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## Local Citizens Hope State Will Take Over Base

Fact That Navy Will Enter  
Into Lease For Period Of  
Only Five Years Not Be-  
lieved Important

## QUESTION TO COME UP BEFORE BOARD

Use Of Housing Facilities  
At Caswell Seen As Possi-  
ble Answer To Tour-  
ist Housing

Interest in the State Depart-  
ment of Conservation and De-  
velopment taking over Fort Cas-  
well as a part of the Mountain-  
shore Park system is mount-  
ing throughout the State and  
especially in Brunswick county  
Southport. At present the  
question is only a possibility, the  
matter dampened somewhat  
by the fact that the Navy will  
only give a five-year lease.

Advocates of the proposition,  
which includes all who have  
been throughout Brunswick  
county, many up-state-people and  
everybody in Southport, are quick  
to point out their belief that a  
five-year lease to the State by  
the Federal Government will be  
needed for just as long as the  
State could hope to have the pro-  
perty if it secured a 20-year  
lease. Should war or some other  
national emergency arise the  
Government will need the prop-  
erty and will get it again,  
regardless of whether the lease  
that may be existing at the  
time is for 5-years or 20-years.

This week W. B. Keziah, of  
Southport, received a letter from  
the State Board of Conservation  
Development. Repeating that  
the question of the State taking  
a five-year lease would come up  
before the Board at the July  
meeting, Mr. Council expressed  
opinion over the proposition be-  
ing for only 5-years. He added  
that he would be glad to have  
arrangements, presumably to lay  
before the Committee on State  
Affairs, during the July meeting.

Following the receipt of this let-  
ter from Mr. Council, Mr. Keziah  
interviewed several local citizens  
for the purpose of obtaining their  
views. Following are some of  
the views and comment expres-  
sed in answer to the direct in-  
quiry of whether or not the per-  
son interviewed thought the  
State should take over under a  
five-year lease:

S. Bunn Frink, City Attorney  
of Southport and former State  
Senator: "Yes, the State should  
take over Fort Caswell. With a  
five-year lease possession will con-  
tinue as long as if the lease were  
for 20-years. The Navy will want  
it back when a period of National  
emergency arises and not un-  
til then." Continuing, Mr. Frink  
said that as a part of the Moun-  
tain-shore Park system Fort  
Caswell would be one of the  
greatest attractions that North  
Carolina has. It will draw tourists  
and thousands of out-of-State  
visitors. The benefit will extend  
to all of North Carolina.

## Brief News Flashes

BUYING TRIP  
Hobson Kirby, proprietor of the  
Shallotte Trading Company, will  
return from the northern markets  
tomorrow, Thursday. He has been  
there for several days laying in  
an extensive stock of fall goods.

BENEFIT PROGRAM  
Homer A. Briarhopper and his  
Chloe Dudes will appear at South-  
port high school Saturday, June  
14, at 8:30 o'clock in a program  
for the benefit of the Southport  
baseball team. Following this per-  
formance, these artists will play  
for a dance at the USO building.

CONFERENCE  
Dr. J. M. Waggette, pastor of  
Southport Presbyterian church,  
is attending the Young Peoples  
Conference of the Wilmington  
Presbytery this week at Lake  
Singletary. Dr. Waggette is  
scheduled to speak at the even-  
ing assembly each day through-  
out the week.

EDITOR'S NOTE  
Due to the shortage of news-  
papers, today's issue has been con-  
fined to four pages. We have  
done our best to render news  
and advertising coverage in the  
limited space available, and we  
will be back in our regular size  
edition just as soon as conditions  
will permit.

## Shallotte Man Renders First Aid To Traveler

Rigs Ancient Chariot With Tight-Fitting Set Of Tires  
For Its Coast-To-Coast Trip

When it comes to being versatile at repairing things,  
leave it with Ikey Reynolds, of I. E. Reynolds and Son, at  
Shallotte. Ikey can fix it if it is fixable,—often even  
when it isn't.

Last week he was called upon  
to do something that he had not  
done in years. In fact, the man,  
he fixed things for, stated that  
he had driven several hundred  
miles before he happened upon  
Ikey and his ability to do a little  
bit of car repairing.

Several weeks ago J. J. Ruth,  
of York, Pa., a retired business  
man, set out for California,  
travelling down the coast. His  
conveyance was a 1902 gasoline  
buggy with rubber tires just  
like those on horse-drawn bug-  
gies. The tires are solid rubber  
with wires inside. These wires,  
like the strings of a bathrobe,  
must be drawn tight over the  
rim of the wheel, and tied still  
tighter. Ikey did this tying to  
the full satisfaction of the coast-  
to coast motorist, who merrily  
went rolling along in his horse-  
less chariot.

## Thousands Of Legionnaires To Meet At Carolina Beach

Forty And Eight Will Open  
Convention Saturday;  
General Jacob L. Devers  
Will Be Principal Speak-  
er

## MANY BRUNSWICK MEN WILL ATTEND

Nothing Has Been Spared  
To Make This One Of  
Most Complete Pro-  
grams Ever Held At  
Convention

CAROLINA BEACH, June 9—  
Plans for the 1947 convention of  
the North Carolina Department  
of the American Legion, the Leg-  
ion Auxiliary, and the Forty and  
Eight, to be held here June 14-17  
are complete and indication are  
that it will be the largest Legion  
convention ever held in the State,  
according to W. L. "Bill" Farmer,  
chairman of the convention ar-  
rangements committee.

General Jacob L. Devers, chief  
of the U. S. Army Ground Forces  
and formerly stationed at Fort  
Bragg, will make the main address  
at the closing session on June 17.

Paul R. Younts, executive vice-  
commander of the North Carolina  
Department of the legion, has  
worked out a full and interesting  
program and so have Mrs. Tom  
Bird, president of the Legion  
Auxiliary, and Edwin Burge,  
Grande Chef de Gare of the For-  
ty and Eight, Farmer said.

The Legion program proper  
gets under way Sunday morning  
with the beginning of registration  
of delegates and others in front  
of the Hotel Bame, convention  
head-quarters. The Child Welfare  
luncheon will follow at 12:30, and  
at 2:30 the Department executive  
committee will meet in the City  
Auditorium. The annual memorial  
service will be held that night in  
the Baptist Church, with Depart-  
ment Chaplain John D. McReady  
presiding.

## Cancer Chairman Receives Praise

Congratulatory Letter From  
State Chairman Received  
By Mrs. M. M. Rosen-  
baum Following Recent  
Drive

Mrs. M. M. Rosenbaum, of  
Shallotte, has received the follow-  
ing self-explanatory letter from  
the State Chairman of the Can-  
cer Relief Society. Mrs. Rosen-  
baum served as Brunswick county  
chairman during the recent  
drive for funds.

"Congratulations are certainly  
in order for you, for you have  
almost doubled your county quo-  
ta."  
"Final reports have been re-  
ceived from twenty-three coun-  
ties and they are all 'over the  
top.' Wouldn't it be wonderful  
if every county in our state  
could make such a record? But  
then we don't have a Mrs. Rosen-  
baum everywhere. However, we  
have some excellent leaders and  
more interest has been shown in  
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## Vacation Bible School Begins Here Next Week

Complete Details Of This  
Annual Training Course  
Not Available At This  
Time Due To Absence

STUDENTS REPORT TO  
SCHOOL BUILDING

Announcements Will Be  
Made From Various Pul-  
pits Sunday Regarding  
Final Details

The annual session of the Daily  
Vacation Bible School will open  
Monday morning at 9 o'clock at  
Southport high school, with the  
Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal  
and Methodist churches cooperat-  
ing.

The Rev. H. M. Baker is spend-  
ing this week at Ridgecrest; the  
Rev. Paul H. Fields is with his  
son, who is a patient at Duke  
Hospital; and Dr. J. M. Waggette  
is attending a Young Peoples  
Conference at Lake Singletary.  
This means that it was difficult  
to obtain definite information re-  
garding the organization of the  
Vacation Bible School.

It is definite that the school  
will be held beginning Monday;  
that the faculty members will in-  
clude the most able teachers and  
leaders available from each of  
these churches; that the daily  
program will include manual arts  
training; that an urgent invita-  
tion is extended all boys and girls  
of the Sunday school age to plan  
to attend the school during the  
next two weeks.

More complete details regarding  
plans for the school will be an-  
nounced Sunday from the pulpit  
of the various cooperating churches  
of the community.

## Long Session For Recorder

This Week's Recorder's  
Court Required All Day  
For Disposition Of Cas-  
es On Docket

An all-day session of Brunswick  
county Recorder's court was re-  
quired to dispose of the cases on  
the docket Monday. The follow-  
ing disposition of cases was made  
by Judge W. J. McLamb:

Floyd Waddell reckless opera-  
tion, 30 days in jail, suspended  
on payment of a fine of \$25.00  
and costs.

R. A. Burnett, drunk driving  
and reckless operation, six months  
on the roads, judgment suspended  
on payment of a fine of \$75.00  
and costs and the defendant to  
remain of good behavior for a  
period of one year.

Jane Lewis, drunk on highway,  
30 days on county farm, suspen-  
ded on payment of costs and de-  
fendant not to be caught in  
Brunswick county for a period of  
two years, except when working.

James McMillan, assault, con-  
tinued to June 23rd.

Robert G. Ward, reckless opera-  
tion and no operators license, fined  
\$25.00 and costs, fine remit-  
ted.

Carl Babson and L. L. Smith,  
violating prohibition laws, not  
guilty.

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## Dr. L. C. Fergus Leaves Southport For California

Practice Here Will Be Taken Over By Dr. F. M. Bur-  
dette; Fergus Here For Nine Years

Dr. L. C. Fergus and family left Thursday for Los  
Anos, California, where they will make their home. They  
made the transcontinental trip by automobile.

Dr. Fergus came to Southport  
nine years ago to take over the  
practice of Dr. William Doshier.  
Following his graduation from  
the Medical College of Virginia,  
at Richmond, he was resident sur-  
geon at James Walker Memorial  
Hospital prior to moving to  
Southport.

Dr. Fergus soon established a  
fine practice here, and gained a  
reputation for being a skilled  
surgeon, as well as a diagnosti-  
cian of unusual ability.

Although he served as U. S.  
Public Health officer and as  
County Physician in addition to  
his general practice of medicine  
and surgery, the center of his  
professional interest was Doshier  
Memorial Hospital, and for sev-  
eral years during the war it was  
largely through his efforts that  
this institution was able to con-  
tinue to render service to the  
citizens of Brunswick county.

Dr. Fergus figured promi-  
nently in the business, civic and  
political affairs of Southport  
during his residence here, and serv-  
ed for one term as member of  
the board of aldermen.

Dr. F. M. Burdette has moved  
to Southport and has purchased  
the Fergus home. He will have  
the office formerly occupied by  
Dr. Fergus and will do general  
practice and surgery in this  
county. During the war he serv-  
ed as surgeon in the Navy Medi-  
cal Corps.

## Two War Surplus Craft Acquired For Fishing

Two YMS Vessels Will Be  
Brought Here From  
Charleston And Will Be  
Converted For Use In  
Menhaden Fishing

WORLD WAR I CRAFT  
WERE ALSO USED

These Vessels Admirably  
Adapted For Conversion  
Into Fishing Boats For  
Use In Industry

Making their first run from  
dock to dock, St. Augustine, Fla.,  
to Southport, the Bill, Jr., and  
Claudia J. arrived here Monday  
morning in exactly 52-hours after  
leaving St. Augustine. The Bill,  
17-year old son of W. S. Wells,  
with Frank Brown as his mate,  
with the young Captain on the  
boat were his mother, Mrs. W. S.  
Wells, and her sister, Miss  
Helen Johnson, of Raleigh.

The Claudia J., came up under  
Captain Thomas Bennett, with  
James Bass as his mate.

Both boats are 53-footers. They  
were built in St. Augustine by  
the Diesel Engine Sales Company,  
a branch of the General Motors.  
They are powered by self-starting  
Diesel catapillar engines and  
come to Southport brand new  
and completely rigged with only  
the nets to be put aboard before  
they start shrimping. The mat-  
ter of the nets was attended to  
Monday and both boats started  
out with the Wells fleet Tues-  
day morning. The two new boats  
boost the W. S. Wells Fleet up  
to 9 big diesel-powered trawlers.

Captain Bennett is fishing the  
Claudia J. and Billy Wells is  
skipper of the Bill, Jr., until fall  
when he goes to take his first  
year in college. He graduated  
from the Southport high school  
this year and for the past year  
or two he has had the distinc-  
tion of being one of the youngest  
skippers or big trawlers any-  
where on the coast.

## Arrange Lease For Farm Land

One-Hundred Fifty Acres  
Leased For Use In Pro-  
duction Of Tomato Plants  
In This Area Next Year

Lease papers were signed Fri-  
day for two tracts of land, total-  
ing about 150 acres, to be used  
for growing tomato plants for  
northern interests. Only part of  
the land will be used next year.  
A considerable amount will have  
to be cleared this fall and will  
not be ready to grow plants until  
1949.

Both tracts are on the river  
road. One of them is located  
about seven miles out from  
Southport and the other three  
miles out, near Walden Creek.

It is probable that other tracts  
of land for growing tomato  
plants will be leased or bought  
this year for the purpose of  
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## Baby Show Turns Out To Be Gala Event Of Year

Many Entries In Various  
Contests Included In This  
Event Staged Under  
Auspices Of Southport  
Woman's Club

MRS. THOMPSON  
WAS CHAIRMAN

Mary Louise Herring And  
Herbert Baker Were  
Winners In Popularity  
Contest Balloting

Members of Southport's young-  
er set, ranging in age from one  
month to seven years, together  
with their mothers, their other  
loving relatives and well-wishers,  
lined up for a gala Baby Show  
parade here last Friday in one of  
the outstanding events of the  
season.

Baby Martha Harrelson, daugh-  
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harrel-  
son, stole off with the prize as  
prettiest girl from age one month  
to one year. Thomas Hunt, son  
of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hunt,  
was winner in the boys division.

There were so many candidates  
for the prizes in the one year to  
five year age group that first  
and second prizes were award to  
both girls and boys. Mary Rose  
Fodale, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Paul Fodale, won first prize and  
Joyce Jorgensen, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. W. P. Jorgensen, won  
second prize in the girls division.

Dennie Lore, son of Mr. and Mrs.  
Dennie Lore, was first prize win-  
ner in the boys division, followed  
by Phil Aldridge, son of Mr. and  
Mrs. Charles Aldridge.

In the five-year to 7 year age  
group Judy Young daughter of  
Mrs. Frances Young, captured top  
honors for the girls while Jerry  
Fulcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Del-  
mas Fulcher, was winner for the  
boys.

The winning float for the girls  
was that of Douglas-Diane Bogie  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert  
Bogie; while the winning float  
for the boys was that of Don  
Hardee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lew-  
is J. Hardee.

As a result of spirited bollot-  
ing during the week preceding  
the Baby Show Mary Louise  
Herring daughter of Mr. and Mrs.  
Davis Herring, won the popularity  
contest for girls while Herbert  
Baker, son of Rev. and Mrs. Ger-  
bert M. Baker, was winner among  
the boys.

Mrs. Robert Thompson, who  
served as chairman of the show,  
reported that \$102.00 was raised,  
for the benefit of the Southport  
Woman's Club.

## Father McCarthy Leaves Southport

Being Transferred From  
Here To Waynesville;  
Has Served In This Com-  
munity During Past Year

Father Francis J. McCarthy,  
who came here about a year ago  
to serve as priest of Sacred  
Heart church, has received notice  
that he is being transferred to  
Waynesville.

During his stay here Father  
McCarthy has made many  
friends, who regret to see him  
move from this community. He  
in turn has a very warm regard  
for Southport and her citizens  
and has asked that following ex-  
pression be made to them:

"I take this opportunity to say  
farewell to the good people of  
Southport and Brunswick county.  
My new appointment which I re-  
ceived recently from my Bishop  
will take me to the mountains  
of Waynesville, North Carolina.

"The memories of my first year  
in the Catholic Priesthood will  
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## Return Visit To Southport

Commander Haskell And  
Wife Here For Few Days  
At Caswell Beach Last  
Week; Was Section Base  
Commander

Former Naval Commander and  
Mrs. S. B. Haskell of Cincinnati,  
Ohio, have been spending the  
past week at Caswell as guests  
of Dr. and Mrs. Landis Brown.  
Mr. Haskell opened Fort Caswell  
for the Navy in November, 1941,  
and was in charge of the place  
until June 1943. Mrs. Haskell re-  
sided here while he was stationed  
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## Perfect Record



LEON J. PHELPS, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Phelps, of Ash, who graduated from Waccamaw high school last month with the unusual record of never having missed a day of school during his twelve years as a student.

## Five Held On Robbery Count

Five Residents Of Near  
Lumberton Will Be Given  
Preliminary Hearing On  
Safe-Stealing Charge

Their bond having been fixed  
at \$3,000, for the five at Mon-  
day's session of the Recorder's  
court, two white men and three  
women, all residents of near  
Lumberton, are being held for a  
hearing at next Monday's ses-  
sion of the Recorder's court.  
They are charged with breaking  
into the store of Obie Tharp, in  
Shallotte township, and stealing  
a small iron safe, said to contain  
approximately two thousand dol-  
lars. Mr. Tharp stated to offi-  
cers that he had given his bro-  
ther \$1,500 only a day or two  
before, and he was not sure  
how much money the safe con-  
tained.

Those being held are Henry  
(alias Jobe) Willis, Martin Wil-  
lis and Mrs. Martin Willis, Dixie  
Willis and Emma Willard. They  
have not yet given bond and are  
still in jail. The store was broken  
into some time after 3 o'clock  
Thursday morning and the ar-  
rests of the suspects was made  
at Lumberton and Fayetteville  
Friday night. It is understood  
that the defendants revealed no  
trace of the safe and its con-  
tents.

The two men and three women  
are said to have gone to the  
store of Tharp, midway between  
Gause Landing and Seaside, at  
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## Visits Family After 21 Years

Robert Fulcher, who left his  
home in Southport 21 years ago,  
returned last week for a visit  
with members of his family.

A seafaring man, he arrived  
in Norfolk, Va., aboard a ship  
and was met there by his bro-  
ther, Delmas Fulcher, and by  
two sisters, Miss Helen Fulcher  
and Mrs. William Oberjohan.

His home is in San Pedro,  
California, and before shipping  
out again he made a trip to  
New York to see another bro-  
ther, David Fulcher.

### Our ROVING Reporter

Although there was no cannery  
within a couple of hundred miles,  
an attempt was made to grow  
tomatoes commercially in Brun-  
swick county about 18 years ago.  
About a hundred acres were put  
in the crop and as we recall it,  
the production was good, the  
main trouble being the long haul  
of an easily damaged product to  
the cannery. The interesting thing  
about that effort to grow to-  
matos is that at least half a  
dozen farmers who planted an  
acreage under contract, have told  
us during the past week that  
they grew plants that were ready  
by April 12th. Maryland, New  
Jersey, Delaware and other north-  
ern states growers say that they  
must have their plants between  
May 1 and May 15th. The large  
growers who want to lease or  
buy land for growing tomato  
plants in Brunswick county and  
our own farmers who want to  
contract to grow an acreage in  
tomato plants, can make that  
deadline with plenty of time to  
spare.

When through some accident  
this column fails to list the  
name of some woman or girl,  
around Southport or Shallotte,  
who are to receive a free movie  
ticket at the Shallotte Theatre  
or the Amuzu in Southport, a  
great many inquiries are made  
regarding why no one got a tick-  
et. It may be said here that such  
omissions, when they occur  
are purely accidental. The free  
admissions represent a coopera-  
tive gesture between this column  
and the show houses. We name  
who are to get the free ad-  
missions and the theatres admit  
them. It can also be said that  
no favorites are played in nam-  
ing who will get the tickets. Un-  
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