

National Guard To Participate In Test Alert

Citizens Are Warned Against 'Men From Mars' Alarm When Signal Comes For "Operation Minuteman"

TEST BEING HELD ON NATIONAL SCALE

Planned During Month Of April But Date And Hour Are Being Kept Secret In Order To Simulate Attack

Residents of the Rural Brunswick County areas are cautioned against alarm when these National Guard units mobilize on an "emergency" basis for "Operation Minuteman," a test alert.

"Operation Minuteman" according to Major Alexander Maulsbey, executive officer for the 150th AAA battalion, is to "see how quick we can get our men to the armories, get the equipment issued, and get the men moved out on emergency assignments."

The test will be nationwide, and will involve Battery A of Shalotte. David Carmichael is commanding officer of the 67-man unit.

Major Maulsbey said the alert will be triggered on the hypothesis that an enemy force has suddenly attacked this country with atomic weapons, and that the enemy is capable of widespread sabotage. "After we mobilize our forces they will move out to guard key municipal and public services and industrial sites," he said.

The alert which will affect nearly 400,000 Guardsmen throughout the nation's 2,200 units, is expected sometime in April. The exact hour and date will be kept secret until a few hours before the test to heighten the effect of a surprise attack.

Greenlight for "Operation Minuteman" will be given by Major General Edgar C. Erickson, chief of the National Guard Bureau, from his Pentagon office. Gen. Erickson and his staff will coordinate the test.

Capt. Carmichael in discussing the alert said:

"We ask our fellow citizens not to be disturbed in the slightest by this Guard activity, which is simply a training exercise to test the speed and efficiency with which local Guardsmen can be mobilized in case of a disaster, or other emergency calling for our services."

"Please remember that this is only a test alert. However, another purpose is to give our fellow citizens an opportunity to learn more about the important mission assigned to our Guardsmen in peace and war.

Exact time and date of the test alert, to be known as "Operation Minuteman," will be secret." (Continued on Page 4)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

PHOTOGRAPHERS SCHOOL
Art Newton is attending a photographers short course this week in Chapel Hill.

IN OPERETTA

Mary J. Hughes of Ash is a member of the chorus for the production, "Brigadoon," which is to be presented at East Carolina College April 27, 28, 29.

RECEIVES HONOR

Dr. Wm. T. Ruark, of Beckley, W. Va., has been named a fellow of the American College of Chest Physicians and will be presented the certificate in a formal ceremony at Atlantic City on June 4. He is a native of Southport, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ruark.

DENNING RE-ELECTED

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Denning and daughters, Ann and Jean, were visitors here Sunday. He has recently been re-elected Superintendent of Schools for Sampson County, a position he accepted following his resignation from a similar post in Brunswick county two years ago.

TAKE EXAMINATIONS

A great many people in the Southport area have been going to Wilmington in the past two or three weeks to stand civil service examinations. They were inspired to take the examinations by the information that in the case of some of the work at Sunny Point the holders of civil service ratings will have a preference in the matter of employment.

Community Choir



SINGERS—One of the most delightful features of the Easter observance at Southport was the cantata, "The Triumphant Hour," which was presented Sunday evening at Trinity Methodist Church by a choir which included members from the Baptist, Episcopal, Presbyterian, and Methodist Churches.—(Art Newton Photo.)

Perfect Weather Aids Observance Of Easter Here

Usual Pre-Dawn Singing By Colored Singers Followed By Other Musical And Religious Programs

Easter Sunday was ushered in by the pre-dawn singing of the colored citizens of the town, and was brought to a climax Sunday night with the presentation of a cantata "The Triumphant Hour," presented by the combined singers from four of the churches of the community.

This latter program was directed by Mrs. Dallas Pigott. It was unique in that color slides illustrated the Easter story as it unfolded in the words and music of the choir. The narrator was the Rev. Joseph McLeod, pastor of the Southport Presbyterian church.

The following singers participated: Sopranos: Mrs. Charles Aldridge, Miss Pauline Chadwick, Mrs. Susie Carson, Miss Ann Brooks Newton, Miss Annie M. Newton, Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. E. J. Preatt, Mrs. John Swan, Mrs. John Swain, Mrs. George Whatley, Mrs. Robert Willing, Miss Carol Wolfe.

Altos: Miss Patricia Adams, Mrs. E. C. Blake, Mrs. R. C. Daniel, Mrs. A. D. Harrelson, Mrs. L. J. Hardee, Mrs. L. D. Hayman, Mrs. Robert A. Jones, Mrs. Joseph MacLeod, Mrs. Olive Newton, Mrs. (Continued on Page Four)

To Destroy Files Of Draft Board

Only Flies To Be Retained Will Be Those For Class IV-C (Alien); Some Registrants May Desire Information

Colonel Thomas H. Upton, State Director of Selective Service, said this week that he has received notice from the Director of Selective Service to proceed with the disposal of the individual files of registrants of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940, as amended. He pointed out that any World War II registrant needing information from his World War II selective service file should request it now before the loss of such information by destruction of the records. The information must be requested either in person or by letter signed by the registrant.

Colonel Upton also stated that the Director of Selective Service advises that the great majority of the World War II files have served all discernible administrative purposes in the operation of the Universal Military Training and Service Act, as amended, and that the Joint Committee of Congress on the Disposition of Executive Papers has approved of the disposal of individual files of registrants of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940. The only World War II files to be retained are those of registrants classified at any time in Class IV-C (Alien), which have been requested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Files obtained under the current draft act will continue to be maintained by each registrant's local board.

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Early Fishermen Get King Mackerel

Easter Holiday Fishermen Making Trips Off-Shore Had Several Large Fish Of This Type In Their Day's Catch

SEVERAL BOATS CARRIED PARTIES

Bonito and Amberjack Also Provide Plenty Of Action For Parties Going Out From Southport

The 1955 sports fishing season at Southport is off to a bright beginning as a result of several trips on which good catches of king mackerel have been made.

Capt. Hulian Watts had Lyn Richardson and party of Siler City out Sunday and they had 15 large kings in their catch. They also brought in 15 bonito and 10 amberjack.

The Monday party was headed by Walker of Reidsville, and no king mackerel were taken. However, the catch included 5 amberjack and 15 bonito.

The kings were back in business Tuesday as Capt. Watts carried out J. A. Manor and party of Wadesboro. They had 13 kings, 14 bonito and 4 amberjack.

The only other party reporting their catch was Grady Butler and his group from Lexington who were out Monday with Capt. Hoyle Doshier aboard the Idle-On II. They had 10 bonito, 1 amberjack and about 300-lbs of sea bass.

There were numerous other parties here for the week end, and most of them had good luck.

Congressman Is Project Visitor

F. Ertel Carlyle Visited Sunny Point Project Last Week And Was Impressed With What He Saw

"Sunny Point will be out of this world for size and usefulness when they get it all built. I am amazed at the engineering performance of our Army Engineers and the contractors on this project." So remarked Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle as he was being shown over the project by a representative of this paper last week.

As big as things are now, the Congressman was apparently confident that much more will go into the project. Construction will be going on for a long time, he predicted. In addition he thinks there will be private industry of a nature and scope that residents of Brunswick have never dreamed of.

Congressman Carlyle's two companions on the trip here from Lumberton, W. D. Linkhaver and C. G. Townsend, were likewise completely amazed at the extent and potentialities of the installation. They were unmistakably convinced that the great terminal assure tremendous development of the Southport area, its beaches and the whole of Brunswick county.

It may be timely to mention here that during the planning and finally the construction, Congressman Carlyle stood solidly behind the Army Engineers and the plans they had.

Civil Term Of Court In Session

The April term of Superior court for trial of civil cases got under way yesterday with Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill presiding.

Several divorce cases were heard, a few orders were given and one or two judgments were rendered during the first day. It appears likely that any important cases will come up during the term. It is believed that all cases to be tried at the term will probably be finished today or Thursday.

Building Fast At Holden Beach

Between 75 And 100 Houses Are Being Replaced Or Now Are Under Construction At That Beach

Here yesterday from Holden Beach attending Superior court, John Holden, owner and operator of the pavilion and other property at Holden Beach before the October storm struck, said that between 75 and 100 homes have been rebuilt or are now going up.

Holden said it was hard to tell how many buildings will be ready by the first of June, but he was very much heartened at the difference of interest that the public now shows, as compared to that of the first of the year. The beach is on its way to be bigger and better than ever, he predicts.

He is now engaged in the construction of a new pavilion to replace the one that was destroyed. The new building is of frame construction one story, about the same ground floor space as the old one that was of blocks. Holden has also been constructing a number of rental units, as have many others at Holden Beach.

They will be ready for a lot (Continued on Page 4)

Brunswick Man Holds Important Committee Post

Ray H. Walton Named As Member Of Five-Man Senate Finance Sub-Committee In Raleigh Tuesday

TO HELP PREPARE FINANCE BILL

Vote Of Adjournment Depends To Great Extent Upon Success Of Committee In Solving Tax Differences

Senator Ray H. Walton of Brunswick county has been named as a member of a five man sub-committee of the Senate Finance Committee to work out details of a revenue bill which will meet the financial requirements of the State for the next two years.

It was a signal honor for Walton, a freshman member of the Senate, to be named for this important job. Associated with him will be Nelson Woodson of Rowan, chairman; William Medford, Haywood; Jack Blythe, Mecklenburg; C. Settle Bunn, Nash.

The need for this sub-committee developed when it became apparent yesterday that the House of Representatives is opposed to a tax on tobacco products, a source of revenue which the members of the Senate were willing to tap. The Senate vote was about two to one in favor of a tobacco tax, the house vote about two to one against.

The idea for naming the sub-committee is to begin at once to attempt to resolve differences of opinion as to the source from which to get the \$38,000,000 which will be required to balance the State budget during the next two years.

Any hope of early adjournment appears to be tied up with the success or failure of this sub-committee.

Bolivia Planning Big Gospel Sing

Lions Club Sponsoring Another In Series Of Gospel Singing Programs On Saturday Night, May 7

Plans are nearing completion now for the fourth big gospel sing to be staged in the Bolivia High School auditorium on Saturday night, May 7, sponsored by the Bolivia Lions Club.

Warren Sellers, club secretary, stated this week that this is expected to be the best sing staged by the club thus far. This, he said, is due to public demand for a sing and also to the good fortune of securing some of the State's best gospel singers.

Three previous events of this nature in the last two years seems to have made the Bolivia Lions Club famous in bringing to this county the well-liked programs of gospel songs.

Highlighting the program will be "Melody Masters", quartet from radio station WPTF, Raleigh, and the "King's Men" trio composed of service men from nearby Fort Bragg. Both groups are credited with having high tenor and low bass. Both are well-liked for their appearances in other parts of the State and are very much in demand for gospel singing programs. Also on the program will be some good singers from people here in Brunswick county.

Tickets will soon be available from several business places in (Continued on Page 4)

First Stages



BUILDING—Miss Joan Bryant is shown as she surveys the first stages of construction of the steel fishing pier at Yaupon Village. Speedy progress is expected in completion of this project.—(Art Newton Photo.)

Candidates File In Mayor's Race

Holiday Guests Build Cottage

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gilbert had company during the holiday week end—fourteen men.

They were here Saturday, Sunday and Monday and before they headed back to their homes in Asheboro Monday night they had almost completed the job of building a new cottage at Long Beach in which the Gilberts and Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Robinson are joint-owners.

These holiday visitors are friends of the family who had enjoyed trips to the Robinson-Gilbert cottage at Long Beach that was destroyed during Hurricane Hazel. They made the proposition that if the owners would get the material, they would come down and assemble it for them.

Next on the guest list is a plumber and an electrician.

Mayor J. A. Gilbert Becomes Candidate To Succeed Himself And Roy Robinson Files As His Opponent

PLAN MEETING ON CITY MANAGER PLAN

Leigh H. Wilson Of Local Government Commission Will Be Here For Meeting In Courthouse Next Thursday

A contest looms in the race for mayor of the city of Southport, with two candidates already filed.

One of these is Mayor J. A. Gilbert, who seeks reelection. The other is Roy Robinson, retired Coast Guard officer, who is making his first bid for public office.

Harold Aldridge, member of the present board of aldermen, is the only man to file for that office thus far. Six members will be elected at the election on May 3.

Arrangements have been made for a meeting of citizens of Southport to be held Thursday night, April 21, in the Brunswick county courthouse for the purpose of hearing an explanation of the City Manager plan of government.

Leigh H. Wilson, representing the League of Municipalities, will be here for that meeting and his purpose will be to explain the plan to interested voters.

The registration books now are open, and citizens who are otherwise qualified to vote in the forthcoming city election are urged to register.

Incorporation Is Gaining Support

John P. Stedman Admits That He Has Changed His Mind Since Proposition Was Voted Down Two Years Ago

John P. Stedman, president of the Scottish Banks, with the main bank in Lumberton, made the prediction Friday that "Before the second anniversary of the October storm arrives, Long Beach will have 400 or more homes."

That is about 25 more homes than were on the beach when the storm came along, but Stedman, who owned one of the finer homes on the beach when the storm came along and who has since built another just as good or better, was sincere in his belief that the beach is coming back on a bigger and more improved scale.

"We need to have the place incorporated," he said. "It is the only thing to do." Nowhere can you find a town of any size that can call itself modern, that is not incorporated. We need a water system and other facilities. Our Senator and Representative should be putting a bid through right now that would allow for incorporation."

Asked by the reporter if he was not opposed to the incorporation of Long Beach when an election was held two years ago, Stedman said:

"I was against incorporation then. I am with the move to incorporate now. Long Beach is a growing town. The sooner we incorporate the faster we will grow. I think our beach folks are now a lot more progressive minded and that they will vote for incorporation if they are given a chance. I know of a good many people just like me. They were against incorporation two years ago."

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Increase Penalty For Overplanting Tobacco Acreage

Farmers Who Overplant Weed Allotment This Year Must Pay 39-Cents Per Pound For Overage

NO CREDIT FOR OVERPLANTING CROP

In Other Words, Farmer Will Get No Credit Toward Increasing Allotment For Overplanting

The Brunswick County ASC office this (Wednesday) morning announced that the penalty on excess tobacco marketed this year will be about 39c per pound or 75 per cent of the average price of the 1954 crop. The penalty last year was 21c per pound and was based on 40 per cent of the average price.

Another change in the tobacco law for this year's tobacco crop will not allow for any increase in acreage allotment for over planting. Instructions received by the Brunswick ASC office states, "Farm acreage allotment for tobacco shall be reduced if any producer on the farm files, or aids or acquiesces in the filing of, any false report with respect to the acreage of tobacco grown on the farm."

This year no credit (no increase in allotment) will be given for overplanting of acreage.

Another change in the law this year states that in all cases tobacco acreage will be measured and computed in acres and hundredths of an acre and that there will be no hundredths tolerance above allotment. All acreage above the allotment must be disposed of to avoid the marketing quota penalty on such excess acreage.

Mrs. Ada Varnum stated this morning that letters explaining the changes in the tobacco acreage law would be mailed to growers in the county at once but in the meantime any grower desiring full information should call at the ASC office in Whiteville.

Officers Busy Raiding Stills

Twenty-Six Have Been Put Out Of Business During First Quarter Of This Year, According To Report

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department has raided and destroyed a total of 26 whiskey stills of various types and sizes during the first quarter of 1955. Along with the stills the officers captured and destroyed 140 gallons of whiskey and 21,700 gallons of mash.

On some of the raids A. T. U. men from new Hanover county accompanied the Brunswick county officers. Three people were arrested in connection with the manufacturing operations and one pick-up truck was confiscated.

Sheriff Elbert H. Gray states that the operators are keeping themselves and their stills so closely guarded that it is almost impossible to catch them at the still sites. He states he intends to do his best towards keeping such operations down. However, he admits that this is a hard job.

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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, April 14,	
0:18 A. M.	6:46 A. M.
12:33 P. M.	6:43 P. M.
Friday, April 15,	
1:10 A. M.	7:40 A. M.
1:32 P. M.	7:45 P. M.
Saturday, April 16,	
2:08 A. M.	8:38 A. M.
2:33 P. M.	8:51 P. M.
Sunday, April 17,	
3:06 A. M.	9:34 A. M.
3:32 P. M.	9:55 P. M.
Monday, April 18,	
4:03 A. M.	10:28 A. M.
4:29 P. M.	10:54 P. M.
Tuesday, April 19,	
4:58 A. M.	11:18 A. M.
5:24 P. M.	11:49 P. M.
Wednesday, April 20,	
5:51 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:18 P. M.	12:07 P. M.

Our ROVING Reporter



W. B. KEZIAH

Some four years ago the Doshier Memorial Hospital was badly in need of enlargements and improvements. Liberal-minded residents of Brunswick county contributed something over twelve thousand dollars and this in turn brought a grant from the State.

The needed improvements were finished in 1954. Now everything done towards the improvements appears to have been very timely. It is understood that the U. S. Government is pleased with the local hospital facilities and that patients from the Sunny Point terminal will be handled there in a little time the hospital will probably have to be further enlarged as a result of this government business. If this is the case the U. S. Government will assist in handling that or will build a hospital of its own.

Both Brunswick County Senator Ray Walton and Representative Kirby Sullivan have been making good records during their terms as representatives of the county during the present session of the legislature. Both went up as new men. Despite this fact we have heard little grumbling from the people back here at

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