

Southport Area To Be Visited By Site Board

Charged With Inspecting Sites Proposed For Location Of New Veteran's Hospital Will Arrive Here Next Week

WILL HAVE SOME IDEA IN VIEW

Well Seen As Prospect Which Offers All Facilities Being Sought For New Hospital

With regard to the plans of the War Relocation Authority in Washington to construct a new 100-bed hospital for veterans somewhere in eastern North Carolina, a surprising development came to light last week when W. B. Keziah, notified by J. E. Harris, chief of the Requirements Division, that the board which is authorized to select a site will be in Southport on or about October 8.

Several of the larger cities in the state are competing for this honor and all sites offered are being examined by the board. The first thing is that Southport made no bid or a move of any kind to secure it. The fact that the board is coming here may or may not indicate that there is some particular location being considered and wish to obtain its adaptability. There may be a chance of the hospital being located at Fort Caswell or some location near Southport.

Specifications as to the location of the board was given in a letter to Mr. Keziah. They called for 250 to 300 acres of level land, near a medical center, having lights, power, sewerage and a water supply of at least 200,000 gallons daily. Fort Caswell has all of these desired features and it may be possible that the board had this location in mind when it was announced that they would inspect at Southport.

Major John D. Eriksen was advised of the intention of the board to visit Southport and a report was made of the offer of any possible aid. Nothing was said as to the needs in this respect to the Mayor.

Maps, and data concerning Fort Caswell is being compiled, also material concerning possible alternate location of the board is interested.

A committee consisting of Mayor Eriksen, S. Bunn Frink, E. J. Herring, James M. Harper and Mrs. Herring has been asked to get with the board and be ready to furnish information and assistance as may be desired.

Brief News Flashes

DRIVERS SCHOOL W. A. Russ, Jr., left Friday for Washington, D. C., after spending several days here with his parents, Mrs. W. A. Russ, Sr. He is now receiving training as a driver.

MEAT STORE Jesse Clemmons, of Shallotte, bought out Grissett and Gore and is now operating the general meat and grocery business in the brick building on the corner at Grissett and Gore. Mr. Clemmons expects to increase the stock.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Members of the Southport Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor a Halloween Carnival on Saturday, October 31, and plans are being made to make this year's the most outstanding yet held here.

COPPER STILL Deputy Sheriff Pawnee Formy and S. C. Gore captured a gallon copper whiskey still in the New Britain section of Waccamaw township last week. The still was set up but not in operation. No one was taken with it.

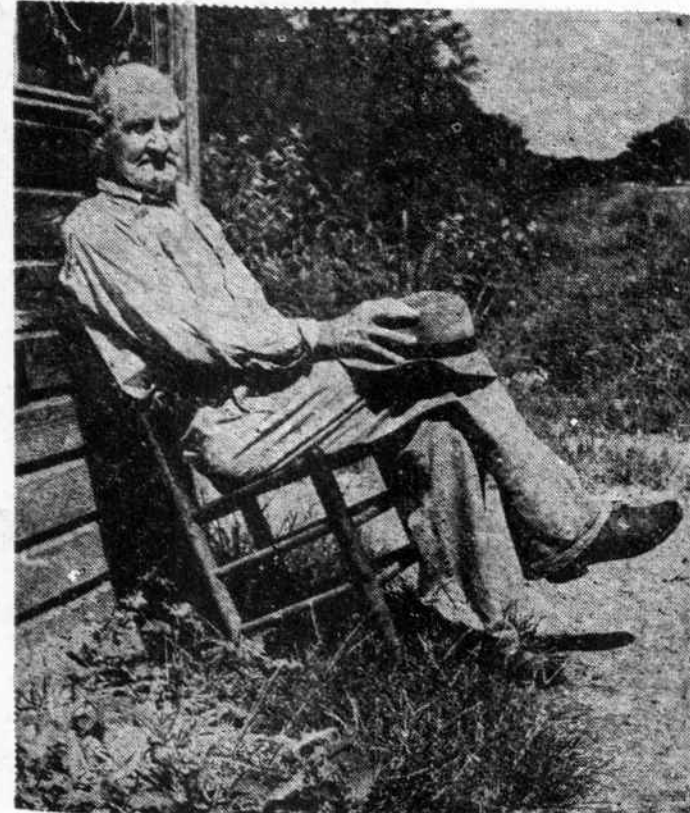
HALLOWEEN DANCE Members of the Southport Community Club will sponsor a Halloween dance on Halloween Eve at the Community Center Building. Virgil West and his orchestra will be engaged for this event. Elaborate plans are being made.

Wm. M. Mintz, Of Leland Community, Laid To Rest In Ganey Cemetery Friday Afternoon

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SQUIRE OF WACCAMAW



JUDGE—Coy Formy Duval, justice of the peace, has heard evidence in many cases at his store-station located on the banks of the Waccamaw river. The Squire is one of the best-known characters of Brunswick county, and visitors at his place are treated to some rare bits of philosophy.—(Star-News Cut.)

Special School Tax Is Given Vote Of Approval

It is impossible to arrive at an estimate on the probable returns until a complete analysis is made of the property valuation in Town Creek and Northwest township. The Leland school, while located in Northwest, draws children from a large area in Town Creek.

There has been no clear definition as to just for what these new funds may be used. The term "improvement of the school" covers a variety of needs.

At any rate, no money will be available as a result of this voting next year, since provision must be made in the next tax levy.

Homecoming Day October 19th

The pastor and members of the New Hope Presbyterian church, near Winnabow, are making preparations to observe the fifty-third anniversary of the church on October 19th. For several years they have been having a big Homecoming Day during the month of October. This year it is their plans and hopes to exceed all previous events.

All former members of the church are invited to attend.

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Southport Folks Win Some Prizes

Among the first week winners in the Annual Fall Fishing Rodeo were two Southport people and one Bolivia angler. In Southport Charles Ray Wells, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wells, earned a \$15.00 cash prize in the children's division with a 4-lb. catfish. Mrs. F. Mollycheck won a similar prize for a 14-oz. croaker. Both contestants also won merchandising prizes. The Bolivia winner was O. D. Sellers, who won a picnic refrigerator with a speckled trout.

The first prize barouche was caught by Dr. John P. Allen, of Wilmington, aboard the "Idle On" of Captain Hulan Watts.

Citizens Asked For Suggestions

Shallotte Aldermen, Unable To Reach Decision About Water System, Will Meet With Citizens Meeting last week to determine what action could be taken with regard to a town water supply, the Shallotte board of aldermen adjourned without being able to determine what course to follow, according to Mayor Leon Galloway.

It was agreed, however, to call a general meeting of the Shallotte citizens, along with the town officials, possibly this week, the purpose being to find out what the citizens of the town want done. It is probable that at this meeting two or three courses of action may be outlined to the citizens and the preference left to them.

Shallotte Post To Meet Friday

Announcement Made That Drive For Funds For Construction Of Hut Is Coming Along Well The regular monthly meeting of the Shallotte Post, American Legion, will be held Friday night at Shallotte high school auditorium. All ex-service men are cordially invited to attend.

R. D. White, Jr., commander of the post, reports that a total of about \$1,500.00 has been raised toward the erection of a Legion Hut as a center of recreation for the Shallotte community. Some gifts of \$100.00 have been received, and already several sites for the location of the hut have been offered by civic minded citizens of the community.

One of the chief topics for discussion at the Friday night meeting is sure to be the hut, and the plan is to get everything ready to begin work within the near future.

Mart To Sell 2,880 Baskets Of Leaf Daily

Other Markets In Columbus County Have Closed, But Whiteville Still Operating

TWO SETS BUYERS ON THIS MARKET

Season's Sales Around 29-Million Mark After Slow Start Due To Late Summer

Whiteville tobacco market today was operating with two sets of buyers on a curtailed schedule of 2,880 baskets of leaf per day after rolling up a surprisingly high volume of 28,899,166 pounds during the first seven weeks of the 1947 season.

After a slow start due to the lateness of the crop this year, the local market came back strong to chalk up an average of more than four million pounds per week.

Reliable sources said Whiteville's \$44.00 average per hundred pounds was the highest of any market on the Border Belt.

With Tabor City, Chadbourne, Fair Bluff and Clarkton tobacco markets ending their season Friday, it was doubtful whether the 2,880 piles per day would be any more than adequate to take care of the tobacco crop which remains to be sold. Warehousemen were expecting full sales throughout the week.

Through Friday, the local market had paid out \$12,883,224.05.

U.S.E. Dredge On Way To Florida

Will Go Into Drydock At Jacksonville For Several Weeks Before Resuming Operations Down South

Completing a month of dredging on the bar at Southport, the dredge Lyman, Captain John Swan of Southport, sailed Monday for Jacksonville, Fla. She will be in dry dock there for the next six weeks and will then be assigned to work at either Tampa, Fla., or Mobile, Ala.

The vessel is attached to the Wilmington District of the U. S. Army Engineers and will naturally return here when the district needs any work in her line. She is a hopper or dump dredge and works in channels and other places where pipe lines cannot be used.

Captain Swan commanded this vessel during the war. Working at Manila during one of the critical periods the Lyman was given an award of merit for the service she performed, the award being made to both the vessel and its crew.

Some months after the war ended, Captain Swan was sent home and placed in charge of the Hoffman. He commanded this vessel for several months until the Lyman returned, was overhauled and placed back in service. In addition to the Captain a large number of men in the crew are also residents of Southport and other points in Brunswick.

An incident of the hectic days at Manila is that several Southport men were on various ships (Continued on page 4)

American Legion In Friday Meeting

The regular monthly meeting of the Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, was held Thursday night, with Leonard Barrett, assistant State Service officer, of Wilmington present to preside over an open forum session during which many questions were answered for the benefit of the large crowd of ex-service men present.

Also present for the meeting was Miss Berry, of the State Social Security Board, and Cecil Edwards, new Veterans Service Officer for Brunswick county.

Tomato Grower Returns Here To Begin Operations

New Jersey Man Who Conducted Successful Experiment With Tomato Plants Here Last Spring Is Back

PLANTING COVER CROP ON ACREAGE

Also Has Plans For Purchasing Additional Lands Which Will Be Devoted To This Purpose

Everett H. Sheppard, Shiloh, N. J., tomato planter and tomato plant producer, is back at Southport, preparing for an early start at producing tomato plants for his and other New Jersey and Pennsylvania tomato farms. Last spring Mr. Sheppard did not secure his local plant beds until well after Christmas, was unable to prepare the soil properly and his plants were retarded by the bad weather that covered the whole of the United States.

Nevertheless, Mr. Sheppard's plants rivalled or exceeded in quality those that were produced in Georgia. He was able to pull them here one day and set them out on his farms in New Jersey the next day. This was a factor that largely determined him, and which is influencing other tomato producers to turn their attention to Brunswick county for their plants.

Pictures of one 40-acre field of New Jersey tomatoes, owned by Mr. Sheppard and grown from Brunswick county plants, present a beautiful sight, especially so in a close-up of one of the vines, showing about 25 huge tomatoes, literally weighting the plants to earth.

This week Mr. Sheppard is engaged in planting a cover crop on 25-acres of land that he has leased from Robert McRacken, three miles from Southport. He will plant this land in tomato seed early in the spring and ship the plants to New Jersey.

Originally planning to lease an additional 90-acres from Mrs. Helen Bragaw on the River Road eight miles above Southport, he has become convinced that Brunswick county is ideal for tomato plant production and is buying these 90-acres outright.

The saw timber was removed from this land early in the year and this fall Mr. Sheppard plans to clear the undergrowth and stumps out, using a bulldozer. Much of this land as he can get cleared this fall he will probably plant in watermelons in the (Continued on page 4)

Christmas Mail To Be Sent To Soldiers Oct. 15-Nov. 15

Important Information Furnished To Families Of Service Men Serving Overseas

ATLANTA, Sept. 29—In order that members of the Armed Forces and authorized United States civilians employed overseas, may receive Christmas parcels and letters by December 25, arrangements have been made for mailings between October 15 and November 15, Major George F. Heinz, postal officer of the Third Army, has announced.

Cooperating with the postal department, Major Heinz gives these instructions: Christmas greeting cards must be enclosed in envelopes and take a first class rate. Parcels must not exceed 70 pounds in weight or 100 inches in girth and length combined. They should be labeled "Christmas Package."

Parcels should be securely packed and wrapped in boxes of metal, wood, solid fiberboard or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard, due to the long distances they must travel. Tie with extra strong cord and boxes should be wrapped in strong paper. It is preferable to place inside the package the name and address of the intended recipient, together with a list of the contents.

Valuable articles should be registered or insured. Perishable matter will not be accepted. Inflammable materials, toxicants, inflammable materials, including matches and lighter fluids, will not be accepted. Cigarettes and other tobacco products are prohibited for transmission for delivery through A. P. O.'s in Germany, France and Austria.

The address should be in type-writing or printed in ink on the outside covering of the parcel. Gum labels become moist and sometimes come off. The address should include the full name, rank, serial number and A. P. O. number of the addressee, in care of the designated postmaster, and the return address of the sender.

Sending of currency to overseas A. P. O.'s where the dollar is not the accepted medium of exchange is prohibited. Sending of currency will be accepted only to A. P. O. numbers which are branches of the postoffices in New Orleans, La. and Seattle, Wash., and should be sent only in letters by registered mail. Domestic postal money orders, however, can be cashed at A. P. O.'s wherever United States forces are located.

The parcels may be labeled "Merry Christmas," "Don't Open Until Christmas," or similar Yuletide greetings.

No request for parcels from members of the Armed Forces is required.

Public Finding Many Uses For Storage Plant

Deer Season To Open Tuesday

The deer hunting season in Brunswick county opens next Monday, Oct. 6, but as Monday is a lay (no hunting) day in Brunswick, the actual season will not open until Tuesday, October 7. From then on deer hunting will be permitted each Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, until January 1, 1948.

Hunters are to keep in mind a season bag limit of two-male deer during the season. It should also be kept in mind that a new regulation requires that the antlers of a deer must be plainly visible to the hunters.

The hunting season for squirrels also opens next Tuesday with hunting allowed on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only, through January 1, 1948. The day's limit on squirrels is 8 per day to each hunter. Of these 8, two may be fox squirrels.

The open season on bear in this county will not begin until Wednesday, Oct. 15.

Local P.-T. A. To Meet Thursday

Regular Meeting Time Is Changed To First Thursday In Each Month Instead Of Last Thursday

The first meeting of the Southport Parent-Teachers Association was held Thursday evening at the Community center building at which time members of the faculty were guests at an informal tea.

Among the matters of business disposed of was a decision to change the time for holding regular meetings of the organization from the last Thursday in each month to the first Thursday. As a result, the second meeting of the year will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The following committees have been named by the president, Mrs. Thompson McRacken: Program committee: Mrs. H. M. Baker, chairman; Mrs. J. T. Denninger, Mrs. Homer McKeltham, Miss Gertrude Loughlin and Mrs. Otto Hickman.

Membership committee: Mrs. Frances Young, chairman; Mrs. H. C. Corlette, Mrs. Oliver Newton, Mrs. Merritt Moore, Mrs. John G. Swann, Mrs. Frank Lennon.

Ways and Means committee: Mrs. M. R. Sanders, chairman; Mrs. Frank Plaxco, Mrs. James Wolf, Mrs. H. W. Hood, Mrs. James M. Harper, Principal Harry Sanders and Dr. R. C. Daniel.

Hospitality committee: Mrs. E. H. Arrington, chairman; Mrs. Pearce Cranmer, Mrs. Ed Mallison, Mrs. Robert Willis.

Lunch Room committee: Mrs. Pete Hickman, chairman; Mrs. (Continued on page 4)

Better Farming Contest Closes End Of Month

Program Being Conducted Throughout 13-County Area Served By Tide Water Power And Light Company

J. E. COOKE SERVING AS COUNTY CHAIRMAN

Prize Winner For Brunswick Will Be Chosen By Council Which Has Sponsored Competition

The 350 enrollees in Better Farming for Better Living are now getting ready to turn in their complete project books the latter part of October and not later than November 1. Approximately \$1200.00 has been provided in prizes in different counties and for regional winners in the 13 county area embraced in the program which has for its purpose the emphasizing of farm diversification, living at home, home improvements, community participation and better relations between business and agriculture.

County winners will be selected in each county by the county Better Farming For Better Living council which sponsors the county program. Awards will be made in most counties at special meetings in which all members of families participating in the program will be invited.

J. E. Cook, cashier, Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. of Shallotte, is chairman of the Brunswick county Better Farming For Better Living County Council.

There are two regional awards of \$75.00 each and one sweepstakes award of \$100.00 for the winner in the entire 13 county area. One area is made up of Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, and Pender counties and the other comprises Onslow, Jones, Lenoir, Greene, Craven, Cartaret and Pamlico counties. The two regional awards and the area award along with \$25.00 in each county are made available by the Tide Water Power Company, one of the sponsors of this contest to aid in the development of Southeastern North Carolina.

Neil Bolton, Agricultural Agent for the Tide Water Power Company, has been assisting with this program in each county. Bolton has visited 270 of the 350 enrollees and expects to see all enrolled prior to November 1. According to Bolton, the enthusiasm among those enrolled is high and that many improvements have been made on homes and in following better farming practices. Better Farming For Better Living families are pace setters for the adoption of better farming practices with better homes and communities according to Mr. Bolton.

Numerous Cases Are Continued

Total Of 17 Cases Are Continued In Brunswick County Recorder's Court Here Monday

With twenty-nine cases coming up before Judge J. W. McLamb Monday the days business was finished at noon with 17 of the cases having been continued. The minute book shows the following entries:

Lacy R. Bennett, public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Carson Bullock, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

James Cobb, operating automobile for hire unlawfully, continued to October 6.

Rudolph Brown, speeding, fined \$15.00 and costs.

Robert Lee Cheers, improper equipment, no brakes, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Thomas C. Meyland, speeding, capias and continued.

Ralph Kennedy, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Milton Rourk, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Armond Caison, trespassing, larceny, continued to October 13.

Sidney Hewett, assault, continued to October 20.

Elder Hewett, assault, continued to October 20.

Newman Hewett, aid in assault, continued to October 20.

Nova Hewett, aid in assault with deadly weapon, continued to October 20.

Lutus Wise, transporting and public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs.

George Potter, transporting and public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs.

George Morris, drunk and disorderly, resisting officer and possession of whiskey, 90 days or (Continued on Page Four)



W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

It happened last year and has happened again. A. R. Mooney, of Supply, wanted to renew his subscription to the State Port Pilot and was told that it would be several months before his time ran out. "I know that," he said, "it just like to keep ahead." This week he stopped us on the street and renewed again, unmindful of protestations that his time was not out until the first of next February.

With the departure of the dredge Lyman Monday, the Army Engineers dock at Southport is now available to private and commercial sea-going sport fishing craft during the month of October. This action comes through the courtesy of the Army Engineers and should be greatly appreciated. Without too much crowding this dock is sufficiently large to accommodate a dozen or

more average sized boats and there will be more than that number of visiting boats here during the month. It is understood that local boats, already having moorings, will leave the engineer's dock to the visiting boats from all points.

The view has been expressed that October was too late to have the fall fishing rodeo. Too late, maybe, for a lot of fooling, but just right for real fishing. Twice in past years officers of the Outdoor Writers Association of America have come to Southport for a week of fishing. Both trips were made in November. They got their fish and plenty of them. With normal October weather the month is the most productive of fish of any in the year.

The Stanley and Hill families (Continued on page five)