

Information On Tax Matters Is Given By Agent

Special Emphasis Is Being Placed Upon This Important Matter This Year As Aid To Farmers

TWO TYPES OF TAX AFFECT FARMERS

Must Not Only Make Provision For Income Tax Report, But Must Cover Social Security As Well

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Be sure to attend the Social Security meeting at Shallotte School Thursday, January 12 at 7 p. m. There will also be a meeting at Bolivia School Monday, January 16, at 7 p. m. on Social Security.

More about Social Security for farmers: Optional method for cash basis farmers. If you are a cash basis farmer and your gross income from farming is not over \$1,800, you may, if you wish, treat one-half of your gross income from farming as your net earnings from self-employment from your farming business.

If you are a cash basis farmer and your gross income from farming is over \$1,800 and your actual net earnings from farm self-employment are less than \$900, you may report the amount of \$900 as your net earnings from self-employment from farming. If your gross income from farming is more than \$1,800 and your actual net earnings from farm self-employment are \$900 or more, you have no choice. You must use your actual net earnings to determine your self-employment tax.

The optional method is not to be used to determine your income tax. It is used only to determine your self-employment tax, and then only if you want to use it. Even though you determine your net earnings from self-employment from farming by the optional method, such net earnings are subject to all the other rules explained to determine you are to pay self-employment tax, and if so, how much.

"Gross income from farming" As used above, the term, "gross income from farming" is your gross receipts from farming minus the cost of products purchased and sold. In determining your gross income from farming, you should exclude income, deductions, Continued On Page Two

Brief Bits Of NEWS

BENEFIT SUPPER
There will be a smorgasbord on Thursday, January 12, at the U. S. O. building from 5:30 until 8 o'clock sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

SUNDAY FIRE
Fire destroyed the Sam Privett home at Supply Sunday. The building was occupied by the J. M. Hewett family, who lost most of their belongings.

DONKEY BASKETBALL
A donkey basketball game will be played at Bolivia high school gym on Tuesday, January 24. Two games will be played, the first at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, the second at 7:30 that night.

RENEWALS CONTRACT
The contract between the board of county commissioners and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watts for the operation of the Brunswick County Boarding Home was renewed Monday for the year 1956.

BASKETBALL MEET
Principals and coaches will meet Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock at Mac's Barbecue to map plans for the annual Brunswick county basketball tournament. Fred McClure is president of this organization.

CEMETERY CLEANING
There will be a cemetery cleaning at the Griffin Cemetery near Ash on Saturday, January 14. All interested and all who have loved ones buried there are asked to please come and bring tools to work all day.

ANOTHER WINNER
Mr. and Mrs. William Houghton were winners of the prize for the prettiest doorway in the Christmas lighting contest sponsored this year by the Southport Garden Club and the Live Oak Garden Club. There names were inadvertently omitted from the list of winners announced last week.

Truck Drivers In City In Numbers

These Men Remain In Southport While Trailers They Pull Are Being Loaded Or Unloaded

Stories of trailers swarming into Southport loaded with ammunition are of much less concern to Southport folks than they are to people of other towns.

It is only the operators and the trucks that come into Southport. The trailers go into Sunny Point and are uncoupled there to be unloaded or loaded. His run finished, the operator comes into Southport to wait two or three days and nights for work to go back and pick up his trailer and take a load to some destination, there to pick up another load and bring it here.

Nothing explosive comes nearer than three miles to Southport, at least it is not supposed to. A couple of weeks ago a convoy, said to number 26 trailers bound for Sunny Point straggled in here. All of the operators were new to the area. The lead truck of 4 that were coming in together, came right on into Southport and parked here, the others parking behind him until there was a block-long procession that moved

when another trailer drew up from the rear and took the lead to swing them around and lead them back to where they were going.

This was just an instance and it may happen again, but the trucks and trailers pass right through hundreds of towns on their way to and from here.

The matter of interest to Southport folks does not have any of the elements of concern, except a wonder where all of the operators will eat, rest and sleep. At Sunny Point they uncouple from the trailers and roll into Southport on their six-wheeled tractors, to wait for perhaps 2 to 4 days and nights.

Their tractors, parked on Southport streets, do not bother anyone, unless it is the curiosity of a lot of visitors to the town asking what on earth they are doing here.

The truck operators are a very likable sort, averaging well over the irresponsible age and still Continued On Page Two

Fire Department Posts Enviably Record For Year

Property Damage Amounting To Only \$30 Paid For One Small Fire During 1955 For Only Loss

VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HERE

Ormond Leggett Is Chief And Has Able Assistance From Group Of Dozen Citizens Who Form Nucleus Of Organization

A report of activities of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department for last year reveals that only a thirty-dollar property loss from fire occurred in Southport during 1955.

This was a call to the Victor Bartells house on West street, where quick work by the firemen prevented more serious damage.

The only other instances where a loss was involved were two calls to burning automobiles on the city streets. In each instance the damage was confined to the wiring system.

All told, there were 9 alarms, one of which proved to be false.

Ormond Leggett is serving as chief of the department. On the force during the past year were G. E. Hubbard, J. A. McNeill, Harold Aldridge, Joe Spencer, Jack Hickman, Johnson Cumbee, Robert Johnson, G. W. McGlamery, B. L. Furpless, Ray Spencer, Otto Hickman, John Fullwood, Jr., and Carey Spencer, the latter now in the U. S. Army.

All of these men serve without pay and are ready, day or night, to report for duty at a moment's notice.

Menhaden Pass Out Of Range

Southport Fishing Boats Had Good Luck With These Fish While They Were Passing Offshore

With the hurried departure southward of the schools of menhaden last week the Southport fishing interests summed up and found that six boats had produced for their crews and factory employees a payroll of \$43,000 from five days of fishing.

The fish were not exactly departing to get away from the boats. They were moving rapidly Southward when they crossed Frypan Shoals and they steadily maintained their speed. The boats had to take what they could of them while they were on the run.

The six 136-foot converted minesweepers first struck the fish on December 30, right at the edge of the shoals. Next day the fish were offshore between Long Beach and Holden Beach, with the boats bringing up the rear of schools that extended for several miles down the coast. With things at rest on Sunday, the boats were trailing again on Monday with the fish at Myrtle Beach.

Tuesday full hauls were made again with the fish off Georgetown, Wednesday, with little expectation of catching up again Continued On Page Two

Make Application For Short-Cut

On a petition of a number of property owners in the area, the Board of County Commissioners requested the State Highway Commission to build and maintain a short-cut road from the Sunny Point Road on highway No. 87 to the junction of the Long Beach Road with highway No. 130. The action was taken Monday.

The proposed road is calculated to give better access to Sunny Point by labor from the central and lower part of county. It will also be of great benefit to truckers passing to and from Sunny Point from the south and west.

Lengthy Session Of Court Monday

Wide Variety Of Cases Up Before Judge Earl Bellamy In Recorder's Court Here This Week

Monday's session of Brunswick county Recorder's court ran into overtime, with court officials remaining on duty well into the evening in an effort to clear the docket. The following judgments were handed down by Judge Earl Bellamy:

Forest Dale Williams, expired operator's license, taxed with costs.
William Henry Robbins, speeding (55-mph with truck) fined \$10 and costs.

Stewart Jackson, no operator's license, not possessed on presentation of valid license.
Glenn A. Caster, expired operator's license, costs.
William Harold Reynolds, speeding, expired operator's license, fined \$10 and costs.

Walter Milliken, assault with deadly weapon, costs and held under good behavior for two years.
Levy Edgar Johnson, reckless operation, fined \$25 and costs.
Kenneth Wilson Coleman, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs.

H. Decker Earnes, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs.
James Alvin Rice, Jr., speeding (60-mph) fined \$15 and costs. Fine remitted because of mitigating circumstances.

John W. Randolph, Jr., trespass 60-day sentence suspended on good behavior for two years and payment of a fine of \$10 and costs.
Zenus Hatfield, trespass, 60 days on roads, suspended on good behavior and payment of a fine of \$10 and costs.

Roscoe Jones, possession for purpose of sale, nine months on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$150 and costs and on good behavior for two years.

Bernard E. Beasley, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs.
Archie Lee Williams, following Continued On Page Two

Tax Collector Making Rounds

Tax Collector M. D. Anderson will make his last tax collection rounds of the county next week. These calls are made in order to give the tax payers an opportunity to pay up before penalties take effect on the first of February.

In some parts of Brunswick, especially in Northwest and up to Town Creek townships, most of the men are at work at this time of the year and they have the opportunity of coming to the office in Southport and paying up. The calls give other members of the families an opportunity to attend to the business. Anderson stated yesterday that all tax payers should keep in mind if they have not paid by February 1 they will find penalties added to their taxes.

Vessel In Tow Anchors Safely During Storm

Ship Heading For Safety Of Southport Harbor Breaks Towline During Storm On Sunday

During the rough weather Sunday the tug Fort Moultrie lost her tow, a Liberty ship, the Marvin H. McIntyre, just south of Frypan Shoals near the Frypan Pan lightship. At the time the tug and tow were heading in to Southport for shelter.

The McIntyre, with the tow line broken, was finally anchored by the skeleton crew aboard, assisted by the tug. As she appeared safe there it was decided to leave her until the seas abated and she could more easily be towed on into Norfolk or brought here.

The 165-foot Coast Guard Cutter Agazace from Morehead City rushed to the scene when the McIntyre broke loose from the tug, and has been standing by two days. With the winds abating last night the Fort Moultrie with the McIntyre again in tow is expected to proceed to Norfolk today.

Makes Report On City Toy Drive

James Wolfe Served As Chairman Of This Cooperative Activity Conducted Prior To Christmas

James Wolfe, who served this year as chairman of the toy drive for the city of Southport, has prepared a report of these activities, and in releasing his statement he has extended his appreciation to those who helped make the operation a success.

Following is the text of his report: "I would like to express my grateful appreciation to all who contributed to the drive to provide toys for the children of this school district at Christmas.

"Toys, fruit, candy and groceries were provided for 14 families, with a total of 53 children. "I would particularly like to thank the ministers of this city for their wholehearted support and cooperation, and our thanks to all individuals and civic organizations Continued On Page Two

"Polio Isn't Licked Yet"



CONTRIBUTOR—John Blount, pre-med student at University of North Carolina, a polio victim now recovering buys a miniature crutch from Paul H. Robertson, State Commander of the American Legion, which is cooperating in this year's polio fund campaign.

Surplus Property Ordered By Many

Narrow Escape From Disaster

A catastrophe of major proportions was miraculously avoided Saturday morning when a big truck-trailer loaded with ammunition was in collision with a passenger car on highway No. 87 between the Sunny Point intersection and Bell Swamp.

The truck was being driven by Bruce Robert Helms and the automobile was operated by Walter Johnson, Southport negro. The accident was investigated by Corp. O. H. Lynch, who reported that the truck crossed the center line of the highway before being struck along the side by the car. The gas tank of the truck was ripped open, spilling gasoline everywhere, and the side of the automobile was demolished.

The truck driver was charged with driving on the wrong side of the road.

Strange License Plates Common

Trucks And Automobiles From Other States Appear In Southport Every Day Since Sunny Point Opened

Anyone curious enough to go out and look around the streets of Southport these days would be able to see automobile or truck tags representing about every state in the Union. On some of the trucks are as many as 20 tags. Baggett, of Birmingham, for instance, is licensed in several states for transportation for several of the commercial powder companies and is likewise licensed to operate for the United States Government anywhere.

The above does not necessarily mean that all of the trucks must bear the tags of all of the states in which the company operates. With hundreds of trucks and trailers Barrett is operating in all parts of the country and trucks operating in any area usually carry the State tags of the states in which they may be operating.

Baggett, in other words, is a contract carrier throughout the United States, licensed to handle explosives in 43 of them. In Alabama and Georgia they are also a common carrier, licensed to handle general commodities.

Trucking Lines Need Facilities For Operation

Unless Satisfactory Terminal Facilities Are Provided, Companies May Build Own Installation

ROOMS AS WELL AS SERVICE NEEDED

This Type Of Transportation Appears To Be Tied In With Sunny Point Shipping

From remarks made by inspectors and safety men of various truck freight lines, it appears that some of the companies may build their own terminal for the handling of their tractors, trailers and the feeding and sleeping of the men here. None of the several interviewed on the subject could be quoted. The matter would have to come from officials. All that they could say was that at points from which there is much hauling the companies usually see to it that men and machines are taken care of during stops of any length.

All were pretty certain that there will be trailer terminals here in the immediate future. If no private interest steps in and builds terminals that will serve the needs, the trucking companies will do it themselves.

As a matter of fact, it is doubtful if private interests here are prepared to go in for things on the scale needed. An inspector for one company expressed the belief that for the accommodation of his company's drivers, inspectors, etc., about 100 rooms would be required, these to sleep 4 men to a room. He pointed out that on long hauls without stops the freight lines were required to carry two drivers to each tractor, one to drive while the other sleeps. During the past week there was taken as many as 100 tractors here at a time.

Fire Tower For Government Area

U.S. Army Engineers Given Authorization To Design And Erect Fire Tower On Sunny Point Army Terminal Reservation

The office of Col. R. L. Hill, District Corps of Engineers at Wilmington, has been authorized to design and construct a steel fire tower for observation at Sunny Point. The structure will be 60-feet tall and will be located on the high point of the Administration area.

Information yesterday was to the effect that construction will begin in March. The tower will afford a good outlook over the several thousand acres forming Continued On Page Two

Snow Falls In Southport Tuesday

Early risers here Tuesday morning saw the city virtually blanketed with the first snow of the season, and more was still falling. A few of the kids were out in time to grab a few snowballs.

However, the temperature was rising; and by 7:30 the snow had ceased. Before noon most of the signs of it had disappeared.

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, January 12,	
7:32 A. M.	1:06 A. M.
7:39 P. M.	1:43 P. M.
Friday, January 13,	
8:09 A. M.	1:45 A. M.
8:18 P. M.	2:22 P. M.
Saturday, January 14,	
8:44 A. M.	2:24 A. M.
8:53 P. M.	2:59 P. M.
Sunday, January 15,	
9:18 A. M.	3:01 A. M.
9:27 P. M.	3:55 P. M.
Monday, January 16,	
9:50 A. M.	3:38 A. M.
10:03 P. M.	4:11 P. M.
Tuesday, January 17,	
10:25 A. M.	4:17 A. M.
10:44 P. M.	4:48 P. M.
Wednesday, January 18,	
11:03 A. M.	4:59 A. M.
11:30 P. M.	5:29 P. M.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

It is not known what the other fellows got, but we rated two cigars and they were of extra good quality, when Gene Tomlinson of the Post Engineers office at Sunny Point, came in to announce that Mary Lillian Tomlinson had arrived at the hospital that morning. First was a girl, second was a boy and now another girl. A number of the Southport youngsters got their first laughs out of our trying to amuse them with match box tricks while they were at a very tender age. We look forward to trying it on Little Miss Mary Lillian Tomlinson in a few months. Incidentally, our first sweetheart was named Mary.

Times at Southport must be getting a great deal better. For no apparent reason Prince O'Brien, cashier of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, opened his box and handed us a couple of cigars when we strayed into the bank this past week. As we remember it, Prince had a full box of those cigars in easy reaching distance. But we don't know if his generosity was extended to all mankind. All we know is that we got ours.

It is a little over five years since the plans for Sunny Point began to take shape, but very few people here could see it and those who did refused to believe. Some 90-percent of the folks said that the terminal would not be built. An additional number said it was not needed and quite a few more took pains to say that it would not mean anything to Southport. Most of these folks are now working at Sunny Point and are getting good pay. We are extremely happy over the way Continued On page four