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### A Step For Progress

Action on the part of a group of Shallotte citizens in making application for a charter for a cooperative which will bring auction market facilities to that community is another step in the march of progress.

When our farmers have to haul their farm products many miles to market two or three undesirable results are experienced. The first of these is that expense is added to his farm-marketing program, and this increased cost must be absorbed by him. Added to this is the fact that most farm products lose weight or lose quality when they are given long hauls.

In the second place, the farmer and members of his family have a tendency to do their trading where they do their marketing. Thus when you help out a plan for selling on a home market, you are taking the best possible steps toward having your farmers do their trading at home.

### Good Public Relations

Brunswick county high school seniors and teachers made a tour of two of the famous Cape Fear River Plantations Friday, and for many of these boys and girls this will be a memorable experience.

For one thing, they will always remember the beauty of these reminders of the Old South as they saw them in their new robes of Spring. For another, they will long remember their visit to scenes of early history which had its being in Brunswick county.

They will remember with pleasure the courtesy of the invitations extended to them, and since they are future citizens, taxpayers and prospective voters and office holders, it is nice for these large property owners to enjoy the wholehearted good will of their young guests.

### Fine Tribute

Last week the Rev. L. D. Hayman, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, returned home from New York to which port he had traveled as a guest aboard the tug John E. McAlister of which his brother, Captain Dan Hayman, is skipper.

The McAlister was in port over the past week-end, and at the 11 o'clock hour Sunday morning Captain Hayman and all of the members of his crew were members of the congregation at Trinity Methodist church. Six of this number returned for the evening service.

We call particular attention to these visitors because of one thing. It speaks well for our preacher. It means that these fellows think he is a good sailor and a good shipmate; and this was the greatest tribute of respect that the crew of the McAlister could possibly pay him.

### Distinguished Guests

Southport had the privilege Friday of having as their guests members of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, and if our visitors had a good time as did their hosts, then we would call it a most successful occasion.

Primary purpose of the trip to this section was to inspect Ft. Caswell, with the idea of making arrangements with the U. S. Navy to procure those facilities for inclusion in the State Parks system. Favorable action was taken on this matter, and final word from the naval authorities appears to be the only hitch in completing these negotiations.

If these plans go through, there will be other visits from members of the

Friday group of guests; and a good groundwork for our future relations with members of the Board of Conservation and Development will have been laid at this meeting.

### Democracy In Action

A Durham publication for colored people, The Carolina Times, recently published an outstanding editorial on the subject of race relations.

All liberals are in agreement that the salvation of the country lies in the production of "statesmen" instead of "hatesmen," and their disagreement with President Truman's civil rights program is not on the grounds that they wish to continue the "viciousness of race hatred," but that such a program will not speed the development of better relations.

The Times editorial is nevertheless enlightening and offers some food for thought. It follows:

"Several days ago we had the pleasure of seeing several teen-age youngsters of both races enjoying themselves together at play. There was no evidence of race consciousness as they skated, wrestled and had their fun at other childish pastimes. Here we felt was democracy in action. Certainly it was a better demonstration of it than is often found among their elders who to the contrary cannot even worship God together.

"The thought finally came to us that it would be a fine thing if these young people could never know the viciousness of race hatred. Now they are free and unmindful of the enslavement to what some of our southern governors and congressmen have been referring to as southern traditions. On to morrow their elders will teach them all of the hatred and meanness that go with living in the south. All of their natural inclinations to find fellowship in each other, to have respect for each other and to enjoy the fullness of life will be stunted by a false doctrine that they must learn about southern traditions.

"Thus instead of producing more men like Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln and Roosevelt we will produce here in the south a fresh crop of Bilbos, Rankins, Bleases, Hoeyes and the like. Instead of statesmen we will produce hatesmen who will defy the United States Supreme Court, the Constitution and every other agency we have to sustain a democratic form of government. Instead of leading the world toward an era of peace, they by their unwillingness to accept all men for what they are worth, rather than for what the color of their skin is, will lead the world toward another war.

"We call upon every decent American, both north and south, to stand up and be counted now, stand up and be counted as being against the kind of action in this country that is furnishing the propaganda mills of communism with the kind of stuff that makes other nations of the world doubt our sincerity about democracy. We call upon our churches to stand up and be counted, stand up and be counted as being against hypocrisy in all our churches as well as in our government. If we don't stand up and be counted we may as well look forward to the day when we will be counted lying down in graves that have been dug because some little human jackass with the title of congressman, used the freedom of democracy to defeat democracy.

"Our children can lead us toward the beauty of living without hatred if we will only let them follow their own inclinations. We call upon those who have done other wise to let our children go."

### Certainty

A customer was looking through the baby things on display in a Warren, Ohio, store. To engage her in conversation that might lead to a sale, a clerk asked, "Are you expecting?"

"No, I'm not expecting," was the reply. "I'm sure."—Reader's Digest.

California had 20,000 black bears in 1947, according to official estimates. New York City every day.

The average American used about 187.44 quarts of fluid milk in 1947 which was lower than the record 201.40 quarts in 1945.

The Navy has two fleet post offices in the United States which handle all mail going outside the States to ships and shore stations. One is on the East Coast at New York and the others on the West Coast at San Francisco.

### State To Take Over Caswell

(Continued From Page One) bathing pools at Caswell went far and wide, and many people came thousands of miles, attracted by the fabulous waters that rate favorably with the famed Hot Springs, Ark., waters in chemical content.

The war arrested the development of Fort Caswell, and neither the facilities of the Fort nor the waters from the hot salt well continued available to the public. Still, month after month and year after year, inquiries about the water have continued to come in. Only last month a party of ten New York people travelling in two cars were anxious to come to Southport for two weeks. Advised that the public could not make use of the water while the Navy held the place, they abandoned the plans for the two weeks stay at Southport.

This is only one of hundreds of similar cases, coming up during the past several years. At that, Caswell and its waters were just becoming known when the war concluded development.

With the State taking over Fort Caswell and using it as a part of the Mountain-Seashore Park System, the unusual mineral waters from the deep well on the reservation will become one of the biggest publicity assets along the coast of southeastern North Carolina.

There is something appealing about those waters, something kind of mysterious that grips the public. It will not be long after the State takes Caswell over before pictures of the shower and of the great bathing pools atop the concrete gun placements will again be flooding the country.

The well is 1800-feet deep with about 10 inch cast iron piping. Drilling several wells immediately on the reservation in search of drinking water, the government struck hot, salty water after going through many feet of rocky formation.

The water, a natural flow with a force at the top equal to that found in city water mains, had several times the salt content of that found in pure sea water. It possessed half a dozen chemical properties and the remarkable thing about it is that it has always been credited with having a year-round temperature of 96-degrees, fahrenheit. It was, of course, unfit for drinking purposes.

The Army had not use for mineral water. The outlet was capped and the well remained closed for around 40 years. It was reopened and the hot water discovered only a few years before World War II began. Then it was capped again for the government

was not running a health resort while the war was on.

No figures are available as to the number of gallons of water the well sends hurtling up through its great iron pipe per minute, but this natural stream will rank with the day in and day out take from the Southport city water mains.

Fort Caswell has many nearby attractions to the tourist and visitor. Thrown open to visitors it will draw them by the thousands.

### TRAFFIC COUNTS

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Edison Vereen, drunk driving, continued to April 14.

H. P. St. George, speeding, not guilty.

Henry Colam Dinsdale, speeding, capias.

Sarah McRae Neisanna, speeding, capias.

Hartford Edwin Boykin, speeding, continued to April 14th.

George Mattock, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Rudolph M. Gour, speeding, capias.

Daniel Aerbock Averbok, speeding, capias.

Albert Shaw, speeding, capias.

Mortimer Wallace, speeding, capias.

Leander Maylon Lowchin, speeding, capias.

### McKEITHAN NEW

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port on Tuesday, April 27th, at 2 o'clock for purpose of instruction and to be sworn in.

The opening date for registration is May 1st; closing date for registration May 15th. Challenge day is May 22nd.

The date for the primary is May 29th, the polls to open at 6:30 a. m., close 6:30 p. m.

All notice of candidacy must be in hands of the Chairman of Board of Elections by 6 o'clock p. m. on April 17.

Only those in armed service of U. S. A. are entitled to vote absentee ballots in the primary election.

The board will meet on June 1st at the Court House for the purpose of canvassing returns of the primary and declare results of same.

### Making Application

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of 4 percent per annum, payable only if, as and when declared out of the net earnings, after the payment of dividends on preferred stock.

### Ferry Service To Ft.

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and Bald Head island, two ferry boats or as many as were needed,

plying between the three points would create a world of travel interest towards this lower section of North Carolina.

Regular tourists from the east going down through New Hanover county could take passage with their cars at Fort Fisher for Southport and Bald Head and back to Southport and Fort Fisher. Or they could come in to Southport from Fort Fisher and go right on down the coast. North bound tourist travel could come in here, go to Bald Head, return to Southport and then to Fort Fisher, where they would quit the ferry and go North.

Essentials to such an undertaking would be ferry slips at the three points and two or more big ferries to give rapid, regular service. Other absolute essentials, but not necessarily a part of the ferry system, would be modern hotels near each of the three ferry terminals. Such hotels probably would spring up of their own accord at all three points. It is said that keen-minded hotel interests would fight for concessions that would give them the right to cater to the tourists and vacationists who would avail themselves of the ferry service.

### BIBLE MOVIES

Saturday night at 8 o'clock

Rev. J. M. Hutchinson, of Cortland, N. Y., will be guest speaker and will show movies on the for the Bible Class Monday at the Gospel Center near Boys and girls, as well as Holden's Beach. He will also illustrate a gospel message by car-

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**	7:00 A. M.	7:00 A. M.
	9:30 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
	*1:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.
	4:00 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
	6:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
		10:20 P. M.

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	7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
	10:50 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
	4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
	6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.