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Contract On Shalotte Road Last Thursday

Brother Construction Company Low Bidder On Contract For Six Miles Of Highway 130 Old Dock

WORTH CONTRACT LET ON HIGHWAY 130

Increase Total Amount Paved Highway To 33 Miles Between Whiteville And Shallotte

The N. C. highway commission opened bids on six miles of half of Highway 130 leading from Old Dock, for surfacing, grading, along with other bids which totaled \$800,000. The Brothers Construction Company were low bidders on the six miles of road, at a figure aggregating \$88,219. Work was expected to begin on the project in the immediate future.

This is the fourth separate letting in the past few years on the road, which leads from Whiteville to Shallotte, and considered a vital artery in this section. Two projects starting at Whiteville carried the pavement nearly to Old Dock in the past few years and another four projects started at Shallotte. The new construction project will give the 33 miles from Whiteville to Shallotte some 23 miles of paved surface. The Highway Commission has promised Brunswick and Columbus citizens that the road will be brought to completion as soon as the funds are available for that purpose.

The road will be given a sand-belt surface, identically like pavement which has already been laid.

Little Bits Of Big News

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

Tobacco Restored

The crown Winston-Salem for five years ago as ruler of the old belt tobacco kingdom was restored Tuesday at the close of the 1937-38 tobacco season when it was revealed officially that 52,629,822 pounds of leaf were sold there this year. Ascending the throne as ruler of the old belt, Winston-Salem paid out \$9,678,767.52 to growers from 52 counties and four states. The season's average was \$18.39 per hundred pounds.

Crash Die

A mid-air night crash which killed two giant sky bombing planes took its eleventh life today and raised the death toll to 18 within four weeks in maneuvers of the navy's newly weapon. In the midst of a battle exercises 70 miles at sea during a heavy rain squall Tuesday night, battleships and bombers officers saw two of the world's most powerful sky cruisers collide. One burst into flames, the other fell in splintered wreckage.

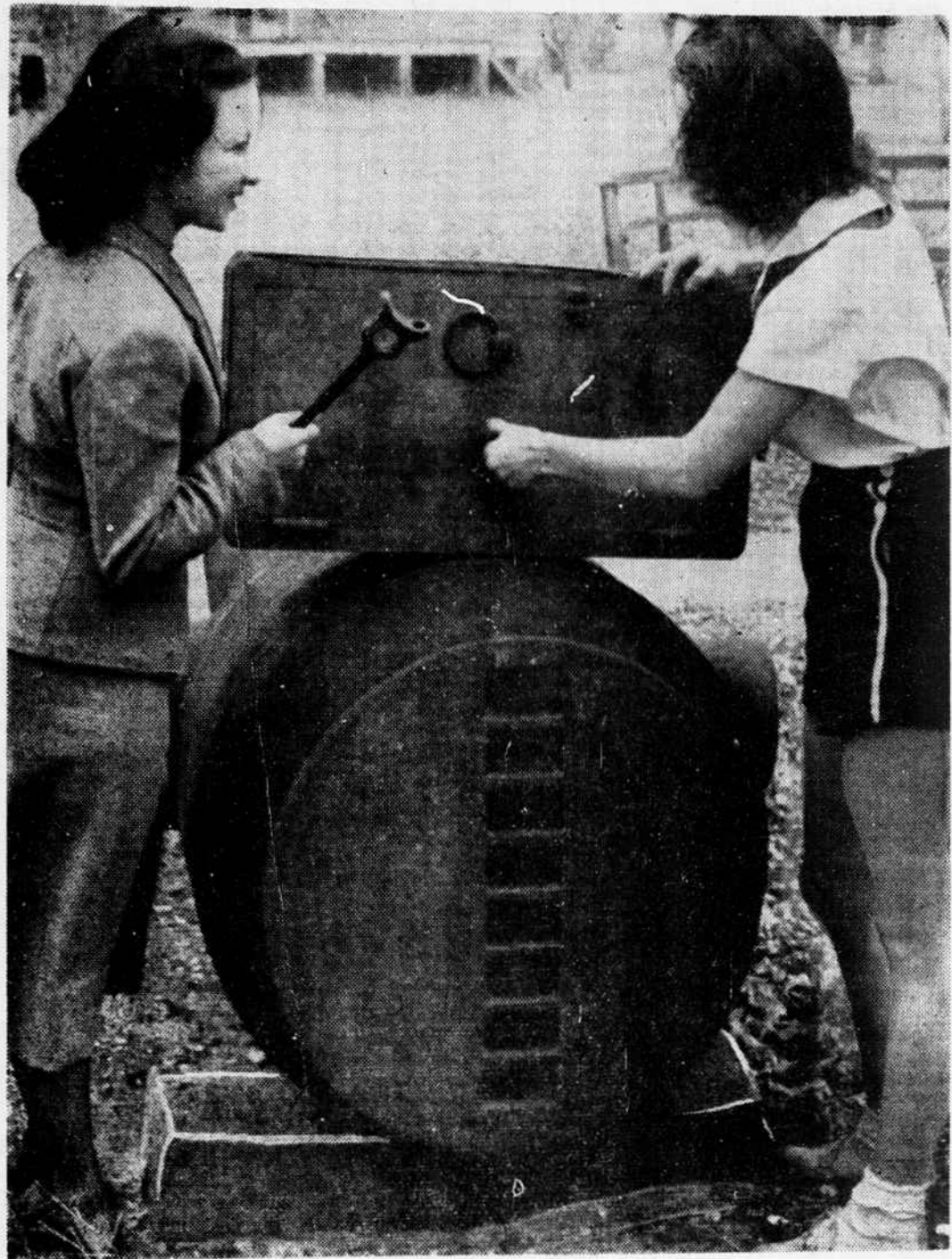
Breaking

Al Capone, scar-faced gangster, was under observation Tuesday in the hospital ward at Alcatraz prison. To his credit Alcatraz that the one-time leader of the country's most notorious mob was suffering a mental breakdown. Hospital officials gave only a "no comment", but they did not deny it. From the justice department it was learned Capone had been confined to the hospital since Saturday; that physicians considered his removal to a prison affording better medical facilities.

Boats Rector

Shelton from the dark killed Charles H. Lee, 71-year-old member of historic Christ church. Lee was preparing a sermon in the sanctuary Saturday night. The words of the paper found clutched in his hand read, "Whatsoever ye do unto the least of these, ye do unto me." It was based on the words of St. Paul, Coroner Baldwin, who investigated the death of the distinguished member, a second cousin of General Lee, said he was unable to determine any motive for the incident. (Continued on page 4.)

Curiosity



Mercedes Watts and Evelyn Loughlin, of Southport, are shown exhibiting a lively curiosity as to what may be in the Treasure Chest recently dug up at Fort Caswell. The chest is said to have never been opened since it was first buried.—(Cut courtesy of Philadelphia, (Pa.) Inquirer.)

Receive Encouragement About Ft. Caswell Road

Appears Likely That Some Action To Improve Travel Facilities Will Be Improved Soon

LOUIS T. MOORE CONTINUES INTEREST

Reliable Report Has It That Attention Will Be Given Bridge When Funds Are Available

Reactions to efforts for a better road and a steel bridge across the waterway canal to Fort Caswell are highly satisfactory, according to the Southport Civic Club and Louis T. Moore, manager of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce.

There are no funds right now for a steel bridge, say the highway officials, but as soon as such funds are available a steel bridge will be considered at the above point. The hope was also expressed that the funds would be available soon.

In the opinion of Mr. Moore, who wrote the local organization yesterday, the reactions are most friendly and he thinks the matter will work itself out in the manner in which both he and the local organization desire.

A recent gracious offer on the part of the Wilmington organization to be any possible assistance to Southport in securing better road facilities was very much appreciated locally. The Southport organization suggested to Mr. Moore. (Continued on page 4.)

Unusual Fishing Activity For This Season Of Year

Fifteen or twenty fishing boats arrived here last week, coming from such points as Manteo, Morehead City, Beaufort, Harkers Island, Hatteras, Gloucester, Williston and Davis. Still more are coming in daily.

In addition to their shrimp trawls, about all the boats brought nets for other fish. Many of the boats took seven, eight and nine hundred pounds of this side-line product and were paid three-and-a-half per pound.

One thing that can be said with a certainty is that Southport has never had anything like the present winter and spring fishing activity. Over 75 power boats are engaged in the fishing activity here when the weather will permit.

Leland Man Is Heavy Loser

Most unfortunate shopper of the week is R. A. Wilkerson, of Leland.

On Monday, Wilkerson laid his wallet containing \$216 on the window ledge of a rest room at a Wilmington filling station and walked away.

Discovering his loss on reaching home, Wilkerson hurried back to the filling station but the pocketbook and contents were gone.

Several persons, who filling station attendants said had visited the rest room since Wilkerson's departure were being investigated by police yesterday.

Former Editor Is Visitor Here

Vincent Stevens, editor of The Southport Leader before the turn of the century, was a visitor at The State Port Pilot office Tuesday and recalled numerous interesting facts regarding the early history of the newspaper business in Southport.

Mr. and Mrs. Stevens were on their way to Florida from their home in Akron, Ohio. They stopped at Southport for a two-day visit with Mr. Stevens' sister, Mrs. C. Ed. Taylor. They left this morning to continue their trip southward.

Eight pretty Southport girls posed in the various pictures which were made by Bill Sharpe, of the Department of Conservation and Development. Mr. Sharpe was managing editor of the Winston-Salem Sentinel when the State of North Carolina drafted (Continued on page 4.)

Waccamaw 4-H Club Girls Meet

The Junior 4-H club of Waccamaw school met in the school auditorium Monday with all members present.

The president, Erma Grey, presided. The secretary, Jo Brady, read the minutes of the last meeting and called the roll. The club learned a new song, "Sing your Way Home".

Mrs. Marion S. Dasher gave members new club books and assigned work for the next meeting. The club adjourned to meet again on March 7.

Recorder Given Salary Cut By County Board

Members Board Of County Commissioners Cut Monthly Pay Off That Office From \$100.00 To \$75.00

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION MONDAY

No Other Matters Of Major Importance Came Up Before Board Meeting

Members of the Brunswick county board of commissioners met Monday in their regular first of the month meeting.

One of the most important items of business that came up before board members was a downward adjustment made in the salary to be paid the Brunswick county recorder, J. E. Ruark, who recently resigned that position, received \$100.00 per month. When the salary of the recorder came up for consideration last week J. B. Ward his successor, appeared before the board and asked that the salary not be reduced.

Nevertheless, the commissioners voted to reduce the monthly pay for that office to \$75 per month. Earl Goodman, colored store keeper of Town Creek township, was called before the board and was required to show why his beer licenses shouldn't be revoked. He asked for a postponement of the hearing until he could gather witnesses to testify in his behalf.

Other business disposed of was of routine importance.

Six Cases Tried In County Court

Six Cases Covering Wide Variety Of Offenses Disposed Of Here Before Judge John B. Ward

Six cases covering a wide variety of offenses were disposed of here in Recorder's court Wednesday before Judge John B. Ward.

Earl Bellamy, white, was found guilty of violating the traffic laws. Judgment, was suspended upon payment of the costs.

A. G. Gore, Rufus Graham and D. G. Blanks, guilty, pleaded guilty to charges of gambling. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

O. W. Messick, white, pleaded guilty to charges of violating the rules of the road. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the costs.

Robert Lee Holden and LeRoy Bryant, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of assault. Bryant was given 60 days on the roads, this judgment being suspended upon payment of the costs. Judgment as to Holden was suspended until after the next term of Brunswick county Superior court.

Ernest Moore, colored, was found not guilty of possessing intoxicating liquor for the purpose of sale.

Plelem Daniels, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of making an assault with a deadly weapon. He gave notice of appeal from the judgment of 18 months on the roads.

LeRoy Thomas, colored, waived hearing on a murder charge, and bond for his appearance at the next term of Brunswick county Superior court was set at \$2,000.00.

Former Resident Buried Friday

Funeral Services For Mrs. Alletta Boyette Conducted At Episcopal Church By The Rev. A. H. Marshall

Mrs. Alletta Boyette, former resident of Southport and a member of a prominent family here, died Thursday at the home of her sister, Mrs. Earl I. Brown, in Richmond, Va.

Surviving is one son, Horace Glover, of New Bern and a stepdaughter, Miss Ruth Boyette. Three sisters, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. H. K. White and Mrs. Harry Phelps; and one brother, J. W. Thompson, also survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the St. Phillips Episcopal church, in Southport, Friday afternoon with the Rev. A. H. Marshall in charge. The body was laid to rest in the family plot in the Southport cemetery.

Active pallbearers were: John Caason, Captain Ike Davis, R. L. Thompson, Mike Thompson, Joel Moore and Price Furlless. Honorary pallbearers were: C. Ed. Taylor, Chas. E. Gause, J. J. Adams, Sam Brinkman, Alex. Lind, J. R. Newton, Captain J. B. Church. (Continued on page 4.)

Junius Powell Enters Race For Solicitor Of District

Junius Powell Enters Race For Solicitor Of District Whiteville Attorney Announces Intention To Seek Nomination For Office Now Held By Solicitor J. J. Burney

IS WELL KNOWN WHITEVILLE MAN

His Announcement Brings To Two The Candidates Who Are Seeking District Solicitorship That Will Be Vacated

Junius K. Powell, Whiteville attorney and formerly solicitor of the Columbus county recorder's court, has thrown his hat into the ring and announced he will be a candidate for the solicitorship of this district.

In making official announcement of his candidacy to the press, Mr. Powell said that "it is with full understanding of the duties incumbent upon a solicitor that I aspire to this high office."

He made the following statement to the press in announcing his candidacy:

"For some time I have enter-



JUNIUS K. POWELL

tained an ambition to be Solicitor of the Eighth Judicial District and I am happy to say that since my ambition became known I have received from each county in the district encouragement much beyond my expectation, for all of which I am grateful."

Roach And Russ Announce Candidacy This Week

Brunswick Has 717 Unemployed

Brunswick county has 717 persons totally unemployed and who want to work, 298 employed in Federal emergency projects and 642 who are partly employed and desire more work, according to the census on total and partial unemployment recently made public in Washington. In the entire State there are 205,110 men and women who are entirely or partially unemployed or are working on WPA, NYA, CCC or other emergency work. Figures for the Nation show 5,821,035 totally unemployed and desiring work, 2,001,877 emergency workers and 3,209,211 part-time workers who need additional employment, making a grand total of more than 11 million men and women in the army of unemployed and partly employed.

Mrs. Mary Rourk Death's Victim

Member Of Prominent Family Of Shallotte Died Sunday At James Walker Memorial Hospital In Wilmington

Mrs. Mary Rourk, prominent resident of the Shallotte community, died Sunday afternoon at the James Walker Memorial Hospital. She was 61 years of age.

The deceased was the wife of Peter Rourk, former sheriff and recorder of Brunswick county.

The services were conducted by the Rev. Herbert Strickland, of Wilmington, and the Rev. J. D. Withrow, of Leland. Interment was made in Cool Run cemetery.

Pallbearers will be: honorary: S. B. Frink, R. W. Davis, M. B. Watkins, Bert Holden, Floyd Kirby and Henry Stone; active, six nephews of the deceased: Rudolph, Leroy, Frederick, Harry, Jr., Colon and Elwood Mintz.

Mrs. Rourk is survived by her husband, five children, U. L. Rourk, of Leland, L. C. Rourk, of Shallotte; Mrs. Bryan Marlow, of (Continued on page 4.)

Navy Sub-Chaser Is Now Commanded By German

In world war days the U. S. Navy had thousands of little sub-chasers, some of them as swift as hornets. One of these boats, the No. 74, now the Anna of Panama, is at Southport. She is 110 feet in length and, except for slight changes in her pilot house and removal of her guns, she is in the same shape as during her naval days.

Equipped with gas burning engines that generate 500 horsepower, the Anna of Panama still has a cruising speed of 27 knots per hour, (31 miles to a land lubber). The boat is now owned by

Germany. Captain Wolfe was a captain in the Imperial German Navy during the World War and it may be that the boat which he now owns spent some time looking for him some 21 years ago.

Captain Wolfe's facial expression greatly resembles that of the former Kaiser, even to the flowing, curled-tip mustache. He speaks English fluently, infact he is an accomplished linguist with nine languages at his command. In addition, he has a habit of embellishing his almost every word with a gesture of some sort, or a facial expression.

Clark Explains Steps Taken In New Farm Bill

For Benefit Of Readers Of This Newspaper, Congressman J. Bayard Clark Gives Detailed Explanation Of Program

BILL MAY PASS CONGRESS SOON

Has Been Held Up Pending Few Minor Changes, But Now Appears That All Is Ready For Final Passage

BY J. BAYARD CLARK

It is of course important that the farmers should know at the earliest possible moment what legislative program, if any, they are going to have to deal with this year. It was primarily for this reason that Congress convened in extra session on the 15th of November 1937.

At the previous session the House Committee on Agriculture held hearings upon the subject, and during recess the Senate Committee held extensive hearings throughout the country. As soon as the extra session convened, the committees immediately began hearings. Before Christmas the house and senate each passed a bill, but being considerably different in terms, it was necessary to refer them to a committee of conferees from the two houses. It seems now that the conferees have about agreed, and it is thought that the bill will be finished this week.

Such length of time for the passage of this bill may seem unreasonable. But it should be remembered how vast and difficult this problem is. All men recognize that any legislative program for agriculture is filled with stubborn difficulties. When consideration is given to the fact that the present bill includes corn, wheat, rice, cotton and tobacco, involving hundreds and hundreds of millions of dollars, and directly affecting the welfare of a third of the population of the nation, the difficulties of the problem become more apparent. Also, it should be remembered that with respect to the wisest way to approach (Continued on Page four)

Winnabow Man Dies At Home

Fred Flowers, 78-Year-Old Resident Of That Community, Died Following Heart Attack Sunday

Fred Flowers, one of the oldest residents of Winnabow died Saturday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock after a lingering illness of heart trouble. He was 78 years of age. He is survived by 5 sons: C. T. and A. R. Flowers of Wilmington, J. W., D. L. and I. J. Flowers, of Winnabow; 15 grand children and 8 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Piney Grove Methodist church, of which he had been a member for over 50 years by the Reverend W. J. Freeman, of Severts Hill, a former pastor of the church.

Burial was made in the church cemetery. Active pallbearers were W. C. Savage, Frank Rabon, George Rabon, Homer Rich, Robert Sullivan and Isaac Gore. Honorary pallbearers were J. L. Henry, A. P. Henry, J. P. Mills, M. A. Sullivan, A. O. Sullivan and T. H. Wolfe.

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.

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, December 23	
12:36 a. m.	6:36 a. m.
12:50 p. m.	7:10 p. m.
Friday, December 24	
1:31 a. m.	7:43 a. m.
1:45 p. m.	8:10 p. m.
Saturday, December 25	
2:25 a. m.	8:48 a. m.
2:41 p. m.	9:08 p. m.
Sunday, December 26	
3:20 a. m.	9:47 a. m.
3:41 p. m.	10:02 p. m.
Monday, December 27	
4:17 a. m.	10:40 a. m.
4:43 p. m.	10:50 p. m.
Tuesday, December 28	
5:12 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
5:19 p. m.	11:38 p. m.
Wednesday, December 29	
6:00 a. m.	
6:26 p. m.	12:16 p. m.