

### Unofficial Word Ft. Caswell Will Be Sold Again

Property Has Not Been Declared Surplus By The Government, But Word Is That Private Offer Would Be Entertained

### VALUES HOMES READY FOR USE

Between World War I And Its Use In World War II Caswell Served For Time As Resort

Fort Caswell is for sale by the government, according to unofficial information coming from numerous sources. The property has not been declared surplus and will not be so declared, but the plan is to dispose of both houses and land at private sale to whatever individual or organization makes the best offer. The whole thing is to go in a lump. The property embraces three-thousand acres at the tip of the original Caswell tract of more than two thousand acres. Through various periods the government has spent about ten-million dollars in construction at Caswell and at the present time all of the physical properties of a good town are represented in the numerous buildings, all in top shape. With only furniture needed, several hundred people could move in overnight and live comfortably at Fort Caswell.

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It is understood that about eight-hundred thousand dollars has been spent in construction and repairs on buildings and various structures during the recent war. These repairs and new construction was of the most permanent nature, covering everything from modern hospital to a bakery and machine shop, boat repair shop on the yacht basin and a 40-foot river dock, capable of mooring a large vessel.

A number of two and three-story brick buildings and around 100 or 150 large and well-built wooden buildings, including permanent barracks, are included in the physical properties. Abundant power is available through the lines from Southport and the place has its own waterworks system, furnishing an inexhaustible supply of the purest fresh-water for drinking and domestic purposes. Many of the buildings have steam heat.

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### Rescued Jap Passengers



SHANGHAI, CHINA.—(Soundphoto).—More than 4,000 Jap repatriates jammed aboard the Enoshima Maru, which recently struck in the Yangtze estuary, were saved by the heroic action and bravery of crew members of the USS Brevard, a Navy cargo ship. The Brevard felt the concussion of the explosion when the Jap ship exploded the magnetic mine. Lt. John E. Elliott, USN captain of the Brevard, had his ship alongside the Maru in a matter of minutes. Pictured above are part of the rescued Jap passengers leaving the ship.

### Comstock Reported To Be Coming To United States

The Comstock, huge seagoing hopper dredge attached to the Wilmington office of the U. S. Army Engineers and with Southport her home port for many years, will shortly return from foreign service according to word received in Southport.

### Sea-Going Hopper Dredge Was Familiar Visitor In Southport Before The War, Working On The Bar Annually

With no immediate use for a vessel of her type in 1941, the Comstock was converted from a dredge to a supply ship and sent to the Caribbean area, her home port under the new order of things being Port of Spain, Trinidad, in the British West Indies. She served at this place for three years.

### WAS CONVERTED TO SUPPLY SHIP

For past several years has been operating in Caribbean with headquarters at Port of Spain

Early in 1944 she was sent back to the United States to have a complete overhauling at New Orleans. This time her headquarters were at Recife, Brazil, where she has been on duty up to this time.

It is not known if she will be reconverted into a dredge, laid up or continue in use as a supply ship when she returns.

### Commissioners In Session Monday

Relatively speaking, the board of county commissioners had a small day Monday. Only one case calling for a tax adjustment, due to error, came up before them.

On motion, Bill Lewis, retail beer dealer of Leland, was asked to appear before the board on February 18th and show cause why his beer license should not be revoked. It is understood that (Continued on page five)

### Clothing Drive Date Extended

Mrs. L. C. Fergus, chairman of the Clothing Drive for Brunswick county, said Monday that the period for collecting clothing for the needy inhabitants of war-torn Europe has been extended to February 15.

The county chairman urges that clothing contributions be turned in to stations previously designated. For Southport the collection center is the high school building.

### Weed Growers State Views On Penalties

Senate Agriculture Committee Friday Heard Tobacco Men's Views On Increasing Penalties For Overplanting Tobacco

### SENATOR HOEY AND OTHERS HEAR VIEWS

North Carolina Growers Have Sent Many Telegrams To Their Senator Urging Increased Penalties This Year

WASHINGTON.—Senator Clyde R. Hoey of North Carolina and other members of the Senate agriculture committee heard conflicting views of tobacco growers Friday on the question of whether increases in overplanting penalties should apply to both flue-cured and burley growers this year.

A bill introduced by Representative Flannagan of Virginia would have affected both types in 1946; but a group of North Carolina congressmen had it amended to delay the rise on the flue-cured crop until 1947, arguing that the farmers had approved the present penalties when they voted in favor of marketing control, and that no change should be made until another vote could be taken next year.

Senator Hoey said he had received many telegrams from flue-cured tobacco growers in North Carolina, urging that the higher penalties go into effect this year in order to prevent overplanting, which could cause a drop in the price. Burley growers do not care to regulate the flue-cured crop, but are concerned chiefly with seeing that the rate is raised on their own, the senator said.

### QUOTA UPHELD

Indorsement of the tobacco quota system with penalties sufficient to prevent overplanting was voted by the National Grange (Continued on page five)

### Area Included In Safety Zone

Hurricane Area Laid Out By Insurance Companies Lie South Of Here; Low Insurance Rate Applies Locally

A few years ago the hurricane insurance deadline on yachts and sport boats going south was at Morehead City, that meaning that boats bound south could not come further than Morehead City until late in the fall after the hurricane season was over, as such action would void their insurance policies.

As Southport has never had a hurricane, such storms invariably striking either at Hatteras on the east or at Charleston on the west, Louis T. Moore of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce and W. B. Keziah of Southport took it up with the insurance companies and fought against the deadline being at Morehead City, claiming that conditions here were as safe or safer than there.

### Committee To Aid Veterans

Brunswick County Committee Named To Assist Returned Service Men In Matters Of Readjustment

The State Veterans Commission in Raleigh has appointed a Brunswick county committee to carry on locally with the nation-wide program of rendering all possible service to war veterans.

The Brunswick committee is composed of R. C. St. George, S. B. Frink, R. I. Mintz, Charles M. Trott, C. L. Rourk, Mrs. J. W. Ruark, John D. Erickson and Joe Loughlin, Jr. of Southport; Lucy Dawkins, of Winnabow; G. F. Kirby, Supply and Dorman Manager, Winnabow. This committee will meet in the near future and elect officers.

Advising veterans of where and how to obtain the various benefits to which they are entitled will be one of the main duties of the organization. The secretary, (Continued on page five)

### Landmark Burns Near Leland

The Hinson filling station and lunch room, landmark of the Brunswick river bridge community, was destroyed by fire Saturday. This was one of the first filling stations and lunch rooms of that community and was established many years ago by the late W. R. Hinson and Mrs. Hinson. Mrs. Hinson still operated it with her sons at the time of the fire. It is understood the place will be immediately rebuilt.

### Truck Service To Wilmington Begun By Two

Southport, Without Freight Delivery Service To And From Wilmington For Several Months, Sees Two Companies Started

### OPERATION OF BOTH BEGUN THIS WEEK

Each Company Is A Partnership Between Two Local Men; Merchants Have Needed Service For Some Time

Without freight service between Southport and Wilmington for several months, two freight truck lines have commenced operation over this route this week.

In the advertising section of this issue is an announcement by Doshier & Aldridge, Jr., of the opening of a regular freight truck schedule between Southport and Wilmington. Regular runs, which will be made by way of Bolivia and Supply, will be made on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Partners in this business are Frederick Doshier, Jr., and Charles Aldridge.

Also making their opening announcement in this issue is the partnership of Gilbert & Webb, who commenced Monday making daily runs between Southport and Wilmington by way of Winnabow.

### 4-H Council In First Meeting

New Group Organized At Meeting Held In Home Agent's Office In Supply; Lester Edwards Is Named President

The 4-H County Council of Brunswick county held its first meeting Friday night, January 18, at 7:30 o'clock, in the home agent's office at Supply. The purpose of this meeting was to organize the council and make plans for future meetings. There was a get-acquainted period before the election of the following officers:

Lester Edwards, Bolivia, president; Herbert Swain, Southport, vice-president; Ann McRackan, Southport, secretary; Betty Corlette, Southport, song leader.

The council decided to meet the fourth Monday night in each month. The officers from each school will be responsible for the program one month, Bolivia being first to present the program in February.

### Our ROVING Reporter

The J. Arthur Doshier Memorial hospital has a mighty good friend in the person of Ike Vereen, proprietor of a store at Exum. About a year ago Mr. Vereen began to suffer with an apparently serious stomach ailment. He entered another hospital where his trouble was diagnosed as cancer of the stomach. He was accordingly operated on for cancer and spent two months in the hospital, paying out about a thousand dollars. After he was discharged his trouble returned in a worse form. A Southport physician diagnosed his trouble as nothing more serious than a stomach ulcer. Entering the local hospital Mr. Vereen underwent an operation and

emerged a few months ago an entirely well man. He is still entirely well and working every day. He stated this last week that if he had entered the J. Arthur Doshier hospital in the first place and before being bungled up he would have been out and well in ten days.

Writing something last week about some good friends who failed to show up at Southport for the recent term of court, as is their custom for such events, several people have called our attention to the fact that another regular court attending character was not present. This was George (Continued on Page Four)

### Brazil's Newly Elected President



RIO DE JANEIRO, BRAZIL.—(Soundphoto).—General Casper Dutra was sworn into office last week as Brazil's first freely elected president in fifteen years. The new President is pictured reading his oath of office alongside President of Electoral Tribunal Minister, Vlademar Valcao. Dutra promised an honest democratic government for South America's largest country and pledged close cooperation with the United Nations, especially the United States and western hemisphere nations.

### House Begins Tentative Poll On Strike Control

When last week's paper came out with a "Performs Valuable Service" cut-line over two candidates for office it must have appeared that The Pilot was abandoning its policy of neutrality in matters political. But over the double-column cut of Lt. Col. T. J. Tobiasen was another misplaced cut-line which said "Make Announcement."

### WRONG IMPRESSION FROM MIXED HEADS

What happened, of course, is that the lines were switched inadvertently, and just for keeping the record straight. The Pilot has not changed its policy of remaining politically impartial.

In the announcement of John Caison for coroner it was stated that he was elected to this office in 1942. This was not the case, as Coroner W. E. Bell was the man who made the successful race at that time, doing so after filling out an unexpired term for which Mr. Caison had been elected.

### Appreciation Is Expressed Legion

Letter Received By Member Of Local American Legion Post From Veteran Who Was Given Help By Legionnaires

A letter of appreciation from an ex-service man who was helped by legionnaires in this county when he was in trouble several weeks ago was read at the meeting of the Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, Thursday night.

This fellow had just been discharged from military service and had \$200.00. He made a trip to a roadhouse in this county, where he was relieved of all his clothes and his money, and when officers raided the place he was arrested and brought here to jail.

### New Candidate Seeking Office

Peter Robinson Of Supply Is Candidate For Democratic Nomination For Member Of Board Of County Commissioners

Peter Robinson, Lockwoods Folly merchant, is the latest to announce his candidacy for public office in the May primary election. Mr. Robinson, who is a life-long resident of Brunswick county, is seeking nomination and election to the board of county commissioners.

This brings to six the total number of candidates to announce thus far, and to two the total seeking nomination to the board of commissioners. The only other candidate to announce for this office was Boyd Robinson, returned veteran. Other candidates include Dillon (Continued on page five)

### Good Prospects For Obtaining Buoy Markers

Captain John Nelson Has Written Local Man That He Hopes To Get The Work Done In Time For This Year's Shrimping

### RECALLS SURVEY MADE IN 1937

Most Of The Markers Located Over Wrecks At That Time Have Been Swept Away Or Destroyed

Efforts to get buoy markers replaced over wrecks and obstructions on the Southport shrimp trawling grounds are now well underway, and in a letter to W. B. Keziah this week Captain John Nelson of the North Carolina Division of Commercial Fisheries stated that he hoped to get the work done by the time this year's shrimping started.

In his letter to the local man Captain Nelson inclosed a copy of a letter written by Major Wheeler on December 7th, 1945. At that time Major Wheeler was Chief of Engineers at the U. S. Army Engineers office in Wilmington.

Writing to Senator J. W. Bailey, who is very much interested in the undertaking, Major Wheeler pointed out that a survey of the local grounds by the Bureau of Lighthouses was made in 1937. At that time 28 wrecks and other obstructions that were menaces to the nets of the shrimp fishermen were located and marked with buoys. "Practically all of these buoys," said Major Wheeler, "were destroyed during the period between 1942 and 1945."

It is to have these buoys replaced that Captain Nelson and other interests, including Senator Bailey, are working on. As charts were made at the time of the original survey in 1937 most of the wrecks can easily be located and remarked. In other cases additional surveying may have to be done to fix points of danger to the nets.

The original survey was made possible through an appropriation of \$20,000 secured by Congressman J. Bayard Clark at the request of Mr. Keziah who was working in the matter in the interest of the City of Southport and the fishermen.

At the request of local fishermen Mr. Keziah is now trying to get both State and Federal Fisheries Commission interested in making a new survey of the local fishing grounds. He is pointing out that the original survey extended for only about three miles offshore. This past season the shrimp production was about three times as large as normal. This increase was not due to any increased number of boats but was traced directly to the fact that the bigger and larger boats, in use now and rapidly increasing in number, ranged far offshore in deep waters where obstructions are numerous. The 1945 increase in production was not made without heavy loss in nets by the boats working out in these unsurveyed and unmarked waters.

### Recorder Busy In Court Monday

Numerous Cases Up For Trial Before Judge John B. Ward In Brunswick County Recorder's Court

Monday was a busy day for Judge John B. Ward and Solicitor J. W. Ruark in Brunswick county Recorder's court. The following cases were disposed of: Mack Johnson, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Rufus Sellers, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$75.00 and costs, fine remitted on condition that defendant make restitution to Harley Hewett in the sum of \$50.00.

John D. Campbell, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs. (Continued on Page Five)

### Southport Man Is Now Recruiter

Lt. Commander W. R. Bonberger of Southport has been assigned as District Field Recruiting Officer for the U. S. Coast Guard and will spend his time traveling through several South-eastern states.

The Coast Guard has resumed enlisting men in the regular service for periods of two, three, four or six years. The quota for the Sixth Naval district has been set at 500 men, and after February 28 no more enlistments will be accepted until openings appear. Applicants from this area should visit the Postoffice Building, Wilmington.

Following this there will be a gradual decrease in the number of varieties blooming, the late varieties coming on as the millions of azaleas are getting into their stride for the March and April show of garden beauty.

### Brief News Flashes

**BUILDING NEW STORE**  
R. L. Sullivan, of Winnabow, is constructing a new store building and expects to have it ready for occupancy the first of March.

**ATTENDING SCHOOL**  
Miss Martha Easley, daughter of Mrs. Charles W. Easley of Southport, is attending Miss Harbarger's Business School in Raleigh.

**REPORTS MUST BE**  
J. J. Hawes, secretary to the AAA at Supply, announces that the closing date for farmers to make report of the practices carried out on their farms during the program ending December 31, 1945.

**BASKETBALL HERE**  
The Southport high school basketball teams will play a double header in the local gym Friday night when both the boys' and girls' teams meet Leland. Southport boys got off to a winning start in a thrilling game last Tuesday night when they scored a 20-19 victory over the local lassies.