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## Plans For Refunding County Indebtedness Approved By Board

M. Johnson, Director of Local Government Commission, Attended Meeting Held Wednesday Morning To Consider Refunding Plan

### SAVING FOR THE TAX PAYERS

Meeting Offers Average Of \$60,000 Per Year For The First 15 Years; May Mean Reduction Of The Tax Rate

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners met here last Wednesday morning to consider the plan for refunding the county's indebtedness.

Charles M. Johnson, director of the local government commission, came to an agreement with the board on the adjustment of the indebtedness of Brunswick County.

Agreement came as the result of over two years hard work on the part of the commission and local government officials and county officials.

It was stated that the amount that tax payers will save from this adjustment will be around \$60,000.00 for the first five years and from \$40,000.00 per year for the next ten years of the thirty-year period covered by the plan. The savings will be made through a reduction of the rates and by allowing

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## Standing News From Everywhere

Events Of State, Nation And World-Wide Interest During Past Week

BY DOROTHY BELL

**COLONEL OLDS PASSES**  
Colonel Fred A. Olds, one of the state's best loved men, died Tuesday afternoon in a high hospital. The infirmary of advanced years had his death in his 81st year. Colonel Olds was the son of the State Hall of War and he had personal acquaintance with 300,000 visitors sight-seeing tours of the state.

**GOOD PROSPECTS**  
Representative Harold S. Coolidge of North Carolina told members of the United States Tobacco Association Tuesday that prospects seem favorable for a "reasonable income" for the tobacco farmer as for those who handle the product of his soil.

**LEGAL LIQUOR**  
The first liquor store to be located in North Carolina since January 1, 1909, was opened Tuesday morning in Wilson. There was a big opening rush and the new store created little more excitement than opening day of a new grocery store.

**DOWN ON SALES TAX**  
Ralph McDonald, of Winston-Salem, will probably run for governor of North Carolina in the approaching campaign, with Lumpkin as his running mate for the position of Lieutenant Governor.

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## BULLETIN

The first batch of the 1935 rental payment checks received this week at the office of County Agent E. Dodson and will be turned over to the farmers on Thursday, July 6. There were 25 checks in the first group and notices will be mailed this week to farmers whose checks have been turned. There are 56 cotton farmers in Brunswick county.

## JUNE WAS ALSO A VERY DRY MONTH

June was the third successive month during which unseasonably dry weather was prevalent in Brunswick county. The total rainfall at Southport was .97 inches.

During the month, there were 20 clear days, 2 cloudy days and 8 partly cloudy. The prevailing wind was southwest, the wind being from that quarter for 15 days.

The highest temperature for the month was 94 degrees, recorded on June 16. Low temperature for the month was 74 degrees and this was on June 10.

## Sale Of The John Knox Given Final Approval

Famous Old Ferry Boat Was Named For Former Chairman Of The Board Of Commissioners For Brunswick County; Operated Many Years

Members of the board of county commissioners in their meeting here Monday approved the sale of the John Knox, famous old ferry boat that operated for about 15 years between the Brunswick county line and the foot of Market street, Wilmington.

The John Knox was sold to R. R. Stone for the low price of \$1,099, only a fraction of the original cost. Repeated efforts were made to obtain a higher bid, but without success. The high insurance on the boat made it advisable to sell.

The boat the first self powered ferry to be operated across the Cape Fear river at Wilmington, was purchased in 1920 and continued in use until the toll was lifted from the bridge between Wilmington and the Brunswick county line.

The John Knox was owned by the Brunswick-New Hanover commission, a bi-county commission created by a special act of the North Carolina General Assembly for the operation of the ferry. One-third of the boat was owned by Brunswick county and two-thirds was the property of New Hanover county. It was named for the man who was chairman of the Brunswick county board of commissioners at the time it was purchased.

For years the John Knox was a money-making proposition for the county, returning large dividends each month. Since the toll was lifted from the bridge it has remained inactive.

## Mrs. Stella Wade Died Wednesday

Died Suddenly At Her Home Here; Was Invalid But Her Condition Had Shown Considerable Improvement Recently

Mrs. Stella Wade, wife of W. B. Wade, died last Wednesday night at her home in Southport. She was 62 years of age.

Although she had been an invalid for several months, the death of Mrs. Wade came as a shock to relatives and friends who had witnessed the recent improvement in her condition.

The deceased was born in Smyrna. After her marriage, she and her husband moved to Morehead City. They came to Southport from that place 26 years ago.

Mrs. Wade was a member of the Trinity Methodist church and her funeral services were conducted here Monday.

## Miss Woodside Is Formally Sworn In

Miss Annie Mae Woodside was formally sworn in as county superintendent of schools at a meeting of the county board of education here Monday.

Members of the board also considered the matter of making repairs on several of the schools in the county before the fall term begins.

## Farmers Vote To Continue Program

Tobacco Referendum Recently Conducted Results In Overwhelming Vote Of Approval By Brunswick Farmers

The final vote in the referendum recently conducted in connection with the flue-cured tobacco adjustment program in Brunswick county was 715 votes in favor of the continuation of the program and 4 votes against it.

The referendum was in progress during the past two weeks and came to a close Saturday, June 29. Results were announced by County Agent J. E. Dodson.

There were approximately 181 eligible voters in Brunswick county who did not vote. The results in Brunswick were in line with those in other sections, there being an almost unanimous decision on the part of growers for a continuation of the program.

## Lengthy Session Recorder's Court

Numerous Cases Disposed Of Before Judge Peter Rourke Here Wednesday; Several Cases Were Continued

A lengthy session of Recorder's Court was held here last week as numerous cases were disposed of before Judge Peter Rourke.

David Evans, colored, was found guilty of disturbing a public entertainment and was assigned to the roads for 90 days. This sentence was suspended upon condition that the defendant pay the costs in his case and a fine of \$20.00. Evans was found not guilty of resisting an officer and he gave notice of appeal from a peace warrant. Bond for his appearance in Superior Court was set at \$200.00.

Dan Townsend, colored, was found guilty of possessing and transporting liquor. Judgment in the case was suspended upon condition that he pay the costs and a fine of \$25.00.

Samuel McKoy, colored, was found guilty of possession of intoxicating liquor. He was taxed with the costs and a fine of \$25.

Warren Swain, white, pleaded guilty of being drunk and disorderly and resisting an officer. He was given 12 months on the roads, this sentence being suspended upon condition that he pay the costs of the case, remain of good behavior, refrain from the use of intoxicating liquor, stay out of bad company and not break any law of North Carolina.

Dave Grevington, colored, was found guilty of assault but sentence was suspended upon condition that he pay the costs and a fine of \$5.00.

A nol pros was taken in the case against H. H. Coleman, white, for trespass.

Watson Morgan and James Long, white, were charged with operating an automobile while they were under the influence of liquor and with cursing upon the public highway. A nol pros action was taken in this case.

## Civic Club To Meet At Beach

The regular meeting of the Port City Civic Club has been moved up to Thursday night, July 4, and club members will meet at Caswell Beach.

Important business will be discussed and members are urged to attend.

### VISITING HERE

Miss Elizabeth Pridgen, of Delco, came Monday to spend some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ruark.

## Officials Here To Choose Site For New Plant

John Sykes, State Engineer And Lawyer Expected Here Today To Pick Suitable Location For Fish Canning Plant

### EXPECT WORK TO BEGIN AT ONCE

Plant Will Be Constructed On Site Donated By The Southport Development Company On The Marsh Near Dosh-er's Bridge

John Sykes, the state engineer and a lawyer from Raleigh are expected in Southport today to decide where the fish cooling and canning plant of the North Carolina Fishermen's Co-operative is to be located.

All preliminary details are expected to be settled while these men are down here and work probably will begin the first of next week on the construction of the plant.

The building will be erected on property donated by officials of the Southport Development company. (Continued on Page Eight.)

## Five Re-Elected To Local Faculty

Mrs. E. H. Cranmer Named To Fill Place Of J. W. Ruark On Local School Board And Meeting Was Held Here Monday Night

Five teachers who taught last year in the Southport high school were re-elected Monday night at a meeting of the local school board.

Those who were re-elected were: Mrs. Arita H. Sasser, Miss Lela Parker, Mrs. Ruth R. Hood, Mrs. Thelma S. Willis and Harvey Ratcliffe.

Miss Marion Watson of Southport and Miss Catherine Bell of Beaufort, Ga., were also elected. Miss Watson will teach in the grammar grades and Miss Bell in high school. The latter is the daughter of a former Southport resident.

A principal for next year was not named by the board Monday night. There are two other vacancies.

Members of the county board of education met last Wednesday night and named Mrs. E. H. Cranmer to fill the place of J. W. Ruark on the local school board. She is chairman of that body.

## Other Members Of Waccamaw Faculty

Vacancies in the faculty of the Waccamaw school were filled at a recent meeting of the school board.

John E. Farrior, Jr., of Rose Hill was elected to teach French and English in high school; Miss Mary Catherine Gilmore of Wadesboro, Miss Gladys Spencer of Hubert and Miss Minnie M. Jackson of Campobella, S. C. will teach in the grammar school; Miss Margaret Griffin of Marshville will teach in the primary department.

## Diver Investigates Condition Of Barge On Battery Island

Several members of the Marine Salvage Company, whose main office is in Memphis, Tenn., were in Southport Monday and spent several hours examining the wrecked barge, which lies on the shore of Battery Island across the river from Southport.

The party was equipped with a deep-sea diver's outfit and one of the men went below to investigate the condition of the cargo of the sunken barge, said to have been loaded with creosote piling. The diver declared that the barge, which has been below the surface seven or eight years, is badly worm-eaten and that it is covered with barnacles. This makes it dangerous for a diver to work aboard, he said.

## Hospital Board Members Named

Four Members Named By The Board Of Aldermen And Five By The Brunswick County Board Of Commissioners

The nine members of the board of trustees for the Brunswick county hospital were named during the past week.

A special act of the past session of the North Carolina Legislature provided that four members be named by the board of aldermen for the City of Southport and that five members should be appointed by members of the Brunswick county board of commissioners.

Members of the board of trustees named by the city officials were: Mrs. I. B. Bussels, C. L. Stevens, C. Ed Taylor and J. D. Sutton, all of Southport.

Members appointed by the commissioners were, G. T. Rourke, Shallotte; R. L. Thompson, Southport, John B. Ward, Ash, A. P. Henry, Winnabow and E. C. Woodbury, Leland.

## Fire In Green Swamp Is Now Under Control

County Fire Warden Dawson Jones And Fellow Fire-Fighters Successful In Their Efforts To Confine Blaze To The Swamp

Heavy rains which fell over the greater part of Brunswick county Monday afternoon finally brought to an end the forest fire that has been burning for the past two weeks in the Green Swamp.

## Modoc Removes Dangerous Tree

Large Water-Logged Tree Removed Last Week From Shipping Lane Off The Atlantic Coast; Hazard To Ships

A large water-logged tree, about 125 feet in length and about 3 1/2 feet in diameter, was removed from the shipping lanes of the South Atlantic coast last week by the Coast Guard cutter, Modoc. Portions of the log were taken aboard the vessel.

The log, due to its size, was a potential danger to both large and small craft. Should a large vessel have "picked" it up in its propeller, it would have undoubtedly resulted in damage.

The Modoc received word Friday afternoon that a derelict had been sighted about 300 miles southeast of the mouth of the Cape Fear River. It set out Saturday afternoon and arrived at the given position Sunday morning.

The search was continued until Tuesday and late that afternoon the army transport, Republic, radioed that it had sighted the log about 80 miles from the Modoc's position at that time. The cutter headed to the new position and found the tree floating, with about 6 feet of the trunk out of water, Wednesday morning. A line was attached and it was found to be about 125 feet long. The roots gave it the appearance of the superstructure of a schooner when seen at a distance. The first (Continued on Page Eight)

## Office Of Home Agent Re-Instated By Board County Commissioners

### VACCINATING FOR TYPHOID FEVER

A report of numerous cases of typhoid fever in North Carolina has caused Mrs. Lou H. Smith, county nurse, to strongly advise citizens of Brunswick county to be vaccinated immediately for the prevention of this disease.

According to Mrs. Smith, no cases of typhoid have been reported in Brunswick county since two years ago this summer but she is anxious that citizens take every possible precaution against a recurrence of this disease.

Mrs. Smith reports that no cases of infantile paralysis have been reported in the county.

Miss Marion Smith Appointed By Board To Succeed Mrs. Ada W. Foster As Home Demonstration Agent For The County

### BROWN APPOINTED AS TAX COLLECTOR

Replaces John B. Ward In That Capacity And Will Begin Duties Following Next Levy; Discontinue Rural Policemen

Members of the board of county commissioners voted Tuesday to re-instate the office of county home demonstration agent and named Miss Marion Smith to succeed Mrs. Ada W. Foster as home agent in Brunswick county.

At their meeting on the first Monday in June, members of the board voted to discontinue the work in this county after July 1. Following a series of conferences with Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, district home demonstration agent, a decision was reached to re-instate the work with a new agent in charge. Mrs. Foster will be transferred to another county in accordance with her own request, according to Mrs. Smith, who was here Tuesday.

Miss Smith comes to this county highly recommended. She has been doing George Reid teaching, work similar to that of home agent, in Cumberland county. Mrs. Foster will remain here to work with her until July 15. Miss Smith will begin her duties Thursday and will meet the clubs after Friday.

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## Bolivia Woman Fatally Injured

Mrs. Emma Rich Died On Thursday Afternoon Of Injuries Sustained When Tire On Her Automobile Blew Out, Causing Wreck

Citizens of the Bolivia community were shocked late Thursday afternoon when news was received of the death of Mrs. Emma Rich following an automobile accident which occurred near Bladenboro.

Two of her daughters and five grand-children, who were in the car with Mrs. Rich, were injured, some seriously. They were Mrs. Andrew J. Huffman, of High Point, driver, shoulder injury and severe shock; her son, Jackie, severe head injuries and lacerations; her daughters, Judie, with severe lacerations, and Louise, with bruised face; Mrs. T. F. Oliver, of Jacksonville, Fla., sister of Mrs. Huffman, concussion of the brain; Mrs. Oliver's daughters, Gwendolyn, with broken arm and other injuries, and Doris Ann, bruises.

The party was on the way to Bolivia where they were to visit Mrs. Rich. When they were about (Continued on Page 8.)

## Annual Banquet Held By Juniors

Lodge Members And Daughters Of America Enjoyed Delightful Occasion In Junior Hall Monday Evening

Members of the local chapter of the Junior Order held their annual banquet Monday evening. Their guests at this delightful occasion were members of the Daughters of America.

A delicious chicken salad supper was served with ice cream and cake as dessert.

No formal program was prepared for the occasion but Dr. D. I. Watson, who has just returned from a two weeks visit to Seven Springs, entertained with a few impromptu remarks.

Officers of the Junior Order are: R. L. Thompson, counselor; R. T. Woodside, vice-counselor; B. J. Holden, recording secretary; W. E. Doshier, financial secretary; R. C. St. George, treasurer; E. R. Outlaw, chaplain; C. R. Livingston, conductor; H. C. (Continued on Page Eight)

## 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
Wednesday	
9:20 a. m.	3:22 a. m.
9:33 p. m.	3:24 p. m.
Thursday, July 4	
10:01 a. m.	4:02 a. m.
10:10 p. m.	4:06 p. m.
Friday, July 5	
10:41 a. m.	4:40 a. m.
10:50 p. m.	4:48 p. m.
Saturday, July 6	
11:23 a. m.	5:18 a. m.
11:23 p. m.	5:32 p. m.
Sunday, July 7	
12:05	5:56 a. m.
Monday, July 8	
0:11 a. m.	6:36 a. m.
12:51 p. m.	7:10 p. m.
Tuesday, July 9	
0:58 a. m.	7:20 a. m.
1:41 p. m.	8:00 p. m.