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An Open Letter

DEAR FELLOW CITIZENS:
As Chairman of the Brunswick County Drive in the SEVENTH WAR LOAN, I feel it my duty to inform you that we have not progressed in our efforts as we had anticipated, having so far barely passed 18% of our assigned quota.

Several factors doubtless have served to some extent in retarding our efforts individually. Many of our people are exceedingly busy with local problems just now. The European phase having ended has led some of us to think the need not quite so urgent. May I remind you with all sincerity that, although the fighting in Europe is over, we are yet facing probably the most critical period of the war. Through our daily press and news services we learn that great damage is being inflicted upon our fighting forces and equipment. We have no power to restore life and its joys to the gallant men who have given all, and it is only through the united efforts of all our citizens that we can repair or replace the equipment essential to final victory. Our enemy is one of such warped philosophy that he must be conquered and conquer him we will.

In addition to the urgent need from the angle of National service, I am profoundly interested and concerned with our county and local area. I am convinced that a more loyal and patriotic citizenry is to be found in no county than our own, BRUNSWICK. I attribute our slow progress to this point solely to the fact that we have not become sufficiently aroused to the urgent need.

May I urge you for the sake of your country to go to the War Loan office near you and purchase bonds to the maximum of your financial ability. In doing so you will not only be rendering an exceedingly valuable and patriotic service to your country, but you will be making an investment beyond comparison which will come back to you with added profits at a time when it will be most welcomed.

Obeys that patriotic impulse, buy your bonds today!

Yours for Victory,
Leroy Mintz, Chairman Brunswick County.

Legion Seeks Lasting Peace



Edward N. Scheiberling, national commander of the American Legion (right) advises Secretary of State Stettinius (left) of the Legion's determination to see that a strong and lasting peace follows World War II. The Legion commander says: "Now that the cannons roar no longer in Europe there will emerge from present obscurity many organizations and individuals who seek a soft peace, who would have America retire again into the false shell of isolationism. It is our duty, for the sake of future generations, to warn against this false and dangerous doctrine. The forces of the axis powers must be kept in restraint. This is not a doctrine of hate, but the same common sense that prevents the criminally insane from attacking innocent victims."

Brunswick Behind In 7th War Loan Drive

Sergeant Lewis Is Awarded Bronze Star Posthumously

Award Comes To Widow Of Young Supply Soldier Who Was Killed On Christmas Day, 1944



SERGEANT LEWIS

CITATION CAME WITH THE MERITED AWARD
Deceased Was First Reported As Being Missing In Action, Later Discovered To Have Been Killed

A posthumous award of the Bronze Star medal has been sent by the War Department to Mrs. Joseph C. Lewis, of Supply, her husband, Staff Sgt. Joseph C. Lewis, of the 120th Infantry Regiment, was reported missing in action in December, 1944. Subsequently the wife and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam W. Lewis, were advised that he was killed in action on Christmas day, 1944. Sgt. Lewis went overseas in January, 1944. He was a graduate of the Shallotte high school and a fine, up-standing young fellow. His death is a great loss to his family and to Brunswick county.

Accompanying the Bronze Star medal sent to his wife, Major General L. S. Hobbs forwarded the following citation to the widow of Sgt. Lewis:

AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL CITATION
Staff Sgt. Joseph C. Lewis, 34008115, 120th Infantry Regiment, United States Army, is awarded the Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious achievement and service from 14 June 1944 to 25 December 1944 in France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. Sgt. Lewis has performed his duties as a Mess Sergeant in an out-of-

Tabulation Last Week Showed County Lagging Badly In The Patriotic Duty Of Buying War Bonds

ONLY 18 PER CENT OF QUOTA BOUGHT

Shallotte People Taking The Lead In Trying To Stimulate Public Interest In 7th War Loan

Something appears to have been radically wrong with the 7th War Loan Drive in Brunswick county. The average man in Brunswick has not been buying bonds.

Less than a year ago it was announced that bank deposits in Brunswick county had exceeded a million dollars for the first time in the history of the county. Added to the deposits in Brunswick there must be a million or two more owned by Brunswick people and corporations in deposit in banks outside the county. To all that may be added a vast sum lying about the homes and in the pockets of citizens.

The 7th War Loan Drive will be over this month. Last Friday, June 7th, the total bond sales to that date in Region 7 was completed. Brunswick county is in the above region, which also includes Pender, Columbus, Cumberland, New Hanover, Onslow and Robeson counties. Following how all of the counties in Region 7 stood with the percentages of their quotas bought before June 7th:

Pender was credited with having bought 32 per cent; Brunswick, 18 per cent; Columbus, 28 per cent; Cumberland, 48 per cent; New Hanover, 49 per cent; Onslow, 54 per cent; Robeson, 40 per cent.

Many well informed people believe that the failure of Brunswick people to buy bonds at the rate they should have bought them is due to just not having thought about the need of doing their part.

This week business people at

Release Woodside From POW Camp

Nephew Of Southport Man Shot Down While Piloting His Bomber In January, 1944

Lt. William Woodside, pilot of B-17 bomber, has been liberated from a German prison camp and is expected to arrive home soon. He is a great nephew of R. T. Woodside, of Southport, and is understood to have been a frequent visitor here. The news of his release has been confirmed by cablegram.

Lt. Woodside received his commission and wings in April, 1943. In January, 1944, while piloting his bomber over enemy occupied Europe, he was shot down. For some time afterwards he was listed as missing and his wife was presented the Air Medal in his behalf during the latter part of February of last year.

Ration Pointers

PROCESSED FOODS: N2, P2 Q2, R2, S2 . . . expire June 30. T2, U2, V2, W2, X2 . . . expire July 31.

Y2, Z2, A1, B1, C1 . . . expire August 31. D1, E1, F1, G1, H1 . . . expire September 30.

MEATS & FATS: E2, F2, G2 H2, J2 . . . expire June 30. K2, L2, M2, N2, P2 . . . expire July 31.

Q2, R2, S2, T2, U2 . . . expire August 31. V2, W2, X2, Y2, Z2 . . . expire September 30.

SUGAR: Sugar Stamp No. 36 . . . now valid . . . expires August 31.

SHOES: Airplane Stamps No. 1, 2, and 3 now valid.

FUEL OIL: Period 4 and 5 (last season) and periods 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 (this season) valid for 10 gallons each.

GASOLINE: A-15 coupons good through June 21. A-16 coupons become valid July 22 for six gallons each.

Sleepy McNally Writes His Parents A Big Letter

Son Of Shallotte Couple And Member Of Famed Groupe Burdens The Mail With A Huge Letter

GOT HIS EDUCATION IN MANY SCHOOLS

Studied For A Week In Nearly 400 Different Schools In More Than Half The 48-States, Now In Germany

While longer letters may have been written and received, there are abundant reasons to believe that one received last week by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur P. McNally, of Shallotte, is the world's biggest single sheet letter, written in long-hand and mailed in regular manner.

The letter was written "Somewhere in Germany" on the 29th of April and the writer was Cpl. Donald H. (Sleepy) McNally, 29 inches in width by 40 inches in length and, allowing for margin, about two inches all around. With the spacing of lines in proportion to the size of the sheet, there was ample space for the one thousand and eight hundred words the letter contained.

His parents are now expecting to be permanent residents of Shallotte. Cpl. McNally was known to millions of American people as "Sleepy" McNally. It was not until the beginning of his service with the Army, three years ago, that his full name became generally known. Brought up in the theatre business, both of his parents and his three brothers as well as himself being troopers, he has spent his whole life traveling through the United States. As one of the five McNally entertainers he was, and is, "Sleepy" McNally to the American people.

Among his many distinctions is one which perhaps no other American can claim. He was educated in about 400 different schools, finishing high school with honors, as did his three brothers, Pat, Ronald and Howard. The 400 schools which Sleepy McNally attended are scattered (continued on page two)

Planning Tours From Camp Davis

Arrangements About Completed For Visits To Orton And Southport By Men Just Back From Battle

Sgt. and Mrs. Merton B. Osborn and Pfc. Harvey Hayes, Jr., of Camp Davis, spent Friday afternoon here with W. B. Keziah. They were arranging for a series of health and educational tours for service men who are direct from overseas and suffering battle fatigue. The men are all convalescents and are patients only in the sense that the army wishes to see that they have entirely recovered and are in tip-top shape when they are returned to duty.

Sgt. Osborn stated that approximately 30 men would make the trips at a time. They will come down the River road, visit Orton, its wonderful gardens, and other nearby places of historical interest.

From Orton they will come to Southport, arriving here in the early afternoon and spending the rest of the day here seeing objects of interest, especially shrimp fishing operations at the packing houses in the late afternoons.

It was promised the visitors that at some of the shrimp pick-up houses the colored workers would contribute greatly to the (Continued on Page 4)

Work of repaving stretches of Route 17 at points between the Bell Swamp highway and the South Carolina line was begun Monday by the Dickinson Construction company of Monroe.

Owing to the heavy military and other traffic over it, Route 17 has not held up as well as was originally expected. The repaving became necessary. The contract calls for the expenditure of \$103,356.

The asphalt plant is located near Shallotte and from that point the contractor will be able to work the stretch in both directions. Contractors and the State (Continued on Page 4)

Buoys All Gone The Fishermen Want New Ones

Fishermen Says Patrol Boats Made Practice Of Using Wreck Markers As Targets For Rifles And Deck Guns

ONLY TWO MARKERS STILL IN POSITION

Others Were Shot Away, Pulled Up Or Destroyed In Natural Course Of Events Since Placed Several Years Ago

Several years ago following efforts of the Southport Civic club, Congressman J. Bayard Clark, assisted by Congressman Bonner, secured a Federal appropriation of \$20,000.00 with which to make a survey of the Southport shrimp fishing grounds, locate sunken wrecks and other obstructions and suitably mark these locations.

The appropriation was made to the Lighthouse Service with the Department of Commerce of the United States doing the work. About four months were required to complete the task and it is understood that only about \$14,000.00 of the \$20,000.00 appropriation was used.

The primary purpose of the work was to mark the location of wrecks and obstructions in such a manner that the shrimp trawlers would not run over the spots with their nets, thereby having them torn to pieces. The useful result of having the wrecks marked for sport fishermen was also obtained. The markers served valuable purposes.

Of the large number of markers placed, the shrimp boat operators now say that only two remain. Neither of these are on a very vital spot as both are located near the shoals and the (Continued on page two)

Now Serving On His Third Cruiser

Bryant Potter Reports For Duty On Cruiser Providence; Was On Helena

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Potter have received word that their son, Bryant, is now serving aboard the cruiser Providence which was commissioned in Boston, Mass., on May 16, 1945. He has been in the Navy over five years and in that time has served on two cruisers, the Helena, the Houston and his present one, the Providence.

The Helena was damaged at Pearl Harbor, but later took part in the battles of Cape Esperance, Second battle of Savo Island and Guadalcanal. She was sunk in the battle of Kula Gulf in July 6, 1943. Bryant and his brother, Frank, also of Southport, were among the 900 survivors.

Potter was assigned to the Houston in August of that year. She operated in Central Pacific waters until she was damaged by torpedoes off Formosa.

Potter wears the good conduct medal, the American Theatre ribbon, American Defense ribbon, with one star, Asiatic Theatre (Continued on Page 3)

Our ROVING Reporter



W. B. KEZIAH

His idea is not a new one, we have heard of it before and profited by it. Still, our freshwater fisherman friend, C. W. Osborn, mentioned it the other day and it is well worth passing along to others who like to go fresh-water fishing. If you have goldfish and are planning to go fishing, it is well worthwhile to take a look and see what the goldfish are doing. If they are lying quietly at the bottom of the bowl you might just as well defer your fishing trip. If the goldfish are feeding or swimming about very actively the fish in your favorite fish hole will bite.

Another good suggestion that will serve folks who do not have goldfish is to look at the calendar or almanac. If it is the day after any of the moon changes the fish will not bite well. Nei-

ther will they bite well at any time when an east wind is blowing.

They seem to have quit making pocket knives for everybody, except G. I. Joe, two or three years ago. Somebody stole or we lost the last one we had. So far we have expended six weeks trying to buy or steal another from some one who has a surplus of one or two. No soap. We are still without a knife. A pocket knife is absolutely essential for a normal fellow and doubly essential if he does fishing when the knives keep up much longer we will have to offer a reward for information that will lead to the identity of some one who has one for sale.

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Doctor Winston Will Meet With Boards Friday

State Welfare Official Is Coming For Joint Meeting With Two Brunswick County Boards This Week

WELFARE OFFICERS SALARY THE ISSUE

Salary Of Superintendent Of Welfare Refused To Be Paid By Commissioners

In response to a request from the board of county commissioners that she meet with them to discuss the matter of the welfare officer, Dr. Ellen Winston, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, notified County Attorney J. P. Frevatte that she will be here Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

The board of county commissioners was notified accordingly yesterday afternoon that Dr. Winston would be here. The board of county commissioners was also notified. It is understood that the meeting will be a joint one between the commissioners and board of welfare. The matter at issue is a dispute between the board of county commissioners and board of welfare, over the Welfare Officer, Mrs. Maude Phelps. Two members of the board of commissioners, Messrs. J. N. Sewell and A. P. Russ, have refused to approve county budget items for the salary of Mrs. Phelps.

Chairman O. P. Bellamy approved. The County Government Commission is quoted as saying that a majority of the board approves the salary items Mrs. Phelps cannot be paid.

The matter must be brought to final settlement before July 1st.

Mrs. Benton Dies At Leland Home

Leaves Her Husband, Four Daughters And Two Sons; Funeral Services Held Friday

Mrs. Lela Benton, 41-year old widow, died at her home in Leland, S. C., Wednesday. Funeral services were held Friday afternoon at 2:30 from Bethel Baptist church. She was in the family cemetery, Rev. M. H. Hillburn and Rev. A. C. Thorpe being in charge of the services.

Mrs. Benton is survived by her husband, Dennis F. Benton; two sons, Lloyd and D. F. Benton; four daughters, Mrs. James Smith, Misses Olive, Hope and Patricia Dale Benton, all of Leland. A number of brothers and sisters also survive.

Active pallbearers at the funeral of Mrs. Benton were Emerson Benton, Kendall Benton, James W. Benton, Julius Benton, Clyde Benton and Thurman Skipper.

Brief News Flashes

NEW AUTO STAMPS

Postmaster L. T. Yaskell states that the new automobile stamps are now on sale at his office and at other post offices in the county.

The stamps cost \$5.00 and all automobiles are required to have them prominently displayed on their windshields by July 1.

WAS WITH THE 30th

Pfc. David Sellers, of Supply, was with the famous old Hickory Division, officially known as the 30th, forming one of the lead elements for the 9th Army, which landed in Normandy and later in Germany. It added to the laurels won by the original Old Hickory Division, which distinguished itself in the first world war.

BEASLEY'S AT LONG BEACH

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Beasley of Monroe are spending a week at Long Beach. Mr. Beasley is editor of the Monroe Journal and of the Weekly News. He is one of the most widely known and able citizens in Piedmont North Carolina.

NICE FISH

C. W. Osborn of the Mill Creek community landed three nice large mouth bass while fishing Sunday. The fish weighed 4, 3, and 2 pounds and presented a pretty appearance.