

# BRUNSWICK OVER TOP IN VICTORY LOAN

## Cape Fear Pilots Have Resumed Civilian Duties

Coast Guard Returns Pilot Boat And Pilots Are Functioning As Before War Started

PLOTS SERVED AS PART OF COAST GUARD

Of Members Of Association Still In Service With The Navy, Others Carrying On

Members of the Cape Fear Pilots Association, a local organization which handles practically all shipping between the Cape Fear bar at Southport and Wilmington, have been released from the Coast Guard with which they have been serving without interruption since the beginning of the war. During this time it is understood that their compensation was the usual for pilotage. The pilot boat, which was also taken over and operated by a Coast Guard crew, returned to the Pilots Friday. Control of harbor pilot functions at Wilmington and on the Cape Fear river for the war period, was turned to the pilots Friday. At that time, according to an announcement from the Sixth Naval District headquarters at Charleston, all responsibility for pilotage between Wilmington and Southport, ceased for the Coast Guard. The present active members of the Pilots' Association are J. I. Harold St. George, Fred J. Hurler and Robert Thompson, Wilmington, and J. T. Sellers, Wilmington. William Styron, a leave of absence from the Coast Guard at the beginning of the war, is still serving. It is understood that he will shortly receive his discharge from the service and will rejoin the association. The regular and reserve Coast Guard pilots are as follows: (Continued on Page 6)

## President Gives P.T. Committees

Committees For School Year Are Appointed By Mrs. Fergus, New President

Mrs. L. C. Fergus, recently elected president of the local Parent-Teacher Association, has appointed her committees to serve for the remainder of this school year. They are as follows: Ways and Means—R. I. Mintz, G. C. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. E. B. Brunson. Teachers—G. O. Rogers, Mrs. W. Hood, Mrs. Robert Willis. Membership—Mrs. Otto Hickman, Mrs. Bomberger, Mrs. Thompson McRacken. Officers—Mrs. G. W. McGovern, Mrs. Clayton Hickman, Mrs. John Price. Program—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. McRacken, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. Harry Carlette. Survey—R. F. Plaxco, R. C. Fergus, E. J. Prevatte. Publicity—Mrs. James Harper.

## Brief News Flashes

WAY HOME  
Word has been received here that Lt. David Watson, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Watson, is on his way home from Australia. He was only recently promoted from lieutenant (jg), to lieutenant.  
ATTENDED CONFERENCE  
Miss Annie Mae Woodside, Superintendent of Schools for Brunswick County, attended the conference of County Superintendents held in Raleigh for three days last week.  
TO GO IN BUSINESS  
Dawson Jones, former County Sheriff, and his son, Fred Jones, will shortly move to the junction of the Waccamaw road with No. 74, near the new bridge. The concern will be known as the Mac's Home Furnishings Company. They are now occupying a large two-story building.

## Hurley Resigns



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Patrick J. Hurley resigned last week as U. S. Ambassador to China with a charge that professional diplomats in the State Department are sabotaging the basic principles of American foreign policy.

## No Inquest In Drivers Death

Killed At Wheel Of Speeding Car; Coroner Decides That Inquest Is Unnecessary

Coroner W. E. Bell ruled last week that no inquest was necessary in the case of the death of William D. Justice, 23-year-old Wilmington man, who was killed in an automobile accident near Leland. All evidence indicated that Justice was the driver of the car in which he met his death. The Coroner also held that all evidence indicated that Justice met his death as a result of driving at an excessive rate of speed.

## Many Record Their Discharges

Two Hundred And Sixty Six Brunswick County Veterans Of World War II Have Recorded Discharges

A check up at the office of Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton, Monday revealed that 266 veterans of the recent world war have called at that office and had their discharge papers recorded. This may not represent the full number of men who have been discharged, as it very frequently happens that service men forget the very important matter of having their papers recorded. During the past week 21 men filed their papers with Mr. Walton for recording. They are: Clarence E. Hewett, John L. Marlow, William T. Bowen, George W. Whitmore, George E. Thompson, James Lawrence High, Sr., Earl Vane Weeks, Reese Earnhardt Swan, Harry Pink Sommersett, Hiram Thomas Sellers, George Rotha Hickman, Robert Barr Thompson, John Clifton Skipper, Robert F. Higdon, Wayne Lewis, George O. Gaylord, John H. Sloan, Donald Fisher St. George, Stephen F. Williams, Henry James and Daniel Russell Clemmons.

## May Get Lights By Christmas

Funds Now Available For Street Lights At Shallotte And Material Has Already Been Ordered

According to town officials, Shallotte will have street lights, possibly before Christmas. Private sources recently raised funds for the purchase of the lamps, wiring, etc., and the material has already been ordered. Although the town is incorporated it has never levied any taxes and had no funds for the purchase of the light fixtures. There are also no funds to provide for payment on current used. This will be remedied the first of the year when the town officials at that time begin the levying of town taxes for various public improvements and regular administration of affairs of the town. The street lights have been badly needed and will be a distinct improvement. Shallotte is on Route 17, also known as the Coastal Highway. Thousands of tourists use this highway and those who have been passing through at night could get but a sorry angle of the unlighted town.

## Work On Big Ship Basin To Begin Soon

Officials Of N. C. Shipyard Stated Last Week That Work On Basin In Brunswick Will Start Before January

## PHILADELPHIA FIRM WILL DO THE WORK

Basin Will Extend From Near Brunswick River Bridge To Mouth Of Brunswick River

Officials of the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company in Wilmington announced last week that the dredging contract for the merchant ship storage basin on the Brunswick River, in Brunswick County, in Brunswick County, has been awarded to a Philadelphia Dredging company, and that work will begin as soon as possible, not later than January 1st. The basin will extend from 250 feet below the Brunswick River bridge on Route 17 to near where the river empties into the Cape Fear, about three miles below the bridge. A channel will run from the Cape Fear into the basin. The basin itself will be 1,200 feet wide and two and three fourths of a mile long. The estimates are for 9,600,000 cubic yards of material to be dredged from the basin. This material is to find disposal on Eagle Island, between the Brunswick River and Alligator Creek. Five hundred ships, the size of Liberty ships, have been assigned to the basin and will be laid up there at an estimated upkeep cost of \$5,000 each per year. To keep them in repair the North Carolina Shipbuilding Company (Continued on Page 6)

## Standbys Back At The Beautiful Orton Gardens

Small Docket Heard Monday

Only four small cases came up in the Recorders court Monday. The minutes show the following entries for the day:

Annie Clemmons, assault, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$7.00 and costs.

Robert McRackan, violating stock law, nol pros.

Ben Clayton, abandonment and non support, defendant ordered to pay court costs and to pay \$5.00 weekly to support of wife and child.

Willie Parker, drunk on public highway, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$5.00 and costs.

## Tax Listers To Start In January

Board Of County Commissioners Reappointed All Old Workers At Monday Meeting Here

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners here Monday tax listers for the year 1946 were appointed. They are being instructed to be in readiness to begin their work on January 1st and the work will continue throughout the month of January. Each tax lister will be paid the sum of \$5.50 per day and each will be allowed one helper who will be paid \$3.00 per day. W. P. Jorgensen, county tax collector, will supervise the work.

The tax listers are the same as those who served last year. Most of them have done the listing in their townships for several years and all are thoroughly experienced in the work. The following were appointed: Northwest township, M. B. Chinnis, Leland; Town (Continued From Page Six)

## Says Community Not All Leland

North West Township Folk Have Three Separate Communities Along Highway 74

A continuous parade of new buildings, homes, and businesses, are now linking three of the communities of North West township; Leland, Woodburn and the Brunswick River Bridge communities. From the bridge to Leland the distance is a little over five miles and the whole section of Highway 74 is often referred to (Continued on Page Four)

## Brunswick County Beauty Spot Being Made Ready For A Great Revival Of Tourist Travel

## MANY BEAUTIFUL CAMELLIAS BLOOMING

Gardens Regaining A Fine Force Of Workers; Miss Harrelson And Robert Godfrey Are Back

Orton Gardens, one of eastern Carolina's biggest drawing cards for tourists received only maintaining attention during the war. With tire and gas rationing millions of beautiful flowers bloomed practically unseen by the thousands who saw them in pre-war days. This winter and next spring they will bloom to be seen and great preparations are being made to see that all visitors are able to see the full beauty of the gardens.

For weeks a good sized force of employees has been doing everything possible to get the gardens in tip-top shape. A vast deal of work still remains to be done. Thanks to the more abundant supply of labor and trained personnel to supervise the work, the flowers, especially the camellias, are already showing much in beautiful bloom. The number of these blooming plants will steadily increase until spring. (Continued on Page Six)

## Fletcher Wescott Funeral Today

Well Known Smithville Township Man Died Yesterday Morning After Four Month Illness

Funeral services are being held today at 10:00 o'clock at Bethel Baptist church for Fletcher Wescott, 76, lifelong resident of Southport and the Bethel church community. Mr. Wescott died early Tuesday morning in the Doshier Memorial hospital after an illness of four months.

The funeral services are to be conducted by Rev. Stephen Mintz and Rev. A. L. Brown of Southport. Burial is to be in the Bethel cemetery. The active pall bearers are Johnnie Drew, Jack Drew, Byron Drew, Herbert Swain, Willie Gutherie and Calvin Wescott. Honorary pall bearers are Charles Hickman, Joel Moore, Edgar Jones, Boss Leonard, Bonnie Price and Dillard Price.

Mr. Wescott is survived by one brother, S. E. Wescott, of Southport; two sisters, Mrs. Lillie Marsh, of Pine Top, N. C., and Mrs. Gracie Roberts of Wilmington.

## Picket Line At Motor Car Plant



DETROIT, MICH.—(Soundphoto) Workers who walked out on strike are shown forming the first picket at the gates at Chevrolet Gear and Axle plant. The long expected strike against General Motors Corp. get underway last week when the United Automobile Workers (CIO) pulled 170,000 production workers out of more than 100 of the nation's automotive plants.

## Many More Trawlers Arriving This Week

Thirty Or More Additional Boats Arrived First Of The Week To Take A Try At Shrimping

## WARM WEATHER RETARDS PRODUCTION

Much Small Unmarketable Shrimp Caught Close Inshore, Offshore Products Still Good

About twenty shrimp trawlers came in from Beaufort, Hatteras and other points along the upper coast this week. Added to these new arrivals are about 15 boats, belonging to Wiley and Charles Wells, which have been fishing at Rockville, S. C., this summer and fall. All returned this week and a sizable fleet is now operating off Southport. During previous years the shrimping was usually over by Thanksgiving. This year, with a lot of big boats to set the pace and range far offshore, about the (Continued on page six)

## Lieutenant Goley Injured In Japan

Son Of Shallotte Couple Injured In Some Way In Japan According To Message To Parents

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Goley, of Shallotte, have received word from the Secretary of War that their son, First Lieutenant Byron H. Goley, has been seriously ill in Japan since November 3rd. No information was given beyond that he is suffering from a fractured skull. Lt. Goley is a graduate of the Mt. Holly, N. J., high school. He afterwards attended Merryville college at Merryville, Tenn., and later graduated from North Carolina State College in chemical engineering. Before entering the service in October, 1942, he was employed at the Baldwin Locomotive Works, in the Army Tank Division. He trained for overseas duty at Camp Hale, Colorado, in Mountain Artillery and from there went to Fort Bliss, Texas, and thence overseas in June, 1943. While he was in combat he was selected for officers training. (Continued on Page 6)

## Leland Lions Receive Charter

Presentation Made Friday At Meeting Of Organization At Leland High School

The Leland Lions club had its Charter Night last Friday night in the Leland high school gymnasium. At this meeting the charter for the recently formed organization was formally presented by Deputy District Governor W. E. Yopp.

## Frink & Herring Form Partnership

Attorneys S. E. Frink and Davis Herring have formed a law partnership, the firm to be known as Frink and Herring, with offices over the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company. Mr. Frink was admitted to the bar about 9 years ago, and had an extensive practice before entering the service with the Coast Guard. Mr. Herring was admitted to the bar in 1940 and shortly thereafter entered the Navy. His wife is the former Miss Lois Jane Bankins of Southport. (Continued on page 4)

## Victory Loan Goal Reached In Brunswick

Efforts Of Local Banker Brought About The Success Of The Drive Snatched From Defeat By Yesterday And Last Night Sales By O'Brien

OVER HALF QUOTA SOLD IN ONE DAY

Success Of The Drive Snatched From Defeat By Yesterday And Last Night Sales By O'Brien

At noon yesterday, Tuesday, it seemed certain that Brunswick county people would fall down on the job of buying their quota of Victory Loan Bonds by the time the drive is to close Saturday night. Last night Prince O'Brien, cashier of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, jubilantly announced that Brunswick had topped its quota.

This whirlwind finish came through the personal efforts of Mr. O'Brien. After working at his regular duties at the bank Tuesday and despite a downpour of rain and a lashing wind, Mr. O'Brien got into his car and drove to Winnabow, Supply and Shallotte, where he made good sales. Returning to Southport last night he continued his efforts here and sold \$11,000 more in bonds.

His days effort resulted in sales of \$4,000 over the E. Bond Series and enough over to cover the quota for all other series.

Brunswick county people may still buy Victory Bonds until the drive closes Saturday night.

Yesterday at noon less than half the Victory Bond quota had been sold. It seemed certain that the drive would fail in this county through lack of interest.

## Grateful Friends Present Gift

Southport People Present Watch To Miss Elizabeth Murray For Her Faithful Service

In order to express their deep appreciation for the many years she has faithfully served in the Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport citizens last week presented Miss Elizabeth E. Murray a beautiful watch before she left for her home in South Carolina. Miss Murray came to Southport in 1930 and since that time has become well loved in the community that became her home for fifteen years. She attended St. Philip's Episcopal Church and was a member of the King's Daughters. On Monday the Pilot received the following letter from Miss Murray in Sumter, S. C., which explains itself:

"I wish to express my thanks and sincere appreciation for the beautiful watch presented to me by my friends in Southport, and also for the kindness shown me during the many happy years I spent in your midst." Miss Murray will be greatly missed and her many friends here hope that she will return to Southport for frequent visits.

## Farm Loans Now Are Available

Announcement Is Made That Crop And Seed Loans Are Now Available For Farmers In Brunswick

Emergency crop loans and emergency feed loans for 1946 are now available to farmers in Brunswick County. Applications for these loans are being received at Supply, N. C., by R. D. Holden, Receiving agent for W. G. Bradshaw, field supervisor of the Emergency Crop and Feed Loan Division of the Farm Credit Administration. This early opening of the loan program in Brunswick County is for the benefit of those eligible farmers who need financial assistance to meet the emergencies resulting from the recent storm and flood, as well as to provide funds for financing the normal fall and early winter crop and feed requirements of farmers who can establish eligibility. (Continued on Page 6)

### Our ROVING Reporter

W. E. KEZIAH

For two successive years before the country went to war, officers and directors of the Outdoor Writers Association of America came to Southport on hunting and fishing trips. The last time they came was just a month before Pearl Harbor and 26 nationally known writers composed the party. Those boys were fixing to put in some plugs for Brunswick county and its hunting and fishing, but the war stopped them. Now almost weekly some of the men who have been here, and others whom they have told about it, write us about the hunting and fishing. This week we had a letter from Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Conservation Commission for the State of West Virginia. Mr. Lambert is also one of the members of the board of directors of the Outdoors Writers. He wrote: "Dear Bill: I feel as if I have known you after spending the past week pheasant hunting with Jimmy Huber over in Wood County, Ohio. Jimmy has been the longest and most severe that dry me of the wonderful time he (Continued on Page Four)