

Announcement Of Defense Project Expected Soon

News Break On Commencement Of Operations May Come Directly From Office Of Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle

INDICATIONS FOR SOMETHING SOON

Believed That Start Can Be Made Before All Land Has Been Purchased For Project Use

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It now appears that there may not be any definite announcement regarding Sunny Point until it comes from Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle, either from his home in Lumberton or his office in Washington. The corps of engineers have done their job with plans and these plans have been undergoing a thorough study in Washington. The next step will, in all likelihood, be the go-ahead signal.

As a courtesy to the Congressmen in whose district such facilities are located, it is usually the custom that he make the official announcement. If this procedure is followed, Congressman Carlyle, in whose district this is, will make the announcement regarding Sunny Point construction whenever Washington is ready to go ahead with the project.

It is generally believed that Washington will turn on the green light soon. Even before the plans were completed and the money approved, the Sunny Point project was labeled "immediate and urgent." That situation has hardly changed. The money for the project was appropriated by Congress without a dissenting voice or any cut in the sum asked for. Congress evidently intended and expected the project to get underway at once.

The various angles to securing the land will take some time, still this matter of the land should not cause any delay in the start. Various phases of the work can be started and carried right along while legal technicalities in connection with land acquisition is being carried out.

For instance, there is the matter of the railroad, one of the first essentials to the construction. It will take but a very short time to clear up everything in connection with the right of way and starting construction on the road. One of its first uses will be for the bringing in of supplies for construction of the docks and other facilities.

Much can be done before all of the land acquisition problems have been carried to conclusion. And there is the matter of the channels and the basin dredging. Such work should begin almost instantly after the green light is turned on. In cases where (Continued on page five)

Brief News Flashes

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Southport Presbyterian church is preparing a Christmas Program for Christmas evening at 7:30 o'clock.

OFFICE CLOSED

The local Draft Board office will be closed Monday and Tuesday of Christmas and New Year weeks, but will be open on Saturday of both weeks.

RESIGNS AS CLERK

Mrs. Elease A. Wehrle, clerk of the Brunswick County Selective Service Board since the office opened in August, 1950, has resigned her position and it is understood that she plans to enter school. Miss Delight Gay has been selected to succeed Mrs. Wehrle. She entered on her duties Monday, December 10.

BRIDGE OPENING DELAYED

Owing to the inability of the State Highway Commission to complete the paving, the work having been held up by wet weather, the formal opening of the Fireway bridge across the Waccamaw River connecting Columbus and Brunswick counties has been postponed until a later date. The Commission has been credited with saying that it will not be able to complete the work before the first of the year.

Hospital Doll Is Proving Popular

Beautiful Young Lady Has Sixteen Outfits; Will Be On Exhibit At Shallotte Saturday

Despite the return of the College girls for the Christmas holidays, the most popular young lady in Southport right now is the beautiful Doshier Memorial Hospital doll.

And despite the various Christmas programs, the promise of Christmas holidays and the community Christmas tree itself, the big interest of the kids—the little girls, that is—in town is centered in this dainty little lady with the big wardrobe.

As one of the projects for the benefit of the hospital building fund, a committee from the Southport Woman's Club chose this doll as the one most ideal to do a lot of sewing and tailoring for; and the results have been something to dazzle the imagination of all the little girls and some of their boy friends who have met the Hospital Doll. Included in the wardrobe are

a bridal dress; evening dress; evening wrap; ballet skirt; nursing uniform; cowgirl regalia, including boots and hat; rain coat; house dress; top coat; drum majorette uniform; and several other creations which add up to a total of 16 changes.

The children in Southport had an opportunity to meet the young lady Monday when she was taken to each room in the grammar school. Later they have seen her on display in one of the windows at Galloway's. It is planned on Sunday to carry the doll to Shallotte, where she will appear at Shallotte Furniture Co. The object, of course, is to stimulate interest in the building fund for Doshier Memorial Hospital, and it is safe to say that the doll and her wondrous wardrobe will have a healthy effect upon contributions to that cause.

Pat O'Quinn Being Returned To Jail

Brunswick County Man Arrested Thursday In Havana, Cuba, And Returned To United States Soil In Miami

WILL FACE TRIAL ON ESCAPE COUNT

Sheriff E. V. Leonard And Deputy Charles Skipper Bringing Escapace Back To This County

Sheriff E. V. Leonard and Deputy Sheriff Charles Skipper left Monday for Miami, Fla. They are expected to return Thursday or Friday with J. C. (Pat) O'Quinn who escaped from the Brunswick county jail a month ago.

O'Quinn was recaptured in Cuba Thursday by the Cuban National Police, acting on a tip from the FBI. The FBI returned him to U. S. soil at Miami and he was held there in the Miami jail, waiting for county or state officers to come for him and take over.

Extradition papers for O'Quinn's return to Southport were obtained from Governor Scott, but it is not thought that they will be necessary. Friday night O'Quinn wired Attorney S. B. Frink, asking for advice on whether to waive extradition. Frink wired back: "I urgently advise you to waive extradition and to return to North Carolina."

Saturday morning Attorney Frink received two thousand dollars by wire from O'Quinn in the Miami jail. This money was sent to be banked for the prisoner. It is supposed to be most of what remained of the approximately three thousand dollars that O'Quinn had when (Continued on page four)

Commissioners In Session Monday

Routine Business Disposed Of By County Board In Session Held Monday; Holiday Schedule Given

The board of county commissioners met in regular session Monday and the minutes show the following business transacted: On motion of H. O. Peterson, seconded by R. L. Rabon, and duly carried, it was ordered that the Tony Brown Estate lands in Town Creek township, consisting of 136 acres, more or less, be sold to R. E. Goodman for the price of \$800.00, \$400.00 of this to be paid this date and \$400.00 to be paid the 15th of January, 1952.

Ordered that Cornelius Thomas be relieved of paying taxes on 79 acres of Tom Bryant land, leaving valuation as is. This request granted because of error in listing. At their previous meeting the commissioners approved a Christmas holiday season extending from December 22 to the morning of Thursday, December 27, for all county employees.

Honored



MRS. C. ED TAYLOR, who was recently honored by the U. S. Department of Commerce for more than 40 years of service as volunteer weather observer.

Brunswick Man Gets Decorated For War Service

Captain Ruffin Redwine Awarded Bronze Star For Gallantry In Action In Korean Fighting

Captain Ruffin Redwine, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Redwine of Shallotte, has been distinguished himself in Korea and was recently awarded the Bronze Star medal for "heroic achievement in connection with operation against an enemy of the United States."

Captain Redwine enlisted in the Army in 1939 and was one of the men participating in the invasion of Italy. While serving with the advance scouts he and more than 150 other men were ambushed and cut off from the main forces. Overwhelmed, they had to surrender and for 28 months, Captain Redwine, then Sergeant, was held prisoner in a German prisoner of war camp.

When he returned home near the end of the war the Brunswick man was still minus most of his fingernails, lost in torture. Instead of asking for a medical discharge he asked for action and was sent to the west coast where he was in training for the Pacific Theatre when the war ended.

He has been in Korea over a year and was promoted to lieutenant, then to captain. The citation recently given him reads as follows: (Continued on page four)

Baptist Choir To Present Cantata

The choir of the Southport Baptist Church will give its Christmas cantata Sunday night at 7:30.

Soloists will be Mrs. Eleanor Potter and Miss Gloria Hewett, sopranos; Mr. Edgar Finch, tenor; and Mr. E. J. Prevatte, baritone. Misses Gloria and Delores Hewett will sing a duet.

The cantata to be presented is "The Child of Bethlehem" by Forrest G. Walter, following the libretto written by Harmon von Berge.

The public is cordially invited.

Shallotte Band Leads Christmas Parade Tuesday

Thousands Of Persons Attended Thrilling Christmas Event At Shallotte Despite Bad Weather

DRUM MAJORETTES MADE GREAT HIT

National Guard And Entire Band Took Part In Parade Which Features Arrival Of Santa To Shallotte

Marching in the rain, their spirits undampened, the Shallotte High School Band and Majorettes did Shallotte and Brunswick County proud yesterday for their part in the Shallotte Lions Club Christmas parade.

Sharing credit were the Lions Club, the Shallotte Unit of the National Guard, the Shallotte Post American Legion, the school as a unit, Shallotte town and a wide section of the county. Despite the continuous rain throughout the day and even while the parade was in progress, the crowd easily ran to between four and five thousand. Cars were lined up for approximately a mile filled with people. Others crowded stores and stood out in the rain.

Forming at the school grounds, the brisk stepping National Guard unit led off under its commander, D. B. Carmichael. In addition to the marching men, the unit was followed by its trucks, one of them drawing the caisson with its anti-aircraft gun. The thrill grew with some 23 gaily decked out but slightly dampened Majorettes marching behind the guard. They were led by pretty June Caison and Jackie Leonard. The whole bunch departed themselves like veterans of many years training.

Directly behind the majorettes came the 62-piece band, the pride of all sections of Brunswick County that has seen them. They were led by their director, (Continued on page 4)

Holiday Rush Hits Recorder

Busy Session Of County Court Required To Dispose Of Docket In Brunswick County Recorder's Court Monday

The near advent of Christmas had little effect on the Recorder's Court Monday. Judge W. J. McLamb and Solicitor Ray Walton were kept busy all day handling the docket. The minute book shows the following entries:

David Williams, overloading, ordered to pay half the costs. Clayton Simpson, speeding and passing in face of incoming traffic, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Paul L. Stock, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs. John E. Mooney, drunken driving, fined \$100.00 and costs. License revoked.

Daniel Dichtart Babson, drunken driving, fined \$100.00 and costs. Marvin Piver, operating without lights and possession, fined \$25.00 (Continued On Page Five)

Receives Decoration



MEDAL—Capt. Ruffin Redwine, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Redwine of Shallotte, has received the Bronze Medal for heroic action in fighting against the Communists in Korea. Capt. Redwine is also a veteran of World War II.

Hospital Fund Gets \$500 More

Stubborn Safe Blocks Business

One merchant who was in a mess Monday morning was Harry L. Mintz, Jr., who was trying to conduct a sale without benefit of change.

On Saturday night he locked his safe and departed for home. When he opened up the store Monday the first thing he tried to do was to get some change for the cash register. The ancient but honorable strong box would not open, and repeated efforts were to no avail.

With the store filling up with customers, the proprietor hastened to summon the assistance of Floyd Kirby, who used the safe for years while he conducted a business in the store. But the balky lock wouldn't budge for his master touch either.

At noon, business was still going on, but not as usual. The first question to greet each new customer was, "Do you have any change on you?"

Baptists Plan Student Program

Students Of All Denominations Invited To Participate In Evening Program At Mt. Pisgah Church On December 30th

Extensive preparations have been made for the Brunswick Baptist Student Night Program at Mt. Pisgah Baptist church near Supply on the evening of December 30.

Although the program is being arranged by the Baptists, it is non-denominational, according to Rev. W. R. Morehead, field worker for the Brunswick Baptist Association. In charge of the special service, Rev. Mr. Morehead states that all college students, commercial students, service students, presidents of senior classes in the high schools and all high school principals are asked to be at the program. They will be guests of honor and special seating space is being reserved for them.

Dr. William Randall, dean of the Wilmington college, will be the guest speaker of the evening. Students on the program will represent every denomination in the county that has students in the various colleges.

The program, says the Rev. Mr. Morehead, will consist of a beautiful candle-light service at the beginning. Two members of the local Girls Auxiliary will lead the procession to the rostrum. Harold Gore, a student in Mars Hill College, will have charge of the devotional services; Larry Lewis, Wilmington College, will give the invocation.

Others on the program are, Miss Ruth Galloway, Meredith College; Cecil Blanton, Fruitland Baptist Bible Institute; Henry Gilbert, R. O. T. C. student; Misses Rebecca and Catherine McRacken, Meredith College; Miss Annie Lou (Continued on page four)

Leo Medlin To Head PMA For Another Year

Northwest Township Farmer Elected To Serve Again As Chairman Of Brunswick County Farm Committee

MOONEY - BELLAMY OTHER MEMBERS

Membership Of Township Committees Also Announced Following Election Held On Last Tuesday

Leo F. Medlin of Leland was reelected chairman of the Brunswick County Production and Marketing administration committee at the convention held at the Agriculture Building in Supply on Friday.

Elected as vice-chairman of the county committee was M. Gordon (Pink) Mooney and as regular member Otha P. Bellamy. The two alternates are Sylvanus L. Purvis and G. Rutherford Holden.

The committeemen were elected to administer the Agricultural Conservation Program, loan programs for corn, soybeans, wheat and cotton acreage allotments, marketing quotas, and other assignments in 1952.

All of these committeemen are farmers. They are paid for only the few days they actually serve. Leo F. Medlin, the Chairman of the Brunswick County PMA Committee for 1951 and for 1952, operates a 100 acre farm located near North West Station. On this farm he produces corn, peanuts, cotton, sweet potatoes, soybeans, lespedeza, tobacco and truck crops.

The vice-chairman, M. Gordon (Pink) Mooney, owns and operates a farm at Supply. His farming operations are devoted to the production of corn, peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes, small grain and tobacco.

Otha P. Bellamy, the third member of the committee, is located at Hickman's Crossroads, where he produces corn, peanuts, soybeans, sweet potatoes, Irish potatoes, soybeans and tobacco. The following members were named to township committees: North West: Durwood Clark, chairman; C. A. Bass, vice-president; F. L. Medlin, Regular member; Rufus Stewart, 1st alternate; C. W. Harvel, 2nd alternate.

Town Creek: W. E. Lewis, chairman; Bennie Mills, vice-chairman; Alden Potter, Regular member; Royal Danford, 1st alternate; William P. Gore, 2nd alternate.

Smithville: Jack C. Crouch, chairman; Lawrence P. Richardson, vice-chairman; T. Clarence Lennon, regular member; Carl S. Ward, 1st alternate; Willie Clemmons, 2nd alternate.

Lockwoods Folly: Henry Williams, chairman; Garland Clemmons, vice-chairman; A. Rosemond Mooney, regular member; Edgar L. Holden, 1st alternate; Ellis Benton, 2nd alternate. Shallotte: Albert Russ, chairman; William Hewett, vice-chairman; Nelson Bennett, regular member; Rufus Somerset, 1st alternate; A. D. Long, 2nd alternate. (Continued on page four)

Total Now Stands At \$6,508.05 With Addition Of Contributions Received During Past Week

FREELAND - EXUM COMMUNITY LEADS

Chairman Of Board Of Trustees Urges That Contributions Be Sent In Voluntarily At Once

Largely through the efforts of the ladies of the Freeland and Exum communities the Building Fund for Doshier Memorial Hospital advanced another \$500 nearer the goal of \$10,000 during the past week. The grand total now stands at \$6,508.05.

The biggest single effort during this period was the box supper given at Freeland Saturday night, which netted \$173.30. This added to contributions received by workers in that section of Brunswick county made the total \$317.12. This amount is to be added to the \$128 previously reported from the Freeland-Exum community.

Also notable among the week's contributions were two gifts which came from subscribers of The Pilot who live in other states. A New Jersey couple who spends the month of October here each year, sent in a check for \$5.00. A check for \$50.00 was received from another couple who plan to make a home in Southport.

Prince O'Brien, chairman of the board of trustees for the hospital, said at a check-up meeting Monday night that "We still are receiving complaints from people who say that nobody has called on us for any money. I hope that our people will not stand back on that, but will bring in or mail their contributions to the treasurer of the Doshier Memorial Hospital Auxiliary. "After all," he (Continued on page four)

Express Company Continues Here

Withdraws Request For Hearing For Discontinuation Of Service Following Compromise

With an agreement having been reached between the American Railway Express Company and the W. B. & S. Bus Lines, Inc., the carrier medium between Wilmington and Southport, the express company is withdrawing its request to the Utilities Commission for permission to discontinue its Southport and Bolivia offices. The request for a hearing on this matter was made some time ago. The division manager for the express company was here last week and submitted a proposition under which it would withdraw the request and continue the service. The bus lines was agreeable to the proposition and the matter was settled.

Apparently both sides are confident that with a little time the express business in and out of the area will improve considerably. They are willing to mark time and see what happens.

Our ROVING Reporter

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This year has been a good year for many people, a bad one for many more. Regardless of how it may have been to you, we wish for all of you a very Merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year.

For the 15 or more years they lived in Southport Mr. and Mrs. F. Mollycheck, heads of a family that we value highly, never failed to invite us to have Christmas dinner with them. Sometimes Mrs. Ruth Walker of Southport got in ahead of them, in which case it was one that was last put in a raincheck for New Years Day. Mr. and Mrs. Mollycheck moved back to their old home at St. Matthews, S. C., the first of this year. Their oldest son, Franto, is in the Navy and in Alaskan waters; their

daughter, Mary Ann, is married and living in Michigan. Ralph, the youngest son, is living with them at St. Matthews. Thursday from St. Matthews came the annual invitation to the Christmas dinner with the Mollychecks. The very next day, Mrs. Walker, who reckoned on the Mollychecks having moved away, issued hers.

In some cases it might be well if land owners approached by buyers for their prosperity, would do a little calculating before they sell or sign papers of any sort. Among the present numerous visitors are bonifide buyers, really anxious to acquire land and develop it by building residences or business structures of some sort. These folks are (Continued On Page Six)

Hospital Building Fund Now Totals \$6,508.05

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, December 20	
0:00 a. m.	6:12 a. m.
12:12 p. m.	6:42 p. m.
Friday, December 21	
0:51 a. m.	7:07 a. m.
1:01 p. m.	7:31 p. m.
Saturday, December 22	
1:46 a. m.	8:08 a. m.
1:56 p. m.	8:25 p. m.
Sunday, December 23	
2:45 a. m.	9:13 a. m.
2:54 p. m.	9:23 p. m.
Monday, December 24	
3:45 a. m.	10:17 a. m.
3:53 p. m.	10:22 p. m.
Tuesday, December 25	
4:45 a. m.	11:18 a. m.
4:45 p. m.	11:20 p. m.
Wednesday, December 26	
5:45 a. m.	0:00 a. m.
5:55 p. m.	12:15 p. m.