

## Mysterious Turn In Missing Man Case This Week

Body Of George W. Garring Has Not Been Recovered Following Reported Drowning Last Week

### SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT FOUL PLAY

Investigation Continues As FBI Plans To Seek Additional Information On Case

An element of mystery was injected into the case of missing seaman George W. Garring this week as searchers thus far have failed to discover the body of the man reported to have drowned at the Southport yacht basin last Monday night.

Word was received here yesterday that Garring's wife had received a note dated several months ago saying that in the event of his death or mysterious disappearance certain information was being deposited in a safety deposit box in one of the banks of a big eastern city.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has this information and will make every effort to discover if this latest development is based upon fact. Chief of Police James F. Howard, who has headed local investigation, said today that this probably will require several days.

Drugging operations by the U. S. Coast Guard were abandoned last week, but a close lookout has been maintained for the body of Garring, last seen alive early in the evening of November 2. At that time he had started aboard the yacht Tara, moored at the Thompson Marine at the Southport yacht basin. He was in company with Thomas A. Gray, a shipmate, and the latter reported that Garring slipped from the dock. He recounted that he had made a futile effort to drag Garring back to safety, and that while making preparations for further rescue attempts he had fallen asleep. He said that both he and the missing man had spent most of their time for the previous several hours drinking.

The Tara departed Southport about noon last Wednesday, continuing her way down the inland waterway to Miami, Fla.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**CAKE AND PIE SALE**  
The Women of The Presbyterian Church will have a pie and cake sale in front of Ormond Leggett's store at 9:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

**LIONS BARBECUE**  
Members of the Southport Lions Club will sponsor a barbecue supper next Thursday night at the Community Building. Serving will begin at 6 o'clock and will continue until 8 o'clock.

**CONDITION SERIOUS**  
Mrs. Vienna Leggett, prominent Southport lady, is in serious condition at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, where she is suffering from a broken hip, suffered in a fall here last week.

**HOLIDAY HOUSE**  
Holiday House will be sponsored this year by the Southport Garden Club on Sunday, December 6. This organization will also sponsor the outside Christmas lighting contest this year in Southport.

**BROOM SALE**  
Members of the Southport Lions Club have brooms made by the Blind Industries for sale. Anyone desiring to have one delivered to his home may telephone GL 7-3121. Fruit cakes also are available.

**AT FORT EUSTIS**  
CWO Egan Hubbard and his family left Wednesday for Fort Eustis, Va., where he has been assigned duty following three years in England and Germany. They visited Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hubbard here prior to reporting at Fort Eustis.

**METHODIST BAZAAR**  
The annual bazaar and bake sale, sponsored by members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, will be held Friday in the old post office building. Sales will begin at 10:30 o'clock and will continue until all items are sold. The ladies in charge call attention to the fact that this will be a good opportunity to purchase unusual and distinctive Christmas gifts.

## Get Big Deer



**BUCK**—One of the largest deer reported killed in the county this season was the 8-point, 160-pound buck killed by Frank Rabon, veteran hunter, left front above. Also on the front row are Wilbur Rabon and Howard Inman. The man standing beside the deer is Daniel Rabon.

## First Services In New Church

Members Of Congregation Of Yaupon Beach Methodist Church Looking Forward To This Important Occasion

FINISHING TOUCHES APPLIED THIS WEEK

Sunday Services Will Not Be Formal Opening, But Will Mark First Use Of New Facilities

Preparations are being made this week to hold services for the first time in the new Yaupon Beach Methodist Church next Sunday morning.

Despite unfavorable weather conditions, the corner stone laying service was held out of doors last Sunday. The marker gives the date of organization of the church as August 25, 1957, and the date of completion of the new edifice as November 8, 1959.

This week workmen who participated in the various phases of construction are busy completing their jobs, so that the building will be ready for use on Sunday morning. Considerable work has been done in cleaning up the grounds, marking out the driveway and in other chores attendant to the occupation of the new building by the congregation.

Services Sunday will be simple and are not intended to be the formal opening. This is to come later after pews and an organ have been installed. Right now, the educational building is considered to be ample for the needs of the congregation. This unit, complete with a furnished kitchen and social rooms, will help provide the needs for well-rounded church life, according to the pastor, the Rev. L. D. Hayman.

A cordial invitation has been extended to all members and friends of the church to attend services Sunday morning. Sunday school will begin at 10 o'clock, followed by a sermon by the pastor at the 11 o'clock hour.

## Local Baptists Calling Minister

The Rev. Mark Owens Of Greenville Will Assume Pastorate Of Southport Baptist Church December First

The Rev. Mark Owens, pastor of Arlington Street Baptist Church, Greenville, has accepted a call to serve as pastor of Southport Baptist Church. He will assume the duties of his new pastorate on December 1.

The new minister is a native of the Western Prong community of Columbus county. He graduated from Fairmont high school, attended Carson-Newman College and graduated from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Wake Forest.

Prior to his service as pastor of the Greenville church he had served as pastor of White's Creek and Shady Grove Baptist Churches in Bladen county.

The Rev. Mr. Owens is married and the couple has two children, Mary, age 5 years, and Tim, age 4-months.

The last full-time pastor for the local church was the Rev. Leo (Continued On Page 4)

## Menhaden Help Pile Up Record Cargo Tonnage

Figures Released By U. S. Engineers Department Indicate 35,000 Tons Caught Here During 1958

WILMINGTON PORT FIGURES INCREASE

These Figures Are A Part Of 4,826,608 Tons That Passed Through The Harbor Last Year

The menhaden industry at Southport had one of its best years in 1958 with a catch of some 35,000 tons (87,875,000 fish), according to the Corps of Engineers.

The 1958 total exceeds by 8,678 tons caught in 1957 when the take was 26,322 tons.

The menhaden total is a healthy contribution to the 4,826,608 tons of waterborne commerce that was either handled or passed through the harbor last year. The total for 1958 was some 74,000 tons higher than 1957 and an all-time record.

Morehead City had 506,600 tons, an increase of 53,000 tons over the year before.

Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer, said the figures are preliminary and do not become official until they are published in the annual report of the Chief of Engineers.

In 1957, traffic at the two ports was 50,000 tons under the total for 1956. Wilmington's '58 total was an all-time high.

Wilmington imports in the 1957-'58 order, went up from 382,873 tons to 490,340 tons for an increase of 107,467 tons. The hike (Continued on Page Four)

## Numerous Cases Heard In Court

Most Of Day Consumed In Disposing Of Variety Of Cases Before Judge Earl Bellamy

A variety of cases were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge Earl Bellamy.

Hubert Stevens was found guilty of public drunkenness and was fined \$25 and costs.

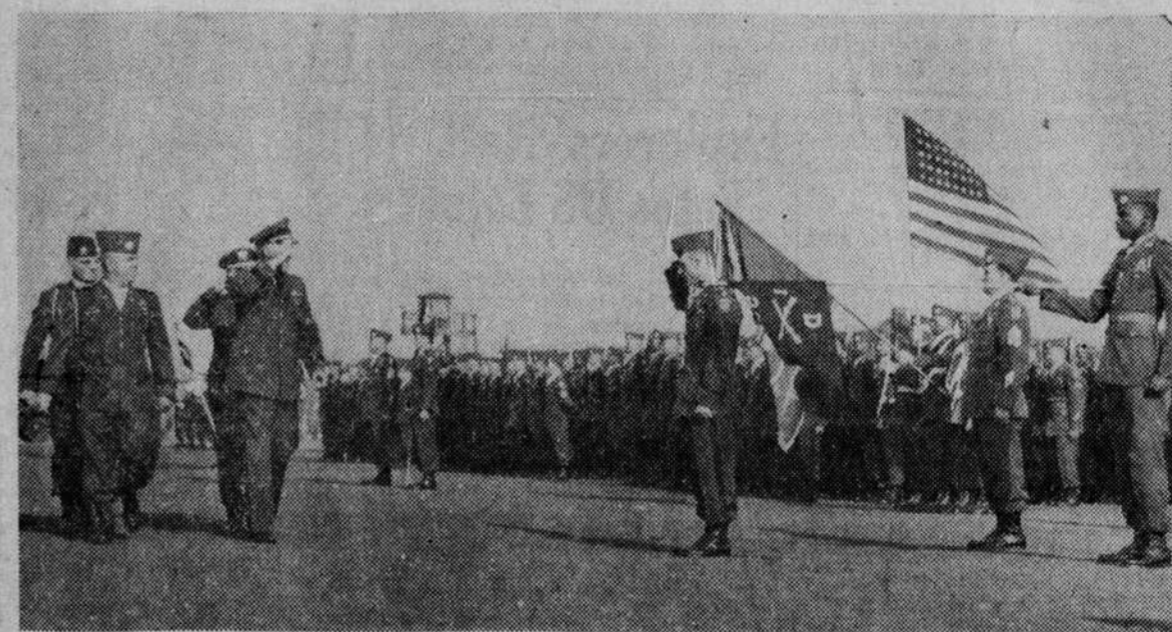
Harry Burst was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was given 9 months, suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25 and costs, with the provision that he make restitution of \$36 for the prosecuting witness. He gave notice of appeal and bond was set at \$300.

Cecil G. Benton was found guilty of speeding 100-mph. Sentence of 6 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$200, 2 years good behavior and attendance at a driver clinic.

Mayland Graham was found guilty of possession of apparatus of manufacturing liquor and of possession of liquor. Sentence of 12 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$250 and costs and 2 years good behavior. He appealed and bond was set at \$300.

William H. Hill was found guilty of assault with a deadly (Continued On Page 4)

## Company Commander



1st Lt. Fisher, Company Commander, "D" Co., 1st Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry salutes Lt. General Francis W. Farrell, 7th Army Commander, as he troops the line in parade held Saturday, October 24th. Also walking with General Farrell is Major General Lloyd R. Moses, Commanding General, 8th Infantry Division, Colonel Theodore C. Mataxis, Commanding Officer, 505th Infantry, and Lt. Colonel Frederick N. Oettinger, Deputy Commander, 505th Infantry. Lt. Fisher is a native of Southport, the son of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Fisher, Sr.

## Southport Man Honored With New Assignment

Lt. Darrell Fisher Is New Commanding Officer Of D Company, 18th Army Battle Group, 550th Infantry

New Company Commander of "D" Co., 1st Airborne Battle Group, 505th Infantry, 1st Lt. Paul D. Fisher, recently was reviewed by Lt. General Francis W. Farrell in a parade, held Saturday, October 24, in Mainz, Germany. Besides General Farrell, Lt. Fisher was formally inspected by Major General Lloyd R. Moses, Commanding General, 8th Division, Colonel Theodore C. Mataxis, Commanding Officer, 505th Infantry, and Lt. Colonel Frederick N. Oettinger, Deputy Commander, 505th Infantry.

Fisher was born and raised in Southport and attended Southport High School, after which he graduated from the Citadel in South Carolina. Fisher was assigned to the 505th Infantry, October 4, 1958.

Since entering the service he (Continued On Page 4)

## Bolivia Citizen Goes To Reunion

Open House Will Be Held This Week-End At State College For Former Short Course Students

Travis Danford of Bolivia plans to attend a statewide reunion of young farmers who have taken a Short Course in Modern Farming at N. C. State College on Friday and Saturday of this week.

A. S. Knowles, Brunswick County Agricultural Agent, says the reunion will be a part of the "open house" program being sponsored by the N. C. State College School of Agriculture on November 11 and 12.

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## King Mackerel Big News In Fishing

Memorial Books Given Library

The Southport Public Library was the recipient this week of a contribution made in memory of Price Furless, beloved Southport resident who died last week. The donation was made by Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harrelson and will be used for the purchase of books.

The library now has on hand memorial book plates to be placed in all volumes given in memoriam.

## Southport Ladies Attend Meeting

Local Club Members Attend District Meeting At Calypso Friday; Interesting Program Presented

"Clubwomen of America must help build a better world, and the only way each can begin is with herself, her home and community. Begin by building a better you", Mrs. Raymond T. Dent told around 120 women in Calypso Friday. The Spruce Pine woman is president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs and principal speaker at the annual meeting of the 11th District, held in the Calypso Presbyterian Church. Included in her talk on the subject "Opportunity We Have" was a resume of statewide club projects for the year.

Other state officials taking part were Mrs. Doc E. Oliver, Pine Level, second vice-president, who spoke on "Service Unlimited" and Mrs. H. J. Sharpe of Thomasville, third vice-president, whose topic was "Clubwomen in Today's World".

Mrs. George Ross of Wilmington, district president, conducted the meeting, recognized special guests and presented the speakers. Hostesses for the day were members of the Calypso Adelphean Club. Mrs. C. L. Sloan, its president, was in charge of arrangements, assisted by Mrs. S. D. Davis.

Registration, beginning at 10 a. m., was combined with an informal get-together for Junior Club members present and a coffee hour for everyone.

The day's business included the choice of a District 11 candidate for the state nominating committee, Mrs. George H. Cates of Faison, and the acceptance of three Clinton clubs' invitation to hold the 1960 meeting there. Hostess clubs will be the Clinton Women's Club, the Clinton Study Club and the Clinton Junior Women's Club. These groups will also entertain the District clubs on the occasion of the annual district Vogue sewing contest to be held in the spring.

At the luncheon at North Duplin High School, Mrs. Ross announced winners of the District awards for the year 1958-59. The Jessie Taylor Silver punch bowl, went to the Junior Sorosis Club of Wilmington for outstanding service. Mrs. George Sloan, president of the winning club, accepted the bowl from Mrs. Taylor, who made the presentation.

Individual club yearbook award (Continued on Page 3)

Local Charter Boats Have Been Bringing In Large Catches Of These Fish During Past Week

TOTALS RUN UP TO 68 PER BOAT

Weather Is Now Principal Factor Affecting Activities Of Charter Boats As Season Nears Close

The big run of king mackerel, one of the fishing events to which hundreds of North Carolina sports fishermen look forward each year, is now on, and only the weather threatens the success of this almost fabulous luck.

Last week boats going offshore came in with catches of these fish ranging up to 68. Capt. Hulan Watts says that they ran to about 10-lbs in weight, with many of them larger than this average.

After some good days last week, weekend weather put a temporary stop to off-shore activities. Again Monday and yesterday the boats were out again, and today almost every boat in the local charter fleet is out after king mackerel.

Good catches of other fish are being made, but fishermen at this time of year seem to favor the king. For one thing, they are a good, game fish and afford plenty of sport. For another, they are mighty handy to take home and put in the freezer.

## Brunswick Men Work On Dredge

Majority Of Men Working Aboard Pullen At Sunny Point Are From This Part Of State

Sam Piver and Rifton Hewett, superintendent and master, respectively, of the dredge Pullen, now working at Sunny Point Army Terminal, extended Brunswick county a gracious bow the other day.

Said Sam and Rifton nodded agreement: "What would we do for a crew without Brunswick?" And how right they are. The Pullen has a crew of 32 men and 22 of them are Brunswick county people.

Heading the roster is venerable Emerson Fulford of Supply. Emerson, both Sam and Rifton figure, is a veteran of "at least 46 years of life on a dredge" and he is still going strong as a leverman. No absenteeism for Emerson, he's steady as Gibraltar, they say of him.

In numbers, the Hewetts lead the pact with six regulars. Here is the list as they appear on the time roll:

Cleveland Gore, Minor Hewett, Winfred Hewett, Marvin Fulford, O'Neal Varnam, Rufus Gore, Perry Hewett, Elbert Gore, Richard Piver and Henderson Caison. Lindsey Lewis, Otis Fulford, Shelton Gore, William Floyd, Franklin Hewett, Henry McCall, Franklin McCall, Lloyd McKeithan, Jackie Varnam and Emery Sewett.

The Pullen expects to finish the Sunny Point job a day or so before Thanksgiving. Where she will go from here is not known now.

## 4-H Achievement Winners Named Thursday Night

Exhibits Demonstrate Varied And Valuable Experiences Of Youngsters Who Have Carried Out Projects

WINNERS TO ENTER DISTRICT CONTEST

This Will Be In Progress In Wilmington During The Coming Week-End With Brunswick To Be Represented

Brunswick county boys and girls from all sections participated in the 4-H Achievement Day program Thursday evening at Shallotte, with winners eligible to participate in the Southeastern North Carolina 4-H Honors Day this week-end in Wilmington.

Leading winners in the county competition were Meta McNeil and Martha Rabon, both of Bolivia.

Ribbon winners were: Electrical appliance made—Sherwood McNeil, Shallotte, code tapper mechanism, blue; Martha Rabon, Bolivia, red, model house lighted; Kenneth Bellamy, Shallotte, white.

Electrical appliance repaired—Sherwood McNeil, Shallotte, blue, heater repaired.

Garden Crops

Turnips — Elton King, Waccamaw, blue.

Yams—Elton King, Waccamaw, blue.

Corn — William Hickman, Bolivia, blue; Elton King, Waccamaw, red; Donald Long, Waccamaw, white.

Forage — soybean hay, James Bland, Waccamaw, red.

Beekeeping — honey — Martha Rabon, Bolivia, blue.

Poultry — eggs, Jo Ann Sellers, Shallotte, blue, Sadie Cook, Leland, red; Martha Rabon, Bolivia, white.

Home Grounds

Flower arrangement — Martha Rabon, Bolivia, blue.

Fruit bowl — Martha Rabon, blue.

Wildlife

Nesting box—James Bland and Donald Long, Waccamaw, blue.

Bird house — Wayne Morgan, Shallotte, blue.

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## Thieves Enter Union School

Sheriff E. V. Leonard And Deputies Working On Leads They Hope Will Turn Up Stolen Equipment

Sheriff E. V. Leonard and members of his department have been at work during the past few days trying to recover the 8 typewriters and other equipment stolen from Union High School during the week-end of October 30-November 2.

Missing at the result of this robbery were 8 of the 13 typewriters owned by the commercial department of that school; an electric handsaw, an electric sander and a drill.

The State Bureau of Investigation has been called in on the case and police officials in several nearby cities have been alerted in the hope that some of this missing equipment can be recovered and the thief arrested.

## 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, November 12,	
5:37 A. M.	11:46 A. M.
5:59 P. M.	11:59 P. M.
Friday, November 13,	
6:21 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:40 P. M.	12:31 P. M.
Saturday, November 14,	
7:00 A. M.	0:40 A. M.
7:20 P. M.	1:12 P. M.
Sunday, November 15,	
7:39 A. M.	1:19 A. M.
7:58 P. M.	1:53 P. M.
Monday, November 16,	
8:15 A. M.	1:58 A. M.
8:33 P. M.	2:32 P. M.
Tuesday, November 17,	
8:50 A. M.	2:35 A. M.
9:09 P. M.	3:10 P. M.
Wednesday, November 18,	
9:25 A. M.	3:12 P. M.
9:43 P. M.	3:47 P. M.

## TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARKER

It was November 8, 1939, and Mrs. J. E. Dodson had won top honors in the recent county-wide canning contest. Capt. Hulan Watts had purchased the Sea Girl in a move to expand his sportfishing enterprises. He was planning to equip the craft with new engines. John Boyd Finch had received honorable mention as one of ten finalists in a recent nation-wide song writing contest; tickets to the Thanksgiving game between The Citadel and Wofford in Wilmington were on sale locally; and in the open forum a letter urged citizens to become familiar with their local library. It was signed Susie Sellers, librarian.

George Watson, second officer aboard the S. S. Eastern Guide, was on his way to Honolulu, thence to Japan, Russia and the Philippines on a six-month cruise. The nation was to celebrate Thanksgiving on November 23, North Carolina on the 30th; our fishing editor had written on the proper method of rockfishing; and our editorial writer, basing on the "idle mind" theory, was writing with approbation on the new playground facilities in Southport.

It was November 4, 1944, and FDR was in for another term. His picture dominated the front page that week. Mrs. Maxine Fulcher, disturbed by noises from her chicken coop one recent night, had armed herself with a stout stick and had cudgeled a marauding possum to death. The Southport Halloween Carnival had been reported a success; Roy McKeithan was a crew-member aboard an LST due soon to be taken to a combat zone; and Johnnie Simmons was due home on leave after serving with the Coast Guard in the South Pacific.

County offices would be closed on the following Saturday in (Continued On Page Four)

## Children Visit Local Library

This Is Part Of Effort To Acquaint Young People With Services Available Through Library

Students of the Southport elementary and high school have been taking "field trips" to the new Southport Public Library to learn something of its history, plans for the bookmobile and to become acquainted with facilities available to them.

Last class to make such a visit was Miss Gertrude Loughlin's sixth graders. Upon their return to the classroom each student wrote a letter to Mrs. Philip King, acting librarian, thanking her and commenting on the things which most interested (Continued On Page 4)