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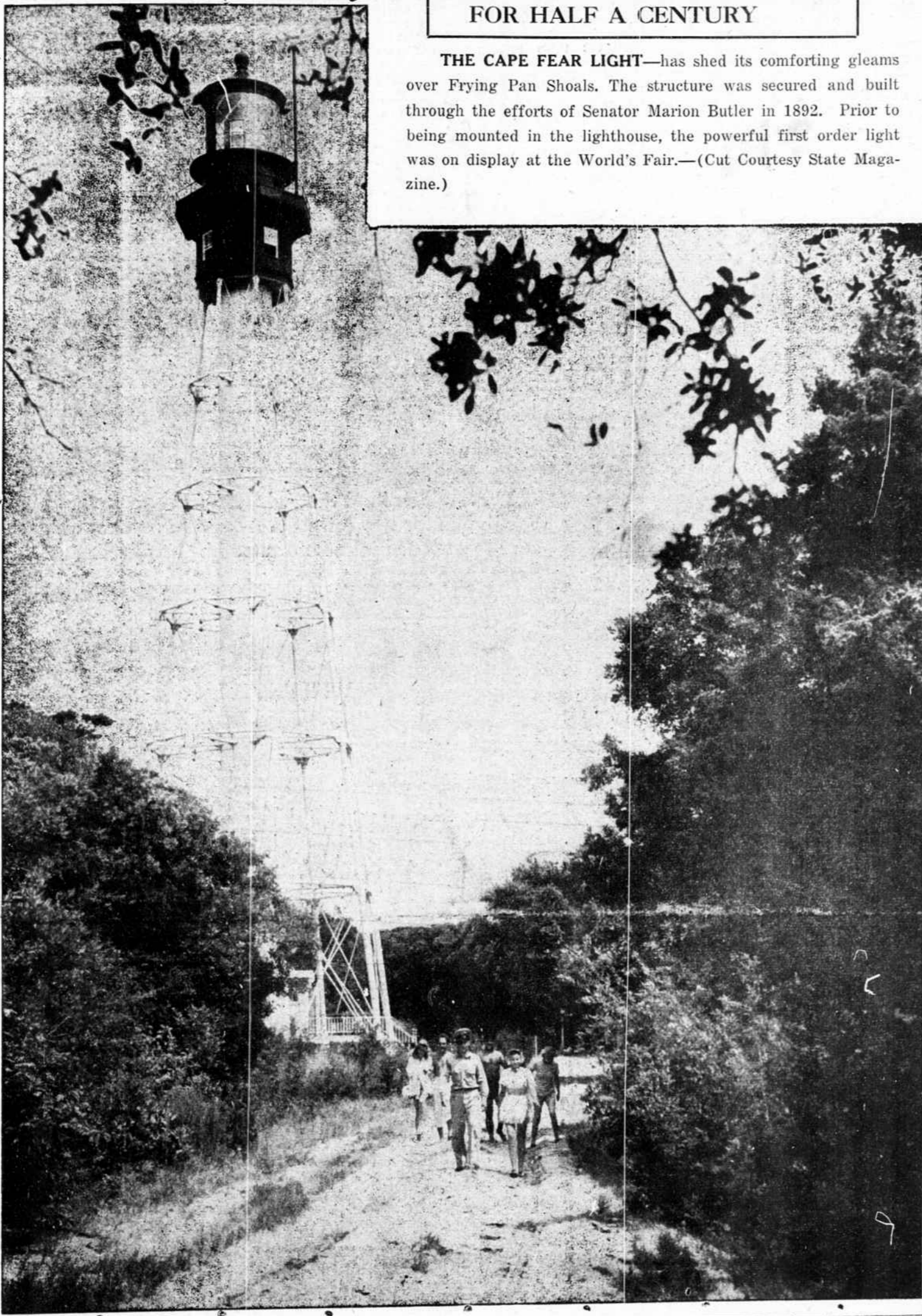
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FOR HALF A CENTURY

THE CAPE FEAR LIGHT—has shed its comforting gleams over Frying Pan Shoals. The structure was secured and built through the efforts of Senator Marion Butler in 1892. Prior to being mounted in the lighthouse, the powerful first order light was on display at the World's Fair.—(Cut Courtesy State Magazine.)

Holden Beach Ferry Leads In Passengers

State Highway Commission Reports That Toll-Free Ferry In Brunswick County Stands First In Number Of Passenger And Commercial Vehicles And Passengers In 1943

The State Highway Commission has compiled statistics which show there are 11 toll-free ferries, operating on 10 North Carolina rivers. In 1943 these ferries transported 97,766 vehicles. Of these 73,911 were passenger vehicles and 23,855 were commercial.

Of special interest in this county is the fact that the Ferry at Holden's Beach, over the inland waterway near Supply, carried the largest number of vehicles, 21,626 passenger and 7,239 commercial vehicles. It also transported the largest number of passengers, 68,515 out of a total of 234,391 passengers by the 11 ferries.

Thanks to good ferry service and the fact that it is one of the best fishing and recreation beaches on the coast, the Lockwood Folly section around Holden's Beach, and the beach, have been developing rapidly during recent years.

Brunswick Gives A Big Vote For Conserv. District

Only 24 Votes Against Formation Of Soil Conservation District, While 500 Register Approval

APPROVAL STRONGER THAN OTHER COUNTIES

This County Apparently Took The Lead Over Columbus, Bladen And Pender In Asking For District

In last weeks referendum 500 Brunswick county land owners voted in favor of the county being included in the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District. Only 24 negative votes were cast. Judging by the vote, the land owners are overwhelmingly in favor of the project and there is no doubt of the county being included in the district.

The district will be composed of four counties, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen and Pender. According to all information obtainable as to the vote cast in other counties, Brunswick took the lead in registering approval of the undertaking.

It is understood that practically all of the work that will be done in this county will be in the nature of drainage. Owing to the fact that the land is all comparatively level, there is little or no need of preventive work against soil erosion. On the other hand, there is great need of drainage and many thousands of acres of rich lands can thus be made available for tillage, while much more will be greatly improved by the cutting of ditches and canals to drain off wet lands and permit the escape of flood waters.

The work will be done by the Federal government and will be without individual cost to the land owners.

Mind Summons And Save Trouble

Failure To Appear In A Case Resulted In Defendant Finding Himself Arrested On Other Charges

When officers get after a person for speeding they try to be as considerate as possible and the custom is to merely issue a summons for the party to appear for trial. S. A. Hinyard, a Bladen county man, who was summoned for trial last week and who failed to appear is finding out that it is a wise thing to heed a summons. When he failed to appear last week Deputy Sheriff O. W. Perry and State Highway Patrolman C. J. Ferguson went after him. They caught up with him when he had a jug of non tax paid liquor in his car. He was brought here and tried Monday on the speeding charge, found guilty and fined \$20.00 and the cost. He paid the fine and costs but his troubles did not end there. The two officers carried him right back to Bladen county, where he was arrested, and turned over to officers on charges of transporting and possession. He is to be tried on these charges in Elizabethton today. The following court matters were handled in court here Monday:

Jos. C. Mayberry, speeding, continued to the 25th.

William Payton, speeding, 60 days on the roads or \$25.00 fine (Continued On Page Four)

Ration Pointers

PROCESSED FOODS
Green K, L, and M (Book Four) now valid, expire March 20.

MEATS & FATS
Brown V and W (Book V and W (Book Three) expire February 26.

Brown X (Book Three) now valid will expire February 26.

Brown Y (Book Three) now valid will expire March 20.

PORK
Red stamps A-8 through M-8 (Book Four) (120 points) valid in advance to purchase pork from farmers only, not from retail stores.

SUGAR
Sugar stamp 30 (Book Four) good for five pounds. Expires March 31.

Sugar stamp 40 (Book Four) good for five pounds canning sugar until February 28, 1945 (13 months).

SHOES
Stamp 13 (Book One) valid indefinitely Airplane stamp 1 (Book Three) now valid.

GASOLINE
A-9 coupons, now valid and will expire May 8.

Rupert Wayne Walton Now Classed As Dead

Son Of Former Acting Register Of Deeds Now Officially Reported As Dead After Being On Missing List For A Year; Parents Receive Letter From Secretary Knox

Just a year after Mr. and Mrs. Amos J. Walton, of Ash, were notified that their son, Rupert Wayne Walton, Seaman second class, was missing in action, they have received the final and conclusive letter from Secretary of War, Frank Knox.

The letter, dated February 7, in accordance with military custom when a person is missing in action and no trace can be found for a year, lists young Walton as dead. The full letter is appended: My dear Mr. Walton:

The Bureau of Personnel previously informed you that your son, Rupert Wayne Walton, Seaman second class, U. S. Naval Reserve, was being carried on the records of the Navy Department in the status of missing in action as of 30 January, 1943. He was serving aboard the U. S. S. CHICAGO when that ship was attacked twice by Japanese planes. Several torpedoes hit this ship during these attacks, which resulted in the sinking of the vessel in the Solomon Sea.

In view of the immediate and subsequent searches made for personnel after the battle and due to the length of time that has elapsed since this action without (Continued on Page Four)

Brother Meets Brother 10,000 Miles From Home

Petty Officer Paul Doshier, of the Merchant Marine, is spending a 30 days leave at home with his mother, Mrs. Harry Doshier. He has been in the Merchant Marine for the past eight months, after two years of service with the Army Engineers.

Recently his ship was at a port in the New Hebrides, ten thousand miles from Southport. While on a brief leave on shore he discovered that his brother, Leighton Doshier, of the Navy, was based there. He managed to see and spend a short while with the brother he had not seen in many months. The two boys are the only sons in the family, a sister, Mrs. Lewis J. Hardee, resides in Morgan City, La.

Getting Ready For Good Drive

Mrs. J. A. Russ Reports That Machinery Getting In Readiness For Successful Red Cross War Fund Drive

Plans are proceeding to make a successful drive for funds during the coming Red Cross month, says Mrs. J. A. Russ, War Fund Chairman in Brunswick County.

"Those who are approached are very willing to help with this worthy cause," says Mrs. Russ, "and indications are that we will make our quota of \$8,800.00."

In addition to the entire faculty of Bolivia Grammar and High School those who have volunteered to work in the drive are as follows: Mrs. E. Mercer Cox, Miss Creola Cox, Mrs. J. D. Johnson, Mrs. Foster Mintz and Mrs. L. J. Walls.

On February 16th Mr. Glenn Tucker who is head of the drive at Bolivia called a meeting to make extensive plans for the drive.

Waccamaw High School and the entire district are working together hand and hand and reports from there are showing a wonderful organization and co-operation.

Mr. M. M. Rosenbaum is hard at work in Charlotte community and expects to have it fully organized within the next few days. Guy McKeithan, of Charlotte Trading Co., is working the personnel of that concern and also doing other work to help Mrs. Rosenbaum. Miss Mae Masterlerz is the active worker for the R. E. A. personnel and Gause Landing community.

Home Nursing Class Formed

Mrs. Rosenbaum Is Instructing Red Cross Class In Home Nursing; Dozen Members In Class

Mrs. M. M. Rosenbaum is now teaching a class in home nursing under the sponsorship of the Red Cross at Charlotte. The class has finished about half the minimum time required and the class is scheduled to be completed about March 10. There will be approximately twelve graduates in the class.

Leland Robbery Suspect Nabbed

Negro Believed To Have Participated In Leland And Other Post Office Robberies Is Now Being Held By Federal Authorities

John Johnson, North West Township negro, who has lived in Wilmington for the past several months, was arrested last week by Wilmington police and turned over to Federal authorities at Fayetteville. He is suspected of participating in the robbery of four post offices, including the one at Leland, where something around two thousand dollars was taken in bonds, stamps and cash.

Several other men are believed to have been implicated in the various robberies, for which Johnson was arrested. The Leland post office, operated by Mrs. U. L. Rourke, was broken into nearly a month ago. The safe door was wrecked with chisels and sledge hammers and the contents consisting of war bonds, stamps and cash, were carried away. Considerable merchandise is also said to have been taken from the post office building in which the post office is housed.

J. D. Price Is Reappointed

Board Of Commissioners Reappoints Present Official As Keeper Of County Home And Farm

At their meeting here Monday the Board of County Commissioners re-appointed J. D. Price as manager of the County Home and County farm, at a salary of \$175.00 per year. The present appointment is to run through December, 1944. Working on a monthly basis, Mr. Price has been in charge of the above properties for over a year and has given excellent service. Recently Mr. Bennie Williams, of Charlotte, was appointed keeper. However, he tendered his resignation before he was due to take charge. Mr. Williams was in charge of the home several years ago. His inability to return now is said to have been due to (Continued on Page Four)

Land Owners Going Strong For Army Cooperation

Eighty Three Per Cent Of Land Owners In Two Townships Have Given Permission For Use Of Land

BALANCE OF THEM NOT YET CONTACTED

No Refusals From Land Owners When Army Requests Permission To Use Lands, Anxious To Get Remaining Acreage

Responding in a surprising way, strongly indicative of their patriotic spirit and willingness to cooperate with the needs of the Army, land owners of Town Creek and Smithville townships seem to be headed toward 100 per cent cooperation in granting permission for the use of their land for a Maneuver area.

Only the land owners who have five or more acres have been asked to sign. Up to last night 83 per cent of all the land owners in the two townships had given their permission. While this is much short of the 100 per cent, allowance must be made for the fact that there are nearly 1,100 land owners in the two townships. With many of these property owners often being away from home and some not living in either of the two townships, it has been difficult to contact all. Constant rains have also made many of the roads difficult to travel.

There has been fine cooperation (Continued on Page 4)

Red Cross Course Helped Her Along

Three years ago when there were signs of war, Miss Emma Lou Harrelson of Orton Plantation was a number one pupil in a Red Cross First Aid Instructor's course. Not only did she eat up the course for herself, she went right on and began instructing classes at Orton and elsewhere.

A little over three months ago Miss Harrelson pined at her inactivity. She had brothers serving in the war and wanted to do her part. She looked around at all branches of the service which an eager woman could join. The WAVES seemed to be the quickest road to doing something and she joined up in that. Now, three months after that, she has begun her training she has been made a Pharmacist Mate, 3rd Class, at the Mares Island Navy Yard in California. She is the daughter of Sheriff I. D. Harrelson.

Calling For 1943 Marketing Cards

In order to finish out last year's records, it is urgently requested that Brunswick county tobacco growers turn in their 1943 marketing cards to the AAA office at Supply. "These cards," stated J. J. Hawes, Secretary of the AAA, "may be placed in the mails. They need no postage."

Power System Work Finished

Federal Works Agency Engineer Announces Completion Of Improvements To Local Power System

Colin F. Churchill, Federal Works Agency engineer, has notified Mayor John D. Eriksen and the City Aldermen of the completion of improvements to the electrical power system for Southport. The work has been underway for more than a year.

According to Mr. Churchill, the completely revamped facilities will enable the community to give adequate power services to the Navy's inshore patrol base at Fort Caswell, which uses approximately the same amount of power as the town itself, and are so constructed as to make further expansion in the Southport area a possibility after the war.

The project was consummated at a cost of \$101,142, with the Federal Works Agency providing \$51,142, and the remainder taking the form of a loan by the government to the city. Last work was done Friday.

Two diesel generating units, of 450 and 300 horsepower respectively, have been installed. There has been an enlargement and rebuilding of the power line from Southport to Fort Caswell, rehabilitation of all power lines in and outside the city limits, and an addition made to the power building.

The project has as its immediate purpose the furnishing of sufficient power to the Navy base at Caswell.

Construction and building was done by Fred W. Spencer of Southport. General equipment was (Continued on page four)

Lieutenant Harper Returns To Duty

Lt. (jg) James M. Harper, Jr., returned to the Armed Guard Center at New Orleans, La. on Sunday morning. He was given a 30 days leave to come home, owing to the death of his brother, Captain Derward Harper, of the Army Air Forces. Captain Harper, a bomber pilot, was killed in action on the 26th of January in China and the family was notified of the fact about ten days ago.

Harper has another brother serving in the Air Force as a pilot, two brothers with the Marines in the Pacific and one in the Army.

Brief News Flashes

RECEIVES PROMOTION
Mrs. E. F. Gore received word last week that her husband, Sgt. E. F. Gore, who is in the Marines and formerly resided at Howell's Point, has been promoted to Master Sergeant. Sergeant Gore has served in the Marines for twenty-three and one half years. He has been on overseas duty for the past fifteen months. His wife and two children are residing in Southport with Mrs. Gore's father, Chief F. M. Barnhill.

40 FOR EXAMINATION
Forty white Brunswick county men left here yesterday morning for the physical examination at Fort Bragg. The squad was led by Kenneth McKeithan, rural mail carrier from Bolivia, who was among the number called.

Proclamation By President Opens Drive

Month Of March Declared To Be Red Cross Month And War Fund Of \$200,000,000 Asked

AUXILIARY IS COMMENDED

Recognizes Various Humanitarian Activities Of People's Agency In Helping Armed Services

President Franklin D. Roosevelt has issued a proclamation naming March as Red Cross month and in his capacity as President of the American Red Cross urges all citizens to contribute to this auxiliary of our armed forces during the drive. His proclamation reads as follows:

WHEREAS the war has entered a decisive stage requiring the fullest measure of individual sacrifice; WHEREAS the American National Red Cross is an auxiliary to the United States armed forces and, as such, is providing indispensable service to our troops throughout the world as well as to their families at home; WHEREAS these wartime activities, including the collection of lifesaving blood for the wounded, recreation work in military hospitals, provision of aid to families of servicemen, shipment of food parcels to prisoners of war, production of surgical dressings, operation of overseas clubs and recreation centers, and recruitment (Continued on Page 4)