

Safety Will Be Watchword Of Depot Project

While Ammunition Is Dangerous To Handle Every Possible Safety Device Is Being Incorporated In Project

STATIC ELECTRICITY TO BE NEUTRALIZED

Principals Of Safety To Be Employed In Operations From First Days Of Construction

By W. B. KEZIAH
Ever rub a cat's back on a wintry night and see sparks fly? That's static electricity which safety engineers are seriously concerned with in planning safe working conditions for the Sunny Point ammunition loading terminal.

This is a minor consideration for a \$22 million project, says Col. R. C. Brown, but nothing is of small consequence when the welfare of even one man's life is involved. Col. Brown is District Engineer of the Wilmington District of the Corps of Engineers, the Federal agency charged with working out plans for building the massive project.

Safety precautions, he says, have never-ending nature and while it is practical to lay down some hard and fast regulations for workers, common sense in doing one's job will be the prevailing factor in whether plant operations will be carried on with a minimum of lost time because of accidents.

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Employees of the proposed Sunny Point facility will likely find upon entering the reservation, that a guard will ask for all matches, lighters and similar conveniences common today. Provisions are in plans, however, for smoking rooms equipped with fixed electric lighters. In plants

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Brief News Flashes

CLUB TO MEET
The Shallotte Business and Professional Woman's Club will hold its Christmas dinner meeting at the Anchor Hotel at Shallotte Point Thursday night, December 20.

TURKEY SHOOT
To help out the funds for their Christmas Community Party the Bolivia Lions Club will stage a turkey shoot on the high school grounds at Bolivia Saturday, December 15, from 12 to 5 o'clock. Roasted oysters will also be served with all proceeds to go to the Christmas fund.

BENEFT SUPPER
The members of the WMU of Boone's Neck Baptist Church will sponsor an oyster roast at Boone's Landing Saturday afternoon and evening. Preparations have been made to serve a bountiful seafood meal, and all proceeds will go for the fund being raised for the purchase of new pews for the church.

Christmas Parade Set For Shallotte

Biggest Celebration In History Scheduled For Brunswick Town Next Week

One of the biggest Christmas events planned for Brunswick county is scheduled for next Tuesday, December 18, when the Shallotte Lions Club will stage a Community Christmas Party at Shallotte.

Featuring the event, which will be held at 3 p. m., will be the parade of the Shallotte high school band. The National Guard and the American Legion will also take part.

The activities committee of the Lions Club stated yesterday that everything is in readiness for the parade and other features. The parade will form at the high school and march east through town to the junction of the Holden Beach Road with Route 17, where it will disband.

The National Guard will show the various types of equipment used in training at its armory. This equipment is all to be set up for display so that visitors may learn something of the operation. The National Guard also plans to serve coffee to the visitors during the afternoon.

The float of the Lions Club will carry Santa Claus, who will

distribute candy, fruit and various gifts among the children. This will be Santa's first appearance this season at Shallotte. After the parade the children will be able to visit with him in front of the Camp Methodist Church. Visitors in town at the time are asked not to park their cars in front of the church as the space is reserved for Santa Claus and the children visiting with him.

The State Highway Patrol will be on hand to re-route traffic on Route 17 via 130 back into Route 17.

Parties interested in sponsoring a float for the parade should contact LeRoy Mintz.

The Shallotte business houses are all showing their usual splendid cooperation with the event with large donations of candy, fruit and presents to be handed out by Santa Claus. Some of them have also donated handsomely with funds. All of the stores have unusually large and attractive Christmas stocks that they are inviting the visitors to inspect while attending the Lions Club Christmas event.

Southport Man Receives Contract

Geo. W. Rappleyea Receives Government Backing For Series Of Tests For His Plasmofalt Product

PUBLICITY HAS BEEN WIDESPREAD

Southport Man Has Patented A Process To Make Quick-Hardening Building Material Of Molasses

Following extensive U. S. Government tests to determine its standup powers and qualifications for certain uses, George W. Rappleyea of the Tropical Research Laboratory at Southport has been awarded a research development contract amounting to \$35,618.71 for the development of military uses for his patent, Plasmofalt.

The base material for this patent is a low grade of molasses in powder form and bunker fuel oil and the product is being made at Southport. There are indications that the demand for the mixture will be world-wide in scope.

The material can be used complete for housing or a finisher or weather proofer. It is adapted for the building of roads and for many types of permanent construction. In brief, it is an all purpose material at a very low cost, permanent in its composition and attractive in its appearance when properly finished.

The present contracted production is of such an appearance that people living near the laboratory are inquiring if Rappleyea is engaging in making mud pies. Working quietly at his small laboratory at his home in Southport

Plan Inquest In Death Of Holden

Supply Man Died After Being Run Over By Pulpwood Truck Driven By Delbert Hewett

Coroner John G. Caison has announced that he will hold an inquest Friday night into the death of Morton Holden of the Supply community. Holden died early Tuesday morning of last week after allegedly being run over by a pulpwood truck operated by Delbert Hewett of the same community. Both men about 35 years of age.

Hewett is being held under a bond of \$2,500 pending the results of the inquest.

Several men are said to have been having some sort of party at the home of Buster Robinson near Supply. It is said that there was considerable drinking and that a free-for-all fight resulted. Hewett is understood to have stated that Holden was chasing him with an iron bar and that he got in his truck and ran over Holden while trying to escape him.

Three Times Is Out With Tractor

J. B. Ward, Jr., is a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital, where he is recovering from injuries sustained last Wednesday when a tractor on which he was riding through the woods overturned and pinned him beneath the machine. No bones were broken, but he was badly bruised and sprained, and he sustained a bad gash across his chest.

The speedy and intelligent efforts of some helping him work in the woods is credited with saving his life. They lifted the tractor from his body and hurried him to Southport for medical attention.

This is the third time that young Ward has been aboard a tractor when it overturned. Once he was engaged with another vehicle along the highway and on a second occasion one overturned him in a field. The young Longwood farmer thinks that three times of this is enough for any man, and from now on he is staying off vehicles of this type.

Airplane Owner Fails To Return

Arthur Hewett Reports That Damaged Plane Still Is Located At His Farm Following Forced Landing

Arthur Hewett of Supply said Saturday that Edward G. Hamilton of Old Westbury, N. Y., has never returned or made any inquiries regarding the plane that he landed in Mr. Hewett's corn field some five weeks ago. Mr. Hamilton, if that was his name, appears to have done a complete fade-out.

The story is worth repeating. The plane was running short of gas. Or so the pilot said after landing. He came down in the Hewett cornfield without injury to the plane, although he sustained some slight scratches and bruises about the face in the rough landing.

Identifying himself as Edward G. Hamilton of Old Westbury, N. Y., the pilot asked Mr. Hewett to get some lines and tie the plane down to keep it from blowing around. As for himself, he set out for Shallotte where his bruises were attended to by Dr. Leon J. Taubenshaw.

Mr. Hewett set out for lines to tie the plane down and while he was on this errand three Negro boys, Levon Fulwood, Thomas Gause and Franklin Fulwood came along. They saw the plane in the corn field, investigated it, and decided they would go for a ride.

All three climbed in and began pressing this and that and

In Germany



PFC. HOMER B. CHADWICK, son of Mrs. J. C. Chadwick, postmaster at Navassa, has been serving in the Air Corps in Germany for the past several months. He is well remembered as one of the stars of the basketball team of Leland high school, where he graduated two years ago. His brother, W/O Edward E. Chadwick is in the Navy, stationed at Norfolk.

Boatmen Warned Not To Anchor In Waterway

Intracoastal Canal Is Water Highway And Must Be Kept Open To Traffic At All Times

Many people apparently do not recognize the fact that the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway has a relative position to that of a State highway. Navigation on the waterway must not be blocked, just as traffic on the highway must not be.

Recently complaints have been filed with the Wilmington District Office of the Coast Guard, engineers, the Federal agency responsible for maintaining the waterway, for public navigation. These complaints refer to the practice of small boats anchoring in the waterway to fish. This is said to be a serious menace to the fishermen and to the operators of tugs, barges and boats plying the waterway.

Barge workers declare that fishing in the channel in some areas has made it extremely difficult for them to navigate around the small boats. In several instances various types of vessels have gone aground in the effort to avoid collisions.

They point out, the district office reported, that the practice is very dangerous, particular to sport fishermen who are risking personal injury approaching to drooping if the small boats are run down by the tugs and barges.

The mooring of boats in a

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A letter received this week from Governor W. Kerr Scott expressed much interest in certain abundant fresh water suitable for manufacturing purposes in the Southport area. The governor stated he felt that eventually he would be able to fill the gap between the raw water and some important industry to make use of the asset. Incidentally dozens of inquiries have recently been made regarding this water.

For more years than we can remember the day preceding December 10 has always brought a beautiful birthday card from South Bend, Ind. In a way these cards have always been intriguing to us despite the fact that we never went to pains to find who might be sending them. We know of no one there who knows that December 10 is our birthday. So this week we wrote to the printed street address in South Bend, expressing our appreciation of the many cards and wondering whom we are to thank for them.

Super Highway Being Planned For Brunswick

Property Owners Being Asked To Sign Right-Of-Way Agreement For 150-Foot Along New Route

MAY HAVE SOME MILITARY USE

Rumor Persists That Four-Lane Thoroughfare May Be Constructed Thru Green Swamp

Indications are pointing strongly to a highway of more than two lanes from Southport, possibly to Fort Bragg. Surveyors are now at work near Supply, and the engineers are requiring a 150-foot right-of-way.

The standard highway calls for a 100-foot right-of-way. That is 50 feet on each side of the center line. The right-of-way for this road calls for 75 feet on each side of the center line. This will easily allow for a 4-lane highway.

Herman Phelps and several other residents of the Supply community report that they have signed for the 150-foot right-of-way. The engineers are working toward Southport and had reached Supply Friday and Saturday. For some months there has been rumors of a 4-lane highway to run from Southport to Fort Bragg. This may or may not be true. Nothing has been officially announced, but the width of the highway is an interesting thing.

Traffic Cases Tried In Court

Brief Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Completed Before Noon Wednesday

A brief session of Brunswick County Recorder's Court was held here Monday, with all of the defendants being up on violation of traffic laws. The following judgments were rendered.

George Lewis Wescott, no operator's license, fined \$25 and costs.

Timothy Everett, public drunkenness, fined \$10 and costs.

Julius Osborne, reckless operation, fined \$25 and costs.

Morton L. Raly, reckless operation, fined \$25 and costs.

Willie Herring, overloading, ordered to pay half costs.

Roy A. Roberts, walking in center of highway, not guilty.

William Lewis Rawls, drunken driving, fined \$100 and cost.

Clyde B. Kennedy, reckless operation, fined \$25 and costs.

Virginia Taylor, no operators' license, fined \$25 and costs.

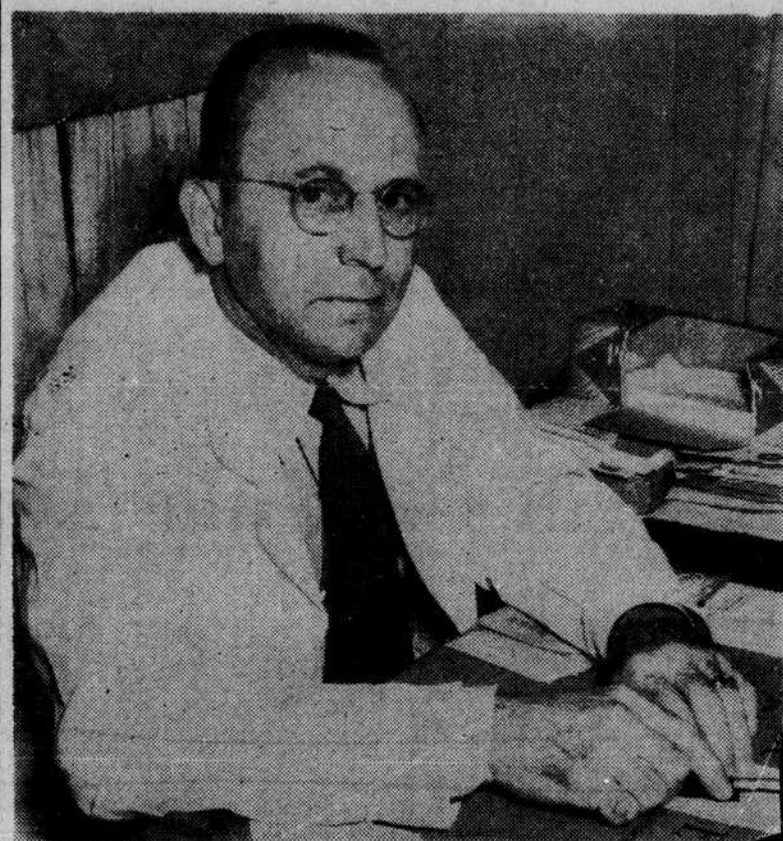
David Floyd, assault, nol pros.

William Thomas Betts, speeding, fined \$75 and costs.

George Lawrence, Jr., reckless operation, fined \$25 and costs.

Charles Lee Phelps, reckless operation, fined \$25 and costs.

Educational Leader



CHAIRMAN—Dr. M. H. Rourk, Shallotte physician and member of the Brunswick County Board of Education, is chairman of the Brunswick County Association of School Board Members, which will meet tomorrow—(Thursday) evening at the Anchor Hotel.

Hospital Building Fund Up \$1,800

Scavenger Hunt Is State-Wide

Capt. Fred Willing of the Pilot's Association was surprised Sunday when a couple of young men, obviously tired and untidy, appeared and asked for permission to take a photo of a pilot. Captain Willing wanted to know more, and this was their story:

They were Duke University students whose college mates had taken them out the night before for initiation. Released from preliminary ordeals at 2 a. m., they had been charged not to return to the campus until they had secured a photograph of a pilot.

That was their mission here and when Capt. Willing learned of their plight he arranged for them to make a trip out on the pilot vessel so they could make a picture of a pilot going aboard an incoming vessel and so they would have an opportunity to observe a pilot at work.

Expect County To Have Labor

Heaviest Concentration Of New Personnel From Sunny Point Project Expected In Southport Area

Information from a good source but which cannot be quoted at this stage of things, is that the heaviest centralization of houses to take care of workers at Sunny Point is expected to be at Southport.

Caswell and Long Beaches will also experience a heavy demand for housing, the information says. But the needs will not end there. Holden Beach, Shallotte Point, Howell's Point and all along the coast will get a big shot in the arm and will be expected to take care of many workers.

Route 17 for about all of its entire mileage through Brunswick County from the Brunswick bridge to the South Carolina line and including the Winabow, Bolivia, Supply, Shallotte, Grissetown and Thomasboro communities will be in easy commuting distance for workers.

"If the county is to get its full share of the benefits to come from a big source of employment at high pay, it will be necessary for the residents of Brunswick to show a lot of private enterprise, and build homes for rent or sale to the workers," it was advised.

Contributions Pouring In From All Sections Of The County During The Past Week

FREELAND FOLKS MUCH INTERESTED

Two Donations Of \$500.00 Each Received Together With Four More For \$100 Each

The Building Fund Drive for Doshier Memorial Hospital received its greatest boost thus far during the past week when a total of \$1,807.50 in contributions was added to last week's balance of \$4,984.43. This brings the new total to \$6,005.93.

The greatest boost in the week's collection came from two Southport residents whose identity cannot be revealed, who contributed \$500 each. There were four more contributions of \$100 each, including one from the Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell.

The biggest help from out in the country came from the residents of the Freeland community, whose contributions for the week totaled \$128. These people are not satisfied with this effort, and for Saturday night of this week the ladies are planning an old time box supper which will be held at the James W. King store at 7 o'clock. The Freeland folks are just as hospitable as they are generous, and

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Legion Hut Now Free Of Debt

Ceremony Held On Friday Night To Burn Bonds Which Have Been Paid In Full By Members Of Shallotte Post

Friday night was a big occasion for the Shallotte Post of the American Legion. Following a barbecue supper and speaking by several prominent legion officials, a bond burning ceremony was held. The land, building, furniture and equipment is now entirely free from debt, according to Commander Odell Williamson who has been a wheelhorse in the Legion work since the post was first started six years ago.

Present and taking an active part with the officers and members of the Shallotte Post were Louis Parker, North Carolina Legion Department Commander; Harry Symes, 10th District Commander, and Joe Mann, Vice-Division Commander.

The barbecue feature of the occasion went over in great style. Paul Dennis and Earnest Parker had charge of this phase of the event and they employed a regular caterer to handle it.

County Farmers Urged To Ballot In PMA Election

PMA Communities To Select Farmer-Committeemen In Voting Thursday Of This Week

NOMINATIONS WILL BE MADE FROM 9 TO 9:30

Delegates Will Also Be Named To County Meeting Which Will Pick County PMA Committee

Farmer-committeemen who will administer Production and Marketing Administration programs of the U. S. Department of Agriculture will be elected in Brunswick County's several PMA communities on Thursday, December 13.

Les Medlin, PMA chairman, announced that nominations of farmers to serve as PMA committeemen during the coming year will be made on Thursday morning, December 13, between 9 a. m. and continue until 8:00 p. m. Nominations are to be made for three members of each community committee and two alternate members. Nominations also will be made for the positions of delegate and alternate delegate to the county convention which will nominate and elect the 1952 County PMA Committee.

Each farm owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper who is participating in any program administered by the county PMA committee is eligible to vote in his respective community election.

Committeemen elected in these elections will be responsible for the administration of the Agricultural Conservation Program, marketing quotas and acreage allotments, farm price supports and in cooperation with Federal Crop Insurance Corporation.

Chairman Medlin points out that this year when these programs are geared to defense production and farmers are being called to help meet the nation's defense requirements, the committee elections take on added significance. In any event, he said, those elected should be those farmers whom the majority of farmers in each community want to put in charge of these programs. The programs they administer.

Negro Ordered Held For Jury

Alonzo White Held Under \$3,000 Bond For Slaying Of Warren Edward McMillan

Following a coroner's inquest here last night, Alonzo White was ordered held under bond of \$3,000 for the fatal stabbing early Sunday morning of Warren Edward McMillan. Both were Negroes who live in the Marsh Branch community.

According to evidence brought out at the hearing trouble between the two men started when an automobile in which was a passenger side-swiped another au-

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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 through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, December 13	
7:48 a. m.	1:28 a. m.
8:04 p. m.	2:07 p. m.
Friday, December 14	
8:26 a. m.	2:03 a. m.
8:42 p. m.	2:46 p. m.
Saturday, December 15	
9:03 a. m.	2:40 a. m.
9:19 p. m.	3:25 p. m.
Sunday, December 16	
9:38 a. m.	3:21 a. m.
9:56 p. m.	4:02 p. m.
Monday, December 17	
10:13 a. m.	3:59 a. m.
10:34 p. m.	4:39 p. m.
Tuesday, December 18	
10:49 a. m.	4:39 a. m.
11:15 p. m.	5:18 p. m.
Wednesday, December 19	
11:29 a. m.	5:23 a. m.
12:01 p. m.	5:57 p. m.