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VA Hospital Site Inspection Board Visits Southport

Here Yesterday
Opinion That Ft.
Caswell Will Not Fill
Needs For Proposed Hos-
pital

ALTERNATE SITE DECLARED BETTER

On River Above
Southport Received Fav-
orable Consideration
Of Board Members

INSPECTION TOWN

After spending a full month in
inspecting proposed sites for the
1000 bed veterans hospital
to be built somewhere in
North Carolina, the committee
set up its work with the inspec-
tion of two sites at Southport
yesterday.

Fort Caswell failed to meet
with much approval for various
reasons but another proposed site
on the eastern edge of town and
the Cape Fear river, seemed
to attract considerable interest.
Members of the commit-
tee stated they were pleased with

the interest being
shown in this local site should
be in the opinion of several of
the local citizens who assisted in
the inspection, be taken as in-
dicative that Southport has much
possibility of getting the hospital.
Other good sites have been
suggested throughout the state. The
members of all will be thoroughly
considered before the committee
issues its report to the Veterans
Administration.

The best that any of the local
committee members can feel is
that Brunswick county may have
a chance of getting the hospital.
The committee was given that local
citizens would hear from the
committee.

At the start of the inspection
possible sites the committee
was informed that Southport had
a "pull" that Southport
all of its trust in God and
committee. This seemed to
be a bit with the committee,
and a parting remark. Just as
the committee was leaving South-
port one of the members, Dr. C.
Thomason, of the Department
of Medicine and Surgery, stated
that Southport was the last place
he visited in their tour of the
state. A local man promptly put
the two-bits worth by saying
the Bible says that the last
will be first."

Travel to sites to be inspected
around Southport was sim-
plified by Mr. Livingston, man-
ager of the W. B. & S. Bus lines,
who used one of his big buses for
the purpose. This gave an oppor-
tunity for the entire group to
sit together and to discuss the
sites offered among them-
selves as they rode along.

The committee was composed
of J. E. McMurrer, steering
committee of the real estate ser-
vice, Veterans Administration; J.
Hynes, construction service;
J. Thomason, department of
medicine and surgery; J. E. Don-
nell, real estate service of the
Veterans Administration Branch
No. 4.

Accompanying the committee
on the inspection tour were E. J.
Barnette, Davis Herring, James
Harper, Dan Harrelson, Hur-
st Livingston and W. B. Keziah.

Brief News Flashes

A. MEETING

The regular monthly meeting
of the Southport Parent-Teachers
Association will be held tomorrow
(Thursday) evening at 7:30
in the high school audi-
torium.

CLUB

The regular meeting of the
Southport Lions Club will be held
tomorrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock
in the Community Center Build-
ing.

FOR CRUISE

John L. Morehead and Mrs.
Charlotte, of Charlotte, are in
Southport for the purpose of tak-
ing a short cruise aboard the
vessel mine sweeper Brunswick
which this vessel begins fishing
in the Brunswick Navigation Co.

MEET SUPPER

Members of the circles of Trinity
Methodist church will give a
supper in the church an-
nouncing on Friday, November 14. The
supper will be preceded by the
reading of fancy work, cakes and

Bolivia Farmer Is Example For Diversified Program

Fred Lesh Thinks He Will Get Around To Building Himself New Home When He Gets Other Building Done

Doing most of his farming
with machinery and using only
one mule supplemented with
another for about one week,
Fred Lesh of Bolivia made fif-
teen hundred bushels of corn
this year, some of his better
land producing 126 bushels per
acre.

In addition to the corn Mr.
Lesh made some 40 tons of
fine hay and fed 62 head of
cows and calves through the
summer and fall on velvet
beans and lespedeza. In addi-
tion to the corn and hay and
the pasture for his stock for
several months, he grew con-
siderable grain, sweet potatoes
and various other farm crops.
As he personally put it he has
"plenty to eat and a place to
sleep."

But he is not exactly satis-
fied with his home. He states
he is going to build a new barn
36 x 60 feet with concrete
floors and enlarge it later with
sheds. He already has a barn
of this size on his farm some
distance from his home. When
his new barn is completed for
his stock he will build a house
for his truck and farming tools.
When that is finished he will
build a new house for himself.

In his farming operations
Mr. Lesh uses very little com-
mercial fertilizers. He usually
has from 60 to 200 head of
cows and calves. These with
velvet beans, soy beans, lespe-
deza and other crops for hu-
man, provide about all the fer-
tilizers he needs.

Stanaland Assumes His Duties As County Sheriff

Tenders Bond Friday After- noon And Is Sworn In Before Assistant Clerk Of Court B. J. Holden

Walter M. Stanaland tendered
his bond and was sworn in as
Brunswick county sheriff Friday
afternoon before B. J. Holden,
assistant clerk Superior court.
Immediately thereafter he took
over the duties of the office from
acting-sheriff John G. Caison.

At their regular monthly meet-
ing here Monday members of the
board of county commissioners
formally approved the bond made
by Sheriff Stanaland and affir-
med their action taken at a call
meeting of the board one week
earlier.

Sheriff Stanaland has announced
that O. W. Perry, Northwest
township man, will be his chief
deputy. Pawnee FormyDuvall
will continue to serve as deputy
sheriff in the lower end of the county
and Sheriff Stanaland has named
Afton Smith, of Southport deputy
sheriff and jailor.

The vacancy in this latter de-
partment resulted from the re-
signation of Deputy Sheriff Ed.
V. Leonard. During the interim
Dave Garrish kept the keys to
the jail for a day or two, but on
Monday relinquished them to the
new sheriff.

O. W. PERRY NAMED AS CHIEF DEPUTY

A. W. Smith Given Tempo- rary Appointment As Deputy And Jailor, Succeeding Ed Leonard

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Commissioners In Session Monday

The regular monthly meeting
of the board of county commis-
sioners will be held Monday
morning at 10 o'clock in the
court house. The agenda for the
meeting includes the approval of
the bond of the new sheriff, the
appointment of a deputy sheriff
and jailor, and the appointment
of a deputy sheriff in the lower
end of the county.

Affirm Appointment Of Sheriff And Vote To Hold Salary At Same Figure; \$125.00 Per Month For Deputies

Routine matters claimed the
attention of members of the board
of county commissioners during
the greater part of the day Mon-
day.

After giving their approval to
the surety bond of Sheriff W. M.
Stanaland and affirming their
action in naming him to fill the
unexpired term of the late Sheriff
John White, the remainder of
their time was taken up chiefly
with the tax matters.

D. J. Rowland was relieved of
\$320.00 valuation due to error in
listing; R. P. Robinson was re-
lieved of \$1,362.00 valuation on
his beach property due to double-
listing; an order was passed to
settle the taxes for Mrs. M. E.
Mintz for \$82.39, due to error in
listing.

An order was passed to make
a deed from Brunswick to George
Cannon and wife for the Walker
lands upon payment of \$903.40,
any rent paid to be credited to
the amount of the principal pay-
ment; A. B. Mintz was relieved
of \$80.00 valuation due to double
listing; William Warnett was re-
lieved of \$1,000.00 valuation due
to fact that building was listed
in error.

The board agreed that the
salary for the sheriff should re-
main at the same figure and
that the three deputies appoint-
ed by him each shall receive
\$125.00 per month.

Edgar McMillan was ordered
placed on the inability list for
\$8.00 per month and his wife for
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Drainage Project Briefs Submitted

A delegation of two hundred
Columbus and Brunswick citizens
appeared before representatives of
the U. S. Army Engineers at
Conway, S. C. Friday to present
their brief and statements in sup-
port of the proposed Waccamaw
River drainage project.

The law firm of Frink and
Herring took a prominent role in
presenting the facts of the drain-
age project, and both Mr. Frink
and Mr. Herring were present,
giving their services in this con-
nection without charge.

Speaking briefly in advocacy of
a canal which would divert flood
waters through Mullet Creek at
a point near the South Carolina
line were S. B. Frink of South-
port, H. E. Blanchard and Henry
(Continued on Page 4)

Two Hundred Citizens At- tend Conway Hearing From Columbus And Brunswick

The regular weekly session of
Brunswick county Recorder's
court was over before noon Mon-
day, with the following items
made in the minute book:

Charlie Arthur Reeves, reck-
less operation, continued to Nov.
17.

David Benton, improper equip-
ment, no brakes, no windshield
wiper, no driver's permit, con-
tinued to November 10th.

Richard Gibbs, no operators li-
cense, fined \$25.00 and costs.

William DeCover, speeding,
continued at request of arresting
officer until November 10.

Joseph Baxter Haymore, public
drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Carl D. Lane, drunk driving,
continued.

Edward J. Conway, reckless op-
eration, asked for jury trial.
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Auto Collision At Leland Sunday

A 1941 Pontiac coach was dam-
aged to the extent of about \$300-
00 Sunday on Routh 74 at Wood-
burn when it ran into the rear
of a 1937 International three-
quarter ton truck. The truck was
damaged about \$10.00, according
to the State Highway Patrolman
who investigated the occurrence.

The truck was driven by Wini-
fred S. Robinson, colored, of 1108
Queen street, Wilmington, and
the car by William H. Howard,
of Wrightsville Beach. The high-
way patrol reported that the
truck was driven out of a side
road in front of the approaching
car. No one was injured in either
machine.

Tobacco Crisis Shows Influence Of Farm Bureau

Recent Action Resulting From Decision Of British To Withdraw Buyers From American Markets Shows Value

Swift action taken to meet the
crisis resulting from the recent
British ban on imports of Ameri-
can tobacco has proved conclusi-
vely that "farmers together have
the necessary power to protect
their interests," T. T. Ward, pre-
sident of the Brunswick County
Farm Bureau, declared today.

In the wake of the Federal
government's approval of a plan
to finance British buyers for the
remainder of the season, Presi-
dent Ward pointed out how Farm
Bureau representatives went to
work for government action to
relieve the market situation, as
soon as the ban was announced.

"This example of organized ef-
ficiency is typical of the way in
which the Farm Bureau has ser-
ved farmers in North Carolina,"
he observed. "No Tar Heel farm-
er can forget how the Farm
Bureau took the leadership in
promoting establishment of the
Flue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative
Stabilization Corporation, which
has added millions to the income
of North Carolina growers by
guaranteeing minimum support
prices for their tobacco."

Mr. Ward continued to say
that the Farm Bureau's current
campaign to enroll 100,000 mem-
bers in this state, deserves the
support of every North Carolini-
an.

"We are faced with the task
of making sure that a sound na-
tional farm program is created to
replace the present agricultural
laws which expire at the end of
1948," he said. "Already farmers
are faced with strong opposition
to the parity and price support
principles, which are basic to a
real farm program.

"Unless we farmers unite to
see that a beneficial farm pro-
gram is enacted, disastrous con-
(Continued on Page Five)

PRESIDENT WARD SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Only Through Organization
Will Full Strength Of
Farmer Population Be
Felt According To
Leaders

Brunswick One Of Counties To Receive Survey

Education Commission Is Named By Governor R. Gregg Cherry To Study Conditions In Cross-Section Of State

At the last session of the North
Carolina General Assembly Gov-
ernor R. Gregg Cherry appointed
the State Educational Commis-
sion, the object being to study the
state educational program, find
out where its application might
prove weak and where it would
be strong.

The original plan was for this
commission to visit and make a
study in each of the 100 counties
in the state.

Consideration of the fact that
such extensive coverage would
take practically all the time of
the commission, as more than one
day would be required at some
points, it has been decided that
a fine cross-section insight of the
(Continued on page 4)

Legionnaires Of District Here

Some 150 members of the Ameri-
can Legion, their wives and
friends, gathered at Long Beach
Thursday night for the fish fry
at which the Brunswick County
Post No. 194 at Southport was
host to Legion members of the
10th District.

The district is composed of
posts in Brunswick, Columbus,
Bladen and New Hanover coun-
ties and all posts in this area sent
good delegations. There was no
speaking or business of any sort
on the program. It was just a
big Brunswick county fish fry
with friends and fellow members
of the Legion in adjoining coun-
ties invited to join in.

The local post provided the fish
and the fixings and there were
plenty of both. In charge of the
cooking were Crawford Rourk,
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Short Session Of Court Monday

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Weekly Session Of Brun- swick County Recorder's Court Was Adjourned Before Noon With Sev- eral Cases Disposed Of

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Our ROVING Reporter



W. B. KEZIAH

We already knew it and this
is just repeating for your bene-
fit if you are one of those few
folks who do not know it: "It
pays to advertise." A couple of
weeks ago John Swain and son,
John, Jr., were digging ten feet
in the ground to get a sewer that
was laid 32 years ago. They dug
up one of the old style 8-ounce
Pepsi-Cola bottles that had been
buried all those years. We men-
tioned the old bottle in this
column and this week a Pepsi-
Cola truck from Wilmington stop-
ped and left us a crate of 1947
Pepsi-Cola bottles, all of them
full, in exchange for the one old
bottle. With the crate was the
compliments of J. W. Jackson,
president of the Pepsi-Cola Bot-
tling Company, of Wilmington.

At least Dawson Jones, former
game warden, and himself have
decided that the fun of it and

ANCIENT LIGHTHOUSE



LANDMARK—Among the interesting landmarks of
other years still remaining in this section is the Price
Creek Lighthouse, situated on the river east of South-
port. The man in the above picture is W. B. Keziah, who
was showing this interesting place to local visitors.

Captain Conway Is Ordered Held For Grand Jury Action

Captain Edward I. Conway, as-
sistant superintendent at the
Brunswick River lay-in basin,
was ordered held for grand jury
action, under a \$5,000.00 bond,
following a coroner's inquest held
at the courthouse Thursday
night. The recommendation came
following several hours of testi-
mony by physicians and others
relative to the death of Sheriff
John G. White a week previous-
ly.

The sheriff died at the home
of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jacobs in
Shallotte township, three miles
from his home, under circum-
stances not entirely clear. It is
stated he had started to Gause
Landing to serve papers and had
some kind of an attack or seizure
while passing the Jacobs home.
He went to bed there and a short
time later was found to be dead.

At a preliminary investigation
held by Acting-Coroner G. C. Kil-
patrick, D. E. Tripp, deputy sher-
iff and the deputy had arrested
Captain Conway on charges of
reckless driving. When they were
making the arrest, the deputy de-
clared that Conway had reached
out and grabbed the sheriff by
the back of the neck, jerking the
officer towards him and down-
wards. This preliminary investi-
gation resulted in the re-arrest
of Captain Conway on a charge
(Continued on Page Four)

Shoots Big Buck In Self-Defense

A. P. Henry, Jr., decided to
move down the road from his
stand in the direction from
which the sound of the hounds
was coming early last Thursday
morning, and suddenly found
himself right in the path of an
8-point buck. "If I hadn't yel-
led he would have jumped on
me," declared A. P.

But the young Winnabow
man was armed, and his first
shot at close range took off
the buck's right leg just above
the knee. The second shot at
twenty-five yards further slow-
ed the animal, and a third try
at 60-yards resulted in his cap-
ture by the hounds within a
mile of the spot.

With him on the hunt were
S. L. Purvis, Belton Ward,
Jackson J. Henry and A. P.
Henry, Sr.

Gratitude For Fire Department

W. S. Wells Sends Check
For \$50.00 To Treasurer
Of Southport Volunteer
Fire Department

Tied up right in the middle of
six big trawlers, the "Vagabond,"
belonging to W. S. (Bill) Wells,
caught on fire in the yacht basin
early last Wednesday morning.
Surrounded on all sides by other
Wells boats and with the basin
full of small craft there was
great danger of a disastrous
fire.

The Southport Volunteer Fire
Department, which arrived on
the scene in jig time, waded into
the blaze with chemicals and
water from a nearby hydrant. So
quick and effective was this
work, the fire was put out be-
fore it reached the oil tanks
aboard and did much damage to
the boat.

Had the fire reached the tanks
the basin might have become full
of burning boats.

Mr. Wells was not unappreci-
ative of the work of the fire de-
partment. Accompanying a check
for \$50.00 to the treasurer of the
organization was the following
letter from him, mailed Monday
of this week:

"The enclosed check will ex-
press in a small way my deep
appreciation for the splendid work
of members of the Southport
Volunteer Fire Department in
quickly bringing under control a
fire aboard the trawler Vagabond
during the early morning hours
of Wednesday, October 29.

"But for the speedy and effec-
tive action on the part of these
men a fire might have resulted
which not only would have caus-
ed many of our people to be out
of work for the rest of the
shrinking season.

"Use this money for whatever
you think best, but be assured of
my lasting gratitude for your ef-
forts."

Southport Girl Receives Honor

Miss Doris Stevens Is Nam-
ed Queen Of Harvest
Dance At Woman's Club
Event In Raleigh Last
Week

Miss Doris Stevens, daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, of
Southport, and Eugene Flemming,
of Grifton, were crowned Harvest
Queen and King, respectively at
a Harvest Dance given by the
Woman's Club of Raleigh last
Thursday.

The dance was given for the
students of Kings Business Col-
lege. Both Mr. Flemming and
Miss Stevens are students there.

Their selections came by way of
popular vote of the student body.

Miss Stevens graduated from
the Southport high school this
year and entered King's Business
College at the beginning of the
fall term. Pretty and popular
here, she has many friends at
Southport who are proud of her
popularity in the school she is
now attending.

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Brunswick Man In New Field

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Thomas,
who are spending most of their
time at Salisbury, were at their
home at Clarendon Plantation for
the week end and Mr. Thomas
was in town Monday.

Mr. Thomas is engaged in the
operative building business at
Salisbury. That is to say that he
buys vacant lots, constructs build-
ings and then sells them. Thus far
he has completed ten homes dur-
ing the summer and is now start-
ing up on fifteen more.

He stated Monday that he and
Mrs. Thomas had no intention of
ever leaving Brunswick and their
beautiful home at Clarendon.

Cornelius Thomas Now En- gaged In Building Homes For Re-Sale At Salisbury; Retains Home At Clarendon

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Annual Carnival Friday Evening Is Big Success

Coronation Ceremony Dur-
ing Which Miss Blanche
Weeks Was Crowned
Queen And Al Shannon
King Was Outstanding

GROSS RECEIPTS
TOTALLED \$550.67

Among Other Attractive
Features Was The Cos-
tume Contest, With
Winners Named In
Three Groups

Miss Blanche Weeks was crown-
ed queen and Alfred Shannon was
crowned king of the annual hal-
lowe'en carnival held in the Com-
munity Building at Southport Fri-
day evening.

Crowning of the queen and king
was an outstanding feature of
the event, which saw the local
building filled to overflowing and
earned the rating of one of the
most successful school benefits
ever staged here. It was reported
that gross receipts were \$550.67.

Leading the processional in the
coronation ceremony were the
runners-up in the contest, Miss
Catherine McRacken and Tommie
Bowler. They were followed by
the attendants, Frances Bennett,
Harriet Corlette, Billy Cullis and
Darrell Fisher. Next came the
crown bearers, Rebecca Dasher
and John Potter. Trainbearers
were Sandra Smith, Martha John-
son, Larry Wolfe and Mikeal
Hardee.

Another outstanding feature was
the costume contest. Mary Ann
Dasher and Bubba Rogers were
winners in the pre-school classi-
fication. In the grades 1 to 7 group
Barbara Bomberger and Donald
Burriss were winners. Prizes in
the grades 4 to 7 group went to
Gwendolyn Cook and Julia Fay
Smith.

Judges were George W. White,
Fred L. Kelly and Mr. King, of
Wilmington.