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Surplus Food Is

Available For

Families In Brunswick That

Have Sustained Serious

Loss Due To Hurricanes Eligible For Commodities

WELFARE DEPARTMENT HANDLES DISTRIBUTION

Applications May Be Made At Southport, Monday Through Friday, Or At Health Office In

Shallotte

Families who suffered hurricane

damage to their crops or work

if they are found to be in need

Friday with representatives of

the Brunswick County Agricul-

tural, Health and Welfare De-

partments to discuss this possible

Any person who feels he is in need of food items during the winter months may apply at the Brunswick County Welfare Office in Southport Monday through Friday from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. In the offices of the Health Do.

In the offices of the Health De-

partment in Shallotte a represent-

ative will accept applications on

Tuesday from 9:30 a. m. to 4:30

p. m. In estigations will be made

to determine the need of each

aid to people in need.

Jay P. Davis, Director, Surplus

Department, met

may receive some surplus food

Storm Victims

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

\$1.50 PER YEAR

### Information On **Weed Varieties** Given By Agent

County Agent Explains That Many Farmers Were Pleased With Results Obtained By Using Controversial

**OBJECTIONS NOT** 

County Agent Advises Farmers Not To Go Overboard In Planting New And Relatively Un-tested Variety Of Tobacco

to bacco varieties from our agri- apparently hold a warm spot in cultural experiment station.

As stated in last week's article, the information was given so that in order to decide for themselves the best variety for their farm and conditions. This county agent has never voiced himself as being opposed to a particular variety The Coker 139 variety, accord-

ing to a large number of Bruns-wick county tobacco growers, Masonary Cook House At Rear Of Ft. Johnston Deposses some outstanding characteristics. Some of these good points are high yields, ease of handling and curing, few suckers and others. The chemical analysis, as reported by the experiment station, shows the nicotine very low and the sugar content very high and exceeded only by the new D. B. 244 variety and

The criticism of pale and slick tobacco has been misunderstood and charged to Coker 139 when CLEARS GROUND .. in reality several varieties produced this king of tobacco in steel ball as a hammer demolish-2955. It appears from the criti-cism that 139 was the more com- Johnston yesterday morning. With mon producer of this type to- the roof three feet thick, the bacco. But again when this va- job was not so easy as it sounds, riety was planted on heavier soils two hours were required for the and allowed to thoroughly ripen, task of leveling the building. they had more orange color. There | The wrecking was done as a has been some criticism about preliminary to the construction the lack of flavor and aroma. It, of residential buildings on the too, has been charged to 139 by property for administrative ofsome, but this may not be true ficers at Sunny Point. because this variety is new and proper aging has not been com- erations will be confined to the

put a part of the acreage in the both buildings will be brick crop to determine its merit under veneer. local conditions. The new Dixie | Preliminary to the start of con-In general all new varieties de- Point during its construction. veloped in recent years should be allowed to thoroughy ripen be-Continued On Page Two

# Brief Bits Of

Big red tractors were parked all over Southport this morning, had been taken to the Terminal year.

Mr. Edwards at Coca, Fla. Mr. and office deputy, 20. boat at Coca on an 8-month job. 71; Ratcliffe, 65. Jacksonville, Fla.

the Howell's Point community ance from the local officers.

### Pleasant Visits Are Remembered

Retired Army Officer Writes To Inquire About People And Places He Remembers Here

BY BILL KEZIAH

area and bobbing up to either Carolina since I have been here, CONFINED TO 139 come home or write something but it remained for Mrs. Griffin the old town in those other days. keeping up-to-date with your from Colonel John Merrick, U. S. knew in the long ago. Army, retired, now living at

Matchez Miss It appears that some people get Fort Caswell. In 1926, the year sell and the Willis (Capt. W. T. more confused by reading in- after the writer came to South- Willis) families, Capt. Barnett items during the winter month formation about tobacco varieties. port, Merrick spent much time and many other fine people. It It was the intent of last week's at Caswell. It was in that year was only natural that he tell me article on tobacco to present the that the fort was sold and the at Fort Bragg of the fine fishthinking of several people. The guns dismantled and removed, ing off Southport and that we Agricultural statements that specifictly men- In his letter he refers to many respond by returning with him tioned a variety were quoted from people he knew during that and enjoy the fine sport oura letter from our Extension To- period, and Bald Head Island, selves. bacco Specialist and a report on Fort Caswell and Southport all

| his memory. In part he wrote: This paper has often carried "Mr. Styron of Beaufort and articles regarding former resi- Miss Berry have kept me indents remembering the Southport formed of the progress in North about the past and things around to really set me straight on This week there came a letter fair city and its people whom I

"You may remember that when Caswell was dismantled and my During World War I, Colonel classmate, Newman, had the job Merrick, then a Lieutenant of of removing the ordnance, he Artillery, spent some time at came to know you, Bonner Bus-

"I know that among the (Continued on Page Four)

### the information was given so that tobacco growers could have access to all possible information cess to all possible information. For New Building

molished Tuesday In Preparing Site For New

TWO DUPLEXES ARE BEING CONSTRUCTED

Contractor Hauling In Soil To Raise Level Of Foundation For These New Buildings

A crane swinging a 1000 pound

At present the construction operection of two duplex homes to There are a number of good house 4 families. One of them varieties for farmers to select will have two 3-bedroom apartfrom. Any time a new variety is ments and the other two 2-bedtried, it may be good business to room apartments. Frontage of

Bright 244 variety is being high- struction of the buildings, G. W. in 1955 occurred on Route 17 by the National Emergency must "The Child Of Bethlehem" Feast of Christmas with the traly recommended by the N. C. Talman of Wilmington is now en- north of Town Creek Thursday be based on current and reliable Experiment Station. It would be gaged in hauling in 500 truck afternoon, when Robert S. Mc- information in order to use farm good for some of our farmers to loads of earth for the purpose of Keithan died of injuries after a resources efficiently and to protry some under our conditins. leveling the Garrison Grounds. tractor he was operating was tect the welfare of all farmers. This variety is likely to meet with Talman was one of the 47 con- struck by a truck driven by Huey Farmers cannot wisely plan for some criticism because it is new. tractors who had jobs at Sunny Lindsey Pigford, 21-year old em- the future without studying and

## Law Enforcement the investigation of State High- analyze their operation.

as many as a dozen at some the court house some interesting ford tore in from behind, throwpoints where they could find ad- figures were found relative to ing bailer and tractor off the vantageous places. The trailers law enforcement for the past right hand side of the highway

to be loaded or unloaded there, A total of 213 arrests were an. while the tractor operators came made. These were divided among on into town for accommodations. These were divided among the officers as follows: Sheriff mitted to the Coroner and other E. H. Gray, 59; Deputy Leon officials that it was the truck he Galloway, 50; Deputy Henry Pike, was operating that caused the Mrs. H. A. Edwards and son, 63; Deputy O. W. Perry, 32; Dep- accident. He contended that the Donnie, left Saturday to join uty H. G. Ratcliffe, who is jailer brakes on his truck were at fault

Edwards who is with the Hill A total of 376 civil papers were burst when he applied the brakes, and Mrs. Phil King and little citizens. With this state of things, Dredging Company on the Ven- served as follows: Sheriff, 44; He was arrested; charged with daughter, Jennie, are among the we want to say to all newcomers tor, is now working with the Galloway, 151; Pike, 39; Perry, reckless operation and improper folks who can be regarded as in Brunswick as well as to the

Miss Kathleen Edwards, daughter A total of 158 capias and sub- of Mr. McKeithan two hours later are happy to get back home and them all a very Merry Christmas. of Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, is poenas were served, divided as the warrant was amended to "re- are satisfied that they have seen The feeling of friendship by us attending a business college in follows: Sheriff, 19; Galloway, sulting in a death". He was all of Florida that they want to towards the newcomers is shared 56; Pike, 43; Perry, 24; Ratcliffe, brought to the Brunswick jail but see during their year there. One by all of the od residents of Sanford H. Lee Hired As

In raiding whiskey stills, 92 rival here under a bond that was well satisfied over is to see all Two deaths attributed to nat- were captured with assistance provided by his employers. ural causes and one the result from Alcoholic Tax Unit officers; Mr. McKeithan was born and around back of Long Beach. He simply, "Mr. Sunny Point," have of a wreck on the highway were 44 were taken without assistance raised in the Bolivia community thinks the town should have a been rather numerous and they of a wreck on the highway were 44 were taken without assistance larged in the board of countries and they investigated Thursday by Coroner from the ATU. There is no record and has worked there with the real cleaning up and the burning have come from distant points, ty commissioners in session here charge. Nol prossed as to reck-Sam T. Bennett. Margaret Frink, here of how many stills were Bolivia Lumber Company much of all trash before next season's as well as near. A few still cling Monday hired Sanford H. Lee as less operation. Sam T. Bennett. Margaret Frink, here of how many stills were border beach period begins. Other peo- to writing it "Our Rovin' Re- assistant county agent.

was found to have died a natural A total of 321 gallons of whis- was a son of the late George it is hoped that it will be acted "The Chamber of Commerce." who held this position until Decdeath, as had Gregory Fulford, a key and a total of 26,250 gallons Madison and the late Alice Otta- upon. 4-months old white infant of of mash was destroyed during the way McKeithan. During his resi-Lockwoods Folly township. The year; 15 automobiles were condence in Wilmington he was a Far from knowing the names office force seems to know that stationed # Ft. Jackson, S. C. ment of a fine of \$150 and good fatality on the highway, investi- fiscated with the assistance of the member of Trinity Methodist of all the newcomers to this area, things are intended for our post. Continued On Page Two

gated the same day, was the State Highway Patrol; 16 places Church in that city. death of R. S. McKeithan, near were raided for whiskey, beer and He is survived by his wife, Mrs. people if we tried to list the received this week and addressed county and at present he is erator's license, carrying conceal-

Menhaden Are

Two boats for Southport Fisheries, Inc., brought in huge catches of menhaden Saturday afternoon, with both the Charlotte T and the Eleanor M having over 600,000

These catches were made off Swansboro, and it is reported that the big fall run the coast. That being true, other local boats are hoping to join in the big catches this week to share in "the Christmas money" that local fishermen look forward to each season.

### Wilmington Man

S. 17 Thursday Afternoon Agent Knowles.

Company.

way Patrolman W. L. Deal of It is with the welfare of farm- The program was sung with attend. Of Sheriff's Department driving the tractor with a trailer During 1955 With Boot- and hay bailer attached, moving leggers Being Chief Vic- the bailer to another point of operation. Investigation showed he was in his proper lane of traffic Looking through the records at when the truck operated by Pigand fatally injuring Mr. McKeith-

> and that the tires themselves Back from Florida to stay, Mr. to have here as new Southport equipment. Following the death really happy this Christmas. They long-time residents, that we wish

of the wreckage still scattered Cards and letters addressed years. He was 71 years of age and ple have had the same idea and porter." Others address things to

Continued On Page Two names of the those we are glad

Coming Closer Farm Census Is Being Planned

> County Agent Urges Growers To Cooperate With Furnishing Important Information At Tax Listing Time

As farmers list their taxes in January they will be asked to report their farming operation for 1955, reports A. S. Knowles, county agent. The farm census survey is considered confidential information and cannot be used for tax purposes or in anyway to intimidate the individual farm-

The purpose of the farm census is to obtain reliable information on land use, crop acreages and Highway Victim selected livestock numbers. Information of this type is needed each year in order to plan and carry out the most practical ag-Native Of Brunswick Coun- ricultural programs for Brunswick ty Died Of Injuries Suscounty in particular and North Christmas Music
tained In Collision On U. Carolina in general series County tained In Collision On U. Carolina in general, says County

Changes in the production of Brunswick's 4th highway death crops and livestock brought about ployee of a Wilmington Concrete using all available facts pertain- Church under the direction of director. The choir will sing "The All-Day Session Of Brunsing to agriculture in the same Mrs. R. C. Daniel presented "The Mass in Honor of the Holy In-Mr. McKeithan, according to way that efficient business men Child of Bethlehem" Sunday eve- fant" by Anthony J. Schonoller.

Figures Given Bolivia and Coroner Sam T. Ben- ers in mind, therefore, that an only the light of two candelabra annual farm census survey is and the choir lights. The rostrum Bolivia and Coroner Sam T. Ben- ers in mind, therefore, that an only the light of two candelabra farm of his brother in Town made, says Knowles. "It will was decorated with magnolia and Creek township. At the time he greatly assist the Farm Census ivy and potted poinsettas. On the Report Made Of Activities | Creek township. At the time he greatly assist the report communion table was an arrange-Continued On Page Two

was released directly after ar- thing that Mr. King is not so Erunswick.

Our

Business Rush Continues Through Saturday For Stores And For Postal Employees

SCHOOLS CLOSED FOR HOLIDAYS

Jerrie Merrie

**County Prepares** 

City Employees

Having Holiday

City Manager John West

reminds all property owners that city employees will be

off for Christmas this week

end and he says there will be

no trash pick-up service after

tomorrow (Thursday) until

All employees, except the

Announcement is made of

the employment of J. E.

By Baptist Choir

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Piner as meter reader.

R. C. Daniel

ROVING

Reporter

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policeman, will have Friday,

Tuesday morning.

For Long Holiday

Religious Services And Other Activities Being Planned As Part Of Christmas Observance Here

being held tonight (Wednesday) in Southport with the children's January 2. choir at both Southport Baptist Church and Trinity Methodist

Church leading the services. being planned at St. Phillips Episcopal Church at 11:30 o'clock Saturday at which time Holy officer. Communion will be celebrated.

The Catholic Church of Southport will usher in the Solemn Presented Sunday Evening ditional midnight Mass on Christ-Under Direction Of Mrs. mas Eve. Special music has been prepared for the services. Lew Hardee will be the guest organist. The choir of Southport Baptist Mrs. Bryant Potter is the choir The public is cordially invited to

> At Trinity Methodist Church Sunday School and Church servworship service at the church, being heard: Instead, families are being asked William Brockington, public differently rendered in different to hold worship in their respec- drunkness, 30-days on roads, sen- versions. Actually, it refers to

City and county offices will be a fine of \$25 and costs. closed Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Postmaster J. B. Russ says that the window at the post office will be open for one license, nol prossed on presentahour Sunday morning. Monday tion of valid license. will be observed as a holiday.

den Club will sponsor a dance fined \$50 and costs on reckless Friday night at the Community operation charge. Not guilty as Building, with music being fur- to drunken driving. nished by a popular Wilmington Continued On Page Four;

### **Assistant Agent** Named By Board

Replacing Snode B. Wil-

He succeeds Snode B. Wilson, drunkness, fined \$25 and costs. Still others use our real name. ember 2, at which time we en- purpose of sale, 6-months on In all cases the efficient post tered the U. S. Army. He is now roads, sentence suspended on pay-

we would be overlooking many office drawer. One of the cards is a native of Pink Hill in Lenoir Mathew Leroy Robinson, no op-Continued On Page Two

### **New Police Chief** For Southport Is Native Of City

Tommy Willis, Member Of Wilmington, Will Take only to the Wise Men. Over Duties On January If we could know something of these Wise Men-

R. H. Constante has resigned as Chief of Police of the City of Southport to accept a position at Sunny Point Army Terminal and

The new chief is a native of Southport and at present is a member of the Wilmington Police Force. He comes here highly recommended by his superior offi-Two Christmas programs are ommended by his superior officers and will report for duty on

of the city law enforcement showing eight Wise Men. The A Christmas Eve service is forces for just a few weeks. He number three seems to have formerly was a member of the evolved from the fact that three

> E. F. Gore continues in his role of policeman.

### **County Court In Lengthy Session**

wick County Recorder's Persian priesthood. Court Held Here This Matthew tells us that the Wise Week In Effort To Clear Men came "from the east to Docket

regular hour Sunday morning, but day Monday trying the clear the looked into the eastern sky to in the evening there will be no docket, with the following cases see the Star. This is an anvient

> tence suspended on payment of Harry Eugene Sheffield, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Loyd McKeithan, no operator's

Charles Franklin Bell, drunk Members of the Live Oak Gar- driving and reckless operation,

> George Warrenton Carnes, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and

Herman 'Babson, expired operator's license, nol prossed on

presentation of valid license. Mary Docks Daniels, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. John Wesley Childress, speed-

ing (70-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Jerome Harry Stallings, speed-Assistant County Agent, ing (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs. Jack Merrill Ricker, drunk drivson, Who Is Now In Army ing, reckless operation, fined \$100 and costs and license revoked Members of the board of coun- for one year on drunken driving

Richard G. Causey, public

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#### **Christmas Story** Told Again In Song And Story

"Star Of Bethlehem" As Shown At Morehead Planetarium Presented Here In Condensed Version

The State Port Pilot presents a condensed excerpt of "Star of Bethlehem," story of the birth of Jesus, being offered daily at the Morehead Planetarium at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, through Jan. 8, except Dec. 24-25. Copyrighted By The Morehead Planetarium, Univer-

sity Of North Carolina,

Chapel Hill

When the Wise Men came to Jerusalem and spoke to Herod of the Star, the king did not know what they were talking about. He had not seen the Star. He called the priests and scribes, and let them listen to the Wise Men. Again, however, there was no knowledge of the Star, yet these same priests had as part of their duties the task of watching the sky to keep track of the phases of the Moon, by which the lunar calendar of the Jews was operated.

In Luke's story, we read of the shepherds, who saw the angel of the Lord and the heavenly host, but there is no mention of

There is no evidence that anyone, save the Wise Men, saw the

Star Of Significance This is important, because indicates that the Star of Beth. lehem could not have been a brightly shining star, blazing splendidly in the sky for all to see. It must have been, instead, something that everyone might Police Department Of have seen, but of significance

If we could know something of if we could only know who they were and what they believedbe able to discover what they would have taken as

has been succeeded by Tommy earliest Greek narratives as the Magi.

The Scriptural story does not Constante had served as head others three or four, one even State Highway Patrol and en- gifts-gold, frankincense and joys a good reputation as an myrrh-are mentioned by Mat-

> Persian Priests It was Caesar of Aries, a sixth

thew.

century writer, who first spoke of them as kings, but that they were Persian priests is the constant tradition of the early church. In all the paintings surviving from the first four centuries of our era, the Wire Men are always depicted as wearing the traditional headdress of the

Jerusalem." They said, "We have seen his star in the east," a pas-Officials of Brunswick county sage which is almost universally will be held at the Recorder's court spent the full misinterpreted to mean that they of translation, however, that is the fact that the Wise Men, in the east, saw the Star. In other (Continued on Page Four)

#### 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.

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