

# SOCIETY

## OWN-CRANMER

Interest to their many friends in Southport and Brunswick County is the Thanksgiving dinner made by Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Glover, of Southport, La., of the marriage of their daughter, Mrs. Nell Glover, to Lt. Commande Landis, USNR in San Francisco.

## TO GO CAROLING

Friday night the Young Men's Union of the Baptist Church will go caroling. They will start at 11 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. L. Knox for a few minutes of rehearsal and then go out singing carols. Afterwards they will again gather at the home of Mrs. J. L. Knox for hot chocolate and other young people. Other young people, especially service men, who might be interested are cordially invited to meet with them at 11 o'clock and go with them as they sing carols.

## PERSONALS

C. J. Williamson and two daughters, Betty Sue and Curtis, of Southport, spent part of last week here with Mrs. H. W. Southport. Earl I. Brown has returned from Columbia, S. C., after spending several weeks here with his family. Mrs. A. B. Weeks and her daughter, Blanche, spent the week in Wilmington with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Knox. Mr. Edward Taylor, of Tampa, Fla., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Ed Taylor. Mr. William R. Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Sellers, has returned to Camp Campbell, Ky., after spending a few days here with his parents. Sgt. Sellers is the 14th Medical Battalion is attached to the Yankee Division. Mr. J. Arthur Dasher has returned from a visit with relatives in Baltimore. Mrs. Ruby Suggs and Miss Eva Evans, of Wilmington, were weekend guests of Susie Jones. Mrs. Muriel Lee Jones has returned home after visiting friends in New Jersey.

## Winnabow News

Winnabow, Dec. 22. — Mrs. Bert Holmes and daughter, Mrs. Douglas Buie and son, James, of Council, spent Friday with Mrs. Furman Galloway and Mrs. Rudolph Fulcher. Mrs. Brooks Newton, of Southport, spent the week with Mrs. Drew and Betty Jo Fulcher. Mr. and Mrs. Bob McCrary, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. McDougall. Mrs. Dolores Peterson, of Northport, spent a few days with Miss Fulcher.

Mrs. Rudolph Fulcher and children visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kopp at Bolivia on Saturday.

Miss Sallie Betts Knox is returning home next week for the Christmas holidays. She has been visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia and Washington, D. C.

Sonny Galloway, little son of Mr. and Mrs. Furman Galloway, has been very ill with flu at the Babe's Hospital at Wrightsville. Mrs. Bertha Millikerson, of Orlando, Fla., visited Mrs. E. G. Goodman and Miss Lillie Sandlin last week.

Friends of Mrs. D. R. Walker will be glad to know that she has been able to leave James Walker Memorial Hospital after being a patient there for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. G. P. McKeithan, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Knox and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McKeithan.

Mrs. J. L. Knox spent Sunday with her sisters, Mrs. E. V. Evans, who has been very ill and Mrs. W. S. McKeithan.

Mrs. Edgar Williams and little daughter, Lindel Anne, of Wilmington are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Furman Galloway and Sonny.

Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Harmon were dinner guests Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Evans.

Mrs. Hans Browers is able to be up again after being confined to her bed for several weeks with flu.

Hans, Jr., and Willie Ralph Brower will spend the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Brower. They have been attending the Deaf and Dumb School at Morganton.

Mrs. R. M. Robinson, of Quantico, Va., is visiting her parents, Major and Mrs. D. R. Johnson.

## LEAVES FOR VIRGINIA

Boatswain Bill McLain, who has been stationed at the Section Base for several months, left last week for Virginia. He will be greatly missed, especially at the Southport Baptist church where he assisted with the music and also took an active part in other church work. At the evening service on Sunday, Dec. 12th, he brought a special message of personal testimony to the congregation which was very touching and interesting. Those who failed to hear that message really missed something worth while in a spiritual way.

## Please Stay Home

Civilians are urgently requested by the Office of Defense Transportation to give up all pleasure trips on trains or intercity buses from December 17 through January 10, Joseph B. Eastman, ODT director, requested civilians to defer even necessary travel, wherever possible, until after January 10. Because of supply limitations, few extra trains can be operated over the holidays. Unless civilians stay home, accommodations for furlough and essential war business travel cannot be assured. Despite shortages of workers, the public transportation industries are successfully carrying more passengers and more freight than ever before. However, the transportation manpower problem is now becoming serious, especially in maintenance and repairs.

## Using Roadbed To Remove Junk

### Wrecking Crew Is Using Heavy Truck In Place Of Engine To Pull Flats Loaded With Scrap Iron From Junked Railroad

Using a heavy eight-wheel truck, mounted on flanged wheels, for motive power, a wrecking company has gotten off to a good start at salvaging the rails and other iron and steel matter of the W. B. & S. Railroad. The first load to Navassa was the 35 or 40 ton Plymouth engine. Rather than put it into better running order, this engine was coupled to the truck and pulled to Navassa Saturday over the roadbed.

It is said that the truck will make ten miles per hour on the railroad track, pulling a net 20 ton load. This appears to be a far cheaper and more speedy method than hauling everything in by truck, especially as there are long stretches of the roadbed that are difficult to reach by the ordinary truck.

It is said that it will take three months to complete the job of wrecking. During that period the wrecking crew will be stationed at Southport, hauling up from the broken end of the roadbed as fast as the rails can be cut and loaded on an improvised flat car. The car was made by removing all of the upper structure of an old passenger car. The wrecking crew is quartered in four trailers and such other accommodations as they can about town.

## Olaf Thorsen, Jr., In Merchant Marine

Olaf Walter Thorsen, Jr., of Southport, has reported at the U. S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point, N. Y., for his basic training. He has been appointed a Cadet-Midshipman and upon the completion of the 18 months training course, and his graduation, he will be qualified for license as Third Mate, with the commission of Ensign.

## John Howard Gore Completes Course

John Howard Gore, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. V. Gore, of Shallotte, has recently completed the course of training at the Aviation Ordnanceman School of the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Memphis, Tenn. Gore is a graduate of Shallotte High School and until his enlistment at Raleigh in March, he was a coppersmith at the shipyard in Wilmington. He helped on the farm while he was a student and especially during the summer months when he was free. He received his boot training at Bainbridge, Md., and was sent to Memphis for special training as an aviation ordnanceman.

## OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (Note: Mr. and Mrs. N. B.

## RECENT BRIDE



MRS. THOMAS JACKSON CHANDLER—Who before her marriage September 5th, was Miss Clara Worrell, of Whiteville. She is the daughter of Mrs. W. J. Worrell and the late Mr. Worrell.

Leonard, of Bolivia, has four sons in the active service. The following letter from one of the sons, Master Mechanic Q. V. Leonard, who is aboard a submarine in the Pacific, was recently received by his mother and is being published at her request.

Dear Mama: As I sit here tonight my thoughts are with you. I keep seeing you as you were the last time I was at home. Those hours that I spent with the family were some of the most enjoyable that I have ever had. I often wonder if there will again be times like that.

Now with the war going on, I wonder if we can all be together again, as we were before. Living in a world of happiness, contentment, leisure. Not knowing then that we were not looking for what the future would bring. The days when war clouds would gather to darken peaceful skies, to separate fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters and friends, none knowing when they would meet again.

I am not grudging the time when thousands of us laid down our home life, our careers, business and friends to fight for the Stars and Stripes, the most precious flag that waves. We did this like our forefathers did before us and we are proud to feel that we have already come a long way toward accomplishing the thing that is most dear to us—the attainment of peace. The purpose has not failed, nor have we weakened. We shall not weaken

as long as our loved families and friends are backing us. Every man on the battle fronts is looking forward to something from home, or the time when the mission is accomplished and we may

all return home. It is these thoughts of home that keeps us determined to go forward and do our all until the war is won.

I am only one of the thousands, I might say millions, who are looking forward to the time when we can return to the Home Land. I hope we are all lucky enough to get back and take up where we left off. I think that with your prayers guiding and protecting me I have nothing to worry about. I will surely return some day.

Now, Mama, this is the way I feel. It is just the predictions of a beautiful ending of the war and the reunion of millions of families.

All my love Q. V. LEONARD

## Southern Baptists Aiding Russians

ATLANTA.—Southern Baptists are sharing their money for Christmas gifts with the people of war-torn Russia.

Responding to the appeal of the Russian war relief committee, Southern Baptists expect to send 100,000 kits filled with practical household articles to the suffering families in Russia. The kits, made of pasteboard, are being filled with such items as gauze bandage, surgical adhesive tape, hand towels, cotton gloves and socks, sewing thread and buttons, needles, dehydrated soup mix, sugar, evaporated milk, bouillon cubes, laundry soap and packages of hard candy for the children.

Details of handling the kits were worked out by the Russian War Relief Committee with U. S. governmental approval. Each kit carries a sticker with a flag of the United States and blanks where the name of the American family giving the kit may be printed and additional blank lines for some message to the Russian family.

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## Forest Fire Toll Neavy In November

RALEIGH.—Forest fires caused damage estimated at \$104,079.05 to North Carolina wood lands during the month of November, W. K. Beichler, chief of forest fire control of the Department of Conservation and Development, said last week.

A total of 698 fires burned over 61,725 acres of land during the month, Beichler said, adding that this was a sharp increase over November, 1942, when 179 fires damaged 5,229 acres at a cost of \$6,914.

The WFA suggests that farmers supply their own lumber needs, by increasing production from farm woodlands during the winter and by providing labor for forest industries.

## Timely Helps To Home-Makers

Make the most of every crumb and crust. Dress up your stale bread by using it in escalloped dishes, in puddings, or as French toast. For example, serve French toast just as you might serve waffles and top with a syrup or fruit sauce.

Or, serve French toast for a main dish with creamed meat or vegetables. Remember, too, that dry bread cubes can be used in escalloped dishes and dressings, they will require a little added moisture. Such cubes also brown nicely for croutons.

And, crumbed dry bread may be used instead of cracker crumbs.

Make more one-crust and fewer two-crust pies; or, use lattice pastry strips for the top crust.

A pleasing variation of the one-crust pie is a cobbler, or a deep-dish pie. To make it, partly fill a baking dish with lightly sweetened fruit. Cover with dough and bake in a hot oven until the crust is brown.

Or as another idea, bake pastry separately in little square or diamond shapes and serve as a topping on sweetened fruits of various kinds. Add the pastries just before serving time, so they will be crisp.

If you eat a peeled orange or divide it into sections, you get more vitamin C than if you juice it.

Dust hangs downward, so when you brush walls, brush upward. That prevents smearing and streaking.

An ordinary two-inch paint brush is just the ticket for whisking dust from a bric-a-brac, booktops, baseboard crevices, wood carvings, and window sills.

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DAILY SCHEDULE

Lvs. S'port.	Ar. Wilm.	Lv. Wilm.	Ar. S'port.
*5:15 a.m.	*6:30 a.m.	*7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.
*7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
*9:30 a.m.	*10:30 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	5:15 p.m.
4:15 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	5:20 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
*6:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	11:15 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
10:45 a.m.	12:00 noon	1:35 p.m.	2:45 p.m.
4:15 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	6:20 p.m.	7:45 p.m.
6:00 p.m.	7:15 p.m.	10:00 p.m.	11:15 p.m.

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You are familiar with the old saying, "You can't have your cake and eat it too." We found ourselves in such a position with respect to charge accounts.

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So far, we have borne these losses and increased expenses; however, in the face of rising costs and scarcities of merchandise, we can no longer do so and maintain our present low prices.

Therefore, effective January 1st, we are adopting for the duration a policy of strictly cash sales. May we assure you that the savings resulting from this change in policy will be gladly passed on to you in the form of further reduced prices.

We appreciate the patronage you have given us and know that we can count on your cooperation in the above regard.

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