

## Recording Session



**RECORDING**—Here assembled are members of the Southport Gardening Society of Southport, England, as members met to complete a tape recording to be sent to the Live Oak Garden Club in Southport, North Carolina. This recording was received and has been heard by the membership of the local organization, who plan to make a similar

recording at one of their own meetings and send it to their friends abroad. Shown seated in the center and to the right of the table, is Mrs. Mae Bamber, president of the society, and on the right of her is Mr. Whittle, chairman, who moderated the program.

## Legion Post Is Ahead In Drive For Membership

**Commander Crawford L. Rourk Receives Commendation From State Adjutant Nash McKee For This Accomplishment**

Southport Post No. 194 of The American Legion has exceeded its membership incentive goal for 1961 according to information received here from State Headquarters of the American Legion in Raleigh.

The incentive goal of Post No. 194 is 35—and the membership for 1961 to date is 37. Incentive Goals are assigned each American Legion Post by the State Headquarters and are based on last year's membership of the Post plus 2 per cent.

Crawford L. Rourk, Commander of the Post, has received a letter from the Legion State Adjutant, Nash McKee, expressing congratulations and thanks to the membership chairman, all post officers, and membership workers for their effort.

S. Marvin Burton, of Charlotte, N. C. Department Commander of the American Legion, issued a statement of high praise for the local Post.

Commander Burton said, "I am Continued on Page 4"

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### CHESS CLUB

The Southport Chess Club will meet Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the parish room of St. Episcopal Church.

### BRUSH FIRE

The fire alarm Christmas night was a call to a brush fire of no serious consequence at the outskirts of the city.

### SILVER TEA

Mrs. Alice Arrington, President of the Womens Society of Christian Service of Trinity Methodist Church, is entertaining member and friends of the church on Sunday, January 1, at a silver tea at her home from 4 to 6 p. m. Clarkston extends a cordial invitation to the church are cordially invited to join in this welcome to the New Year.

### BISHOP WRIGHT COMING

The Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, D.D., Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will make his annual visit to St. Phillips Episcopal Church, Southport, on Sunday, January 1, for the 11 o'clock service. At this time he will confirm and deliver the morning sermon. Bishop Wright has recently returned from a trip to the Far East, including Formosa, Okinawa and Japan. The Rev. Thomas C. Clarkston extends a cordial invitation to all who will attend this service.

## Overseas Exchange Of Tape Recording

**First Phase Of Interesting Operation Is Completed With Playing Of Recording At Garden Club Program**

The first phase of an international exchange of recorded greetings between members of the District Gardening Society of Southport, England, and the Live Oak Garden Club of Southport, North Carolina, was completed last week.

Several weeks ago at a meeting of the Gardening Society a tape recording was made with greetings from various members, together with a discussion of accomplishments and problems, and this was sent to the North Carolina organization, to be played at a meeting of their club. This became an enjoyable feature of the Christmas program, and members enjoyed hearing the familiar voice of Mrs. Mae Bamber, who has been a visitor here on several previous occasions.

Following is a "cutting" from "the Southport Visitor" Southport, England, newspaper regarding the recording of this tape:

"During her visit to America, Councilor Mrs. Bamber contacted the Live Oak Gardening Club of Southport, North Carolina and put them into touch with the Southport and District Gardening Society of this town. A lot of letters have passed to and fro, and finally the idea was conceived of making a tape recording by members with greeting to the American club, and setting out the interested and aims of the society as a whole, and of individual members.

"This has now been done, and on Wednesday evening Mrs. Bamber, in her capacity as president, Continued on Page 4"

## Faces Charge Of Property Damage

**Southport Youth Charged With Using Automobile On Destructive Spree On Christmas Morning**

Robert Wayne Potter, 19-year-old Southport youth, was arrested Tuesday afternoon and placed under \$300 bond to face four charges of malicious damage to property.

It is charged that early on Christmas morning young Potter drove his car over the garbage can and holding rack at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Parker; he tore down a sign and the newspaper box at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Walter Lewis; that he tore down the newspaper box at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hood; and that he drove his car part of the way into Franklin Park and tore up two camellia bushes.

Chief of Police Herman Strong, Continued on Page 4

## List Lighting Contest Winners

Mrs. John Julius Swain won first prize in the doorway decoration division of the Christmas lighting contest sponsored this year by the Southport Garden Club. Second place was won by Mrs. L. J. Hardee.

In the overall decorations first prize went to Mrs. James C. R. Livingston.

Mrs. W. A. Russ won first prize for her living Christmas tree.

The judges thought that honorable mention was due the Santa in the window at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Rankin and the spotlighted pyracontha bush at the home of Mrs. Eva Ruark.

## Interest Shown In New Tobacco

**Several Brunswick County Farmers Attend Meeting To Discuss Production Of Aromatic Tobacco**

Several farmers have indicated they will plant between 20 and 30 acres of aromatic tobacco during the 1961 season, reports A. S. Knowles, County Agricultural Agent. This was his conclusion after talking to a group of farmers at Waccamaw School last week about the production of this crop. Roy Crouse, Extension Aromatic Tobacco Specialist, gave the group information and illustrated his talk with color slides various production practices.

It was pointed out that the production and curing is so different from the flue-cured type that most people would have to unlearn the handling of flue-curing tobacco to be successful with aromatic tobacco. It is thought that this type may have its limitations because of the soil requirements. It seems to do best on soils of low organic matter and where the clay is near the top of the ground. Its nitrogen requirements are low. The rows are set 20 inches apart and about five inches in the drill. It requires from 65,000 to 70,000 plants per acre. It takes about 300 yards of plant bed to insure sufficient plants for one acre.

Seed are furnished to producers by the Purchasing Association without cost. Prices are paid according to grade. Production cost are low. This crop may supplement the income on a number of farms in Brunswick County if it can be successfully grown.

## Former Local Citizen Dies In Boat Blast

**Charles Gilbert Dies In Explosion Aboard His Boat At Cedar Key, Fla., Last Week; Boat Built Here**

News was received here last week of the death at Cedar Key, Fla., of Charles Gilbert, 81-year-old former resident of Southport, who died as a result of an explosion aboard his houseboat, Valentino. The accident occurred on the morning of December 19.

The craft was constructed by the owner at a site near the Southport yacht basin, and was later used for the trip to Florida.

Gilbert's body was recovered after the houseboat sunk. An early morning riser told Deputy Pete Smith that he saw Gilbert moving about inside the boat minutes before the 9 a. m. blast which was heard over most of the downtown section of this island city.

Members of the Cedar Key Volunteer Fire Dept. were on the scene quickly with fire-fighting equipment. The fire on the dock was doused and the burning boat cut away where it continued on fire for more than an hour before sinking.

Gilbert had moved his houseboat, the "Valentino," from a berth in back of the old fibre factory to the docks at the "V" near R. B. Davis' place only several weeks ago. He had arrived there with the boat, which he built in Southport, several years ago and had, from time to time Continued on Page 4

## Red Cross Gives Damage Report From Hurricane

**Total Of \$361,131 Spent In Southeastern North Carolina Following Hurricane Donna**

Southeastern Area Red Cross headquarters here announced Wednesday the completion of its disaster rehabilitation program in the Carolinas for Hurricane Donna victims. Help was given 1,755 families for needs beyond the emergency period, according to Emil F. Lewis, Regional Manager.

Financial assistance supplemented family resources for homes; restoration and refurnishing; medical, occupational and other needs resulting from the storm, he reported.

Lewis said the entire Donna relief operation in 27 eastern North Carolina counties and two in South Carolina amounted to \$361,131 for rehabilitation operations and for emergency mass care given to 7,697 refugees at the height of the storm last September.

Leading relief expenditures were in the following counties of North Carolina: Dare, \$110,867; Pamlico, \$54,664; Brunswick, \$42,785; Carteret, \$38,246; Hyde, \$26,402; Onslow, \$24,401; Craven, \$15,000; Sampson, \$10,628; New Hanover, \$10,503; Beaufort, \$8,087.

Most rehabilitation expenditures, Lewis said, were for homes repairs for 1,293 families, new building construction for eight families, homes refurnishing, and for restoration of small, family breadwinner types of business, particularly assistance to commercial fishermen for boat repairs and equipment.

"In each instance," Lewis pointed out, families designated building contractors and merchants of their choice to receive this money from the Red Cross after recovery needs had been determined. Funds were a gift, with no obligation of repayment."

The Red Cross, Lewis reported, also spent \$1,343,769 for Hurricane Donna relief in 39 counties in Florida, in operations completed in the past week.

## Rommie O. Lewis Rites On Friday

**Prominent Citizen And Former County Official Died At Home Last Wednesday Night**

Rommie O. Lewis, 61, prominent merchant, businessman and citizen of Thomasboro in Brunswick county, died at his home, Wednesday at 10 p. m., after a short illness.

Mr. Lewis was a former member of the Brunswick County Commissioners for a number of years, and was chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections and a member of the Brunswick Welfare Board at the time of his death. He was a deacon of Bethel Primitive Baptist Church near Hickman's Cross Roads for more than 20 years. Continued on Page 4

## Triplets Enjoy Christmas



**TRIO**—These are the Miller triplets, the young ladies who achieved nation-wide fame when they were born 18 months ago at Doshier Memorial Hospital. They are the daughters of Mrs. Nathan Miller and the late Mr. Miller, who died three weeks ago. From left to right they are Linda Sue, Glenda Lee and Brenda Gale. From reports from other members of the family, the little ladies thoroughly enjoyed Christmas and all that it brought.—(Photo by Neil Thomas.)

## Arrest Third Man In Robbery Case

**Asked To Take Up Ferry Matter**

The State Highway Commission is holding a special session this afternoon in Raleigh to reconsider their refusal to acquire the ferry which operated last summer from Atlantic to Ocracoke.

A lease-purchase agreement with the Taylor brothers who built and placed the ferry in operation last year, will be considered.

A request also has been made to have the Highway Commission to reconsider the negative vote they recently gave the matter of ferry service across the Cape Fear River from Southport to Fort Fisher.

## Leland Man Is Named Chairman

**T. C. Barefoot, Proprietor Of Barefoot Mattress Co., Chairman National Federation Of Independent Businesses For County**

Announcement of the appointment of T. C. Barefoot of the Barefoot Mattress Co., at Leland, as chairman of the Brunswick County of the National Federation of Independent Business, was made today by C. H. Thompson, District Manager of the Federation this week.

Each business and professional man member of this organization maintains a voting membership, and is polled by ballots regularly throughout the year on bills and issues that affect independent enterprise at the national state levels.

In an effort to do everything possible to maintain the American way of life, and keep our free competitive system of business, the businessmen express their own personal opinion on the ballots each month and turn them over to Barefoot, who makes tabulations of the total number and the manner in which they voted.

These tabulations are sent, with the underlying signed ballots, directly to the desk of Congressman Alton A. Lennon, at Washington, D. C., and to State Senator S. Bunn Frink. They are the only means whereby independent business and professional people can keep in continuing, organized personal, direct contact with their national and state legislators on measures that affect, locally and nationally, free enterprise opportunities.

The National Federation of Independent Business is a non-profit organization that has the largest business organization in the United States and independent business and professional men of every vocation participate with voting memberships, regardless of the other civic or trade affiliations. Barefoot owns and operates a Continued on Page 4

## Southport Boy Sentenced To Detention Home

**Leon H. Hilburn Receives Sentence Of Indefinite Duration As Result Of Bank Robbery, Forgeries**

Leon H. Hilburn, Southport boy, pleaded guilty to charges of robbery and forgery at a hearing in Federal Court in Raleigh Friday and was sent to the Federal Detention Home for Youthful Offenders in Washington, D. C.

His sentence is for an indefinite duration and will depend to a large degree on the manner that the defendant responds to the program of rehabilitation which is an important part of the program at this institution.

Not only did Hilburn confess that he was the person who entered the local Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. office here on the night of December 4, but he told Chief of Police Herman Strong and Frank Saterfield of the State Bureau of Investigation of his participation in a series of thefts of checks from post office boxes in Southport and of cashing several of them to obtain more than \$1,000 in cash and merchandise.

His statement leads officers to believe that at least two other persons are involved in the check thefts and forgery, but the young high school student maintained that he was alone in the bank theft.

He said that he entered that building through a rear window between 9 o'clock and 10 o'clock on Sunday night, December 4. He said that he carried the stolen machines down the alley to the point where they were discovered on Tuesday morning by Policeman Charlie Johnson. All articles taken were recovered. Continued on Page 2

The series of check thefts started in September, according to the statement from Hilburn. He told of buying two hunting licenses to be used as identification in Continued on Page 4

## Cooperation Of Various Law Enforcement Agencies Brings Solution Of Leland Robbery Case Near Close

One of the most successful law enforcement operations of recent years was in its final chapter here this week as a third man wanted in the robbery of cash and bonds totaling more than \$32,000 from a filling station near Leland last Tuesday night was arrested and lodged in the Brunswick county jail under bond of \$25.00.

He is Troy Brown, 45-year-old Leland man, who faces charges of aiding and abetting and conspiracy to armed robbery. He was arrested Monday night at his home.

Sheriff E. V. Leonard reported this latest arrest here Tuesday morning and said that solution of the case had been made possible through the cooperation of the Sheriff Department in three counties, Brunswick, New Hanover and Duplin, the active participation of Frank Saterfield of the State Bureau of Investigation and of other law enforcement agencies.

"Never before in my history as a law enforcement officer have I seen things work out better because of cooperation," Sheriff Leonard said.

John Calvin Whaley of Beulahville was the first man to be arrested and this came following a tip from Sheriff Ralph Miller of Duplin county on Friday night. Virgil Mayo Sanderson, formerly of Beulahville, more recently of Wilmington, was arrested on Saturday. Continued on Page 2

## Some Veterans Have Eligibility

**Men With Service Record And Who Become Totally Disabled May Be Eligible For Pension**

Crawford L. Rourk, Brunswick County Veterans Service Officer, stated this week that a veteran with active service during a war period who becomes permanently and totally disabled for reasons not traceable to his service in the Armed Forces may be entitled to pension.

He must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable after a minimum of 90 days of service, unless discharged sooner for disability incurred in line of duty.

The pension is payable only if the veteran's income does not exceed \$1,800 a year without dependents, or 3,000 if he is married or has a minor child.

The monthly rate varies from \$40.00 to \$100.00, dependent upon amount of income and dependency status.

Veterans who are entitled to pension and who are so helpless as to need the regular aid and attendance of another person may be eligible for an additional \$70.00 always apply when the veteran is Continued on Page 4

## 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 29, |             |
| 5:18 A. M.             | 11:32 A. M. |
| 5:37 P. M.             | 11:38 P. M. |
| Friday, December 30,   |             |
| 6:05 A. M.             |             |
| 6:23 P. M.             | 12:19 P. M. |
| Saturday, December 31, |             |
| 6:47 A. M.             | 0:23 A. M.  |
| 7:06 P. M.             | 1:02 P. M.  |

## TIME and TIDE

Register of Deeds, R. I. Mintz was president of the Brunswick County Young Democrats Club back in 1935, and preparations were being made for a Jackson Day Dinner early in the New Year. This news was in The Pilot for January 1, 1936. The men-haden boats were still at work, and a casualty during the preceding week was the loss of a purse seine when one of the boats of the Captain capsized.

Inmates at the Brunswick County Home were enjoying a new radio that had been installed during the Christmas season for their pleasure; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willing had purchased the J. D. Sutton home and had moved in; and December had earned a reputation for being a bad winter month. Judge R. Hunt Parker was to preside over the January term of Superior Court.

Five years later, and once more The Pilot came out on New Year's Day—1941. In contrast to the December of 5 years ago, the month just past had set something of a record for warm weather, with the mercury going above 80-degrees on 18 days during the 31-day period. Orton Plantation had made Life Magazine with a spread on an Old Fashioned Christmas Party.

Judge R. Hunt Parker was coming here to preside over the forthcoming January term of Superior Court; a picture of the late Aunt Mary Ann Galloway had appeared on the front page of The State Magazine; and the Register of Deeds office had reported a rush for marriage licenses.

The time was December 28, 1945, the end of the year that saw the end of World War II. Returning servicemen were looking with envy at some of the small craft owned by the Navy and Coast Continued on Page 4