

### OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A mouthpiece for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

Editor, State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C.

Dear Sir: On my way home from here last Spring, I stopped over in Brunswick county for a few days to visit relatives. And while it had only been a short while since I had visited there, I was pleased to note the progression that has occurred throughout the county in recent years. Especially so in the farming industry. I travelled home by bus, which afforded me the chance of observing things closely and in no other state through which I travelled or in

any other county of North Carolina was the general improvements more noticeable than in your county. I think the correspondence of D. B. Edwards, in a recent issue of The State Port Pilot, was very timely, and hope to soon see some developments along the lines suggested by him pertaining to the drainage question of land in Waccamaw township. I have thought for a good many years that his township contains some of the best land in the county. My brother, Eugene, at Shallotte, has a copy of the Southport paper of the date of 1906, as I remember, which contains an article written by myself wherein I expressed the belief that road improvements would bring about a transformation in the Waccamaw section of the county, and I think with the developments of the road system, together with what might be made possible through a drainage system, would be an incentive that would attract anyone desirous of obtaining good farm



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land. Also in way of reminiscence, I think Miss Johnson is right on the date of the Charleston earthquake being 1886 instead of 1888, and I recall that some men who were working in the turpentine woods reported that they felt a tremor several days after the main occurrence and saw a movement of a dead tree top that was lying on the ground, which so frightened them that they left the woods and never returned for several days.

Am glad to see that the shrimp industry there is growing, and hope you may be able to get something done in the way of facilities to take care of sports fishermen, for I believe with hotel accommodations plenty of fishermen would be attracted to that section of the state, which would be a lot to your town.

Think the Pilot is a good newspaper and I think your column, "Our Roving Reporter" helps greatly to make it so. One of the editorials that I read on the cause of the war, was carried by The Pilot.

With best wishes for the paper.  
Very truly,  
GEO. H. GRAY

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Dear Sir: I wish to express my view of the Brunswick County Basketball Games of 1946.

In witnessing the many basketball games as I did, especially the final games, I noticed the fair and impartial part that the referee played. I also noticed the fine sportsmanship demonstrated from each school. There was one thing that impressed me more than anything else—when the Leland grammar grade boys took the floor, and did such a wonderful job. I wonder if our other schools in Brunswick county have given our grammar grade boys and girls the showing they have the right to expect? Lets give them a chance this coming season. Like Mr. Tucker, the principal of the high school at Leland, gave his boys. It pays to be prepared.  
A. J. WALTON

### TWO DIFFERENT MEN

The Robert Peter Robinson who was convicted in Recorder's court here last week on a charge of reckless operation was not the Peter Robinson who is seeking the Democratic nomination as member of the board of county commissioners. Candidate Robinson asked that this fact be called to the attention of the voters.

### AMUZU THEATRE SOUTHPORT, N. C.

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Thurs. - Fri., March 28 - 29—  
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Saturday, March 30—  
"SUNSET in EL DORADO"  
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Monday, - Tuesday, April 1 - 2—  
"MILDRED PIERCE"  
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and JACK CARSON  
ALSO:—Cartoon

Wednesday, April 3—  
"WANDERER OF THE WASTELAND"  
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"FEDERAL OPERATOR 99"

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### Leland Man To Remain In Army

#### Sgt. Sam West Is At Home On Furlough And Had Unusual Fishing Experience At Town Creek Recently

In the army nine years but still not having had enough to quit, 1st Sgt. Sam West is now spending a 90-day leave at his home at Leland. His last 36-months of service were spent in the Southwest Pacific. As he himself puts it, his only personal memento of the war is a burn on his right side, made by a passing machine gun bullet.

More interesting to him now than the war has been is the opportunity to go freshwater fishing. In this relation he was casting with a plug in Town Creek one day this week. He got a normal strike from a 2-pound trout and reeled it in with normal operations. His surprise came he found the legs of a sparrow sticking out of the mouth of the trout. The fish had evidently caught the sparrow while the bird was drinking, just a short time before. The bird was too large to go down its throat, and the backward extending feathers prevented it from being disgorged. In spite of having its throat full the trout had been eager for more.

In addition to his nine years of service with the Army, Sgt. West is booked for still more. He re-listed promptly when his original discharge was due. His wife is

### Development Of Beach Is Sure

#### Owner Of Gause Beach Property Cautious When Discussing Plans For Immediate Future Of That Property

D. Stowe Crouse, Myrtle Beach real estate man who recently bought the Gause Beach property near Shallotte, was in Southport Monday and stated that while he had not yet formed definite plans for the development of Gause Beach, development was certain in time.

It is understood that Mr. Crouse is also interested in property at Southport and that his trip here was to look into this matter. He is credited with being one of the largest real estate dealers in South Carolina.

St. Julian Springs who with his brother was one of the most active figures in the development of Myrtle Beach into the huge resort that it now is, was here with Mr. Crouse.

### DISCONTINUED BUS

The W. B. & S. bus running from Shallotte to the Shipyard in Wilmington was discontinued this week. Herman Phelps, who has been driving this bus since it was first put on for the convenience of shipyard employees, has been transferred to the Whiteville-Southport line.

the former Miss Frances Ganey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dillon Ganey, of Leland.

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### Weed Planting To Begin Soon

#### Mild Weather Has Resulted In Developing Tobacco Plants Unusually Early This Spring

Unless there is a decided change in the weather, tobacco planting in Brunswick county will be in full blast by the first of April, according to John W. Stanley, Waccamaw township tobacco grower who was in town yesterday.

Numerous other tobacco growers have recently stated that tobacco plants were ten days earlier in growth than in any previous season. They are good sized and

appear healthy. If the warm weather keeps up some industrious "early bird" among the tobacco growers will be putting plants in the field in another few days.

With great activity in the tobacco fields just around the corner, farmers have been putting in some real work towards preparing for and planting other crops. A great number of them have planted portions of their corn crop and have prepared the land for more. Gardens and winter field crops are looking at their best and optimism among the farmers is naturally high.

### ON VACATION

Mrs. L. R. Campbell, member of the nursing staff at Doshier Memorial Hospital, is spending a two week's vacation with her sister in Florence, S. C.

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### CANDIDATE FOR JUDGE OF RECORDER'S COURT

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### W. J. McLAMB

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