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Southern Bell Asks Permission To Raise Rates

Petition Filed With North
Carolina Utilities Com-
mission Tuesday; Com-
pany Says Earnings Low-
est In History

BUSINESS PHONES TO FEEL INCREASE

Increases, Building
Material Costs Push-
Expenses Upward
Cited As Reasons
For Request

Because of greatly increased
and rising costs of ma-
terial and building construction,
Southern Bell Telephone and
Telegraph Company Tuesday ask-
ed authority to raise rates in
North Carolina so it can improve
and expand service in pace with
state's economic development.
A petition filed with the
Carolina Utilities Commis-
sion. The company said its ex-
penses in this state had climbed
11 per cent in five years, while
salaries and wages in-
creased only 76 per
cent. During this same period
salaries and wages in-
creased 111 per cent over five
years ago.

The rate increase for local
service would apply to business
customers only and would be on
a sliding scale, depending on
residence local service
charges remain unchanged. The
company is also asking authority
to increase long-distance rates 5
per cent on most calls within the
state. The company stated that
the requested rate increase would
produce all the added re-
venue that current costs indicate
needed, but that it hoped that
operating experience under
the new rates might prove them
to be sufficient. In view of this,
the company was being request-
ed to reduce the rates. It was felt
that the best interests of
the state that residen-
tial rates be kept as low as pos-
sible. It was further stated, that
no changes in residence
rates were being requested, the
increase would be only 7
per cent of Southern Bell's total
revenue in the state.

At Southport, the following
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crease of 75 cents; business, 2-
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SIG SWAIN

Former Shallotte Youth Headed For Hollywood

Sig Swain, Son Of Mr. And Mrs. W. L.
Swain, Accepted As Player At
Pasadena Playhouse

Sig Swain of Fayetteville and
formerly of Shallotte will leave
next week aboard Eastern Air
Line's Great Silver Fleet for
Pasadena, California, where he
has been accepted as a player
with the Pasadena Community
Playhouse, a professional theatri-
cal school for the training actors
and actresses for stage, screen
and radio.

Sig, a talented pianist, is the
son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L.
Swain, and since his graduation
from the Shallotte high school he
has been employed by the Federal
Government at Fort Bragg.

Some of the current movie
players who began their career
at the Pasadena Playhouse in-
clude Dana Andrews, who starred

in "A Walk in the Sun," Victor
Mature, Louise Albritton, Wayne
Morris, Nanette Parks who play-
ed in "SNAFU" and North Caro-
lina's own Bill Paul of Pembroke.
Sig, who is 22 years old and
stands five feet ten inches tall,
will receive extensive coaching at
the famous playhouse before mak-
ing a screen appearance.

Legion Post To Have Fish Fry

Event Will Feature Meet-
ing Of Shallotte Post
American Legion Friday
Night Of This Week

Commander Harry L. Mintz
and Adjutant D. Carl Andrews of
the Shallotte Post No. 247, Amer-
ican Legion, announced that the
legion will have a big fish fry
Friday night, September 20, at
Shallotte Point.

There will be plenty of fish, ac-
cording to arrangements made
at a meeting this past week.
The legion officials are ex-
tending a cordial invitation to all
legion men and their wives, all
ex-service men and friends to
come. The members of the Shall-
otte Post are invited to attend.
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Young Democrats Meeting Monday

Ed Butler, District Chair-
man, Will Be Principal
Speaker At Important
Rally At Shallotte High
School

Ed Butler, prominent Lumber-
ton attorney and district chair-
man for Young Democrat Clubs,
will be the principal speaker at
a rally of young Democrats at
Shallotte high school Monday
evening at 8 o'clock.

Odell Williamson, of Shallotte,
is chairman of the Brunswick
County Young Democrats Club
and Marion Frink, of Southport,
is vice-chairman. These two and
other interested party leaders are
making every possible effort to
have a large turn-out for the
Shallotte meeting.

The Young Democrats Clubs
are in position to have an im-
portant influence in the govern-
ment of North Carolina during
the next two years, and a discus-
sion of objectives and policies will
feature the Monday night meet-
ing.

City Tax Rate Given Boost To \$2.00 For Year

Special Meeting Of Board
Of Aldermen Monday
Night Results In Decision
To Raise Rate From For-
mer \$1.60 Level

PUSH COLLECTION DELINQUENT TAXES

Increase In Rate Will En-
able City To Live Up To
Sinking Fund Obligations
Of Debt Service

At a special meeting of the
Southport board of aldermen
Monday night a resolution was
passed raising the tax rate to
\$2.00 for the 1946-47 budget.

This action resulted from two
stormy sessions of the city fa-
thers during which various re-
medies were proposed for meet-
ing the demands of the bond holders
and the mounting costs of operat-
ing expenses. The new rate re-
presents something of a com-
promise agreement.

The former rate, and the one
in effect for the past several
years, was \$1.60, the same as
that for the county. It is un-
derstood that the principal needs for
increasing the rate is to be able
to fully meet the demands of the
bond agreement with regard to
payments to the sinking fund.

Another action of the board at
this meeting was to instruct the
city attorney to institute fore-
closure proceedings in fifty tax
suits before November 1. This
is indicative of the renewed ef-
fort that will be made to collect
delinquent taxes.

Southport Lady Dies In Atlanta

Mrs. Miriam Fisher Was
Visiting Her Daughter
At The Time Of Her
Passing Last Wednesday
Funeral Services Here

Visiting at the home of her
daughter, Mrs. E. E. Wilson, in
Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. Miriam Piner
Fisher, well known Southport
lady, died there last Wednesday.
She had accompanied Mr. and
Mrs. Wilson to Atlanta when they
returned home a month ago.

Mrs. Fisher is survived by one
son, G. W. Fisher, of Southport;
five daughters, Mrs. Mammie
Aldridge, Mrs. Ruth Hickman,
Mrs. Wallberg Moore and Mrs.
Clayton Hickman, all of South-
port; and Mrs. Sadie Wilson, of
Atlanta; one brother, J. E. Piner,
of Southport, also survives
along with 16 great grandchild-
ren.

The remains were brought
back to Southport and interred
in the old Southport cemetery
Saturday afternoon, following
services conducted at the Southport
Methodist church at 3 o'clock.
The services were in charge of Rev.
O. I. Hinson and Rev. H. M.
Baker.

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Dangerous Liquor Still Captured

Deputy Sheriff Odell Blanton, of Supply, located and captured a small but potent poison producing outfit in the shape of a galvanized tin and wood still at Calabash this week. Galvanized tin is said to produce a deadly concoction that will often go further than to merely stagger the imbiber.

The discovery of the still followed upon the deputy sheriff securing a search warrant for the home of Council Gore. A quart of bootleg was found in Gore's home and he turned State's evidence, implicating Carl Bennett in the ownership of the still. He revealed the whereabouts of the still, near the home of Bennett.

Both Gore and Bennett were arrested on the charge of manufacturing and possession.

Brunswick Basin Is Unaffected By New Stop Order

Work Of Digging At Ship
Lay-In Basin At Brun-
swick River Will Continue
As Soon As Dredge Re-
turns

WILL BE BACK AT WORK THIS WEEK

Pennsylvania Will Be Able
To Resume Operations
Following Repairs
Made On Her At
Norfolk

Of half dozen new ship lay-in
basins at various points in the
United States, the Brunswick
river basin in Town Creek town-
ship is the only one not effected
by the recent conversion orders
of President Truman and John
Steelman, reconversion director.

The order stopped negotiations
or work for several new basins.
The Brunswick county basin es-
caped the orders by reason of the
fact that it had already been con-
tracted for and much of the work
actually done.

However, there has been a stop-
page of dredging on the Brun-
swick basin since August 24. On
that date the huge turbine dredge
Pennsylvania exploded an engine.
The vessel was towed to Newport
News, Va., and repaired at a cost
of around \$200,000. The vessel is
now being brought back and will
resume her work on the basin this
week. Some 4,000,000 cubic
yards of mud are yet to be re-
moved from the basin and the
work is now expected to run
through January.

With 20 or more of the 500
ships that are to be stored in the
basin when it is completed already
there, the bringing in of addition-
al ships was halted ten days ago
by the shipping strike. Ports all
along the Atlantic coast now have
big freighters waiting, earmarked
for the Brunswick county basin
and to be brought in as soon as
the strike conditions will permit.

Nothing Sensational In Civil Court Last Week

Judge Walter J. Bone, Of Nashville, Pre-
sided Over Second Week Of Septem-
ber Term

No matters of unusual interest
were disposed of during last
week's session of Brunswick county
Superior court for trial of
civil cases. Judge Walter J.
Bone, of Nashville, presided.

In several matters the court
found that settlement of cases
was contingent upon a survey of
land in dispute, and appointment
of a surveyor was made. This in-
cluded the cases of N. C. Pulp
& Paper Co. vs. W. T. Sullivan;
Hughes vs. Smith; Smith vs.
Stanley; W. S. Gause, et al vs.
Kermit Causey and wife; Milliken
vs. Prewatt.

W. T. and Pearl Sullivan were
made parties to the suit of N. C.
Pulp & Paper Co. vs. J. B. At-
kinson.

In the case of Hughes vs.
Smith the defendant is to pay for
timber now cut and lying on the
ground at the rate of \$10.00 per
thousand, this money to be paid
to the Clerk of Court later to be
sold to satisfy claim.

More Publicity For County With Rattlesnake In Museum

"Brunswick" Arrived Safely
In Raleigh Last Week
Following Trip Which
Left Feeling Of Uneasiness
In His Wake

LOCAL INTEREST IN BIG REPTILE

Museum Official Writes
To Express His Appreciation
To Southport
Man For Efforts To
Secure Snake

"Brunswick" in case anybody
wants to know about him, is now
safe in the exhibition cage in the
State Museum at Raleigh. He is
a successor to "Onslow," the big
diamond back rattlesnake which
died in the museum two years
ago, after living there for 13-
years.

"Brunswick" was captured alive
and unhurt by Clarence Jones
and P. McDuffie, colored men
living midway between Southport
and Wilmington. He was brought
to Southport and about every-
body in town and people attend-
ing criminal court two weeks ago
saw him. His rattles could be
heard half a block, and near
enough to hear was near enough
for quite a number of folks.

The rattler caused W. B.
Keziah, who acquired him for the
museum, no end of worry. He
feared someone was liable to get
his hand too near the wire cage
and the big rattler, coiled and
with his buzzer going steadily all
day long, was waiting and watch-
ing for just that. "Brunswick's"
wire and wood cage was finally
boxed over, and he could still
be heard, but not seen, industri-
ously playing his buzzer.

Miss Lottie Mae Newton, the
local express agent, all but faint-
ed when the box, with "Brun-
swick" rattling away inside, was
carried around to her office for
shipment. "Brunswick" was
ordered removed out of hearing,
even when he was already out of
sight. Miss Lottie, with safety
first still in mind, called up Wil-
mington and the express office
there reminded her that they
hauled everything, if it was pro-
perly boxed. They even sent down
a special shipping tag to guide
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Fatal Accident Thursday Night

Collision Between Auto-
mobile And Truck Carry-
ing Colored Workers Re-
sulted In Death Of One
Man

Herbert Sharpe, negro potato
worker of Statesboro, Ga., was
killed in a two-truck car wreck
on Route 17, a mile east of Town
Creek Thursday night. Fifteen
other people, mostly negro potato
workers who were riding in a
truck with Sharpe, were sent to
the hospital with more or less
serious injuries.

The accident is alleged to have
occurred when a car driven by
S. P. Martin, Wilmington white
man, crashed into the side of the
truck in which the negro potato
workers were riding. Both the
Martin car and the truck turned
over two or three times and an-
other truck, driven by Peter
Ferry, of Norfolk, crashed into
the wreckage and also overturned.

Coroner W. E. Bell empaneled
a jury and held an inquest here
Friday night. The testimony of
various witnesses resulted in
Martin being held for trial on a
charge of reckless driving. His
bond was fixed at \$300.00.

Roscoe Rogers Gets New Job

Will Succeed C. M. Hick-
man As Keeper At County
Home; Other Matters
Disposed Of By Commis-
sioners Monday

Members of the board of county
commissioners met Monday,
day, and appointed Roscoe Rogers
as keeper at the county home for
the next year.

Geo. L. Bellamy will be per-
mitted to sell timber on Ellis
Bellamy estate, with understand-
ing that receipts will be paid to
tax office until back taxes are
satisfied.

Ida Mitchell was relieved of
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Farm Training Program Plans Are Explained

Meeting Will Be Held On
Tuesday Night Of Next
Week At Bolivia High
School To Discuss Train-
ing Program

REQUIREMENTS OF PROGRAM GIVEN

Training Designed To Equip
Veteran To Operate His
Own Farm Or To
Qualify As Farm
Manager

A meeting will be held at the
Bolivia vocational agriculture
building next Tuesday night at
8 o'clock to discuss a veterans
farmer training program for
World War II veterans who are
interested in on-the-farm train-
ing. Any veteran of World War
II who has served 90 or more
days (active duty) in any branch
of the U. S. armed service since
Sept. 15, 1940, and has not been
dishonorably discharged is eligible
for training under this program.

While in training a veteran can
apply for subsistence allowance
and receive \$65.00 per month if
single and \$90.00 per month if
he is married.

If the veteran does satisfactory
work and conducts himself in
accordance with the rules and
regulations set up by the institu-
tion he will be entitled to a
training period of one year plus
the length of his service between
Sept. 16, 1940, and the termina-
tion of the war, or a period with-
in this limit necessary to com-
plete his training.

The veteran will receive a
minimum of 200-hours per year
of organized instruction in the
classroom, shop or other nearby
facilities and 100-hours per year
for on-the-job instruction if self-
proprietorship program or 50-
hours per year if employer-train-
ee program. The Veterans Ad-
ministration will pay for his
books and for a small number of
hand tools that he may use on
the farm in his training program.

The veteran training under the
self-proprietorship program must
meet the following qualification:
He must have complete control
of the operation of the farm
through ownership, lease, manage-
ment agreement, or other tenure
arrangement which fully protects
the veteran. The farm must be
of sufficient size and suitability
for full time instruction in all
farm management operations
necessary to the particular type
of farming selected and the oper-
ation of the farm together with
the course of training must oc-
cupy the full time of the trainee.

The farm must be sufficiently
productive to insure a satisfactory
income at the conclusion of the
training. The trainee must help
prepare a home and farm plan
showing a financial statement,
budget of income and expense,
schedule of production and dis-
posal of crops, livestock products,
inventory of livestock, equipment
and supplies, and statement of
family living furnished by the
farm.

In order for a veteran to qual-
ify for training as an employee
of a farm he must meet the fol-
lowing qualifications: Training
for a specific objective such as:
Farm manager, farm superinten-
dent, etc., and should have some
prospect of securing the job he
is training for. The trainee must
be employed full time by a farm-
er who operates a farm of suffi-
cient size and scope to insure
him of an opportunity to ac-
quire the training.
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Southport Man Reported Lost

Word Received Here That
Alfred Newton Fell Over-
board From Shrimp
Trawler In Inland Water-
way Tuesday

Alfred Newton, Southport fish-
erman, is believed to have lost
his life in the inland waterway
between Georgetown and Myrtle
Beach Tuesday afternoon. He was
employed on the Marie Rose, big
new diesel trawler owned by Paul
Podale. The boat was enroute to
Southport from Georgetown and
Newton is said to have fallen
overboard in the canal. Boyd
Moore is captain of the Marie
Rose and James Aldridge is the
mate.

Definite details as to his loss
had not reached Southport early
this morning, but it is understood
that the body has not been re-
covered.

Mr. Newton was about 40-years
old and is survived by his wife
and five children, several bro-
thers and sisters.

Our
ROVING
Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

So far this year Brunswick
county has had comparatively
little damage to timber from
forest fires. This is partly ac-
counted for by the fact that con-
tinuous rains kept the woods and
fields in a very damp condition.
Fires did not start so easily and
were more easily extinguished
when they did start. One thing
to keep in mind from now on is
that the rains, while aiding to
prevent fires, caused more than
the usual amount of undergrowth
in the woods and fields. When
a dry season comes along and
this undergrowth dies the danger
from fires will be greater than
ever.

Reports reaching us are to the
effect that near a thousand
yachts will be coming down the
inland waterway this fall and
winter. The normal number be-
fore the war was less than 500.
The increased number this fall
will be accounted for by the war-
time money still flooding the
country and the fact that many
war workers feel they are entitled
to a vacation in the south dur-
ing the winter months. It is safe
to say that many pretty boats
will be stopping at various points
along the inland waterway in
Brunswick county during the
next several months.

Mentioning the Service Men's
Plaque or honor roll at the Le-
land school some weeks ago, we
asked that other schools having
such rolls write us a report on
theirs, giving the number of
names on the roll and the names
of all who lost their lives in the
war. Miss Virginia Lewis of the
Bolivia high school writes us
that the Bolivia school plaque
has the names of 112 boys and
girls. Of this number only two
of the boys were killed in action.
They were Carmen Mercer and
Roscoe Long. Miss Lewis did not
say so, but our own understand-
ing is that Roscoe Long was the
first Brunswick man killed in
action during the war.

We were down the Grisset-
town-Ash road this past week, as
far as Longwood, a distance of
4 miles from Grissettown. The
four miles took over half an hour
to cover by bus and our impres-
sion of the road was that if any
of the good farmers' wives of
that section wanted to chun-
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