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## SECTION BASE DECLARED SURPLUS



**SURPLUS**—From an unofficial but reliable source this morning it was learned that the Navy Section Base at Ft. Caswell has been declared surplus and has been turned over to the War Assets Administration for disposal. Just what action the Board of Conservation and Development plans to take following this development is uncertain, but at their meeting here last Spring that body passed a resolution authorizing the addition of Ft. Caswell to the State Park System provided suitable arrangements could be worked out with the Navy Department. It is understood that an inventory is now being made for the purpose of proceeding with the business of disposing of the Section Base property.

## Judge Burney Will Open Court Monday

**Business As Usual Is Schedule For County Offices As Court Term Convenes On Labor Day**

**DOCKET IS NOT VERY IMPORTANT**  
No Capital Case Is Set For Trial During One Week Mixed Term; Another Civil Term September 20

A one week mixed-term of Brunswick county Superior court will convene Monday with Judge John J. Burney presiding. This knocks in the head a previous action on the part of the board of county commissioners setting Monday as a holiday for all county offices, because with court in session it will be necessary for most of the officials to be on the job as usual. Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett reports that the docket is a fairly long one, but that the cases scheduled for trial are of minor importance. No capital case is included on the list, except in the case of a negro defendant who has not been apprehended. Considerable interest is centered in a case charging Mrs. Curtis Robinson and Willie Belton with fornication and adultery. Mrs. Robinson is a white woman and Belton is a negro man. A bill of indictment was drawn for these defendants during the last term of court and a warrant was served by Sheriff Walter M. Stansland. A true bill has been returned by a Brunswick county grand jury.

## Bolivia Needs Faculty Member

**Otherwise This School Is All Ready To Begin Year Under Talmadge Page, New Principal**

Bolivia high school still needs one teacher before everything will be set for the opening of the fall term under a new principal, Talmadge Page, who has succeeded O. C. Burton. Mr. Page says that during the first week school will run from 8 o'clock to 1 o'clock. He is particularly anxious to have good attendance, since faculty strength is based upon attendance records. A faculty list which is complete with the exception of one high school vacancy has been released by Mr. Page, Bolivia principal, and is as follows: Miss Bertha Reid, Winnabow, fourth; Mrs. Omega G. Page, Roseboro, third and fourth; Mrs. Ora G. McKeithan, Bolivia, sixth; Mrs. W. E. Lesh, Bolivia, fifth; Mrs. Mae Ward, Bolivia, seventh; Mrs. Rebá S. Rogers, Mullins, S. (Continued on Page 2)

## Shalotte Land Sale Saturday To Draw Crowd

**Much Interest Centered In Sale Of Lots Contained In Sub-Division Of Lands Of Late T. H. White**

### BUSINESS SITES ARE INCLUDED

**New Avenue Has Been Cut From Highway To River And Beautiful Home Sites Will Be Up For Auction**

There is widespread interest in the real estate auction sale to be held at Shalotte Saturday afternoon at which time 82 lots embraced in a modern subdivision will be offered to the high bidder. The property is the T. H. White estate land which was sold last month to a representative of a large pulpwood concern in South Carolina. Later the word was circulated that this property would be used for a loading site for pulpwood barges, but subsequent developments revealed that this is a real estate venture the likes of which have been cited as a sore need for Shalotte for many years.

In making preparations for this sale a new street, Riverview Avenue, has been cut from a junction with U. S. No. 17 to the river. The property has been divided into 82 lots which are 25-feet in width. In auctioning off this property, a buyer will be given the privilege of buying as many more units of 25-foot width as he may desire.

Included will be some very desirable business building sites and also some splendid residential lots. Eight of the 25-foot sections running to a depth of 100-feet front on the highway. A like number front on the river, and it is this latter group that is expected to cause the most spirited bidding for home sites.

The sale is being handled by C. W. Mills & Son, widely known auctioneering firm of Bennettsville, S. C.

## Full Schedule Set For Sunday

**Return Of Pastor From Vacation Will Mark Beginning Of Full Fall Program For Trinity Methodist Church**

Rev. L. D. Hayman and Mrs. Hayman will return from a visit to their son, Dr. Louis Hayman, now resident staff doctor at the Veterans Hospital at Black Mountain, the latter part of this week and the Rev. Mr. Hayman will be in his pulpit for a full program of services Sunday morning, September 5. The Church School officers are urging all teachers and officers and pupils of all classes to return for this beginning of the fall program. At 11 o'clock the pastor will announce the program of the church leading up to the annual conference and administer the Holy Communion. The evening worship will begin at 7:30 o'clock and the pastor will bring the message.

The Youth Fellowship will meet on Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock, which will be the first (Continued on page 2)

## Kids Pool Resources To Save Pet Pooch

**Recent Foray By Dog Catcher Had Kids In Trouble Until They Raised Emergency Fund**

Recently when Southport officials put on a drive to enforce payment of the dog tax one of the three animals impounded during the first two days of this flurry was a nondescript pooch which had taken up with a group of kids out near the ice plant.

When the youngsters began to gather for their unplanned morning activities they soon discovered their dog was missing, and then the word drifted in that the dog catcher had been seen in the neighborhood. A quick check revealed that their pet was in the pound.

Some boys and girls might have cried out a situation as serious as this, but not this group. This was not the first piece of business with which they have been forced to wrestle this summer, for included among their vacation exploits was the operation of a miniature mercantile establishment. So they held a conference, then scattered to work out their plans. Piggy banks were shaken, parents were contacted for pre-pay-

## Schools Of County Postpone Opening

**Decision Reached To Postpone School Opening On Monday After Trip About County By Superintendent**

### McKinley Button Discovered Here

Buttons for the use of supporters of candidates in election campaigns are believed not to have come into use until near the beginning of the present century. While rummaging in an old drawer at the postoffice this week, Postmaster J. B. Russ may have come across one of the earliest buttons made.

About as large as a half dollar, the button bears a wonderful likeness to President William McKinley. He campaigned for and was elected to the presidency in 1896 and the button found by the postmaster must have been struck off that year, making it more than 50-years old.

## Congressman Is Helping City

**Congressman C. B. Deane Is Trying To Help Secure Modern Fire Truck From Section Base For Use In Southport**

Congressman C. B. Deane of Rockingham and Long Beach is making a vigorous effort to get the modern fire truck owned by the Navy and located at Fort Caswell assigned to Southport's Volunteer Fire Department.

There appear to be good and sufficient reasons for this action. In addition to Fort Caswell the government has various other properties in and around Southport on Coast Guard, Navy and other construction. Costly boats, some of which offer create a fire hazard to the town in addition to being potential victims, need protection that the town is not in a position to give at present.

## New Schedule For Examiner

**Driving License Examiner Hudson Will Be In Southport On Monday And Tuesday Of Each Week Until Further Notice**

License Examiner N. S. Hudson is now devoting two days each week to examinations for automobile drivers license. He stated Tuesday that he will be at the courthouse each Monday and Tuesday until further notice.

## Johnson Family Ends Vacation

Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson and their son, Dr. Thor Johnson, left yesterday for Mt. Airy, the home of Rev. and Mrs. Johnson. They have been spending the month of August at Long Beach. By next summer they will be regular summer residents of the Southport area. Last year Dr. Johnson purchased a building lot at Caswell Beach and he states it is his hope that he will be able to build a home there for his parents during the winter. He will (Continued on page 2)

## Three Sailfish In One Day But Big One Escapes

**Party Fishing With Watts Saturday Had Blue Marlin On The Line For Forty Minutes Before Giant Fish Broke Free**

### TARPON HOOKED BY INSIDE PARTY

**Fishing In This Vicinity Is Best Ever Unless Storm Puts Stop To Recent Run Of Good Catches**

Six sailfish within the past week, three of them in one day, with one a record breaker, is only a part of the big fishing news from Southport this week.

On Saturday a member of a party fishing aboard the Idle-On with Capt. T. H. Watts hooked a blue marlin and waged a 40-minute battle with him before he broke free of the sailfishing tackle. Watts, who is a veteran of many battles of denizens of the deep, says that no party of his ever had a sequence of thrills to match these.

He says that for the better part of half-hour he kept his motor "hooked up," running with the fish. Even so, he says that often all the line on the reel was just about gone before the big fellow would start jumping. "He must have jumped clear of the water twenty times or more," he said, "and part of the time we were tail-walking. Once he was within fifty feet of the boat when he came out, and I had a good look at him. He was easily between three hundred and four hundred pounds in weight and was at least 15-feet long. He was as large as four big porpoises."

## Numerous Cases Heard In Court

**Variety Of Cases Disposed Of Before Judge W. J. McLamb In Recorder's Court Wednesday**

A lengthy docket including a variety of cases was disposed of here Wednesday before Judge W. J. McLamb in Brunswick county Recorder's court. The following disposition was made of cases: John H. McCall pleaded guilty to charges of simple assault and judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Similar action was taken in a case charging Curtis McCall with the same offense. Orbie Hewett was convicted on charges of drunk driving. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$100.00. His license was revoked for 12 months. King Knox was found not guilty on charges of reckless operation. Robert D. Milliken was found not guilty on charges of failure to identify self following an accident. Rapply J. Howell pleaded guilty to charges of speeding and was fined \$5.00 and costs. Junior Austin Fulford was found not guilty of reckless operation. Waddell Crawford was found guilty of speeding and was taxed with costs. Probable cause was found in the case charging William Henry Goodman with highway robbery and the defendant was bound over to Superior court. George Kerr Andrews pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness and was fined \$5.00 and costs. The case against Bert Rube for drunk driving was not prosed with leave. John Anderson was found guilty of possession and was fined \$10.00 and costs.

## Farm Bureau Starts Campaign For 49 Members

**Organization Seeking To Increase Total Enrollment Last Year By At Least One-Third During Drive**

Seventy-two 25-year-old Brunswick county men registered for the draft Monday, according to J. E. Carr, chairman of the Brunswick County Draft Board. Figures for yesterday's registration are incomplete. The Draft Board office is located in the Smith building, upstairs over the Building & Loan office. Mrs. Frances Young is clerk and on Monday her only voluntary assistant was Mrs. Paul Messick. If you are a man of draft age—18 through 25—you must register at the Selective Service office in Southport on the dates designated for your age group. If you were born in any of the years listed at the left, then get ready for a chat with the Selective Service Board on the date shown to the right. Here's the complete list of years and days set for registrations: 1924—Sept. 2-3. 1925—Sept. 4-17. 1926—Sept. 8-9. 1927—Sept. 10-11. 1928—Sept. 13-14. 1929—Sept. 15-16. 1930—Sept. 17-18.

## Two Dances For This Week-End

**Steadily Increasing Crowds For Dances At Long Beach Pavilion Expected To Reach Climax**

The old fashioned square dances which have featured the Saturday evening programs at Long Beach Pavilion this summer reached a new high in attendance Saturday evening when 330 persons paid their way in to hear the fiddle music of Joe Reaves and his Brunswick County Boys and to dance to the figure-calling of Charlie Trott and Alden Potter. Gene Thomlinson and Carl Watkins, proprietors of the pavilion, have been delighted with the support that Brunswick county people have given these amusement features during the season, and for the coming holiday week-end are planning a double-feature. (Continued on page two)

## Brief News Flashes

**MEETING**  
The regular meeting of the Lions Club will be held at the Community Center at 1 o'clock.

**PREACHING**  
There will be no preaching services on Sunday morning at the Southport church. However, services will be regular Church services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

**PREACHING SUNDAY**  
Rev. R. Hewett, newly licensed pastor of Supply will preach at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service at the evening at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to attend these

## Huge Sawfish Is Taken In Trawl

A huge sawfish, said to have been over 14-feet long and estimated to weigh 1600 pounds, was caught Saturday in the net of the shrimp boat Imperial III of the W. S. Wells fleet.

M. C. Spencer was skipping the craft. He shot and killed the big fish, afterwards cutting off and retrieving the saw without attempting to get the fish aboard the boat.

Sawfish are listed among the North American game fishes. The rod and reel record for size is 736 pounds, this fish being caught off Galveston, Texas.

## County Council Meeting Friday

**Miss Corinne Greene, Home Demonstration Agent, Urges Full Attendance At Important Planning Meeting**

The County Council of Home Demonstration Clubs will meet at the Agricultural Building in Supply on Friday, September 3, at 3 o'clock. Miss Corinne Greene, the home demonstration agent, says that this is a very important planning meeting and she is anxious for representatives of all clubs to attend. The election of officers will be held, plans will be laid for the year 1949 and for Achievement. (Continued on page four)



W. B. KEZIAH

## Our ROVING Reporter

Taking it for granted that most of the folks who read this column know that we have been spending the past two weeks in the hospital and doing no rovin', it is hoped that they will know why most of this week's column is going to be about the hospital and nothing else. This is partly because we don't know much about anything else. A still better reason is that the hospital belongs to everybody here in Brunswick, and none of us knows as much about the hospital as we ought to. We went in suffering from acute appendicitis, a form making an immediate operation necessary. Usually in such attacks the doctors try for as much time as possible to be certain if the patient is physically able to stand an op-

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