

### Furpless Heads Overseas Relief Drive In County

Local Theatre Manager Takes Charge Of Program Designed To Collect "Pound - Per - Person" Clothing

COLLECTION DATES SET FOR MAY 18 - 25

Reverend Henry Ruark, Of Chapel Hill, Chairman Of Program For Entire State This Year

Mr. Furpless, manager of the Ammu theatre, in Southport, has been named Brunswick county chairman of the Overseas Relief Drive Committee.

Mr. Furpless on the committee in Southport will be assisted by Mrs. J. W. Ruark, Trinity Methodist church; Miss Annie May Woodside, Southport Baptist Church; Mrs. Clayton Hickman, Presbyterian church; Mrs. Frank M. Norrsee, St. Phillips Episcopal church; Mrs. Paul Fodale, Sacred Heart Catholic church; and Mrs. McKethan, Holiness church.

Mr. Furpless has revealed facts about needs overseas which are the basis of the drive for clothing, bedding and shoes throughout the state. Despite two years of war, he said, it will take a long time yet to restore the economies of whole nations under constant warfare for six years. With textile mills destroyed, livestock killed and driven away, bedding and clothing burned, whole populations are wearing ragged shoes and rags. Lack of soap has made deterioration of fabrics worse than normal. Although Americans have given generously in the past for overseas relief much of the clothing last year is now worn out. Of the 100,000,000 pieces which are sent abroad from American stores a year ago do not go far when distributed among 150,000,000 people.

The Brunswick County drive May 18 through May 25, has a goal of "at least a pound a person." This means 18,000 from the entire county. Mr. Furpless pointed out that this sounds like a lot, but when reduced to the individual donor does not work a hardship on anyone. For example, he said, a pair of men's shoes weighs over a pound, while a winter suit or overcoat weighs several pounds. However, the goal of "a pound a person" does not prevent anyone from giving 25 or 50 pounds if they have that much surplus.

Mr. Furpless is urging all housewives to combine their spring housecleaning with this project of mercy. Those old military uniforms, wedding clothes, baby things extra bedding, torn baby clothes and a hundred other items can be sent abroad with the assurance that they will end their days in an errand of mercy. Mr. Furpless is asking the principal of each school to make announcement of the purposes of the drive, and is asking that the contributions from each community be delivered at the school, from which points they may be picked up. Persons living away from the schools may place bundles of clothing on W. B. & E. Buses and they will be brought in free of charge. Bundles may also be left at the State Port Pilot office.

TO BUILD ROOMS  
B. L. Furpless has been named chairman of the building fund committee for Southport Presbyterian church with the objective of raising money for the erection of Sunday school rooms. Contributions are being solicited from members throughout this community.

### Stevens Speaks Before Wildlife Group Monday

Executive Secretary Of North Carolina Federation Of Wildlife Clubs Southport Visitor

Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the North Carolina Federation of Wildlife Clubs, was the speaker at a meeting of the Brunswick County Wildlife Club here Monday night in the courthouse.

Prior to the appearance of Mr. Stevens on the program, a business session was held, with the following officers being elected for the coming year: President, E. J. Prevatte; vice-president, Dillon L. Ganey; secretary-treasurer, W. B. Keziah, who was re-elected to this post.

Mr. Stevens summarized the activities of the Wildlife Federation in bringing about the separation of the Game and Inland Fishing Division from the old Department of Conservation and Development. He said that victory in this matter was only an indication of what can be accomplished by the sportsmen of this state any time they will cooperate on any program.

He told the club members that Governor Cherry now has before him the names of 27 men from whom he will name the 9-man commission who will direct the affairs of the new set-up on fishing and hunting, and he urged all sportsmen to back them up to the limit.

While very careful not to make any commitments as to what he believes will be the final organization and policy of the new commission, Mr. Stevens stated that he felt sure that these men will desire to work in close



harmony with club members in each county, and he urged the continuation of strong, healthy clubs throughout every section of the state.

### Judge R. Hunt Parker To Preside Over May Term

Exchange Of Terms With Judge Clawson Williams Will Bring Roanoke Rapids Jurist Here

CROWDED DOCKET OF CRIMINAL CASES

This Is Rated A Mixed Term, But Prospect Is That Criminal Cases Will Take Entire Time

Judge Clawson Williams, who was scheduled to preside at next week's term of Brunswick county Superior court, has exchanged courts with Judge H. Hunt Parker, of Roanoke Rapids. The exchange will bring Judge Parker here next week for the one week's term of mixed criminal and civil court.

Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett says that about 35 criminal cases are on the docket for trial next week. No murder cases are scheduled and only a few of the cases may be regarded as important. However, in view of the number of criminal matters, practically the whole week will have to be devoted to criminal cases.

Eleven divorce cases are waiting trial and most of them will probably be disposed of during spare moments in the criminal proceedings. Two civil trial cases and four cases on the motion docket have also been set in view of the possibility that time may permit of their being handled during the week.

### Recorder Has Brief Session

All Cases Disposed Of Before Noon Monday By Judge W. J. McLamb And Recorder's Court Officials

A short session of Brunswick county Recorder's court was held here Monday, with Judge W. J. McLamb and other court officials disposing of all cases before noon. The following disposition was made:

### Flower Show To Be Held Friday Of This Week

Entries Will Be Received Throughout Morning Until Noon; Judging While Doors Are Closed

SCHOOL CHILDREN TO VISIT SHOW

Climax Of Day Will Be Woman's Club Tea Starting At 4 O'clock In Afternoon

The annual flower show sponsored by members of the Southport Woman's Club will be held on Friday at the Community Building, with Mrs. Helen Bragaw serving as general chairman.

Entries may be made during the morning from 10 o'clock to 12 o'clock, with club members who are on duty during that time allowed one extra hour for making their own entries.

Judging will start at 1 o'clock and will be done while the doors are still closed.

Children of Southport school will be given an opportunity to view the exhibits with their teachers, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. If children wish to attend the show at any other hour, it is requested that they do so in company with their parents.

The flower show will be open to the general public from 3:30 o'clock to 5:30 o'clock, and a cordial invitation has been extended to the public to attend.

The Woman's Club tea, climax to this annual event, will be held at 4 o'clock. Mrs. H. T. St. George, president of the club, will be in charge of this attraction.

### New Bridge Is Taking Traffic

Two-Way Flow Of Traffic Being Routed Over Temporary Structure At The Brunswick River Bridge In This County

The new temporary bridge across the Brunswick river, built to serve traffic on routes 17, 74 and 76, is now affording a safe and satisfactory two-way route around the scenes of the new bridge-building activities.

Traffic proceeds either way without a halt, but in the interest of safety both trucks and cars are required to slow down while crossing the temporary bridge.

Work of dismantling the old steel bridge began last week and the plans of the highway commission are understood to be to remove and re-erect it on some road where travel is not so heavy and the needs of a wide structure are not so great. The new bridge that is to replace the old one will be on the same level and will be built of reinforced concrete. Railings will have an inside clearance of 37 feet, giving what is known as a four-lane bridge. An estimated ten months will be required to complete the structure. The new bridge across Alligator Creek, a mile further east, will be under construction at the same time. It will be of the same width and general type, but much shorter.

### Mother's Day Is Observed Here

Special Services Conducted Sunday Afternoon At 2:00 O'clock At Sacred Heart Church In Southport

On Sunday, May 11, at 2 o'clock the Catholic citizens of Southport and their friends, celebrated Mother's Day in their traditional manner. The church was simply and beautifully decorated with a special altar set-up to honor the Blessed Mother of God.

### Building Fund Dance Benefit

Still adding to their building fund towards the time when they have enough money on hand to begin construction of their new hut, the Shallotte Post American Legion is planning a big dance in the school gymnasium Thursday night, May 29th.

Odell Williamson, chairman of the building committee, says that this is the first instance when a large scale dance has been staged at Shallotte on anything but a concrete floor. The permission to use the gymnasium for a dance as an aid to their construction plans, is very much appreciated by Mr. Williamson and the others of the building committee.

### Aldermen Hold First Session Here Thursday

E. R. Weeks And All Other City Employees Are Re-appointed By Members Of New Board At First Official Meeting

HERRING NAMED MAYOR PRO-TEM

Aldermen Are Assigned To Various Committees And Other Organizational Details Completed

Mayor John D. Eriksen and members of the new board of aldermen were given the oath of office at noon last Thursday, and held their first regular meeting that night.

S. B. Frink was named city attorney and Dwight McEwen tax attorney. E. R. Weeks was re-appointed clerk for the City of Southport and all other regular city employees were re-appointed. In addition, Ed Daniels was engaged as a fourth engineer for the city power plant at a salary of \$130.00 per month. The salary of Hugh Spencer was raised to \$125.00 per month and Tom Hickman, one of the engineers at the power plant was given a \$10.00 per month raise to bring his salary up to that paid by other

### Officers Take Couple Stills

Raid In Northwest Township Results In Capture Of Unit; Men And Equipment Taken In Town Creek

Deputy Sheriff O. W. Perry and A.T.U. officers Plate and Steptoes made a raid in the lower Northwest section of Brunswick county, near Delco, last week. They captured a 100-gallon steam whiskey still and 400 gallons of molasses mash in this foray.

Friday Deputy Perry, accompanied by Deputy V. B. Pierce, Constable C. L. Lynch of Northwest and Game Warden Charles Skipper, made another raid this time near the upper end of the river road, in Town Creek township. This time they also took a 100-gallon steam whiskey still and 300 gallons of mash. Not the least of the haul was the taking of the alleged operators of the still, Earl Goodman and Kier Calson, both of Wilmington.

## Identity Of Murderer Of Sgt. David J. Duvoll Is Still Cloaked In Mystery

### Former Postmaster Traces More History Of County

Former Postmaster W. R. Holmes, Of Shallotte, Recalls Use Of "Letter Stump" By Patrons

Former Postmaster W. R. Holmes, of Shallotte, an authority on old post offices in Brunswick county, says that a good many years ago there was a postoffice at Seaside named Walden. Mrs. Lue Gause appears to have been the only postmistress at that place. At the time Seaside was known as Tubbs Inlet.

A star mail route ran between Georgetown, S. C., and Wilmington at the time, serving Walden and other postoffices along the Wilmington-Georgetown road. Only one trip was made each week by the carrier and that made it longer between mails than the time that the Governor of South Carolina told the Governor of North Carolina was between drinks.

The Wilmington-Georgetown Star Route carriers were versatile chaps. In addition to the mails they carried everything in the way of country produce that they could accumulate along the route, amounting to a good deal and being sold at a good profit when they reached their destination.

### Commencement Program Will Begin Here Sunday

Shallotte Man Brings Souvenirs

CLASS NIGHT TO BE HELD TUESDAY

District Solicitor Clifton Moore Will Deliver The Graduating Address Wednesday Evening

Merchant Dies In Wilmington

Henry Thomas Lewis, Long A Respected Merchant Of Navassa, Dies Following Long Illness

Armed Bandits Hold Up Place

Customers Of Former Charlie Hatten Place Near Navassa Held Up Early Monday Night

Officers In Two States At Work On Case Seeking Slayer Of Soldier From Army Air Base At Myrtle Beach

BODY DISCOVERED IN THIS COUNTY

However, Preponderance Of Evidence Points To Possibility Of Murder Elsewhere

Investigations by Brunswick county sheriff and his officers into the death of Sgt. David J. Devoll, of the Myrtle Beach Army Air Base, are now waiting moves by the South Carolina officers and the FBI, and it appears that any break in the case will have to come from South Carolina.

Devoll, married to a resident of Waccamaw township for about a year and making his home near Ash while he continued in the service, was found shot to death in his car, parked by the side of the road a mile and a half east of the South Carolina line last Friday at noon.

The discovery of the body was made when Mrs. Adrian Long, a nearby resident, stopped to look into the car as she was passing on her way to a grocery store at Longwood. Several people had seen the car parked on the shoulder of the road earlier in the morning, but no one stopped to look in or investigate. Esteen Hewett had seen the car as early as 7 o'clock.

Sheriff John White and Deputies Coleman, Formyduval, Leonard, Tripp and Herring all converged on the scene soon after the body was discovered. It was found that Duvoll had been shot through the left side of his chin and throat, apparently with a small-gauge shotgun. The entire load, including the wadding, had emerged just back of the right ear and at the base of the skull. Subsequent investigation revealed several No. 6 shot lodged in the skin at the back of the head.

With only a small patch of blood on the seat of the car where his head rested and a few bloodstains about the door of the car on the outside, it was believed that the man had been killed elsewhere and that his body had afterwards been placed in the car and the machine driven to the point where it was found.

A baby's diaper and an article of woman's clothing was found under the body. Devoll had one stepchild by a former marriage of his wife, who was divorced from her first husband the first of 1946. Mrs. Devoll advised officers that her husband had left for his duties at the Army Air-Base early the preceding morning and that she had not seen him since. The officers had found Devoll's wallet in his left hip pocket, containing \$92.00. This eliminated robbery as a motive and strengthened the other-woman angle that was revealed by the finding of garments under the body.

Following up the belief that the crime had been committed in South Carolina, the officers went to Myrtle Beach and from various information suspicion centered upon a service man at the airport and his wife. The Brunswick officials questioned this young woman, who has a 11-months old baby. She is said to have admitted being friends with Devoll. Her husband was also brought in for questioning, the airport officials warning him beforehand that under military law he did not have to answer. He is said to have admitted knowing the dead man and to have also made some statements that were later found to be untrue.

Unable to question him fully or to take any action, the local officers returned home after the commander at the airport had given assurance that the FBI would be called upon to make an investigation. It is understood that the FBI is now working on the case. They will not be handicapped by state lines.

Devoll's body was brought to Southport and prepared for burial at the Kilpatrick funeral home, later being taken to Wilmington for shipment to North Bend, Ohio.

Mr. Kilpatrick, who was named acting coroner in the case, will hold an inquest into the death at the earliest possible moment. If developments do not bring out definite information that the killing was done outside of Brunswick county.

## Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAN

Last spring Clerk of Superior Court E. O. Falkner, of Vance county, spent a week here with Sam T. Bennett, the Brunswick county clerk. Before returning home Mr. Falkner subscribed to this paper and has since been a regular reader. He writes us he expects to be down here again before the end of the month to spend several days with friends.

It is hoped that the friends who send this paper news, especially those who send in personal items, will not mind the suggestion that when they are writing of someone visiting their parents they should give the names of the parents also. When a newspaper carries an item that "John Smith" visited his parents only one or two people out of each hundred readers get any idea of who he visited.

With something regarding the whipping post on the court house square, this week. Calvin Westcott, of Southport, is kind of doubtful of the post having been erected for use when it became necessary to give somebody a drubbing. Mr. Westcott's father lived to way up in the nineties and Calvin says he does not remember ever hearing him say anything about anybody being whipped. At the same time Calvin says he remembers seeing two boys being given 20 lashes each. This whipping, he says, was given upstairs in the courtroom with the late Sheriff John Knox doing the whipping.

When he was asked about the fishing Saturday, our friend John W. Garner, of the Anchor Hotel at Shallotte Point, spoke very truthfully and to the point when