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SCHOOLS OF BRUNSWICK OPEN AUGUST 31st

Coast Guard Lifts Sport Fishing Ban

Licensed Boats May Now Carry Fishing Parties

Coast Guard Releases Order Permitting Resumption Of Practically Unrestricted Sport Fishing

HOURS EMBRANCED ARE DAYLIGHT TO DARK

Appears To Be Unnecessary For Passengers To Have Coast Guard Permits But Must Be Known To Operators

Restrictions against the operation of party fishing boats, engaged in carrying sport fishing parties, were lifted this week. The restrictive orders applied to only the Brunswick county coast and were placed in effect about two months ago, just after original orders lifted restrictions from the whole of the Atlantic coast. Firing areas and certain limited areas in the vicinity of work essential to the carrying on of the war had been excepted.

Last night Lt. S. B. Frink, of the office of the Captain of the Port in Wilmington, brought this paper a copy of orders which were just being released. Summed up, these orders call for the captain and crew members of boats carrying fishing parties having a special license from the office of the Captain of the Port. Each such crew member must have Coast Guard identification cards and when operating the boat the operator must have on board a list of the names, nationality and addresses of all on board and must be prepared to sub,mit a list of all such passengers to properly identified Coast Guard officials on demand.

Before license is granted to operate such boats the craft must be inspected by Coast Guard officials to ascertain whether or not they are in seaworthy condition. No cameras, binoculars or firearms shall be allowed on board. All boats must be 35 or more feet in length and all must have painted on their tops or on a board their Coast Guard licenses number in letters eight inches wide and ten inches high. They must also have name or numbers on each side of the boat.

The seven copy of regulations left at this office last night by Lt. Frink does not contain any reference to identification of the passengers, other than that their names, addresses and nationality be listed with the Captain in charge. It is assumed that under the regulations it is sufficient that all on board be known to the Captain and crew, who will be responsible and who must be licensed and have proper identification.

Brief News Flashes

GOT NICE STRING

Clarence Osborne, of the Mill Creek church community, stated on Monday that he had just caught one of the prettiest strings of blue gills and red breast perch that he had taken in a long time. These and other fresh water fish seem to be biting well now.

PLEASED WITH CROPS

Lester Babson, W. A. Mintz and David Ross, prominent citizens of Freeland, were here Monday and expressed much satisfaction with the condition of farm crops in lower Brunswick.

LEAVES FOR VISIT

Miss Marie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Moore, left Sunday for Washington, D. C. where she will visit her uncle, Dr. W. J. Orr, for a week. From there she will go to New York to visit her cousin, Mrs. Howard Miller.

QUALITY IMPROVING

While catches of shrimp have been off in quality for several days, due to weather conditions, Paul Fodale, one of the buyers, says that the quality is steadily improving, the take being larger and firmer. August will see extensive operations underway.

This Years Crop Of Tobacco Is Of Excellent Quality

Reports From All Parts Of County Indicate An Exceptional Product

CROP WAS PRODUCED UNDER DISADVANTAGE

Farmers Interviewed In All Parts Of County To Secure Good Cross Section Of Brunswick's Weed Prospects

For the past several days this paper has been making a special effort to interview tobacco growers from all sections of the county, the object being to get a good cross section report on the condition of the tobacco crop. The coverage has been complete as a number of growers from every township in the county have been seen. In some cases the number of growers seen in a township ran up to a couple of dozen.

The results have been more than pleasing. Of all those who have been interviewed the answer to inquiries has invariably been to the effect that the crop is the best or one of the best that has ever been produced in Brunswick County.

It appears certain that the poundage production is running much higher to the acreage. Uniform stands appear to have been obtained everywhere. The weed grew larger than usual and, still more important, the cured leaves are of that heavy rich and waxy texture that buyers class as good tobacco. There is less of the light trashy stuff this year.

Growers began the year under a heavy handicap. Continuous rains during March and Early April made it impossible to do any plowing until the actual planting season was here. Combined with the late start there was a terrible shortage of the necessary labor. As a result of these handicaps the 1944 crop was produced only by the hardest and most continuous work that the growers have every been called upon to put forth.

They Now Have Modern Hospital

Twefith Field Unit In France Has Taken Over Hospital Formerly Used By German Air Force

The 12th Field Hospital Unit, an organization of which Dr. Maurice Rosenbaum, of Shallotte, is a member, is now stationed at a port with harbor facilities, presumably Cherbourg, France. The unit has been at St. Lo. They are using a hospital formerly serving German Army Luft Waffe officers and the Germans are said to have left behind in the hospital enough medicine and supplies to last five years.

Captain Rosenbaum described the hospital's condition, when captured, as filthy beyond belief. There was no running water and no electric current and body waste was found all over the place.

When the Americans moved in they proceeded to clean up the American way and running water and electricity are both now available. The hospital, for cleanliness and adaptability for the treatment of the sick and wounded is now on a par with those in the United States.

Leland Man Is Wounded In Action

Staff Sergeant Robert W. Ramsey of Leland was recently wounded in action overseas, according to word received this past week by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Ramsey. Sgt. Ramsey is serving with the infantry and has been overseas for the past several months. He has three brothers also in service. They are Seaman Second Class Samuel Ramsey, stationed in California; Pvt. Elmer F. Ramsey, at Camp Davis and Pvt. George T. Ramsey in New Guinea.

Local Man Is Mentioned In Saturday Evening Post Story

Lieutenant Churchill Bragaw Frequently Mentioned In Last Week's Installment Of Commando Kelly Story Which Deals With Occurrances Just A Month Before Captain Was Killed

In last week's issue of the Saturday Evening Post the Commando Kelly story, now running serially, made continuous mention of Lieutenant Churchill Bragaw of Company K. The story last week dealt with events during the month of December, 1943. At that time young Bragaw was still a Lieutenant. In an event occurring the day before Christmas he was especially mentioned. Oddly enough, Lieutenant Bragaw wrote a friend in Southport on the day before Christmas, saying he hoped he would not have to fight on Christmas day.

On Christmas day he was wounded, sent to a field hospital and remained there eight days receiving treatment. He rejoined his command as a Captain and a few days thereafter, on the 22nd of January he was killed while gallantly leading his command in storming a hill against German machine gun fire. Captain Bragaw was the son of Mrs. Helen G. Bragaw, of Southport.

From scores of letters received from men and officers in Captain Bragaw's command it is evident he stood very high in the esteem of his men. Relatives of many of these men have written from all parts of the country, telling Mrs. Bragaw of having received letters commending him. In many cases letters to relatives have been forwarded to the Captain's mother. Recently the whole company formerly commanded by Captain Bragaw united and each contributed one dollar, which they sent to his mother with the request that she use it as their contribution of esteem toward the purchase of any Memorial she might desire to have for their former commander.

First Furlough In 25 Months

Staff Sgt. Willie H. Lewis, Of Shallotte, Was Among Marines of Fighting First Division

Staff Sgt. Willie H. Lewis of Shallotte who enlisted in the Marines in 1940, is now at home on a 30 days furlough. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Lewis of Shallotte and is a member of the Fighting, First Marine Division which opened the Guadalcanal campaign. Prior t o his enlistment in the Marine Corps. Sgt. Lewis attended the Shallotte high school.

With him returning to the United States for the first time in 26 months were 2,7744 other men and officers of the Fighting First Division. This is the first furlough or leave for any of them in 26 months. They were the first to strike an offensive blow against the Japanese. Landing on Guadalcanal on August 7, 1942, they were the first unit to receive the Presidential Citation for intrepid action. Later they landed at Cape Gloucester on New Britain to start the campaign which has taken Western New Britain from the Japanese.

Twenty Nine Go To Take Exams

White Men Sent To Fort Bragg Monday And Tuesday For Their Physical Examinations

Twenty nine white men were called by the Local Selective Service Board and sent to Fort Bragg on Monday and Tuesday for their physical examinations. Among the thirteen men who were called to go Monday two failed to report. These two were Woodrow Pinner and Julius Roy Willetts. The addresses of these two were not listed.

The full contingent called to report during the two days was as follows:

Dempsey Lennon Hewett, of Supply; William Gordon Fulford, of Supply; Woodrow Pinner; Henry Edwards Gray, of Shallotte; James Monroe McLamb, of Wampee, S. C.; Otha Smith, of Ash; Luther Eugene Carter, of Wampee, S. C.; Donald Jenner Mercer, of Bolivia; William Walsh, of Leland; William Edward Benton, of Leland; Odell Milliken, of Freeland; Julius Roy Willetts; Leon Wendell McKeithan, of Bolivia; Jackson Mercer Caton, of Winnabow; Edwin Stanward Clemmons, of Supply; Laffy Andrew Willetts, of Navassa; Andrew Jackson Lash, o f Bolivia; Wilbur Laten Creech, of Southport; William Penn Gore, of Winnabow; Harlee Hewett, of Supply; Charles Alvin Dennis, of Longwood; Cecil Robinson, of Supply; Tony

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Bolivia Boy On Wounded List

Pfc. Winfred Lesh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lesh, of Bolivia, was listed this past week as among the soldiers wounded in action iln the European and Mediterrean areas.

No Construction Any Time Soon

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation Plans For Big Expansion When Materials Become Available To Public

While the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation is going ahead with plans for a great expansion in the rural sections when conditions will permit, it does not appear that such expansion will begin in the immediate future. In an interview E. D. Bishop, manager of the Corporation, which has its headquarters at Shallotte, said:

"No construction on new extension will be made until the war situation reaches the status whereby materials may be released for civilian use. When that time comes major construction will be authorized throughout the country."

It is understood that with good priorities the corporation could obtain material now for extension. However, the public could not get the wiring and fixtures for houses. If construction were done such construction would have to re-

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Tobacco Market Is Now Ready In Whiteville

Opening Date Still In Question But Warehouses Are Ready To Begin

WHITEVILLE HAS SIX WAREHOUSES READY TO START

One Of Best Markets In Border Belt Is Better Equipped Than Ever

While there still seems to be some doubt as to just when the Border Belt tobacco markets will open Whiteville's six big warehouses are ready and waiting to serve the tobacco farmers. At a time when many of the other tobacco markets in the Border Belt seem to feel that they can not render the service they have given in the past Whiteville's experienced warehousemen put their heads together and came up with astreamlined sales schedule that will make the Whiteville market better than ever. Some of the warehousemen term this new schedule the most progressive step ever taken by this market.

The new system is simple. Whiteville has six warehouses and all six will sell tobacco every day in the week Monday through Friday. There will be four big morning sales and two fine afternoon sales. All sales are guaranteed and all sales will be completed by 3:155 P. M. every day. From the standpoint of convenience to the farmer no system could be better. A farmer can now bring his tobacco to Whiteville any day he likes and sell it on any warehouse floor he chooses.

Whiteville's market, always one of the best in the Border Belt, will now be better than ever, according to M. B. Kibler, Jr., sales supervisor. Mr. Kibler further stated that from the standpoint of labor Whiteville's market seemed to be in just as good position as in the 1943 season and that Whiteville was equipped to sell at least twice as much tobacco as last year. The new system will enable the Whiteville warehouses to move more tobacco faster than in the past.

More Gas For Man On Furlough

Service Man On Leave May Now Get A Gallon A Day

RALEIGH, July 25.—G. I. Joe is going to get more gasoline.

After July 25, all service men on furlough will get a gallon of gas a day, up to 30 days, rather than the 5 gallons flat, per furlough allowed previously.

Office of Price Administration

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W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

An illustration of how much help a mail route between Whiteville and Southport would be is now found every week in subscribers at Supply, Shallotte, Ash, Longwood and Freeland getting their State Port Pilots 24 hours earlier. The same would apply to other mail going out from Southport to those points or coming in from Whiteville. Mail leaving Southport for Ash and other offices in Waccamaw must now go around a hundred miles and the same condition prevails for mail leaving Whiteville for Shallotte and Supply. The regular mail services leaves a 15 mile gap between Shallotte and Ash and stuff going either way must go around this gap. By sending this paper by bus the gap is broken one way and it would be broken both ways and on all mail if there was a mail route between Whiteville and Southport.

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Postmaster W. R. Holmes, of Shallotte was commenting Saturday on the papers arriving earlier. He said that he had received a lot of pleased comment from subscribers. While we were there W. E. Gore was so appreciative of getting his paper sooner and also of the fact that better news coverage is being given that he insisted on subscribing for a neighbor and then went right on and made three more of his neighbors subscribe for a full year each. We do not plan to turn this column into an advertisement for the State Port Pilot, but we do not

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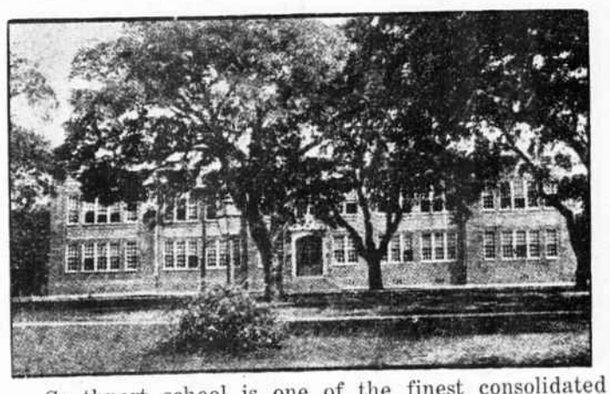
Secured Heads For All Brunswick County Schools, Prospects Are Very Good

SCHOOLS TO OPEN



Southport school is one of the finest consolidated schools in the county which will open on August 31st.

Four Of White Consolidated Schools Have Same Principals, Leland Has Lady Principal

MRS. RENA JOYNER HEADS LELAND SCHOOL

Is The Second Woman To Hold Such An Office In Brunswick; Mrs. C. L. Stevens Headed Southport In 1918

The schools of Brunswick county will open on Thursday, August 31st, according to announcement made this week by Miss Annie Mae Woodside, Superintendent of Schools. This date is somewhat earlier than usual.

Another unusual thing for this early in the year is that principals have been secured for all of the schools. Likewise, the teaching faculty is also fairly complete.

Four of the schools, Shallotte, Waccamaw, Bolivia and Southport will have the same heads as last year. Henry C. Stone will be at Shallotte, J. T. Denning at Southport. The Leland school will have a new principal, Mrs. Rena Lassiter Joyner. Mrs. Joyner will be the only woman principal in any Brunswick county school. She will be the second woman to hold such an office in a high school in Brunswick County. During the first world war Mrs. Chas. L. Stevens was principal of the Southport school. Mrs . Joyner taught in the Canton high school last year.

Miss Woodside is stressing the fact that it is necessary that all children who are enterirg the first grade this year be vaccinated against small pox and inoculated against diptheria before they enter. Mrs. Lou H. Smith, the county health nurse, will give these inoculations at her office after August 7th.

Although it is hard to state any thing definite this far in advance of the school openings, it appears that conditions are much better than they were at this time last year. The situation in regard to teachers appears to be much clearer and it is also hoped that the transportation system will present improvements. Last session turned out far more satisfactory than early arrangements indicated they would. If the same holds true this year there is every reason to expect a fine session.

Would Like To Be One Of Them

About a month ago this paper had an item regarding the purchase of new shrimp boats by Register of Deeds W. S. Wells.

This week Mr. Wells received a letter from Pvt. Bennie Clemmons, formerly of Bolivia, now in France. Pvt. Clemmons told Mr. Wells that he read in the State Port Pilot about the boats and that he wished he were here and on one of them. He is a brother of Mrs. Connie Lupton of Southport and went over with the invasion forces.

Fire Bug Case Set For July 31

Former Highway Employees Who Are Alleged To Have Caused Series Of Woods Fires To Be Tried Monday

Owing to a delay in serving and returning the warrant, which delay occurred in Columbus County, the charges against Simmons and Creech of setting woods fires from Holden's Beach to Old Dock will not be heard until next Monday, July 31. Both Simmons and Creech are former employees of the state highway. This week's session of the Recorder's court transacted the following business:

Richard Marion Arnold, speeding, continued to July 31.

Alonzo Loftin, abandonment and non support, not guilty.

Leroy S. Brown, speeding, nol pros.

Lawrence Gore, non support, continued to August 7th.

Jobie Fulford, reckless operation, hit and run, continued to July 31st.

Lois Johnson, no auto license, judgment suspended on payment of cost.

Samuel J. Alford, speeding, 30 days or judgment suspended on payment of costs.

W. S. Godfrey, reckless operation, continued to July 31st.

Rossie McFreem, improper brakes, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

New Center For Shrimp Packing

New House Now Operating At Varnum's Landing On Lockwoods Folly River

Brunswick county has a new shrimping center at Varnum's Landing, where W. H. Varnum, well known farmer and country merchant has just completed a picking and packing house that is being operated this year by R. C. Fergus Co., of Wilmington. The shrimp are picked at the landing, washed and iced and thence carried to Wilmington where they are used to form either green pack or for canning.

At present some ten good boats are operating at the Landing and

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Officer Praises Wives Activities

Luncheon Held Each Wednesday For Service Wives To Get Acqainted

Commander Neal, Recreation Officer of the Sixth Naval District upon his visit to the local USO Club remarked that the Service Wives Luncheon, which was in progress at that time, was an excellent program. The service wives bring their babies and get acquainted at a luncheoh prepared by a committee of wives who were appointed at the previous luncheon. Last week twenty-five service wives were present and a very delicious luncheon was served. Prepared by Mrs. Pat Gillikin and Mrs. Ann Gilbertson. Mrs. "Believe It or Not" Riley and Mrs. Meinhold were in charge of the table service. Miss Margaret Pearson said she expected a large attendance for the luncheon this Wednesday.

Mrs. F. M. Niernsee was in charge Tuesday of the Games Party and Refreshments which has been provided every two weeks by the War Mothers Club of Southport.

The regular monthly formal dance will be held next Wednesday. Special appropriate decorations will be put up by t he Girls Service Organization and refreshments will be served at the injtermission of the dance. Every lady will be expected to present an invitation at the door and anyone whose name is not on the USO mailing list should apply at the USO Club for an invitation on August 2nd.

Plan First Step In Conservation

Soil Conservation Officer Will Open Office In County Agent's Building At Supply By August 15

Farmers of Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen and Pender counties voted overwhelmingly for the Cape Fear Soil Conservation District, last fall. The work at the time was supposedly a post-war undertaking. Little has been heard about it since the election.

In another two weeks, however, some definite action will begin. A man will be placed in each county as a Government Soil Conservation. His work, for the present, will lie mostly with the testing of soils and advising farmers about their lands, in much the same manner that the county agent advises about crops. The work will be closely related to that

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Lt. Williamson Now In France

While here yesterday receiving the American Legion citation for his son, John Leon Williamson, S. 1-C, who was lost last year aboard the ship San Francisco, J. B. Williams, prominent Waccamaw township farmer, stated that his other son, Lt. Odell Williamson, was with the invasion forces in France.

Deputy Register Goes On Vacation

Miss Evelyn Autry, deputy Register of Deeds for Brunswick county, will go o n her annual two weeks vacation Saturday. She plans to leave Monday to spend part of the time with her sister, Mrs. B. A. Wehrle, in Philadelphia, Pa.

Ration Pointers

CANNING SUGAR

Sugar stamp No. 40 good for five pounds of canning sugar until February 28, 1945. Apply to local boards for supplemental rations.

FUEL OIL

Period four and five fuel oil coupons good through September 30. During October unused coupons may be exchanged at rationing boards for new 1944-45 heating season coupons.

GASOLINE

A-10 coupons now valid and will expire August 8.

MEATS AND FATS

Red A8 through Z8 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens.

PROCESSED FOODS

Red A8 through Z8 and A5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points each, for use with tokens.

SHOES

Airplane stamp No. 1 and No. 2 (Book 3) valid indefinitely.

SUGAR

Sugar stamps No. 30, No. 31 and No. 32 (Book 4) good for five pounds of sugar each indefinitely.

Rationing rules now require that every car owner write his license number and state in advance on all gasoline coupons in his possession.