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WAA Appraiser Here To Place Value On Fort

Government Official Reveals Offer Of \$120,000 For Properties At Ft. Caswell, But Indicates That Will Not Go

USE OF ALL FACILITIES URGED

able Uses Range From Short Development To Division Between Industry And Park

Gibson, Pinehurst man as appraiser for the Atlanta WAA, spent most of week in Southport and at Caswell. Mr. Gibson was making a thorough appraisal of the physical properties and ways in which they will be used to the general advantage.

an interview it was evident that a considerable measure of importance will be attached to the historical value of Fort Caswell. There is no intention of turning the property over to interests who might be disposed to attempt sale. "Some things should be done as they are," Mr. Gibson

There appears to have been one approach for acquisition of the property. Twelve Winston-Salem doctors are understood to be standing ready to pay ten thousand dollars each, a total of \$120,000, for the property. This is the order that they can get some of the buildings for their personal homes.

Apparently the WAA does not approve of the above price, but was said distinctly that using the place for only a dozen summer homes would be far from making an adequate measure of value to this section.

Mr. Gibson asked the interviewee if an industry employing from 400 persons would be satisfactory locally. It appears that WAA has also had a contact with this nature. He pointed out that a steel heating through the property and new boilers, docks for ocean and water shipping and new storage tanks with a capacity of more than two hundred thousands gallons of gas and oil, the place was adapted for an industry.

When asked about shipping he replied and said, "You know that there are thousands of industrial plants of various sorts located here there are no railroads. There are facilities for ocean, inland waterway and truck shipping from Fort Caswell."

Turning back to the historical importance of Fort Caswell, Mr. Gibson expressed the belief that of the 101 acres of high land would be used industrially and for park purposes. This would give a great measure of preservation to the points of historical interest.

The probable park area should, thought, embrace the nine batteries of concrete or brick and the grounds used as military quarters during the first world war. More than three thousand soldiers were stationed in training at Fort Caswell at that time during the first world war. These were quartered in temporary barracks in the proposed park area.

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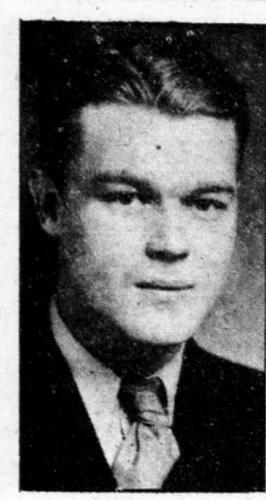
Brief News Flashes

REGULATION
No hunting or trapping is permitted within 500 yards of a school area according to Game warden H. T. Bowmer, who received a ruling from the State Game Commission this week.

MUSIC TEACHER
Mrs. C. Stevenson arrived Monday to assume his duties at public school music teacher at Southport high school. He comes here highly recommended, and will teach piano, band instruments and music. He also will direct the school club. He has been teaching at Maury high school.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
The Christmas pageant will be presented on Wednesday Dec. 23, at the Southport Presbyterian church by members of the Youth Fellowship and Sunday school. The exercises will begin at 8 o'clock and 35 young people will participate in the program. The pageant is being directed by Mrs. J. M. Wolfe, Mrs. J. M. Plaxco and Mrs. J. M. Waggoner. After the pageant Santa Claus will be in charge of the Christmas tree.

Auditors



CHANGE—Left above is W. P. Jorgensen, who was recommended yesterday by the board of county commissioners for appointment by State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson as successor to the late Robert C. St. George, right.

Jorgensen Is Auditor Redwine Tax Collector

Recommendation For Appointment Forwarded To Raleigh With Unanimous Recommendation Of The Board

REDWINE TO GO IN TAX OFFICE

Jorgensen Has Had Experience In Office Of County Auditor; Redwines' First Public Office

Members of the board of county commissioners met in special session here Tuesday and unanimously recommended that W. P. Jorgensen be appointed by State Treasurer Charles M. Johnson to succeed the late Robert C. St. George as Brunswick county auditor.

This action left the office of Brunswick county tax collector vacant, and was followed by a unanimous vote for the appointment of Edward H. Redwine, young Shallotte business man, to that post.

A telephone conversation with State Treasurer Johnson while the board was in session revealed that their recommendation will be acted upon immediately and there is a feeling that his notice of appointment may reach Jorgensen today.

The new county auditor served as assistant to the late Mr. St. George as his first employment with the county. Later he moved to the tax office as assistant to Chas. E. Gause, and subsequently was named to hold that office. He has a record of being one of the most efficient and most popular officials ever to serve the county in any capacity.

This will be Redwine's first public office. Twice he sought the Democratic nomination for member of the House of Representatives, and on each occasion was defeated by Odell Williamson by a narrow margin. He has shown that not only was he capable of putting up a good political battle, but that he was a good sport and a good loser. He is a veteran, and since his return from service overseas has been engaged in business at Shallotte. He is president of the Brunswick County Young Democrat Club.

Funeral Sunday For E. E. Wescott

Funeral Services Conducted At The Southport Baptist Church With Burial At Bethel Cemetery

Funeral services were held here Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Edward Earl Wescott, 35-year old native of Southport, whose death occurred Friday morning. The services were in charge of the Rev. H. M. Baker, pastor of the church. Burial was in the Bethel cemetery, three miles from Southport.

Mr. Wescott had been a merchant seaman for several years and more recently had been engaged in the box manufacturing business with his father. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wescott and two brothers, Rivers and Vernon Wescott, two sisters, Minnie Lee Spencer and Mrs. Mary Helen Chapel, all of Southport. Active pallbearers were Willie Johnson, James Arnold, Jack

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Arthur Fullwood Returns Home

Arthur Fullwood, young Wilmington and Southport man, has been able to return to his home in Wilmington after a stay of several months in the hospital here and at the Marine Hospital in Norfolk.

He was badly burned here late in the summer when gasoline in the bilge water of his boat exploded while he was endeavoring to start his engine. Treated at the Doshier Memorial Hospital for some weeks, he was removed to the Norfolk hospital where there were better facilities for skin grafting. It is understood his most serious burns were about the arms.

Robert St. George Dies Following Sudden Attack

County Auditor Died Saturday Night Following Sudden Illness While Attending Lions Club Meeting Thursday

Robert C. St. George, prominent citizen and Brunswick county official, died Saturday night at Doshier Memorial Hospital. The deceased, who was 56 years of age, suffered an attack which rendered him unconscious while attending a zone meeting for Lions Clubs on Thursday evening at Shallotte. He never regained consciousness.

Mr. St. George became county auditor in the early thirties, and had served continuously in that office until his death. He was active in the civic, fraternal and religious affairs of this community and had been honored by numerous organizations.

He was a thirty-second degree Mason; was an active member of the Ft. Johnson Council Junior Order; was past commander of Brunswick County Post No. 94, American Legion and a former district commander for the American Legion; was a member of the Southport Lions Club; was a faithful member of the Trinity Methodist church, a member of its board of stewards and treasurer of the Sunday school.

Mr. St. George was the son of the late Capt. Thomas and Ada St. George and was born and reared in Southport. During World War I he served as an officer in the United States Navy, and prior to his services as county auditor had held employment in Wilmington.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Ruark St. George; by two sisters, Mrs. Guy Garrett, Netherlands West Indies, and Miss Marion St. George, Southport; and by three brothers, James, Continued on page four

Supply Farmer Has Big Yield

Marshall Roach Produces 132-Bushels Of Corn On One Acre Of Ground In Demonstration This Year

On his demonstration plot this year Marshall Roach of Supply made the remarkable production of 132 bushels of corn per acre. The land has just been measured and the corn weighed by county agent J. E. Dodson. Mr. Roach used hybrid corn, which stands both a narrow width of row and thick spacing.

Next in order of production on a demonstration acre was DeLett Bennett of Freeland. His field yielding 117.8 bushels per acre. (Continued on Page Six)

Convict Father On School Count

Raymond Potter Was Charged With Failure To Send Children To School; Is Found Guilty And Fined

Of particular interest among the cases tried Wednesday before Judge W. J. McLamb in Recorder's court was that in which Raymond Potter faced charges of failure to send his children to school. He was convicted and fined \$25.00 and costs. Twenty dollars of the fine was remitted upon condition that he start sending his children to school according to compulsory school attendance laws.

Floyd Norris, breaking and entering, not prosed.
Leo B. Adams, reckless operation, continued.
Miriam Bertram Muncy, no operators license, fined \$50.00 and costs.
William Earl Benton, improper equipment, motion for jury trial.
Alden S. Edwards, reckless operation, \$25.00 fine and costs.
Arthur Blanchette, speeding, capias.
Edward El Shopton, speeding, capias.
Aubrey Green Hickman, speeding, costs.
Rice Gwynn, Jr., assault with deadly weapon, continued.
John Thomas McCoy, possession, continued.
Jesse Morrisey, possession, fined \$10.00 and costs.

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Will Open Bids Tomorrow For Survey Craft

Chairman W. S. Wells Says That Bids Will Be Opened Here Tomorrow For Craft To Do Work Off-Shore

NUMEROUS BIDS ARE EXPECTED

Chairman And Louis Hardee Made Trip To Florida Last Week To Investigate Boats

Bids to furnish a boat for the use in the North Carolina shrimp survey will be opened here tomorrow, Thursday, December 16th, according to W. S. Wells, chairman of the shrimp survey commission.

Mr. Wells and Lewis J. Hardee, a member of the board, went to Florida last week and saw a number of Florida boats, all of which were entirely suitable, provided the owners fixed the right price in exchange for their use. Ten Florida boat owners submitted sealed bids before Mr. Wells and Mr. Hardee returned to Southport. Additional bids from various points have since come in.

Mr. Wells says that specifications have been sent to 350-boat owners, most of whom are known to have suitable craft. A considerable number of bids are expected to be on hand for the opening tomorrow.

Work of making the survey will begin on January 1st, if a suitable price is obtained for a boat at tomorrow's opening of bids, according to Mr. Wells.

Growing Plants Profitable Hobby

At Least Two Brunswick County Commercial Growers Got First Start On Amateur Basis

With Orton, Eastbrook and J. A. Elmore at Bolivia all having big and well established nurseries for the growing of flower plants, there seem to be others becoming interested in the same thing, both (Continued on page six)

W.B. & S. Owner Business Visitor

New York Man Here Monday Discussing Plans For Future Operation Of Local Bus Lines

Maurice Goodman, of New York City, owner of several bus and freight lines throughout the United States, including the W. B. & S. between Southport and Wilmington, spent Monday here looking after his local company, together with Hubert Livingston, the general manager.

Mr. Livingston says that the plans locally are to get a couple or more additional buses in the spring. These will be used for serving various points, including Long Beach and Holden Beach and a line to Wilmington via the river road when that route is completed. The possibility of putting on better bus service between Southport and Whiteville is also in the making.

District Agent Visits County

C. M. Brickhouse Was Visitor Here Monday With County Agent J. E. Dodson

District Farm Agent C. M. Brickhouse spent Monday at various points in Brunswick county in company with County Agent J. E. Dodson. While at Southport Mr. Brickhouse was interviewed and among (Continued on Page Six)

Our ROVING Reporter

When you speak of toadfish to us you do both us and the toadfish wrong. We know it now, having had it from no less authentic sources than Lewis, J. Hardee and Floyd Dishaver that there is no such thing as a toadfish. The real name of the critter is snapper. Hardee and Dishaver, both of whom are ex-Floridians, tell us that the snapper is even more delectable than canned rattlesnake. They had a basket full of the snappers the other night and were demonstrating how to dress or undress them. The dressing system is pretty much like getting a pair of bull frogs legs ready for the frying pan. You cut the skin across the back of the snapper and pull two ways at once. That part which comes out in your left hand is a very

attractive looking hunk of meat and you throw what you get in your right hand back into the river.

Several weeks ago work began on the task of stringing additional telephone cables in Southport. Previous to this work the local dial system of the Bell Telephone and Telegraph company was taking care of 265 phones in Southport. This week one of the workmen now here stated that 202 pairs of cable have recently been put in the office and that they will have a lot of equipment that will enable them to take care of a lot more phones in the near future. It is likely that a big factor in the phone extension work here lies in plans for service to nearby beaches (Continued on page 3)

Woodrow Hart Confesses That He Fatally Injured Edward Wescott In Fight

Southport Man Found Dead Early Friday Morning Near Truck Which Had Run Off River Road

ACCUSED MAN MAKES SIGNED CONFESSION

Statement Recounts Evening Of Drinking And Carousing Leading Up To Fight In Early Morning

A four-day old murder mystery was broken wide open here Monday morning when Woodrow Hart confessed to his brother, Otto Hart, that Edward Wescott, Southport man, had been fatally injured in a fight following an evening of drinking and carousing.

His brother had gone to the jail to talk over the case with Woodrow, who had been arrested Friday after it had been established that he was the last person seen with the slain man. The defendant declared that he was the man who killed Wescott, and told his brother that he wanted to tell the whole story. This he did in the presence of Deputy Sheriff G. J. Robinson and a local newspaper man.

The body of Wescott was discovered early Friday in the woods beside the River Road and only a few steps away from where the pulpwood truck he apparently had been driving had run off the road. First reports were that he had been fatally injured in a wreck, but investigation disclosed that his death had resulted from a stab in the chest and the loss of blood from this cut.

Investigation by Brunswick county officers and Highway Patrolmen revealed that Woodrow Hart and Wescott had spent the evening together, and that the last time Wescott had been alive was when he left the home of Dick Crocker with Hart about 3 o'clock Friday morning. Although there appeared to be strong circumstantial evidence connecting Hart with the case, there were still some vital links of evidence missing.

His confession as related Monday credits a row over a girl and their resulting fight with the injury which proved fatal. Hart claimed that Wescott was making an unprovoked attack upon him at the time, that he opened his knife in self-defense, but that he did not stab nor attempt to cut his victim.

Coroner John G. Caison stated yesterday that no inquest will be held in the case.

The full text of his confession is as follows: "I was drinking all Thursday afternoon up at Hart's place. I come down to Arnold's Hotel and ran up with Donnie Watts, and he wanted to buy some beer. So we bought a case of beer, Donnie Watts and me, and I rented a room in the hotel. I paid for it myself. We took the beer up there, and Donnie stayed with me. Then I come downstairs and Ed Wescott was in the pool room. This was about 9 o'clock or 10 o'clock when I got up with Ed, Ed and me was joking, like we always did. He drew a pool stick on me like we was always playing, and I laughed and patted him on the shoulder.

"He wanted to know did I want (Continued on page 4)

Order Placed For New City Firetruck

Aldermen Faced With Problem Of Raising Major Part Of Purchase Price Of Badly Needed Vehicle

DONATIONS ARE MADE TO FUND

After Down Payment Is Made Balance Still Will Require Additional Donations

The Southport city officials at a meeting last Thursday night voted to order at once a new nine thousand dollar fire truck for Southport Volunteer Fire Department. A small amount of funds raised in various ways over a period of years, is already in the hands of the organization. The city will go as far as it can towards the remainder, but must depend upon substantial donations.

The action in placing the order was inspired by the fact that citizens and business interests of Southport dug down into their pockets and made contributions totaling more than a thousand dollars, all within a few hours time. More contributions to the volunteer fire department have since come in and still more is needed.

Knowing the need of modern fire fighting apparatus and the shortage of funds, Coy C. McQuiston, prominent hosiery manufacturer of Burlington, sent in his contribution of fifty dollars. This was sent without any solicitation or approach having been made in any way to Mr. McQuiston. He owns a summer home at Caswell Beach and he realized that if his property was ever in danger the volunteer fire department would respond just as quickly as they would when a home or business building in Southport was threatened.

Ormond Leggett, in charge of the raising of funds for the truck, has written Mr. McQuiston, thanking him for his voluntary contribution. Other individuals wishing to have a share in the purchase of this much needed equipment should send their contributions to Mr. Leggett. Delivery on the machine has been promised for the late spring.

The present fire truck was purchased in 1922. Since that time it has saved its cost many times over.

State Planning To Grow Plants

Location Of Bi-Color Lespedeza Plant Project In This County Appears To Be In Prospect

Encouraging Response To Museum Project

Offers Of Donations Of Interesting Items Come In From All Sections And Cover Many Items

One man has two barrels of Confederate money that he will give to the Southport museum. A Wilmington newspaper reported that the 1922 model-T fire truck will be placed in the new Southport museum. Three Southport kids want to know where the museum is—and how are they going to get a fire truck in there. A long distance telephone call from a subscriber to this newspaper reveals an offer of a 200-year-old set of carpenter tools. A local man turns over the full set of keys to old Ft. Johnson.

These are but a few of the developments that have greeted last week's announcement of a public museum for Southport, and leaders of the Woman's Club are delighted with the response.

As was stated last week, exhibits are being solicited, and will be received on either a gift or a loan basis. The beginning has been made in a single display case in the Southport Public Library room in the Ft. Johnson building, and already there has been a promise received of another and larger show case.

Public spirited Southport citizens see in the museum possibilities for the establishment of a major tourist attraction, and the project leaders are moving ahead with the plan as fast as developments that will justify.

Santa To Come Here By Boat

Mrs. Helen Bragaw, who is in charge of the Community Christmas tree, reports that the latest word from the headquarters at the North Pole is that Santa Claus will arrive here by plane Friday afternoon of next week.

He will land at Caswell Beach and men from the Oak Island Coast Guard station have been engaged to pick him and his bundles up and bring them to Southport. They will arrive at the Community Building at four o'clock. After landing at the Government dock.

After the Christmas events for the white children at the community building, Santa will ride over to the colored school in Southport's old red fire truck. A community sing will be staged there.

County Agent To Be Called Monday

Successor To County Agent J. E. Dodson Will Be Named By Commissioner; Prospect Will Be Here For Interview

The choice of a county agent to succeed J. E. Dodson will probably be made by the board of county commissioners on Monday, December 20. At that time District Agent C. M. Brickhouse will bring an experienced agent down for a conference with the board.

The name of the prospective agent has not been revealed so far, as a deal with him has not yet been consummated. However, Mr. Brickhouse states that he has had two years as an assistant agent in Wayne County and ten years of active service as a full county agent.

His qualifications are said to be (Continued on page four)

New Business For Shallotte

Fertilizer Distributor Will Be Ready To Go To Work At Shallotte In New Building After First Of Year

The Columbus Trading Company of Whiteville is rushing its new 48x75-foot warehouse at Shallotte, with the plans for completing the building by January 1st, weather permitting.

Bruce Moody, Grissetown contractor and builder, is in charge of the work.

The company will handle fertilizer. Jim Davis, Jr., of Chadbourne will be manager of the business. He has already moved to Shallotte and will reside there permanently. Mr. Davis said Saturday that they would carry a large stock of fertilizers for all crops and would deliver direct from the warehouse to farms throughout the county.

Methodists To Present Cantata

Choir Will Sing Annual Christmas Cantata On Sunday Afternoon At 4:30 O'Clock; Youth Program Wednesday

The choir of Trinity Methodist church will present their annual Christmas cantata Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. This year the music will be "Song Of The Holy Night" and will be under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Pigott.

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