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Commerce Body Plans For Outings For Men At Davis

Camp Davis, Wilmington And Southport Jointly Interested n Tours For Service Men Back From Overseas

FISHING-RECREATION EMBODIED IN PROGRAM

Plan To Bring Men To Orton And On To Southport For Fishing Trips And Visits To Bald Head Island

A recreational project for Army Air Corps men at Camp Davis which was recently converted to a rest camp and hospital for returning airmen, will probably include tours to Wilmington, Orton and Southport with boat trips and fishing trips from this port.

Walter Cartier, secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, has had a conference with camp officials and discussed the matter. On Friday Mr. Cartier came to Southport and talked over this and other matters of interest to this section.

It is understood that quite a number of the men would come at a time and this may necessitate the use of a number of local boats. Mr. Cartier was assured that during the slack shrimping season of late spring and summer an ample number of good boats would be available. In many instances, boats will be desired to take parties to Bald Head island for the day, instead of the fishing trip.

These tours may start soon in order to permit the men to see Orton during the height of the camellia flowering season. The flowers are now beginning to bloom and for the next month or longer the plantation should prove a great attraction to these service men. Bald Head Island will be interesting at all times by reason of its vast wooded area, beaches and quietness. The airmen who have been seeing nerve wracking service would find just what they want and need in North Carolina's greatest and most widely famed island.

WB&S Planning Service To Orton

Hopes To Start Temporary Service On River Road This Week While Flowers Are Blooming

With the W. B. & S. having made application to the Interstate Transportation Commission for a franchise to run its buses over the River Road between Wilmington and Southport, Hubert Livingston, General Manager for the company is making vigorous efforts to be allowed to start temporary

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Brief News Flashes

RETURNS TO DUTY

Carpenter's mate, 1-c, H. W. Watson has returned to his base at Albany, California, after spending 12 days here with his family.

IN REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Cpl. John F. Stanley, son of Mrs. Mary Stanley of Ash, has been admitted to the AAF Regional and Convalescent Hospital, of the Miami District, for treatment and observation.

MAKING SOME CATCHES

Several local shrimp boats have been operating this week, catches running as high as eight and nine bushels to the boat. With the product said to be bringing $7.50 per bushel this is doing fair for the start of the season.

VISITING HOME

Retired Master Sgt. Joseph W. Mintz, who moved from Brunswick to Marshville, in Union county, two years ago, has been spending the week with relatives and friends in the Ash community. Sgt. Mintz is a veteran of the first world war and saw many years of service with the army.

MEETS WITH MRS. SMITH

The ladies of the auxiliary of the J. Arthur Dosher Memorial Hospital will meet with Mrs. H. B. Smith Thursday evening of this week. The meeting will be at 8:00 o'clock and officials hope for a good attendance. There are a number of things which need to be done for the hospital and Mrs. Smith is anxious that the ladies get started on them.

Orton Plantation Flowers Are Three Weeks Earlier

Gardens To Be At Their Greatest Ever At Easter And Week Preceeding; Many Service Men Expected

HALF PRICE TO ALL MEN IN THE SERVICE

Early Blooming Azaleas Have Made Wonderful Blending With The Late Camellias

Undamaged by cold at any time during the budding season and spurred on by the past several weeks of beautiful weather, the azaleas at Orton Gardens have burst into bloom a full three weeks ahead of their usual time. Not only are they early but they are presenting what is said to be the most beautiful flower show ever seen at Orton.

By Sunday, March 25th, the whole of the magnificent garden and nursery grounds will be in full bloom. A striking and unusual feature, contributing to this years lovliness, is that the early azaleas are blooming simultaneously with the late camellias and create a wonderful blending. As a usual rule the camellias have finished blooming by the time the azaleas come on.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sprunt and Manager James Ferger stated today that have the usual admission rate will apply to all service men and women in uniform visiting the gardens during the flower season. It is understood that educational and recreational tours from Camp Davis and other posts will be started right and the coming Sunday should see hundreds of men in uniform visiting the gardens.

Dredge Henry Bacon Awaits Sailing Orders For Overseas

Powerful Pipe Line Dredging Vessel Which Has Maintained River Channel To Wilmington Now Waiting Orders

CAPTAIN J. M. PARKER TRANSFERRED HERE

Number Of Men In Crew Will Go With Vessel For Overseas Service, But Captain Parker Remains with District

The Henry Bacon, most powerful of pipe line dredges owned by the U. S. Army Engineers and which for many years kept the channel between Southport and Wilmington cleared, is scheduled for foreign service. She is the second dredge to go overseas from this area.

The Comstock was used for work on the Cape Fear bar and also at other points where the services of dump dredges were required. She was converted into a merchant ship and for the past three years has carried freight between Trinidad and other points.

The 15th of January the Henry Bacon was ordered to Jacksonville, Fla., to undergo an overhauling, preparatory to work overseas. The work on the vessel is now finished and she is tied up at Jacksonville, awaiting orders to sail for some unnanounced port and new field of operations overseas.

Captain J. M. Parker of Shallotte, for several years in charge of the Henry Bacon, was on furlough from the Engineers office for the greater part of last year. The first of the year he was recalled from the services of the Norfolk Dredging Company, with whom he was working, and ordered to take the Henry Bacon to Jacksonville. He is still in charge of the vessel at Jacksonville and it is understood he will be transferred back to the Wilmington office as soon as she sails for her foreign service.

Captain Parker spent this week-end with his family at Jacksonville. He stated that it was probable that several of the men now employed on the dredge would go with her when she sails. As in the case of the Comstock, quite a number of Brunswick men are employed on the Henry Bacon.

So far as is known, no steps have been taken to replace the Henry Bacon on the job of keeping the Cape Fear River channel to Wilmington cleared.

Leland Soldier Gets Pass Home

Wounded Overseas Pfc. Alfred Flowers Gets Short Leave From Hospital For Visit To His Parents

Pfc. Alfred L. Flowers has recently spent a three-day pass from the General Hospital in Augusta, Ga., with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flowers, of Leland, RFD.

He has seen eight months of very active service overseas with the 2nd Battalion of the 339th Infantry. He has served in France, Belgium, Luxemburg and Germany.

Among his decorations are the Overseas Service Stripes, the Purple Heart, the Oak Leaf Cluster, two Bronze Stars and one Silver Star. Two of his brothers are now serving in France with a hos-

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Mary Clarida Dies At Bolivia

(Reported For The Pilot)

Funeral services for Mary Clarida, 69-year-old Bolivia colored woman, were held at Zion Hill Baptist church on February 26th.

She is survived by three daughters, all of Bolivia; two sons, Sgt. Otto E. Clarida, who is overseas in the service and Daniel J. Clarida who recently returned home from Mayport, Fla., to operate his mother's farm. Two sisters, also survive along with 11 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Rev. Joe Brown of Cedar Grove officiated at the burial service. Burial was in the Zion Hill cemetery.

Scouts Receive Substantial Help

Long Beach Corporation Donates Coast Guard Mounted Patrol Headquarters Building For Scout Activities

Local Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts and their sponsoring organization, The American Legion, are very much elated over a recent generous and public spirited contribution to their efforts by E. F. Middleton, of the Long Beach Development Organization. Mr. Middleton has given the youngsters the free use of the Mounted Coast Guard Patrol headquarters at the Beach.

The building, constructed soon after the war started, became surplus property and was purchased by Mr. Middleton and his associates several months ago. As it is substantial and well located, the new owners decided that the best use that could be made of it would be its donation to the Legion and Scouts. The presentation was accordingly made.

Last week Adjutant Crawford Rourk, of the Brunswick County Post American Legion, wrote Mr. Middleton a very appreciative letter of thanks in behalf of the boys. It is proposed to use the building mainly for Sea Scout activities.

Several of the Scouts with Scoutmaster E. M. McEachern have been over to the station and have declared it a wonderful place for their work. For the Scout Circus in Wilmington on the night of May 4th the Scouts are planning to put on an interesting program.

Rev. A. L. Brown has been getting together material for a drum and bugle corps. He is now giving several of the boys lessons and hopes to be able to show fine results in a short time.

Southport School Supporting Drive

Mrs. Frank Lennon Conducting Successful Campaign In Local School; Week Still Remains

With another full week remaining in the Red Cross War Fund Drive, the Southport School reports a total of $350.60 raised by the students to date.

The drive in the school is under the capable direction of Mrs. Frank Lennon, whose seventh grade is leading the school with $97.11. The eighth grade is run-

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To Be Here

BISHOP THOMAS C. DARST, of Wilmington, who is to hold service at St. Phillips Episcopal church on Wednesday night, March 28, at 8 o'clock P. M. This will probably be Bishop Darst's last visit here as Bishop of East Carolina Diocese as he will retire in May. The public is invited to attend the service.

Jury List Drawn For April Court

Only Civil Cases Will Be Handled At One Week Term Which Convenes On April 9th With Judge Frizelle Presiding

At their session Monday, the board of county commissioners drew a superior court jury list of 30 men to report for service at the spring term of civil court, which is to convene on April 9th. No criminal cases will be handled. The term is scheduled to last for one week and Judge L. Paul Frizelle is due to preside.

The following is a list of the men called to appear for service in the jury panel:

V. E. Galloway, D. G. Hewett, W. B. Sellers, esse Clemmons, J. W. Blanton, J. V. Chadwick, H. F. Milliken and W. P. Gurganus, Shallotte.

J. Thurman Skipper, C. T. Flowers and Duncan Justice, Leland.

John S. Smith, Robert S. Milliken and F. E. Gore, Ash.

Weston Evans, Freeland.

G. C. Gray, W. M. Sermons, Anthony Hewett, Johnnie Varnum, Sr., and J. E. Kirby, Supply.

Boyd McKeithan, B. N. McKeithan and Earnest Swain, Bolivia.

R. L. Rabon, J. J. Parker, John J. Ramsauer and M. F. Gore, Winnabow.

D.M. Davis, Jessie Johnson and Roscoe Rogers, Southport.

HOME ON LEAVE

Warren D. Hewett, Gunner's Mate 1st Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hewett, is home on leave. He is stationed on a Destroyer Escort with his home base in New York. Mrs. A. B. Pope of Charlotte, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hewett, is also visiting her parents while her brother is here on leave.

COMMISSIONER IS EARLY BIRD

Chairman O. P. Bellamy of the Board of County Commissioners stated Monday that he has a patch of watermelons in which the plants are up and growing. He also boasted of having corn up.

Monday Easy Day For Defendants In County Court

Nothing Over $25.00 And Costs In The Way Of Fines For Offenders Up Before Judge Ward

NOTICABLE DROP IN THE AMOUNT OF FINES

Traffic Law Violators Provided Most Of A Fairly Long Docket To Be Disposed Of Here Monday Morning

Where fines for some offenses frequently run to $50.00 or even $100.00 and costs, offenders charged with the same crimes got off easy in Recorders Court Monday. Nobody had to pay more than $25.00 and costs. This sum was even assesed one defendant who had been required to put up $500.00 bond for his appearance.

The docket shows the following cases:

Kid Brown, assault with deadly weapon, four months on roads, judgment suspended on payment of $25.00 fine and costs.

John Grissett, failing to stop and render assistance in auto accident, judgment suspended upon the defendant making restitution in the amount of $25.00 and paying the costs.

A. J. Nobles, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of $15.00 and costs.

Elbert Bert Jacobs, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of $10.00 and costs, fine remitted.

Mildred Collins Peach, speeding, continued to March 26th.

Luther Benton, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of $15.00 and costs.

Evelyn Jones, possession, judgment suspended on payment of a

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Charley's House Raided Sunday

Hattem's Place In Northwest Raided By Officer Perry Sunday Morning; Operator Held Under Heavy Bond

The old Charles Hattem road house, which has long been notorious, was raided at 2 o'clock Sunday morning by Rural Policeman O. W. Perry. He arrested the proprietor, E. W. Coleman, who is said to have been employed by Hattem to carry on at the place during the past two years.

Hattem himself has been in exile during that period, having run a fowl of the law and being banished from the county for two years as a result of his activities in connection with the liquor business.

In the raid Sunday morning officer Perry charged Coleman with illegal possession and sale of whiskey. One specific charge was that Coleman sold a quart of whiskey for $12.00. Several bottles of whiskey were found concealed in a trap in the walls of the building.

Coleman was held under a bond of $500.00 for his appearance here in Recorder's court Monday morn-

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Making Many Preparations For The Shrimping Season

Much Equipment In The Way Of Boats And Tackle Being Purchased By Shrimp Fishermen

DIESEL POWERED BOATS BECOMING POPULAR

Many Navy And Coast Guard Offshore Patrol Boats Being Added To Shrimping Fleet

Preparations for the 1945 shrimping season at Southport are now going forward on a scale that has not been seen here in many years, certainly not since the war started. More, bigger, and better boats will work out from Southport this year than at any time before in the history of the local shrimping industry.

Within the past week Lewis J. Hardee and Dallas Pigott have received four Coast Guard and Navy Patrol boats, all capable of heavy and hard sea duty. With the discontinuance of the Offshore Patrol work several weeks ago these boats became surplus government property and became available to purchasers for commercial work. They are all in the best of condition and need very little altering to make them the best among shrimping boats.

W. S. (Bill) Wells has also purchased two of the former Patrol boats during the past week. His brothers, Charlie and Wylie Wells, have acquired three. All five of these craft have arrived or will reach here this week. They will add greatly to the force of the diesel powered trawlers, a type that is rapidly growing in number here. W. S. Wells had three of the big diesel boats before his recent purchases. His brothers had numerous other trawlers, both large and small. They will have perhaps the largest fleet of trawlers to operate from Southport this year.

In his huge Mary-Clark, Dr. L. C. Fergus put the tops in shrimp trawlers in use here last season. In addition to being the most costly boat used in this section the Mary-Clark has a real sea-going skipper in the person of Clarence Simmons. Recently the boat was fitted out with a new 150 h. p. diesel, her original engine not considered as having enough power. Dr. Fergus will have another big boat, built locally by Robert Jones, ready for launching and the installation of her diesel engine as soon as she can be painted. All construction work and calking has been completed.

Lockwood's Folly and Shallotte shrimpers, who operate from Southport and Holden's Beach have greatly increased their fishing equipment through the purchase of boats or having new ones built. Engines and other equipment have been obtained or are now being acquired. Herman Stanaland of Shallotte will work two of the most serviceable trawlers in use on the coast this year. One of these craft, Grandma, was purchased new last summer. The other was bought recently. Both are diesel powered.

So far it has been impossible to check up on all who have obtained boats smaller than the diesel powered craft. It can only be said that the number is large and that all are already in tip-top shape or else they are being placed in that condition now. If this years shrimping season does not turn out a good one it will not be through lack of equipment.

New Equipment At Southport School

Principal W. R. Lingle announced today that an electric bell-ringing system has been installed in the Southport School and is proving very satisfactory. Part of the motion picture and visual aid equipment has arrived and it is hoped that the remainder will arrive in time to be of use this session.

Time Here For Sport Fishing

Expecting Bluefish In Very Short Time, Prospects For Gulf Stream Fishing Seem To Be Excellent

Plenty of weakfish are supposed to be at the old wrecks off Bald Head Island and at other points along the coast where wrecks of civil war ships provide these fish congregating spots. So far no reports have been received of parties going out but fishermen say that the trout or weakfish are there.

Captain T. H. Watts, who has been operating a sport fishing boat for many years, says that if the present nice weather continues there will be an abundance of bluefish by the first of April. The Spanish Mackerel will show up right after that.

Since sportsmen have not yet gotten over the three years of restrictions against gulf stream sport fishing, no parties have gone out yet to look for sails and marlin, but it is believed that these fish are offshore in waters west of the shoals. The presence of barracuda, amber jack and dolphin out on the shoals may be considered as certain. During the past three years of blackout on sport fishing service men who were patrolling along the shoals made a great many attaches. The found barracuda, amber jack and dolphin plentiful during all winter months. Many a ship's galley has received a supply of fresh fish as a result of an hour or less of effort from members of the crew who were off duty while the ships were over Frying Pan.

Caswell Still Military Object

Fort At Southport Has Never Been Classed As Surplus Property And May Still Hold Possibility

Given up as a Section Base by the Navy some time ago, but with a good sized garrison still there, Fort Caswell is still not classed as surplus property and there seems to be a strong probability that the government will use it for some purpose or other.

The very valuable facilities constructed three and four years ago added to the construction that was already there made the Fort a full and complete post.

Among other recent investigations the Army and Navy amphibious force officials visited and inspected the place this past week. They came, looked, seemed impressed, but said nothing. Bald Head Island, the great harbor and the ocean would all seem to combine to make Fort Caswell the ideal location for amphibious force operations.

Ready For Orders At AAA Office

AAA Office At Supply Now Aiding Farmers In Obtaining Conservation Material, Cotton Crop Insurance

The Brunswick County AAA Committee has adopted the purchase order plan for the distribution of 40 tons of 18, 19, and 20 per cent superphosphate as conservation material in 1945. Farmers will apply at the AAA office for an order and will pay approximately 20 per cent of the total cost of the material to the dealer at the time he presents the order.

The AAA office is now ready to accept farmers orders for farmyard delivery of ground limestone as a conservation material. Only order for 40 tons or more per farm will be accepted. The farmer will be required to make an initial payment of $1.20 per ton for each ton ordered at the time he places his order.

Secretary J. J. Hawes of the

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Former Director Spent Night Here

J. T. Gibson On Way To Assignment In Richmond

Josiah T. Gibson, USO-YMCA Director of the local USO Club from September, 1943, to August, 1944, spent Friday night with Captain J. B. Church. Captain Church was Chairman of the Committee of Management for the USO for the year during which Gibson was director.

Gibson has been director of the USO in Monroe, for the past two months and recently transferred the Club to the USO Committee, which will operate it for the next 30 to 90 days for the few remaining service men at Camp Sutton who are guarding the German prisoners.

Gibson is enroute to the USO-YMCA headquarters in Richmond, Va., where he expects to be for some time writing the history of several USO clubs including the one in Southport.

Gibson expressed satisfaction in numerous friends in Southport and stated he hoped to make Southport his home sometime in the future.

Chairman Urges Cooperation In Red Cross Drive

Drive Is Half Over And County Only Third Of Way To Goal

ORGANIZATION NOW FACING GREATEST TASK

County Quota Is $6,200.00; Drive Comes To Close At End Of Mouth

Pointing out that only $2,300.00 of Brunswick County's quota of $6,200.00 in the Red Cross War Fund Drive has been reported to her, Mrs. M. M. Rosenbaum, county chairman for the current drive urges every possible cooperation to make the drive a success before the end of the month.

"We'll have to get going if we are going to raise the $6,200.00", said Mrs. Rosenbaum Monday night. The Red Cross is now facing the greatest task in its long history and we in Brunswick must do our share to finance the vast program which the Red Cross has undertaken."

Calling upon all citizens of the county to support the fund drive as an indication of their backing of men in the front lines, Mrs. Rosenbaum pointed out that the need for Red Cross services in the coming year will be greater than ever before.

"American men have been fighting throughout the world for a long time," Mrs. Rosenbaum said. "This year they will need all of the moral support we can give them. The American Red Cross is bringing home to those men wherever they may be stationed.

"The task in the next twelve months will be greater for the Red Cross than ever before, for not only must we serve the men in the war zones, but we will be required to give increasing assistance to the boys coming back to the United States."

The Red Cross is serving in every theater of war and with every command. Red Cross workers also are on duty at scores of outposts over the world, are giving aid to wounded men in hospitals in the major battle areas and in the United States. The total number of workers has more than doubled since the last War Fund campaign.

In every invasion during the past year, the Red Cross has either gone with the troops, or has followed within a very short time. Red Cross field directions were with General Eisenhower's men in the great amphibious invasion of France, and with General MacArthur's forces when they returned to the Philippines.

Over ten million pints of blood have been obtained since the war started, and during the past year the Red Cross has met the requests of both the Army and Navy for whole blood shipments to battle areas in Europe and in the Far East.

Millions of surgical dressings have been prepared for front line and hospital use.

Trained nurse's aides have been used in increasing numbers in domestic military and naval hospitals to relieve in the shortage of professional nurses.

Red Cross workers at packaging centers have maintained a

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Ration Pointers

PROCESSED FOODS
BLUE STAMPS

X-5, Y-5, Z-5 A-2, B-2 . . . now valid . . . expire March 31.

C2-, D-2, E-2, F-2, G-2 . . . now valid . . . expire April 28.

H-2, J-2, K-2, L-2, M-2 . . . now valid . . . expire June 2.

N-2, O-2, P-2, Q-2, R-2, S-2 . . . now valid . . . expire June 30.

MEATS AND FATS
RED STAMPS

Q-5, R-5, S-5 . . . now valid . . . expire March 31.

T-5, U-5, V-5, W-5, X-5 . . . now valid . . . expire April 28.

Y-5, Z-5, A-2, B-2, C-2, D-2 . . . now valid . . . expire June 2.

E2, F-2, G-2, H-2, J-2 . . . now valid . . . expire June 30.

SUGAR

Sugar Stamp No. 35 . . . good for five pounds . . . expires June 2.

SHOES

Airplane Stamps No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 now good.

FUEL OIL

Period 4 and 5 coupons from last season, Periods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 from this season . . . all valid for 10 gallons each.

GASOLINE

A-14 coupons valid through March 21.

W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

The fine deer hounds owned by Tom Hickman of Southport, are the parents of one of the finest litters of puppies that are to be found in this section. The parents and offspring form a family of an even dozen and with one exception the puppies are all unusually well developed for their age of five weeks. Eight males and two females form the litter. One of the males is slightly behind the rest of the family in development.

There seems to be a pronounced trend on the part of northern industries to move southward when the war is over. Perhaps the idea behind it is to seek places where improved labor and living conditions may be found. A few days ago we took a visiting gentleman around to see Postmaster Yaskell. In the course of the ensuing conversation the visitor asked: "Do you have any vacant floor space that could be used by industry?" "Plenty," replied the Postmaster, "we have plenty of floor space but there are no floors on it."

For a good many years we have never been able to shake off the personal belief that development of the lower North Carolina coastal section would come through better farming inland, development of the general vast timber resources and a spreading knowledge of the sport fishing possibilities. During the war while there were restrictions on fishing, and at the same time contributory causes to draw interest to our timber and to inspire for better farming, conditions have improved steadily. The war is not over yet but attention is again being drawn to fishing. From now on we will see sport fishing competing with or excelling our great farming lands and timber areas

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