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## District Legion Meeting Is Held Here On Friday

Brunswick County Post No. 100 American Legion was host to other Posts of this District at dinner meeting.

RAY GALLOWAY IS GIVEN ENDORSEMENT  
Went On Record For His Election As State Department Commander At June Convention

Brunswick County Post No. 100 American Legion, was host to legionnaires of this District at a dinner meeting held at the Community Center building and attended by representatives of eight Posts.

In absence of District Commander Joe Mann, of Whiteville, N. C., the meeting was presided over by the vice-commander, R. T. Trotter, of Southport, discharging the duties of the commander. Among the important business of the session was the endorsement of R. Galloway, vice-commander of the State Department, for State Commander at the State Convention to be held at Carolina Beach.

Attention to have the meeting on record as endorsing Galloway was made by Com. Louis F. Parker, of the Southport Post. Seconds were given by Commander Harry Minick, of the Shallotte Post, and E. Frink, of Southport. The motion was carried unanimously and members promised their enthusiastic support of Ray Galloway.

Commanders of the various Posts of the district were called to a report of membership. A short pep-talk was given in the matter of striving for membership during the "Dusk" membership drive now in progress.

Frank Howard was called to introduce Ray Galloway to the meeting. Among his remarks were those which stressed the importance of having the American Legion continue as a mighty organization which will fight to the last for principals and issues which it believes to be just.

Mr. Frink made a motion to the meeting to go on record as endorsing the proposed Veterans Hospital to be located somewhere in the 7th Legion District.

**BRIEF NEWS FLASHES**  
MOTHER  
George Rappleyea, prominent Orleans business man, visited his mother here Sunday.

**TO DURHAM**  
W. E. Bell and son and daughter left Saturday for Durham where they expect to make a home for some time owing to the illness of Mrs. Bell. Mr. Bell will continue the operation of the barbershop here.

**COPIES GET TWO STILLS**  
County Sheriff's Pawnee Forney and Daught Tripp and Marshall dredge, Hoffman, were arrested and captured large copper stills in Waccamaw township the past week. The amount of mash was destroyed along with the stills.

**FINISHES ITS WORK**  
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## Impressive Dedication Of St. Phillips Organ

Presentation Made By John G. Bragaw, Uncle Of Captain Churchill Bragaw, In Whose Memory It Was Given

On the evening of February 9th, in St. Phillips' church, Southport, an organ given by the Women's Auxiliary of the parish as a memorial to the late Captain Henry Churchill Bragaw was dedicated in a brief and impressive service conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Richard L. Sturgis.

Mrs. Frank M. Niernise is President of the Auxiliary, and Mrs. J. D. Smith is the organist. The organ was presented on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary by John G. Bragaw of Washington, an uncle of Captain Bragaw, in the following words:

"If you should go to Ohio Wesleyan University on a certain day in any year, and attend there the ceremony of a certain fraternity upon that day, at a certain period in the service two members of the fraternity will bring in, reverently, a sixteen foot plank—just an ordinary plank, weather beaten, paint stained. It is Billy's Plank, and then one will stand and tell the heroic story of that plank."

"He will tell you that in 1903 Billy McLaughlin, a student of that college, went to Chicago to spend the Christmas holidays with his uncle, Dr. Frank Gunsulius, an eminent minister of that day. On the afternoon of the 30th of December, Billy knocked at the study door and his Uncle Frank bade him enter.

"What are you doing, Uncle Frank?" the lad asked. And Uncle Frank said, "I am writing my sermon for next Sunday, Billy. 'What is your text?'"

"From the Gospel of John, Billy—'To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the World.'"

"And Billy said, with the levity (Continued on page 2)

Headquarters For Lay-Up Basin Move To Brunswick

Quarterboat Moored Near Brunswick Bridge Will Serve As Headquarters For Officials Of Ship Basin

DREDGE COMPLETES TASK OF DIGGING About 700 Men Expected To Be Employed At Basin When All Ships Arrive; Many Of Them Local

A large number of the employees of the Maritime Commission, until recently stationed at the North Carolina Shipyard, have been moved to the Brunswick River Lay-Up-Basin. It is understood that all except a handful of the workers at the shipyard will soon be over at the basin yard. It was recently stated that about 700 men would be employed there when the task of looking after the surplus ships reaches its peak.

Information this week is that ships being brought into the basin hereafter will all be moved to the upper end, near the bridge and into the closest possible proximity to the yard, a couple of hundred yards below the gridge. The office and administration quarters will be at the yards and a quarter boat was brought in last week to serve as the headquarters.

The administration of the basin work will be under Captain A. G. Ford, of the Maritime Commission. With his family Captain Ford has been residing in Brunswick nearly a year. He stated to this newspaper some time ago that (Continued on Page Four)

Judge Thompson Killed Sunday

Elizabeth City Jurist Was Scheduled To Preside Over March Term Of Superior Court In Brunswick County

ELIZABETH CITY, March 16—Superior Court Judge Everett Thompson was murdered tonight by a shotgun blast fired through the window of his living room shortly after 9 o'clock by George E. Pritchard, lawyer, who fatally injured himself on the porch of Judge Thompson's home after the slaying.

Reports of the slaying reached local police at 9:19 and Pritchard died in Albemarle Hospital at 9:40. Judge Thompson, who was relaxed in an easy chair reading today's issue of The News and Observer, was killed instantly from the blast from the automatic shotgun. The top of his (Continued on page 4)

## Leland Youth Enlists In Army

Eleven applicants, including three Army and two Navy veterans, were accepted for enlistment in the Regular Army by the Wilmington Army Recruiting Station during the week ending March 8, it was announced this week by Lt. Charles J. Markus, commanding officer.

One applicant, David S. Hayes, of Leland, was accepted from the Brunswick County Area during the above period. He entered the Army for a period of 18 months, unassigned.

The U. S. Army Recruiting Station is located in Room 205 Post Office Building, Wilmington. A recruiting Sgt. also visits Southport every 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month, his headquarters being in the post office.

## Paper Company To Co-operate In Fire Plan

International Paper Company Reported To Be Planning Establishment Of Supplementary Group

WILL COOPERATE WITH STATE SERVICE Organization Would Assist County Forest Warden And His Forces In Every Possible Way With Work

Brunswick county forestry officials and timber owners who are interested in better protection of their lands from forest fires are very much interested in the fact that the International Paper Co., owners of large areas of woodland in Brunswick, is considering setting up fire control headquarters of their own in Brunswick county in the very near future.

While the company plans a fire control headquarters of its own, with men, tractor, tractor plows, road machines, etc., this does not mean that they will work independently of the county and state fire prevention organization. On the contrary, according to Lin B. Zulick, district supervisor for the company lands in Brunswick, Columbus and Horry counties, the paper company's fire control headquarters will act in close cooperation with the state and county system. They will assist the county and state organization in combatting fires at all time of need.

Mr. Zulick says that in addition to the equipment, a foreman and some ten men will be employed the year-round. Their machinery will be similar to that of the county and State, but larger and more mobile, since it will be called upon to go to all points in the county and to points outside the county when serious fire situations arise. He says that the unit will involve a large expenditure of money on the part of the company.

A graduate of the school of forestry at the University of California 1940, Mr. Zulick entered the Navy Reserves, serving with the rank of Lieutenant until January, 1946. Recently appointed district supervisor for the International Paper Company, he is residing at 2733 A Jefferson St., (Continued on Page Four)

## Increase Made In Juror Pay

Members Of Board Of Commissioners Make Provision For Increase At Regular Mid-Monthly Meeting Monday

An increase in the daily pay for service on a Brunswick county jury was authorized through action of the board of county commissioners at their regular mid-monthly meeting here Monday.

The old scale of \$2.00, and \$3.00 per day has been raised to \$3.00 and \$4.00. The higher rate is paid where a man is given a summons to appear at a court session for jury duty. The lower rate is in order when a man is contacted by a court order for special jury duty after court is in session.

The commissioners passed an order that no telephone bills for the sheriff nor his deputies will be paid for by the county except the phone in the office of the sheriff at the courthouse; and only long distance calls made by the sheriff or his deputies on business.

O. P. Bellamy, former member of the board of county commissioners, was reappointed to the Brunswick County Welfare Board.

The commissioners declared that they could discover no justification for an adjustment in the amount of taxes due on the James Holmes estate. The Lind grant of Mattie Allen was ordered increased from \$11.00 monthly to \$13.00; and for James McMillan from \$20.00 (Continued on page 4)

## Bill Introduced To Ask Funds For Surveying

A Thorough Survey Of Shrimping Grounds Off Southport Would Be Authorized Through Passage Of Legislation

SENATE BILL INTRODUCED BY SENATOR MINTZ Work Would Be Under Direction Of Commission; Would Benefit All Fishermen

Senate Bill 310, introduced Monday by Senator R. I. Mintz, would create a commission to survey certain shrimping grounds near the mouth of the Cape Fear river and south of Frying Pan Shoals. The measure would appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to carry on the work of the commission.

Although only shrimping is mentioned in this bill, it will receive the wholehearted support of both shrimpers and commercial fishermen, and all who are interested in the welfare of such workers. Calculated to search for and charter offshore grounds where the shrimp trawlers may operate, it will in the course of such work find many bottoms where food fish may also be found. Place suitable for the taking of shrimp and food fish and grounds unsuitable for such work will be revealed by the survey. Sport fishermen will also come in for benefit in that grounds unsuitable for trawling usually are rated as the best for sport fishing.

Told of the bill yesterday and asked regarding his opinion of its benefits, Lewis J. Hardee, who went to Louisiana and spent several years in the successful production of shrimp and seafood after a similar survey had been (Continued on Page 4)

## Plan Two Plays Sunday Evening

New Britian Baptist Church Will Be Scene Of Two Religious Plays Sponsored By Missionary Society

The New Baptist church Women's Missionary Society at Free-land, is staging two plays at the church Sunday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock. The plays are, "Children of Lydia", with the following persons taking part: Lois Babson, Ada Neal Cox, Elbert Cox, Bessie Lou Coleman, Walter Cox, Edna Fae Simmons, and Teddy Simmons.

The above play will be followed by the giving of "How Home Missions Came to Helen", with the following persons participating: Janice Inman, Smithie King, Otelia King, Ada Lee Inman, Myrtle King, Ethel I. Babson, Laura Simmons, Ramon Babson, Ronwald Ross, Hazel Simmons, Betty Joyce King, Jaunita Inman, Katie Smith and Marie Inman.

Mrs. Lura Simmons, recreation director, is directing these plays. The public is cordially invited.

### Our ROVING Reporter



W. B. KEZIAH

A lot of Brunswick county boys who are away from home would miss getting this paper for anything. The knowledge that folks get some pleasure and comfort as a result of the work he is doing goes far to make the task of a newspaper man easier and more pleasant. We stopped at Mrs. McKinley Hewett's at Shallotte Saturday and found that Mrs. Hewett had the renewal of Mrs. Olivia Russ waiting for us to make our call. Pinned to the bills was a note from Mrs. Russ, saying she was 75 years old and that the weekly visit of the paper brought her a great deal of pleasure.

Bob Garland of Cleveland, Ohio, tops in the free lance photography business and anxious to get some pictures of this section and New Hanover county for the Ladies Home Journal and other magazines, played into hard luck last week. His time, out (Continued on Page Five)

## Consolation Winners



CAGERS—Above are members of the Shallotte high school basketball squad, winners of the consolation contest in this year's Brunswick County Tournament. Seated, left to right, Cheers, Robinson, Frink, Stanley, Hewett, Sellers. Second row: Darius Stanaland, Gore, Milliken, Davey Stanaland, Tompkins and Coach Blankenship.

## Working On Approaches To Bridges In This County

Local Lions To See State Movie

"Meet North Carolina," the sound color travelogue depicting 300 scenes of North Carolina, will be shown at a special dinner meeting of the Southport Lions Club at the Community Building this evening.

Produced by the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, the North Carolina division of the company is making the film available to the local group.

The regular time for the Lions to meet is Thursday at noon, but in order to be able to obtain this fine feature for this week's program, the meeting time was changed to Wednesday evening. Members are inviting their wives and other special guests to this meeting.

## Three Men Die Of Gas Fumes

Three White Men Asphyxiated Saturday Morning When Fumes From Gasoline Motor Filled Cabin Of Boat

The unusual circumstance of the 40-foot cabin cruiser, Rose-land II, nosing its way to the banks of the inland waterway at Calabash, on the lower Brunswick coast, caused two fishermen to investigate Saturday morning. They found that the engine of the boat was still running and that three dead men were aboard the craft. Not a living thing was found.

The dead were Banks H. Funderburk, owner of the yacht and prominent citizen of Charlotte, where he owned and operated the Funderburk Oil Company and other interests. With him in the cabin of the boat was John A. Kessler, also of Charlotte. Both men were fully dressed and each was lying on his bunk.

The third man aboard was Oscar T. Sewell, of Swansboro. He was serving as captain and was found in the pilot house, slumped over his seat.

Coroner W. E. Bell was promptly notified and with other officials he went to the scene immediately to investigate. The findings revealed a clear case of all three men having met death by carbon monoxide poisoning from exhaust fumes escaping from the motor into the closed cabin and pilot house of the boat. Such poisoning brings on a quick and overwhelming desire to sleep (Continued on page 2)

## New Ride Makes Big Hit Locally

The Spitfire, something brand new in riding devices that Jimmy Raftery brought to Southport this week as a part of the R. & S. Amusements features, is attracting a great deal of attention.

Patterned something after an airplane, even to the wings, twelve cars, each accommodating two passengers, are carried (Continued on page 4)

## Better Farming Contest Is Being Held In County

Better Farming For Better Living Contest Offers Substantial Cash Prizes To Entrants

COOK SERVING AS COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Entry Into Contest May Be Made Any Time Before April 16; Urged That Each Community Be Represented

Better Farming for Better Living has been launched in Brunswick County, with J. E. Cook, cashier of the Shallotte branch of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., serving as chairman of the Brunswick County Council in charge of arrangements.

Better Farming for Better Living is a contest program in which farm families in the area may enroll not later than April 15th. The same principals and practices that have been recommended by the State Agricultural Experiment Station and other agricultural agencies are embodied in this program. Farm families are urged to participate in community activities, Home Demonstration Clubs, Farmers Clubs, and Vocational Agriculture, Home Economics and 4-H Clubs for Children. They are also urged to provide adequate amounts of farm produce, poultry, meat and vegetables to feed the family on a high nutritional level. Improvements that will mean greater efficiency in the farmstead are suggested and better care of the farm land is urged by making a better farm plan that will provide most efficient use of cropland, pasture and woodland. One phase of the program deals with diversification that may help to increase farm income and provide for income throughout the year.

The council hopes to have entries representing every community in Brunswick county, and entry in the contest may be made through County Agent J. E. Dodson, Home Demonstration Agent Mrs. Alene Mintz, any one of the vocational agriculture teachers or through either of the cashiers of the two banks serving the county.

In each County participating in the program County Councils made up of business, professional, civic and agricultural leaders of the County are in charge of the program. Councils have already been organized in Pender, Brunswick, Onslow, Duplin, Jones and Lenoir Counties. Organization meetings are scheduled to be held in New Hanover, Bladen, Columbus, Carteret, Craven, Pamlico and Greene during the next two weeks.

In addition to local premiums which are in charge of the County Council, \$25.00 is being provided in each county by the Tide Water Power Company, which is also supplying the project booklets, and \$75.00 is provided for winners in two regions and \$100.00 to the sweepstakes winner in the 13 County area. Neff Bolton, Agricultural Agent of the Tide Water Power Company, has been assisting in the organization meetings of the County Councils and will work further to help coordinate the program in the area.

Both bridges have been rated as dangerous for many years, owing to their narrow width and weakness that has resulted from age and heavy duty. Built many years ago, neither was ever expected to have carry the heavy loads that came with modern truck transportation.

The Brunswick River Bridge, much the largest of the two structures, is just two hundred yards from the upper end of the big ship lay-in-basin on the Brunswick River.

Changes Made In Power Rate

Adjustments in the power rates for users in the City of Southport were made by the board of aldermen at their meeting last Thursday night with the result that lower rates will be in effect for the larger users of electric power.

Of particular interest to the average citizen is the one-meter rate which will be especially practical for persons who use electric stoves and other similar equipment. There is no change in the rate in the lower bracket, with the graduation being 12kw @ 12c; the next 12kw @ 8c; the next 24kw @ 4c; the next 25kw @ 3c; the next 175 kw @ 2c; all over at 1 1/2-cents.

The new set-up for commercial users is 12kw @ 12c; 12kw @ 8c; next 676 kw @ 4c; next 700 kw @ 3c; all over at 2c-rate.

A committee including representatives from the Southport Woman's Club attended the meeting to register a protest against (Continued on page 4)

## Patrolmen Make Bus Inspection

Report Made By Investigating Officers Praises Work Of County Mechanic Earnest Parker And Helpers

A brief story appeared in this paper three weeks ago, stating that all school buses in Brunswick had been inspected by the Highway Patrol and given an O. K. as being in good order.

The inspection was made by Patrolmen C. J. Ferguson and R. E. Sherrill. Patrolman Ferguson was interviewed this week and came across with an interesting confirmation. Relative to the inspection made by him and Sherrill, he said: "The school buses in Brunswick county are in better shape than ever before. Our investigation did not result in our turning down a single machine as being unsafe. There were a few minor adjustments to make, but brakes, lights and the really important things were in excellent shape. The Brunswick school buses are in better shape now than were those in any other county where I ever checked."

The patrolman went on to say (Continued on Page 4)