

Heavy Fines For Drunken Drivers In Local Court

Twenty-Five Dollars And Costs Are Usual Meted Out To Such Offenders

Case Heard by Judge John B. Ward In Recorder's Court Here Monday

...driving, one of the cases which very frequently in some person being before Recorder's Court, to be an offense with sympathy. Believing that offenders are a menace to public, the fines are usually \$25.00 or more. This week two driving charges were and in each case fines of \$25.00 and costs were imposed. ...

Brief News Flashes

FORT OGLETHORPE Frank M. Niernsee, who enlisted in the Navy the first of the year and was assigned duty with the Seabees, left Sunday to report to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., where will begin his training.

ENDED FUNERAL

...O. W. Grissett, of Fort ... S. C., Sgt. Roy Grissett, ... of Jackson, Miss., spent part ... of the past week at their home in Grissettown community, having ... been called there by the illness and death of their brother, ... Grissett. Two other brothers are overseas and were unable to be present. Pvt. Gilbert Grissett is in England and Pvt. H. Grissett is in Germany.

ENGLISH WATERS

...e Burgwyn Sellers has been ... with the Navy in English waters for the past 11 months. ... is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl ... of Supply. His father served in the army during the first world war.

AT HOME

... and Mrs. J. J. Brown, former residents of the Shallotte section, now live in Fayetteville, ... last week that her brother, ... Edward G. Williams, had returned safely in England. He is attached to the 1285th Engineer ... Battalion and before going overseas was stationed at Camp Bowie, Texas.

Young Bolivia Sailor Tells Most Exciting Experience

Mine Sweeper Turned Rescue Vessel During Anzio Beachhead Operations; Storm Was Raging

LST STRUCK MINE WITH HEAVY LOSS

Only 300 Out Of 750 Men Aboard Landing Craft Were Saved From Waters By Rescue Vessels



While at his home at Bolivia recently Leon Leonard, M. M. 1-c, was asked by the Pilot representative to tell something of his most exciting experience in European waters. The young man is the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. B. Leonard, of Bolivia. He is married and his wife, who was with him on his visit home, has been continuing her residence in the north while he was overseas. The following is the story of his most exciting experience:

"I guess that the most exciting experience I had while I was in Europe was while we were landing troops ashore on the Anzio Beachhead. I had already participated in two invasions before that and during the Anzio operations I really began to think that my chances of coming home were small. This was easily the most dangerous job I had while in the Mediterranean."

"Our job, on the mine sweeper on which I was stationed, was to sweep clear a channel to the beach. This was to permit the small boats carrying troops and supplies to come in. "We had learned in advance that the Germans had a large ... (Continued on Page 2)

Grand Jury Makes Report

Last Weeks Grand Jury Submitted Brief Report To Judge John J. Burney At Conclusion Of Work

The Grand Jury for the January term of superior court was in session for three days last week. Before being discharged the body submitted the following report to Judge John J. Burney: TO THE HONORABLE JOHN J. BURNEY, Judge Presiding: We the grand jury of the January 22, 1945 term of Superior Court of Brunswick County, convened in Southport, North Carolina on Monday, January 22, 1945, respectfully submit the following report. We have examined the records of the following Justices of the Peace and found them in proper order: Coy Formy Duval, M. B. Chinnis, L. H. Phelps, H. Foster Mintz, G. F. Ganey, A. W. Smith, Elliot Tripp, Lacy Dawkins, and E. H. Gray. We have examined 24 bills, have returned 21 true and 3 not true. We wish to call to the attention of the Court certain recommendations made by the Jury at the January terms, regarding improvements and repairs to the school buses and locks and hooks to the windows of the school houses. We have been to the jail and found it in good shape. We wish to call the attention of the Court certain recommendations to be made at County home. The county house is in need of paint and the barn repaired. We will recommend that a washing machine be bought for the County home. We wish recommendation that the one Claudine Smith at the County Home be sent to State Institution. We the Grand Jury ask that a drinking fountain for white and one for Negroes be put in the Court House. E. G. RUSS, Secretary J. M. ROACH, Foreman Grand Jury

More Men Leave For The Service

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Farmers Using Much Dynamite For Ditching

Waccamaw And Shallotte Township Farmers Finding Out That Explosive Saves Much Labor

FOR DITCH DIGGING AND STUMP BLOWING

It Is Said To Be Best Thing Available Under Any Kind Of Conditions; All Users Are Much Pleas'd

During the past few weeks, farmers of Shallotte and Waccamaw townships have made a regular run on the office of Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett for the purpose of obtaining permits to handle dynamite in their farming operations. The permits cannot be issued, under the law, to persons having criminal records. This makes it necessary for them to be issued by the Clerk of Court who has immediate access to the criminal records. The explosive is being used in all farming areas of the county but the Shallotte and Waccamaw farmers are using it more heavily than in other sections. They say it will dig a ditch or canal in short order and do it better and far under the cost that would result if labor were employed. Not only that, it is practically impossible to employ labor now and the dynamite is a god-send for farmers who must dig ditches, canals, blow out stumps, etc. Citing the good use to which the explosive is put, David Ross, of Freeland, said this week that W. V. Simmons of his community has just recently blown about 575 yards of ditches, three and a half feet deep and six feet wide at the top, and about 150 feet of canal, twelve to fifteen feet wide at the top, at a cost of about \$150.00 for dynamite and \$25.00 for labor. This work was done ... (Continued on Page 3)

Announce Civil Service Opening

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for the position of Substitute Clerk, Post Office Service for filling vacancies in the Post Office at Southport. Applications for this position must be on file with the Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Nissen Building, Winston-Salem, 3, North Carolina. Competitors will be required to report for written examination, which will be held as soon as practicable after the date set for the close of receipt of applications. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, Post Office, Southport.

Fishing Was Fair For The Weather

One Of Local Menhaden Boats Brought In Fine Catches Last Week Considering The Weather That Prevailed

Going out fishing during the two or three days that the weather permitted such operations last week, Captain J. B. Church, of the John M. Morehead, brought in six hundred thousand menhaden. Four hundred thousand of these fish, a good sized boat load, were taken during one days operations. A considerable bit of spots were also taken and these were welcome to the men comprising the crew of the boat. As a rule no fishing is carried on here after the first of January. Some years the operations may ... (continued on page two)

Young People Present Program

Young Baptists Active In Training Union; Presented Play Sunday Night On Sunday night the Truett Group of the Southport Baptist Training Union presented the program "Baptists Climax A Century for Christ" in playlet form with Josephine Smith, Mrs. George Whatley, Louise Rees, Mrs. Walter Nichols and Susie Sellers taking part. The playlet told of the struggles and the victories of Southern Baptists during the past one hundred years since the Southern Baptist Convention was organized in Atlanta, Ga. on May 8th, 1845. The program ended with a summary of the achievements during the century and a challenge for the future, especially in the Centennial Crusade of Southern Baptists which is now in progress. In the General Assembly of the Training Union the Juniors presented a program on the life of Dr. William Bagby, one of the Baptist missionaries who did his greatest work in Brazil. The program was conducted by Patricia Adams with Mary Elizabeth Lupton giving the life story of Dr. Bagby. For the nearly a year and a half that we have been with the Pilot we have not been able to get around much in Waccamaw township. At least not as much as we should have liked to. This fact resulted in our still being a comparative stranger to the Waccamaw folks, although we knew enough of the township to know that it embraced about the best tobacco lands in the county. Well, we haven't been going to Waccamaw, so last week many Waccamaw folks came to us. This is only in a manner of speaking. They came to attend court and we got acquainted with them. We doubt if there were a dozen men here from Waccamaw last week who did not subscribe for the State Port Pilot. This dozen, if there were that many, were here on Monday, a first court day that is always confusing. We missed some of them that day. The township has three post offices; Ash, Freeland and Longwood. Freeland rests right up against Columbus county, a small post office with one rural mail route. We haven't checked up on the mailing list to see how many subscribers we had at Freeland before court week, and just how many new ones we have there now, but we will be anything the list is double what it was a month ago. It was a regular sing song last week, the way that Freeland folks got their names on the subscription list. Ash, the bigger post office with two rural mail routes, was hardly behind Freeland. Going into the office of Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton for some news matter one afternoon, we had to wait there five minutes and during that time we wrote receipts for two subscribers at Bolivia, one at Winnabow and one at Wilmington. If that were not enough for



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Writes Home



CAPTAIN WILLIAMSON Tells Of Division

Brunswick Man Describes Activities Of Famed "Old Hickory" Division

(Captain Odell Williamson, native of Brunswick County, sent us the following about his division, the famous 30th Division with which he is serving in field artillery.) For some time I have been hoping I could tell you folks back home about this outfit of ours and the swell record it has made in World War II from the time it hit the Normandy Beach and began fighting on June 15. Censorship has kept our Old Hickory Division's engagements pretty much "under wraps" but we have made a record we'll stack up against any other division's and the Public Relations staff has made it easier for us to get the information back to you by summarizing the highlights of the 30th's great campaigns and getting this material cleared through the press censorship. This is some information we can tell: When the 30th Infantry Division troops charged through the greatest concentration of artillery and mortar fire they had met in the Western Campaign to storm the bunkers of the German Siegfried Line and establish a bridgehead in the Fatherland, they reached an objective for which, in three months of bitter fighting, they had been paving the way since the battle near the beaches. Smashing the Siegfried Line in the sector north of Aachen where it was heavily manned and then aiding in closing the gap that forced Aachen's fall constituted one of the toughest jobs assigned any division in the Battle of Europe. But the 30th Infantry Division received its baptism of fire on a tough assignment June 15 and its progress to the German frontier was marked by battles that have been vital in the master strategy of World War II. The all-important breakthrough south of pulverized St. Lo on July 25, a date already historically significant, was spearheaded by the Old Hickorymen. A real fighting team, the troops of the 30th had qualified for that assignment

Point Validity Given By OPA

Policy In Regard To Ration Points Is Given; Expiration Dates Return As Practice

The OPA has announced a definite policy on cancellation of food ration stamps which, it is hoped, will prevent housewives from using their points unnecessarily to avoid losing them. This was thought necessary because of protests voiced after the recent cancellation of ration stamps without warning. Hereafter, the agency announced, red stamps for meats and fats and blue for processed foods will expire four months from the date of issuance. This replaces the program of indefinite validity for these coupons which had been in effect since last spring. Sugar stamps also were given fixed expiration dates again. Number 34, now in use, will be invalid after January 28. The next sugar stamp, number 35, will be ... (Continued on page two)

Returns Home Owing To Strike

St. Augustine Fishermen Are Having Difficulty With Dealers And Shallotte Man Comes Home

Captain Herman Stanaland, of Shallotte, went to Florida recently and purchased another boat, a 48 footer. He was planning to engage in shrimping at St. Augustine until the summer months. However, when he reached St. Augustine from Brunswick, Ga., where the boat was purchased, he found the St. Augustine fishermen were all on a striking, owing to inability to agree with seafood dealers as to prices. Captain Stanaland remained in St. Augustine, cooling his heels, for three weeks. Then as there seemed no prospect of the strike ending soon he returned to Shallotte Saturday. He brought his new boat back with him. The craft is slightly longer than his other boat, Grandma.

Local Citizen Died Thursday

Apparently In Good Health, Joseph W. McKeithan Dropped Dead While Making Purchases In Store Thursday Joseph William McKeithan, 38-year-old plumber and mechanic, better known to his friends as "Kaiser" McKeithan, dropped dead from heart trouble in a local store at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. He had apparently been in good health and his death came as a shock to his friends. The son of the late Johnnie and Mrs. Kate McKeithan, his entire life had been spent at Southport. ... (Continued on Page 3)

Jury Unable To Reach Verdict In The Tom Long Murder Case; Judge Burney Declares Mistrial

Drive For Funds Will Come To A Close This Week

Dance In Southport To End Local Drive; County To Continue Until Week-End

Information On Lost Ration Books

Mrs. Delphia Oberjohann, chief clerk of the local ration board, reminds the people of Brunswick County that lost ration books must be advertised in this paper two weeks before new ones can be issued. After the ads have been inserted two weeks, a copy of the ad must be given to the ration board with the replacement application. In order to save time and confusion, the Pilot wishes to state that there is a charge of fifty cents for the two insertions. Anyone finding a lost ration book will please send it to the ration board in Southport where it will be returned to the proper party.

Pilot Receives N.C. Press Award

State Port Pilot Was Third In Contest Of N. C. Newspapers Under 1500 Circulation At the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press Association last week the State Port Pilot received recognition among papers of its class by placing third in the general excellence contest for newspapers with circulations not exceeding 1,500. The association met on Thursday and Friday at Chapel Hill. Awards in the contests were made at a banquet at Duke University on Friday night and were presented by Governor Gregg Cherry. Winners of first place were presented \$25.00 war bonds. Winners of second place received a certificate and honorable mention was given third place. The contest, in which the Pilot won third place was won by the "Pilot" of Southern Pines. Second place went to the "Chapel Hill Weekly."

Additional Red Stamps Are Valid

Period Will Last For Five Weeks Instead Of Usual Four

RALEIGH, Jan. 31.—Housewives have six more red stamps for obtaining meats and fats, Theodore S. Johnson OPA district director announced today. Since the February rationing period, which began January 28 will last five weeks instead of the usual four, six red stamps, instead of the usual five, given for four-week ration periods, were made good, he said. The stamps, each worth 10 points are Y-5, Z-5, A-2, B-2, C-2, and D-2. Eastern North Carolina housewives will receive their usual blue point allotment of five stamps worth ten points each on February 1. The stamps are H-2, J-2, K-2, L-2, and M-2.

Company Adopts A Fine Policy

Telephone And Telegraph Company Carrying On Extremely Liberal Policy To Employees In Service

The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company and the Southern Federation of Telephone Workers announced today the revision of certain Company practices with respect to employees on military leaves of absence in the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine. In effect, the revision provides that employees returned to Company service following leaves of absence in the Armed Forces or Merchant Marine will be allowed full service credit for all such absence. As a result of this, such employees will be placed on the payroll at the rate of pay they would have been receiving if they had been continuously on duty with the Company in the job classification they were in at the time they left. The Company's Board of Directors has authorized changes in the Benefit Plan which will give em- ... (continued on page two)

Processed Foods

Blue X-5, Y-5, Z-5, A-2, B-2, C-2, D-2, E-2, F-2 and G-2 (Book Four) now valid at 10 points each. Blue Stamps H-2, J-2, K-2, L-2 and M-2 become valid February 1, 1945. MEATS AND FATS Red Q-5, R-5, S-5, T-5, U-5, W-5 and X-5 (Book 4) now valid at 10 points; each for use with tokens. Red Stamps Y-5, Z-5, A-2, B-2, C-2, and D-2 (Book Four) now valid at 10 points; each with tokens.

SUGAR

Sugar stamp No. 34 valid now for five pounds of sugar and will expire February 28th. Sugar Stamp No. 35 becomes valid February 1st.

SHOES

Airplane stamps No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3 now valid.

FUEL OIL

Period 4 and 5 coupons from last season and Period 1, 2, and 3 coupons for current season now valid at 10 gallons each.

GASOLINE

A-14 coupons valid through March 21.

Case Will Be Heard At Next Term Of Superior Court At Southport According To Information

JURY STUCK TO 4 TO 8 BALLOTING

Other Cases Heard During Week Long Term Of Superior Court

The trial of Tom Long on a second degree murder count in which he was charged with the slaying of Ace Galloway, Shallotte negro, highlighted on other-wise drab week in superior court here last week. The trial ended with jurors being unable to agree after a day and a half of deliberation. Judge Burney withdrew one of the jurors and declared a mistrial. The case will come up again at the next term of superior criminal court. At the beginning of the term, Judge John J. Burney had ordered the summoning of a special panel of 100 men from which to select a jury to hear the case. These men reported Wednesday and twelve men were secured by noon. The trial got underway that afternoon and the case was given to the jury Thursday afternoon. At seven o'clock that night they reported they were unable to agree and they were locked up until Friday morning. The jury reported to the judge that it stood 8 to 4 at the time they first said they were unable to agree. Naturally, it was not revealed whether this standing favored acquittal or a guilty verdict. Mr. Long was represented by O. L. Henry of Lumberton and J. W. Ruark of Southport. Solicitor Clifton Moore was aided by E. J. Prevatte of Southport. Other cases heard during the week and not reported in this paper last week were: James Perry Russ, robbery and assault, five to seven years in State Prison. Charlie Blue, robbery from person, five to ten years in State Prison. J. B. Gentry, robbery, five to ten years in State Prison. J. S. Staton, larceny, continued on motion of defendant and case set for next term of court. Juanita Langley Martin, robbery, four to five years in State Prison. Carlton Bulter, murder, continued by counsel. Jack Wilson Powell, assault-rape. This defendant was shown to have a long criminal court record in Columbus county. Judge Burney sentenced him to serve fourteen years and eleven months in State Prison. Harry Grissett, assault with deadly weapon, eighteen months on county roads. Daisy Ballard, murder. In this case the defendant was shown to have suffered much ill treatment at the hands of her husband, whom she was accused of killing. She was sentenced to serve twelve months on the county farm. Dewey Edwards, breaking and entry and larceny, two years on roads, judgment suspended upon the defendant making restitution to Mrs. Kate Mintz in the sum of ... (Continued on page four)