and testify. Fields, and another negro who was in the car with him, is alleged to have fled the scene of the accident.

Coroner W. E. Bell stated yesterday that no specific charges were filed against Fields at the inquest. He was merely ordered held for the grand jury, which meets the middle of January.

## Good Service With The Mail

**Bus Line Has Kept Rush Of Mail Moving Between Wilmington And Southport With All Cars Picking Up Bags As Fast As Ready**

With a reported heavy congestion of mail in the Wilmington office the Southport, Bolivia and Winnabow offices have been able to keep things cleared up pretty well. This in spite of the fact that the mails have not always been arriving on their regular schedule.

The good service to the above three offices is due to the fact that trucks and all passenger buses teamed up with the regular mail carrying buses to get the mail to Winnabow, Bolivia and Town Creek. As fast as mail bags are made up in the Wilmington office a truck or one of the buses picks them up and delivers them at their destination. The same rule has applied to outgoing mail.

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## *Schools Reopen Next Wednesday*

The Brunswick county schools, white and colored, are all scheduled to reopen Wednesday of next week. The holidays are longer than originaly planned because the snow of last Wednesday forced the closing four school days earlier than was scheduled. The snow found the buses in none too good condition to carry on over the icy roads and it was to the rather general satisfaction of students and teachers that plans were changed.

Apparently everything about the schools has withstood the seige of bad weather in good shape. There have been no reports of an undue amount of sickness or anything else to prevnt the schools from reopening and proceeding smoothly with the work with the coming of next Wednesday.

## Ceiling On Yams Is Opposed By County Growers

**County Growers And Shippers Of Sweet Potatoes Join Others In State In In Requesting OPA Not To Ceil Prices**

**SHORT CROP, EXTRA COST IS REASON**

**A Request For Increase In Price For Broilers Was Also Made To OPA**

Growers and shippers of sweet potatoes in Columbus county have joined others in the State in placing before the War Food Administrataion and the OPA requests that no ceiling price be put on sweet potatoes and that, if a ceiling is established, it be set "as high as possible to compensate for the light yield of this year's crop and the increased cost of production, storing, curing, and marketing."

The requests were presented formally in Washington on Thursday by representatives of growers and shippers of all states which produce sweet potatoes. Among those attending was Randal B. Etheridge, head of the markets division of the State Department of Agriculture, and he also conferred with members of the North Carolina Congressional delegation in regard to the price of sweet potatoes and request for an increase in the ceiling price of broilers.

In discussing the meeting in Washington, Etheridge Friday said that the floor price for U. S. No. 1 sweet potatoes is $1.30 per bushe l during December, and that this ceiling will be pushed up to $1.50 in January and to $1.65 in February.

Best-grade sweet potatoes were bringing from $3.50 to $4 per bushel on New York wholesale markets throughout the day Friday.

**BROILER PRICES**

"We are requesting an increase in broiler price ceilings in view of the fact that the present ceilings were fixed when feed was much cheaper than at the present time and when the price of baby chicks was much lower. Relief must be given to the broiler industry if it is to survive," Etheridge declared.

## New Outfit To Have Formal

**Girls Of 18 And Over In Neighboring Towns Invited To Attend And Are Asked To Wear Evening Gowns**

Lieutenant Colonel Walter V. Uhler, Commanding Officer of the 232nd AAA SL BN extends a cordial invitation to the citizens of Brunswick County to attend a formal dance at the USO Club Christmas Eve.

Music for the dance will be furnished by a twelve piece orchestra from the 111th Band at Camp Davis which is composed mostly of men who in civilian life were members of big name bands.

Warrant Officer Marrell M. Chamblee who is handling special services for the 232nd AAAS-LBM which moved into the vicinity of Southport yesterday has made arrangements with the local USO for a Christmas Eve Formal Dance. Men of the other military organizations are welcome to attend the dance; however, it is hoped that special consideration may be given to the new outfit.

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*"And On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men"*

This Christmas, 1943, isn't the kind we'd like for it to be. Too many of us are separated from those we love because of the war we are going through.

Because of this we pray that before another Christmas comes we will be reunited so that we can smile at each other and say, "Merry Christmas."

Let us remember that we celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace and let us lend our efforts to the making of a peaceful world in the coming year.

## Bennett Advises About Transfer Weed Allotment

**AAA Committee Says Some Land Owners In Selling Land Are Making Irregular Agreements About Tobacco Allotments**

Farmers of Brunswick County who are buying or selling land should contact the AAA Office at Supply and made arrangements for a meeting with the County Committee, it was anounced by C. O. Bennett, Chairman today.

Mr. Bennett stated information had come to the County Committee that some land owners selling land were drawing up an agreement among themselves that no tobacco would be transferred to the party buying the land. Mr. Bennett states that this is strickly against regulations and the County Committee could not approve a transaction of this kind.

According to the regulations where a sub-division is made a break down of the tobacco allotment may be based on the part the tract contributed if previously combined and the proportional part of any increase the farm has received since the reconstitution. Where a sub-division is made and the farm has remained one farming unit since the beginning of the AAA Program this will be made on the percentage of cropland basis. In case of disagreement between the producers on the above methods the County Committee may divide the tobacco allotment on the cropland basis or on the part each tract contributed.

Mr. Bennett also said that one tract of land owned and operated by the same person or by husband and wife within a county may be combined if operated as one farming unit. Any part of a farm cash rented should remain a part of the original farm or be

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## Five Government Agencies Allocate Gas Distribution

**Shortage Of Seagoing Tankers Help Cause Gasoline Drouth On Eastern Coast**

**OPA EXPLAINS REASON GAS SHORTAGE IN AREA**

**Heaviest Drains On Wartime Gasoline Stocks Have Been Made In Region Of Rockies**

EDITOR'S NOTE: Here is the third of OPA's series on current gasoline problems, this one on "Getting Gasoline to War."

The main problem of wartime petroleum transportation is that you can't load on ocean-going tanker alongside the refinery at an inland point like Tulsa, Okla., or Wichita Falls, Texas.

Gasoline must be transported to a seaport where an ocean-going tanker is loaded and sent on its mission overseas.

For that reason, the heaviest drains on wartime gasoline stocks have been made in the regions east of the Rockies because of their nearness to gulf and Atlantic ports.

Before the war, 95 percent of the east's gasoline came around Florida in tankers which carry between 60,000 and 154,000 barrels per trip. On an average a tanker left a gulf port every 100 minutes.

The Axis knew this. As soon as war broke out, the Axis concentrated submarine attacks on coatwise tankers and sank many of them. The rest of the tanker fleet had to be diverted to supply the European and Pacific theaters.

It was up to the government to improvise and more than 100,000 railroad tank cars and countless fleets of trucks and barges were bolized into a west-to-east oil transportation system.

As a result, essential military and war plant needs were met and most automobiles were kept rolling through rationing and sharing. One of our major home front victories came out of it.

The question often arises: "Who allocates the gas supplies?"

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## No Court Until January Third

**No Further Session Of Recorders Court Until First Monday In January, This Weeks Docket A Very Light One**

There will be no session of the Brunswick County Recorders Court until Monday, January 3rd. Unless they furnish bond or are otherwise recognized, defendants arrested this or next week will have to remain in jail until the 3rd.

Eight cases were called by Solicitor J. W. Ruark and Judge John B. Ward at this week's session. The minutes show disposition of the following matters:

Pete Jones, possession of intoxicants, 30 days in jail, judgment suspended on payment of fine of $10.00 and costs.

Charles Council Pinkston, speeding, continued.

Clavis Brown, manufacturing, eight months on the roads, judg-

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## Peter Rourk Died Thursday

**Former Judge Of Recorders Court and Widely Known Citizen Passes At Home Of Daughter In Tabor City After Brief Illness**

Peter Rourk, at one time Judge of the Brunswick County Recorder's Court and one of the most widely known citizens of the county, died suddenly last Thursday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. W. B. Marlowe, in Tabor City, where he had made his home for the past several years.

Of a widely known family, Judge Rourk was born and reared at Shallotte, moving to Supply many years ago and engaging in the turpentine business, along with merchandising.

Twice elected judge of the county court, he suffered a stroke of paralysis during his last term. This necessitated his resignation and retirement. For two or three years he resided with sons in this county and then went to Columbus to make his home with his daughter in Tabor City.

Surviving are three sons, U. L. Rourk, of Leland; L. C. Rourk, Shallotte; Irvin Rourk, Wilmington. Two daughters, Mrs. E. G. Andrews, of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. W. B. Marlowe, of Tabor City. A brother, George Rourk

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## *Delinquents Listed By Local Board*

The following are listed as delinquent by the Brunswick County Selective Service Board, announces Price Furpless, Chairman; Archie Wilson, Nathaniel Waddell, and James Hall.

## Snowfall Pleased County Farmers

**Believed To Have Been Of Great Benefit For Its Destruction Of Insects And Also Of Much Value To Small Grain Crops**

For its destruction of insects and providing moisture the snow and accompanying cold weather was in the nature of a godsend to Brunswick farmers. With considerable rain preceeding the snow the ground received something approximating two inches of water, all of which soaked in with the gradual melting of the snow. Wheat, oats, barley, Austrain winter peas and grass crops were

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## U. S. O. News

A Hanging of the Greens Party was held Tuesday evening to decorate the U. S. O. building for the Holiday season. The USO has special Christmas Carol Song Sheets and anticipates an especially fine music program for the service men in cooperation with the community people of Southport. A Wassil Bowl, a Christmas tree with gifts, plenty of eats, turkey sandwiches a special movie, and the placing of a free telephone call home for the person holding the lucky number in a draw are among some of the events of the Christmas Day program.

Captain James B. Church was guest speaker for the Sunday Morning Java Club and inspired considerable discussion from the service men on the topic of "How Selfishness Works Out." Lieutenant S. B. "Bunn" Frink gave a detailed history of the Bill of Rights to the service men and their escorts at the sandwich and coffee hour at 5.00 p. m. on Sunday afternoon, December 12th. Following the address by Lieut. Frink the vespers program included a violin solo, Schubert's "Serenade" by Miss Bobby Davis, accompanied at the piano by Mrs. James Harper. Miss Betty Todd Corlette, accompanied at the piano by Miss Bobby Davis, sang "My Song of Love" from "Blossom Time."

Rev. Cecil Alligood was guest speaker for the Sunday morning Java Club and talked briefly on the topic of "Spirit, Mind, and Body." On Dec. 19 the Vespers program for the past Sunday was a very enjoyable one. Tom Morgan of the Coast Guard sang "Quest" and "Little Boy Love," accompanied at the piano by Mrs. James Harper. Chief Cooprider accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Cooprider sang "Shortnin' Bread" and "Birthday of a King." A Christmas carol sing the piano lasted for some time after the conclusion of the program.

USO Program for the coming week:

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## Newspapers To Continue Drive For Pulpwood

**Pulpwood, Vital War Material, Will Be In Great Demand As Long as War Lasts**

**CONTINUED EFFORT BY ALL IS URGED**

**Greater Pulpwood Production Will Be Encouraged Next Year To Back Up The U. S. Growing Army And Attacks**

This newspaper along with more than 1,250 others in 27 pulpwood producing states were asked this week to continue their efforts to increase pulpwood production in 1944 because of the growing military need for pulpwood products to press the Allied attacks on the Axis, both in Europe and the Pacific.

Walter M. Dear, Chairman of the Newspaper Pulpwood Committee, in letters accompanying Citations to newspapers cooperating in the newspaper pulpwood campaign, thanked the weekly and small daily newspapers for their cooperation in 1943 but urged them not to slacken their efforts in 1944.

"Pulpwood is still a vital war material, made scarce by the manpower shortage," he said, "Our fighting forces will need it as long as the war lasts, as long as there is an American soldier on foreign soil."

At the same time, Frank Block, Director of the War Activities Committee of the Pulpwood Consuming Industries, in a letter accompanying War Bond awards to winners of the recent newspaper contest for the best local pulpwood campaigns, indicated increased governmental and industrial activity in the 1944 Victory Pulpwood Campaign.

The War Production Board, the Agriculture Department and War Food Administration, the War Manpower Commission and the Office of Price Administration, he said, are preparing a 1944 program to encourage and facilitate greater pulpwood production.

Mr. Block praised the newspapers and their local pulpwood committees for their work in 1943, and urged them to redouble their efforts and "help win the war in 1944."

Mr. Dear's letter follows in part:

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**OFFICE TO CLOSE**

The County Agricultural Office at Supply will be closed for the holidays, December 24 and 25.

**SUFFERS INJURIES**

Major D. R. Johnson, of Winnabow, is confined to his bed as the result of injuries sustained last week when a bull attacked him. He has a broken rib and a number of painful bruises.

**HOME FOR HOLIDAYS**

Lt. (jg) William S. Wells, of Key West, Fla., is spending two weeks leave here with his family.

**AT HOME FROM MARS HILL**

Brunswick is represented by four students at Mars Hill college, this session. All of the young people are now at their homes for the Christmas holidays. They are Polly Marie Brittian of Southport; James Herman Jenrette, Wilma Larue Phelps, Ash; Annie Laurie Swain, Shallotte.

**NOW WARRANT OFFICE**

Sgt. G. E. Hubbard, Jr., of Southport, was appointed Warrant Officer on the 10th of December. He is now stationed at Fort Dix, N. J. He has been in the army over three years, having enlisted about a year before Pearl Harbor.

**PHELPS NOT FULFORD**

In giving the list of tax listers in a recent story it was inadvertently stated that Lucian Fulford was the lister for Lockwoods Folly township. It should have been lucian Phelps.

**NOW IN THE NAVY**

Miles Fletcher Mercer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Miles Fletcher Mercer, of Bolivia, left last week for service in the Navy. He is a graduate of the Bolivia high school, class of 1940. For the past two years he has been employed by the N. C. Shipbuilding Company.