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## Detailed Study Of Conditions By Grand Jury

Lengthy Report Submitted  
By Members Of That  
Body To Judge John J.  
Burney At Conclusion Of  
Investigations Last Week

### RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Members Of Body Visited  
Schools And All Other  
Public Institutions And  
Buildings In This  
County

At the conclusion of their work  
last week, members of the  
Brunswick county grand jury sub-  
mitted the following detailed re-  
port to Judge John J. Burney:

Superior Court  
State of North Carolina  
Brunswick County

To the honorable John J.  
Burney, presiding judge:

We the grand jury for the  
year term, 1946, of Brunswick  
county Superior court convened  
to begin to submit the following

report:

We the grand jury as a body  
wish to express our gratitude for  
the help rendered us by the hon-  
orable John J. Burney, presiding  
judge, and the able Solicitor,  
L. Moore.

We also wish to express our  
sympathy and convey our  
expressions of sorrow to his honor  
the recent death of his next of

kin.

Reports on county buildings  
Waccamaw high school: 1. Top  
repair (Roof). 2. Comple-  
tion of wiring (Electric). 3. Plas-  
tering and painting needed. 4. Ad-  
ditional room needed for twelfth  
grade.

Waccamaw (Colored): (Little  
building): 1. Toilets should be mov-  
ed and floored. 2. Porch floors  
need repair. 3. A pump should be  
added to provide a water supply.  
Roof checked for leaks and re-  
paired.

Langwood (colored): Recom-  
mend that a suitable building be  
made available as old building  
cannot be profitably repaired.

Riney Grove (colored): Recom-  
mend general repairs of building  
equipment.

Clear Grove (colored): 1. Re-  
pair porch flooring. 2. Check roof  
for leaks. 3. Repair plaster.

Bolivia high school: 1. Repair  
plaster. 2. Provide sanitary drinking  
fountains and a disposal of waste  
water from fountains. 3. Plaster  
work should be repaired. 4. Water sys-  
tem or pump should be put in  
operating condition with  
repairs in front of building.

Check and repair of wiring in  
structural building. 7. Urinals  
in lavatory should be check-  
ed and repaired. 8. Screens plac-  
ed in home ec. room. 9. Need  
room for twelfth grade.

Shalotte high school: It is  
recommended that at least two addi-  
tional class rooms be provided  
before 1946-47 term. This is in  
order to provide room for a  
twelfth grade. School is now us-  
ing the agriculture building for a  
classroom. Need for a library is  
felt as the school will begin  
teaching agriculture again upon  
return of the teacher.

Thomasboro or No. 5 (colored):  
Recommend school be enlarged by  
two classrooms.

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## Brief News Flashes

### ROUTE HOME

Alfred G. Wilson, Southport  
man who has been serving in the  
Pacific, is one of the high-point  
men now enroute back to the  
United States with enough  
points to make him eligible for  
discharge. He left Pearl Harbor  
on January 19, aboard the S. S.  
Victory.

### RETURNING HOME

Gay Hewett, T-5, of Bolivia,  
returning to the United States  
aboard the U. S. S. Windham  
numbered 15 and is now due in  
San Francisco.

### ARRIVED FOR HOME

George Hewett, of Shal-  
lotte, who has been serving in  
the Pacific, was due to arrive at  
Pearl Harbor, on January 23rd.  
He came aboard the U. S. S. Sea  
Victory.

### RETURNING HOME

Robert Parker, of Winnabow,  
who has been serving in the  
Pacific, is enroute back to the  
United States. He sailed aboard  
the U. S. S. Benevolence and was  
due to arrive in San Francisco  
on the 21st.

## PERFORMS VALUABLE SERVICE



SAM T. BENNETT



DILLON L. GANEY

## Political Pot Beginning To Boil In Brunswick County

Ex-Sheriff Dillon L. Ganey  
And Rural Policeman O.  
W. Perry Both Announce  
Candidacy For Sheriff

SAM T. BENNETT  
TO RUN FOR CLERK

John Caison Announces His  
Candidacy For Office Of  
Coroner As Fourth  
Man To Enter This  
Week

Politics in Brunswick county  
moved into high gear this week  
with the announcement of four  
new candidates for nomination on  
the Democratic ticket.

A contest already has develop-  
ed in the sheriff's race, with the  
announcement of Dillon L. Ganey,  
former sheriff, and O. W. Perry,  
rural policeman and former deputy  
serving under Ganey.

Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett  
has announced his intention to  
seek again nomination and elec-  
tion to the office which he now  
fills.

John G. Caison has announced  
his candidacy for the Democratic  
nomination for coroner, a posi-  
tion to which he was elected four  
years ago. Following his election  
he entered the Coast Guard, re-  
signing from his county office in  
favor of W. E. Bell.

The only other candidate to  
make announcement is Boyd Rob-  
inson, whose announcement for  
the Democratic nomination for  
county commissioner was published  
last week.

## All Must Get Burning Permits

County Forest Warden Dorman  
Mercer Urges Coop-  
eration Of All Land-Own-  
ers, Particularly Duding  
Windy Months

On and after February 1st,  
through the months of February  
and March, all persons burning  
off woods, new grounds, fields,  
etc., must have a permit for such  
work. To fail to secure the per-  
mit subjects them to arrest and  
prosecution for starting even a  
small fire that is kept under con-  
trol.

The above is according to the  
North Carolina laws and is aimed  
to help reduce the number of  
destructive forest fires that sweep  
this county and other sections of  
the state during the windy and  
often dry months of February  
and March.

County Forest Warden Dorman  
Mercer, in addition to appealing  
to the general public for all pos-  
sible cooperation in preventing  
and checking forest fires, is call-  
ing attention to the law on burn-  
ing, which he and the rangers  
are compelled to enforce. He is  
publishing a list of conveniently  
located points where permits may  
be obtained, providing such burn-  
ing is not regarded as a menace  
to nearby woodlands.

## Begin Movement For Fire Truck

At a meeting of members of  
the Southport Volunteer Fire De-  
partment last night plans were  
discussed for the purchase of a  
new fire truck for the city.

A committee of four was nam-  
ed to investigate the possibility of  
obtaining a new truck and to raise  
funds for its purchase. These men  
are Ormond Leggett, Henry Rob-  
inson, Ed Marlow and Harold Ald-  
ridge.

## North West Township Gets Another Industry

Smith - Douglas Fertilizer  
Company Will Erect Big  
Manufacturing Plant At  
Navassa In Time For Use  
Next Season

PLANT WILL BE OF  
UNUSUAL TYPE

Plane Hangars Will Be  
Used For Manufacturing  
Unit Building And For  
Huge Storage Ware-  
house

North West township will have  
an additional fertilizer factory in  
operation in time for the 1947 fer-  
tilizer production. The Smith-  
Douglas company, which was at  
one time reported to be planning  
to buy the Dow Chemical com-  
pany plant in New Hanover, will  
start construction on a huge new  
factory and storage house at  
Navassa in two or three weeks.

The construction cost is said  
to be approximately \$250,000, and  
the structure will be the only one  
of its kind in the world. It will  
be built of three Army Air Corps  
metal hangars fabricated into one  
single in-line structure 500-foot  
long and with an interior ceiling  
of 45-feet.

The Smith-Douglas company  
purchased the hangars from the  
Reconstruction Finance Corpora-  
tion, after they had been built  
under Air Corps specifications for  
use in the Pacific. They recently  
became surplus material.

In addition to the manufactur-  
ing plant the new Brunswick  
county industry will have storage  
space for twenty-five thousand  
tons of fertilizer. It will be locat-  
ed on the Cape Fear river near  
the plant of the Virginia-Carolina  
Chemical company and in addition  
to river shipping it will have  
service from both the Seaboard  
Air Line and the Atlantic Coast  
Line railroads. A spur track to  
connect the plant with the rail-  
roads is already being built.

## Contracts For Two County Jobs

Contracts Let For Widening  
Of Bridges Over Alliga-  
tor Creek And Brunswick  
River Let Last Week By  
Highway Department

The V. P. Loftis company of  
Charlotte was last week awarded  
the contract for building the  
Brunswick River and Alligator  
Creek bridges, the contract price,  
as announced by the State High-  
way Commission, being \$187,426-  
15. Both bridges are on Route  
74 and 17 in Brunswick county,  
near Wilmington.

For constructing approaches to  
these bridges, surfacing and other  
road work in Brunswick the E.  
W. Grannis company, of Fayette-  
ville, was given a contract for  
\$84,135.00.

In its announcement of the  
letting of various contracts no  
mention was made of the Jackie  
Creek bridge by the State High-  
way Commission. This bridge is  
regarded as the most dangerous  
in Brunswick county by reason of  
its narrowness. More than a  
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## Typewriters Are Badly Needed

Principal Of Leland School  
Again Takes To Unusual  
Advertising To Solve Bot-  
tle-Neck In His School  
Program

Glenn M. Tucker, principal of  
the Leland school, is having much  
trouble in his efforts to obtain  
typewriters for the use of the  
pupils who are enrolled in the  
business class at Leland.

While serving as principal at  
Bolivia, Mr. Tucker attracted na-  
tion-wide attention for his novel  
and effective method of advertis-  
ing for teachers' His advertise-  
ment at that time was made into  
real news and editorial matter by  
various publications.

Now, in his efforts to obtain  
typewriters, he is apparently run-  
ning up against the same trouble  
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## Our ROVING Reporter

A letter this week from Cap-  
tain Victor P. Lance of the sport  
fishing cruiser Moja advises that  
he is at the Lighthouse Dock at  
Stuart, Florida. He is getting  
ready to be back at Southport  
early in the spring and has been  
talking Southport fishing to a lot  
of sportsmen down that way. He  
thinks there will be plenty doing  
in sport fishing at Southport this  
year. The Moja's business cards  
read "Southport, N. C., and  
Stuart, Fla."

Something must be wrong down  
in Waccamaw township. It is not  
within our memory that a term  
of criminal court has been held  
here without our good friend J.  
H. Milliken showing up as a spec-  
tator. He did not show up last  
week and the inference is that  
he must have been sick. Squire J.  
B. Atkinson, of Bolivia, is also a  
regular attendant at court and  
his record of several years stand-  
ing was not broken last week. He  
was right here while court was  
going on.

In their report to Judge John  
J. Burney, the Brunswick County  
Grand Jury, sworn in to serve 12

## Shalotte Man Gets Suspended Sentence Here

D. T. Long Given Two  
Years On Roads, Sent-  
ence Suspended Upon Con-  
dition Defendant Leave  
The County For Five  
Years

PLEA OF GUILTY  
OFFERED BY LONG

Other Matters Of Routine  
Importance Were Dis-  
posed Of Before Judge  
Burney Last Week

From the standpoint of public  
interest, the most outstanding  
criminal case heard in Superior  
court last week was that of State  
vs. D. T. Long, a prominent citi-  
zen of Shalotte, who was charg-  
ed with assault with a deadly  
weapon with intent to kill. The  
would-be victim was Chandler  
Rourk, prominent citizen of the  
same community.

Mr. Long was charged with hav-  
ing shot twice at Rourk, the wea-  
pon being a shotgun. Mr. Rourk,  
being in motion at the time, was  
not hit. Following the giving of  
the State's evidence, the law firm  
of Frink and Herring tendered a  
plea of guilty in behalf of Long.

Judge Burney imposed a sen-  
tence of two years on the roads  
upon the defendant, this sentence  
being suspended upon condition  
that the defendant leave Bruns-  
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today by Robert S. Matthews, Jr.,  
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Administration.

The Administrator of Veterans  
Affairs is now permitted to ap-  
prove courses under this law, re-  
lating to vocational rehabilitation  
of service disabled, beyond the  
four year period fixed by existing  
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## Legion Meeting Thursday Night

The Brunswick County Post  
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hold its regular meeting at the  
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Adjutant Crawford Rourk states  
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served at this meeting.

## Browns Moving To Beulahville

The Rev. A. L. Brown and  
family are moving from Southport  
this week to their new home at  
Beulahville, where he has accept-  
ed a call as pastor of the Baptist  
church.

## MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT



LT. COL. T. J. TOBIASSEN

## Southport Man Holds Important Army Post

Hunting Season  
Closes Thursday

The hunting season ends  
Thursday of this week. After  
that date only coons and o'pos-  
sums may be hunted. Such  
game is usually taken with dogs  
and without the use of guns.

Apparently hunters have had  
little difficulty in obtaining  
shells for their sport afield this  
season. In the fall suitable am-  
munition appeared to be scarce,  
but a fairly plentiful supply  
appeared to come available as  
the season progressed.

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ed a call as pastor of the Baptist  
church.

Sunday evening other churches  
in Southport called off their ser-  
vices in order that their members  
might join with members of the  
Baptist congregation in attending  
the farewell appearance of the  
Rev. Mr. Brown.

Thus far the committee in  
charge of securing a replacement  
for the local pulpit has been un-  
successful in securing a perman-  
ent pastor. However, arrange-  
ments have been made to have  
the pulpit filled for each service.

## Oil Companies Interested In Digging Basin

Representatives Of Several  
Leading Oil Companies  
Met Here Last Week  
With New Jersey Man  
Who Is Planning Basin

ELABORATE PLANS  
FOR THIS VENTURE

If Oil Companies Make  
Funds Available For Im-  
provement, Other Feat-  
ures Will Be Added  
Later

E. G. Mallison, of Tenafly, N.  
J., one of several parties interest-  
ed in the construction of a new  
yacht basin at Southport, spent  
last week here, meeting with re-  
presentatives of several oil com-  
panies who are seeking oil and  
gas concessions on the proposed  
basin.

Mr. Mallison stated that he ex-  
pected work to begin on the basin  
by April 1. The plans of New  
Jersey and New York interests  
for the basin is founded largely  
upon expectations for development  
of sport fishing at Southport, and  
on an expansion of yachting and  
small boating on the inland  
Waterway.

The basin will be a Bonnett's  
Creek, better known as Fiddler's  
Drain, in the eastern part of  
town. Its exact size has not been  
stated but it will have plenty of  
room for expected business. In  
addition to slips and other moor-  
ing facilities it will have a large  
dry dock, machine shop, ship  
chandlery shop, commissary and  
pavilion. The grounds on the  
bluff to the east of the basin will  
be landscaped and made into an  
attractive park, with driveways  
and shrubbery.

Another corporation, separate  
from that which plans the basin,  
already has a site for a large  
brick club house for sportsmen.  
This corporation, in addition to  
the club house, will have modern  
Gulf Stream fishing cruisers avail-  
able for charter. It is their plan  
to publicize and do everything  
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## Sees Activity At Long Beach

Owners Are Anticipating A  
Big Building Boom As  
Soon As Material Be-  
comes Available For Con-  
struction Of Cottages

E. F. Middleton, of Charleston,  
one of the owners of Long Beach,  
is spending this week in South-  
port and at the beach.

Seen Monday by a newsman,  
Mr. Middleton was very optimis-  
tic over prospects of development  
at the beach. Just now prospects  
for a good sized hotel are good.  
A large skating rink and re-  
freshment stand will also be con-  
structed by Monroe interests. The  
hotel is said to be being promoted  
by Greensboro interests.

Regarding the building of  
homes, despite the present inabil-  
ity to buy building material Mr.  
(Continued on page six)

## Attends Funeral Of Mrs. D. N. Jones

Mrs. John G. Caison was called  
to Marion, S. C., Sunday be-  
cause of the death of her sister,  
Mrs. D. N. Jones. She was ac-  
companied by Mr. Caison.

Mrs. Jones was well known  
here. She was a native of South-  
port and was the former Florence  
Bensel.

## Annual Meeting Of Stockholders

No Changes Made In Offi-  
cers Nor In Board Of Di-  
rectors Of The Southport  
Building And Loan As-  
sociation Friday

The thirty-third stockholders  
meeting of the Southport Build-  
ing & Loan Association was held  
in its offices at 7:30 o'clock Fri-  
day night.

The reports of President R. C.  
Daniel and Secretary-Treasurer J.  
E. Carr were read and showed the  
excellent condition of the associa-  
tion. Total assets at the end of  
the year were \$193,977.81, this  
being a gain of \$21,900.00 over  
the previous year.

A board of nine directors was  
elected for the year, these direc-  
tors being the same as served dur-  
ing 1945. They are: Dr. R. C.  
Daniel, Chas. E. Gause, H. T.  
St. George, Capt. J. B. Church,  
W. P. Jorgensen, Price Furlless,  
S. B. Frink, Dr. L. C. Ferguson and  
J. E. Carr.

At a meeting of the newly  
elected directors, immediately fol-  
lowing stockholders meeting, Dr.  
R. C. Daniel was elected presi-  
dent, Chas. E. Gause, vice-presi-  
dent, S. B. Frink, attorney, J. E.  
Carr, secretary-treasurer.

A detailed statement of condi-  
tion of association will be found  
elsewhere in this issue.

## David Watson Gets Discharge

Southport Man Receives  
Separation Papers At  
Charleston; Served In  
Several Theatres In Navy

Among the officers released to  
inactive duty at the U. S. Navy  
Separation Center last week was  
Lt. David W. Watson, of South-  
port, North Carolina.

Lt. Watson was attached to an  
Army Unit in the Pacific, where  
he saw combat action in the in-  
vasions of Eastern New Guinea  
and Leyte. He served aboard the  
U. S. S. Elizabeth L. Stanton in  
the European theater where he  
participated in the occupation of  
North Africa. His last duty was  
at Sidney, Australia. He is en-  
titled to wear the American The-  
ater, European-African-Middle  
Eastern, Asiatic-Pacific, Philip-  
pine Liberation ribbons, and the  
World War II Victory Medal.