

Great Interest Being Shown In New Invention

Following Publication In
September Issue Of Popular
Mechanics, Story Of
Plasmo-Falt Causes Much
Comment

SOUTHPORT MAN IS THE INVENTOR

Geo. W. Rappleyea Has
Been Receiving Numerous
Offers In Connection
With New Process

In the August 15 issue of this paper a story told of a visit here by the Eastern Editor of Popular Mechanics, a widely circulated and extensively illustrated magazine dealing with mechanics and inventions. The article stated that a special story written by the above editor would appear in the September issue of the magazine.

The magazine with the story appeared as scheduled and dealt extensively with an invention by George W. Rappleyea of Southport, of a plastic in which the cheapest grade of molasses formed the basic ingredient.

Using this substance, it is calculated that the material for a five-room house will cost only about \$1000, plus the plumbing and wiring. The material can either be poured like cement or moulded like bricks. It is very versatile in its uses and can be used for building roads and landing fields for planes.

The invention is being patented under the name of plasmo-falt. Richard F. Dempewolf, the eastern editor of Popular Mechanics, who came here and made a personal investigation before writing the story, described the invention as being "truly wonderful." His article covered six pages in the magazine and was accompanied by 12 illustrations, or actual photographs of the various uses of Plasmo-falt.

Since the story appeared Mr. Rappleyea has been receiving over 50 letters daily, over a period of more than three weeks. Many of these letters are by special delivery, about half come by air mail and every section of the United States and many foreign countries have been represented in the inquiries.

A large number of the inquiries are from manufacturers, inquiring if the patent is for sale and offering either to buy outright or to buy interest and manufacture on a royalty. Even the Navy authorities in Washington have requested a test for certain uses and have offered to advance all costs of these tests.

Mr. Rappleyea is taking his time to decide which is best of the many offers. One thing he would like to do, however, would be to organize a company, build a factory and produce Plasmo-falt here in Southport where his mother lived and died. Himself a resident of Southport for many years during his younger days, he left here and engaged in teaching some 30 years ago. As a teacher he is credited with having

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Brief News Flashes

STRIKE CONTINUES

Southport shrimp boats continue to be inactive this week as boatmen still refuse to resume operations until their demands for an increase in the price of their catch is granted.

BITTEN BY SPIDER

Oakland Smith, Waccamaw township farmer, was bitten on the leg by a black widow spider last week. He was brought to the hospital and suffered acutely for two days until the poison yielded to treatment.

LADIES NIGHT

Willard G. Cole and R. F. Clodfelter of Whiteville are to be the entertainers at a Ladies Night program by the Bolivia Lions Club next Wednesday night. Both have appeared on previous programs in this county and have been enthusiastically received.

ORDER EXTENDED

The temporary recession of inter-service agreement limiting enlistment eligibility, quoted in Operations Bulletin No. 39, has been extended to November 30, 1951. This means that those men who have been examined and found acceptable may join any branch of active service of their choice until November 30, or until they receive their notice to report for induction whichever is earlier.

Southport Family Back From Japan

Sgt. And Mrs. W. C. Norton Return To United States
Following Korean Hitch For Father

Having served in Japan and Korea since October, 1949, and his family in Japan since April, 1950, Sgt. and Mrs. W. C. Norton and their children, Richard Norton, 6, and William C. (Billy) Norton, reached Southport Saturday afternoon.

They drove overland from their port of arrival in California, stopping for a few days visit with Sgt. Norton's people in Memphis, Tenn.

Going to Japan on rotation with the occupation forces, Sgt. Norton was joined there a few months later by his wife and sons. Mrs. Norton is the former Miss Mary Florence Moore, daughter of Mrs. J. V. Davis of Southport and Long Beach. The family had hardly got settled in Japan before the Korean trouble broke out and Sgt. Norton was among the first troops ordered there.

His family remained in Japan where they had a nice 8-room

house, two maids and a Japanese yard boy. These helpers attended to practically everything about the house, leaving Mrs. Norton free for such activities as Red Cross work, teaching school and leading a Girl Scout troop.

In December Sgt. Norton was sent back to Japan from Korea, and was hospitalized at the Army hospital at Tokyo, 50 miles north of where the family lived. Mrs. Norton was able to visit him there often and he was able to get home at Christmas. He returned to the front some six weeks later and remained there until he was sent back to Japan in early August to await his turn at being sent to the United States on rotation.

Now on a 30-day leave, Sgt. Norton will report at Fort Riley, Kansas, on September 28 for assignment to duty in the 5th Army area. Mrs. Norton and Richard and Billy will probably re-

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For Governor



In a statement released to the newspapers today, former United States Senator William B. Umstead of Durham made formal announcement that he is a candidate for Governor of North Carolina in 1952.

Brunswick Will Be Site Of Big Defense Project

Ammunition Depot Will Cover
Some 20,200 Acres
Between Wilmington And
Southport

ORTON PLANTATION IS
IN TERRITORY WANTED

Installation Goes To South-
eastern N. C. Because Of
"Safe" Distance From
Urban Center

A part of the Orton Plantation is included in the present plans for an ammunition loading depot to be built for about 23 million dollars between Wilmington and Southport.

Congressman F. Eitel Carlyle made a personal visit to Sunny Point Tuesday. One of the first questions asked by the Congressman following his arrival here was relative to whether they had started operations on the project.

This may indicate that he and others in Washington are anticipating an early start and in seeing the work pushed as speedily as possible.

Accompanying newspaper men to Sunny Point, the Congressman expressed surprise at the high bluffs on the river and at the whole level and well-drained area. The location is ideal in every way for all that the government has in view, he said.

The proposed site, 18 miles south of Wilmington and three miles north of Southport, covering some 20,200 acres, is on the west bank of the Cape Fear River and is approximately five miles of frontage on the river.

At least a third of Orton Plantation, lying on both sides of Orton Pond and Orton Creek are included in the selected site.

According to details released in Washington by the Army Transport Corps, the facility can be described generally as extending from five to eight miles inland. Some 1,200 acres of land are classified as farm land and 19-

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Shalotte Will Present Play

Home Talent Production
Will Be Presented On
Thursday And Friday Of
Next Week, Auspices Of
American Legion

"Krossroad Kapers" is the name of the big smash stage show and amateur contest which will be staged on Thursday and Friday in Shalotte High School auditorium under the sponsorship of the Shalotte Post, American Legion.

"Krossroad Kapers" is patterned after popular barn-dance type programs and uses a cast of local talent to impersonate radio celebrities as they compete for cash awards. The competition is open to all those taking part, and the winners will be selected by the vote of the audience attending.

The outstanding attraction of this production is the opportunity that it will present to see well-known local persons cast in the role of famous movie and radio personalities. For instance, Ted Bennett will be Roy Rogers, star of the show. Cast in the role of Gabby Hayes is Ed Redwine. There are several other principal characters whose identity is being concealed because of the desire to keep the audience guessing.

There is no age limit set for the talent who wish to compete for the prizes, and the contest is open to everyone in the Shalotte and the surrounding community. It is not necessary to belong to the sponsoring organization in order to enter the competition.

All types of entertainers are needed for this big show. "If you are a singer, yodeler, tap, square or jig dancer, there is a place for you in the cast," says the director. "If you play a musical instrument such as a fiddle, guitar, banjo, mandolin, accordion, harmonica, or if you do animal or

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New Patrolman Goes To Leland

Patrolman James Jones To
Be Stationed In Brun-
swick Following Period Of
Working In Wilmington

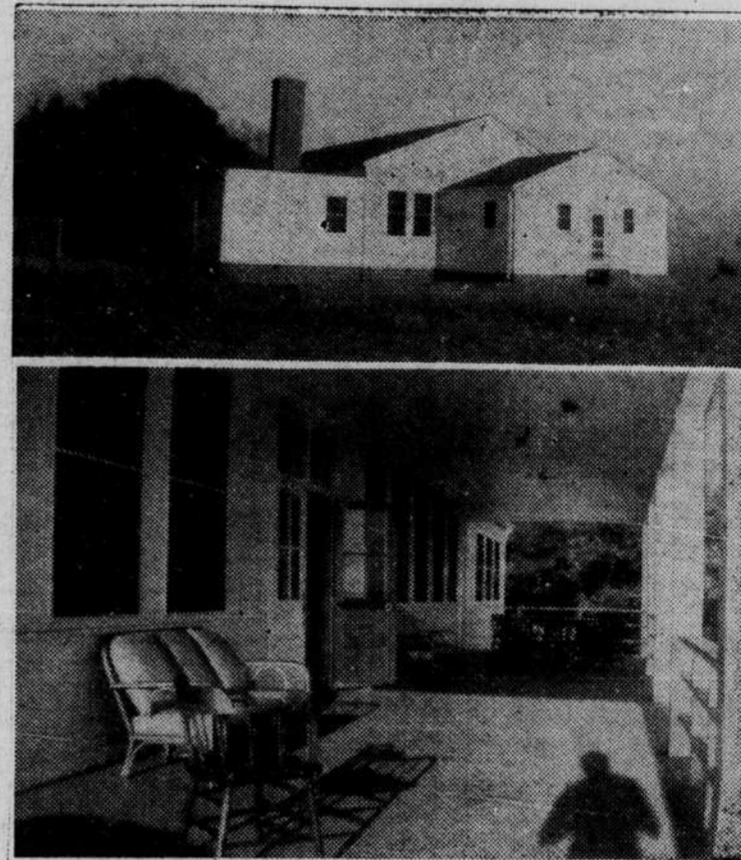
Cpl. C. H. Lynch, senior highway officer in Brunswick, states that Patrolman James S. Jones will begin his duties in Brunswick county about the first of October.

Patrolman Jones, a native of Durham, has just recently finished the highway patrol school. At present he is getting further training by working with New Hanover County officers.

He will be stationed at Leland, taking over where Patrolman J. C. Taylor left off when he was transferred to Wilmington. The transfer of Patrolman Taylor was made in accordance with the established plans of the State to try and keep equal numbers of old and new officers in each

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Air Force Planning To Establish Base For Air-Sea Rescue



QUARTERS—Arrangements have been made with directors of the Southport Lions Club to use the Community Building as quarters for 40 members of the Air Force group expected here to set up an air-sea rescue base. Above is a view of the building as seen from across the Garrison. Below is a view of the veranda, which fronts on the Cape Fear River.

Sixty-Three Men From Shaw
Field, S. C., Expected To
Be Stationed Here On Per-
manent Basis

GARRISON BUILDING
FOR HEADQUARTERS

Members Of Southport Lions
Club Vote To Make Com-
munity Building Avail-
able For Use

Representatives from the U. S. Air Force appeared in Southport last Wednesday to complete arrangements for transferring 63 members of air-sea rescue group here at an early date.

Captain J. R. White, executive officer for the outfit, was spokesman for the group and stated that plans call for the operation of six crash boats from Southport harbor. The personnel will be transferred here from Shaw Field in S. C., and the men declared that they have been informed that this is to be a permanent installation.

First knowledge of the plans for establishing a base of operations here came when the liaison group showed up with representatives of the U. S. Army Engineers to inspect the garrison building as a possible site for headquarters. The facilities of this structure were found to be well suited to the needs, and the Air Force men then set about the business of locating a building suitable for housing 40 men.

The Community Building, formerly the USO, was inspected and was found to be ideal for the purpose. Capt. White and his men met with the board of directors of the Southport Lions Club, who have the building in charge, for the purpose of deciding if these facilities could be made available. Following a preliminary discussion, the proposition was submitted on Thursday to the membership of the Lions Club, who voted unanimously to allow the Air Force to take over the building at a nominal rental.

It is reported that about one-third of the men coming here are married, and Mayor H. W. Hood has been busy during the past week listing all available houses and apartments. This list is at the City Hall and already definite arrangements have been made by some of the men for quarters in Southport. It is believed that it may be necessary to secure some housing for the men at Long Beach, and preliminary arrangements in this connection already have been made.

Capt. White said Thursday that his group was ready to move in at once, but that certain matters of military formality will slow down this procedure. While these arrangements are being completed, an advance guard is expected here this week to begin getting the Garrison building in condition for use.

It has been impossible to determine whether this group is the forerunner of another and larger operation or whether this is its permanent full strength. Capt. White was unable to shed any light on the subject.

O'Quinn Case To Be Tried Monday

Plans Building
Made Of Bottles

His neighbors who have been disturbed by the sudden accumulation of booze bottles in the front yard of Willie Fulwood of near Southport will be relieved that he is a connoisseur of the containers, not the contents.

In fact, Mr. Willie has about 4,000 of the bottles in his stock pile, and he must increase the total by another couple of thousand before he is ready to lay the corner bottle in a new building project, a house of glass.

He plans to use the containers as a principal material in the construction of a small store or service station on the lot next to his house, and believes that this unique building will be a help in attracting business.

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Murder Case One Of First
To Be Called For Trial At
Next Week's Term Of Su-
perior Court In Southport

JUDGE WALTER J.
BONE PRESIDING

Criminal Docket Expected
To Take Up All The Time
With Several Other Im-
portant Cases Sched-
uled

The September term of Superior Court opening Monday, with Judge Walter L. Bone presiding, will face the most heavily loaded docket of any term in year, Clerk Sam T. Bennett says.

Not only is there an unusually large number of cases, but many are marked by the extremely serious nature of the charges, including three cases of murder and two of rape. The rape cases may prove outstanding. In one instance the alleged victim is said to be only 12 years old. In the other case the victim is only 13.

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Training School At Local Church

Trinity Methodist Church
Will Be Host Three
Evenings On Next Week
To Leadership Training
School

Trinity Methodist Church of Southport will be host for the Leadership Training School for all church school teachers in the Methodist churches of Brunswick county Monday through Wednesday evenings, September 17-19.

The purpose of the school is to give all church school teachers opportunity to study the latest materials, methods and techniques in teaching in the Sunday schools, with major emphasis upon the children and youth divisions of the church. Each evening there will be two fifty minute class periods, with a twenty minute intermission period between classes. Class will begin each evening promptly at 8 o'clock.

Three capable teachers, selected by the conference Board of Education, will guide the thinking. Mrs. Wesley S. Brogan of Monrue will teach the course "Training Children in the Small Church." Mrs. Brogan is a former director of Christian Education and specializes in children's work in the church. Mrs. E. I. Terry of Raleigh will teach the course "Teaching Youth." Mrs. Terry is one of the outstanding

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Shooting Fracas Ends In Arrest

At a hearing here yesterday Magistrate E. F. Gore ordered Edgar Grady, Northwest township Negro, held for the Recorder's Court under a bond of \$500.00. Grady is charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill.

Information is that Grady and Newberry Southerland had a difference of opinion at Leland Saturday night. To strengthen his point of the argument Grady went after a shotgun. On his return with the weapon Southerland had taken flight.

Despite distance Grady let drive with the shotgun and 13 of the No. 4 shot are said to have penetrated Southerland's clothes and rattled down his breeches. Had he not been going so fast and in the same direction the shot probably would have killed him. As it was, Southerland is said to have been seriously scared.

Forty Cases In Recorder Court

Probable Cause Found In
Rape Case With Defend-
ant Being Held Under
\$10,000 Bond For Grand
Jury

Forty cases were handled in Recorder's Court Monday by Judge W. J. McLamb and Solicitor Kirby Sullivan, and nearly the same number were continued until September 28, at which time an adjourned session will be held. The large number of cases to come up this week were partly the result of no court having been held last week and partly owing to an unusually large number of arrests during the two weeks.

The most serious case was the hearing of Richard V. Owens, a Wilmington white man, who was charged with the rape of a 13-year-old white girl near Leland a week ago. Probable cause was found in this case, and Owens was held for next week's term of Superior Court under \$10,000 bond.

The other cases disposed of during the week were as follows: Clarence Johnson Floyd, speeding, fined \$20 and costs. Effie Hall, drunken driving, amended to reckless operation, fined \$50 and costs. Leland Small, carrying concealed weapons, fined \$50 and costs. Edward Allen, no operators license, fined \$25 and costs. Thomas Franklin Boyd, public drunkenness, fined \$15 and costs. Brady LeRoy Long, trespass, not pressed with leave. Wesley Brown, public drunkenness, prayer for judgment continued for 18 months.

Emanuel Roderick, forcible trespass, assault with deadly weapon, two years on the roads, notice of appeal given, bond set at \$1,000. Wallace Lee McIver, reckless operation, not pressed. Wallace Lee McIver, speeding, Continued on Page Five



Our ROVING Reporter

The coming here of Air Corps crash boats does not mean that any immediate section of our coastal waters will be used as a bombing range. The volume of shipping coming in and out through the mouth of the river and the sport fishing and commercial fishing importance is sufficient insurance against that. The logical reason for basing the boats here is that there will be a lot of planes over Southport and the nearby waters at all times. Those who have mishaps or need aid on the water will get it from the crash boats in much the same manner that the Coast Guard crash boat goes to the aid of surface vessels.

Our biggest worry in recent months has not been over whether something was going to happen. Rather it has been over the lack of Southport people to take care of it when it does happen. Neither the town nor the nearby areas are going to be able to take care of the housing problems that will develop in the next 12 months and will probably

continue long thereafter. We sincerely hope that there will be an immediate and general awakening to the need of more housing at Southport and all nearby areas. The defense project now being set in motion are not just temporary. All information that can be gained from Washington indicates the most permanent sort of installations are being planned.

This week we heard a Southport building contractor say that when he gets a little slack time in his various building projects he is going to set to and build two 4-room houses in Southport on his own and for rent. It appears that a number of Southport people are now thinking of building for rent. DeArmond Swain who returned from the Navy five years ago and launched himself into the contracting business, is now completing a nice 4-room cottage for Captain and Mrs. Bill Styron at Long Beach. The new tourist home unit of Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett is now be-

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Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, September 13	
5:48 a. m.	0:00 a. m.
6:28 p. m.	12:00 p. m.
Friday, September 14	
6:46 a. m.	0:40 a. m.
7:17 p. m.	12:56 p. m.
Saturday, September 15	
7:36 a. m.	1:25 a. m.
8:03 p. m.	1:45 p. m.
Sunday, September 16	
8:22 a. m.	2:08 a. m.
8:46 p. m.	2:31 p. m.
Monday, September 17	
9:07 a. m.	2:49 a. m.
9:27 p. m.	3:16 p. m.
Tuesday, September 18	
9:49 a. m.	3:29 a. m.
10:7 p. m.	3:53 p. m.
Wednesday, September 19	
10:32 a. m.	4:09 a. m.
10:47 p. m.	4:41 p. m.