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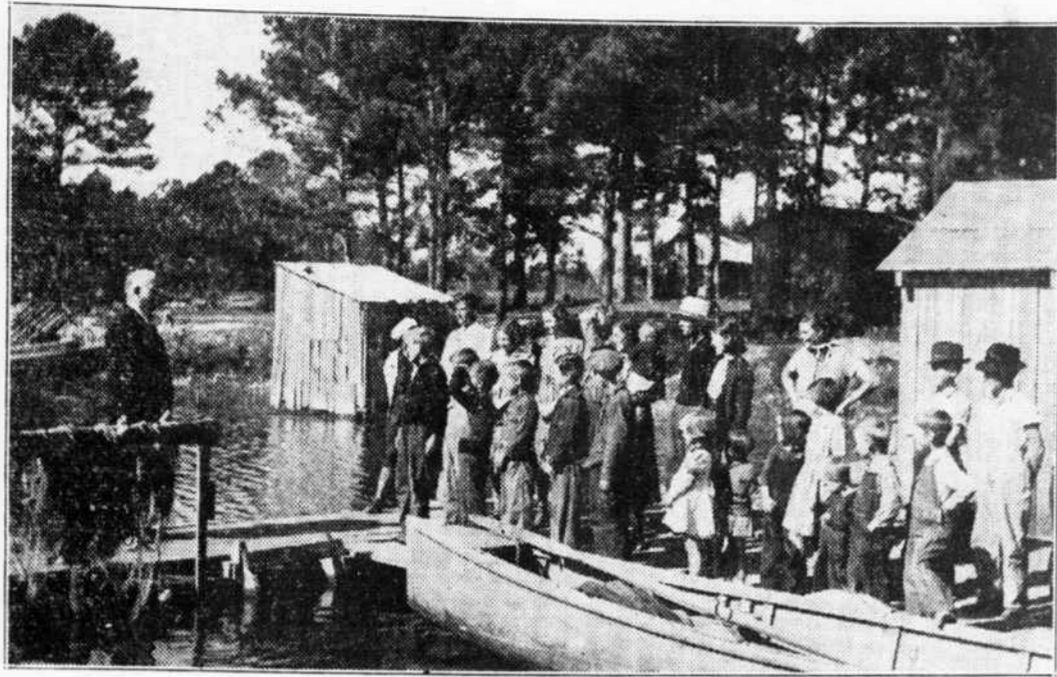
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Missionary Work Gets Results



GROWTH—The above picture was taken last fall at Calabash while Rev. A. H. Marshall spoke to a crowd of people who had gathered to hear him preach from his churchboat, Josephine Marshall. As a result of his missionary efforts a new church was formally dedicated Friday night.

Highway Crew Now Working Out Of Town

The foundation for widening the highway through the business district of Southport was completed by the workers before they ceased operations Saturday afternoon and widening of the road as far out as the Sawdust Trail probably will be completed by tomorrow.

Preliminary operations already are underway to permit speedy headway when the crew goes to work surfacing the road from the Sawdust Trail toward the Bell Swamp intersection. This work will extend to about 10 miles from town.

Long Session For Recorder

Charges Against Two Defendants Required Greater Part Of The Day In Court Here Monday

A long session of Recorder's court was necessary Monday to dispose of the cases that were up for trial.

Sam Watts, Jr., white, pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness. His sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of 10.00 and upon condition that he remain of good behavior.

Ben Wilson, white, pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation. He was fined \$25.00 and cost, \$10.00 of the fine being remitted. He was found guilty of drunk driving and appealed from the sentence of \$50.00 fine, the costs and revocation of his license.

J. O. McManus, white, was found guilty of drunk driving. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs. He was found guilty of larceny and was given 30 days, this judgment being suspended upon payment of \$10.00 and costs. On a third charge he was convicted of carrying concealed weapons and was given 30 days on the roads, this judgment being suspended upon payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs. The defendant appealed from all these judgments and bond for his appearance in Superior court was set at \$250.00.

S. Waddell, colored, was found guilty of refusing to have his dog inoculated. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10.00 and the costs. He appealed.

Jesse Goodwin, colored, was found guilty of reckless operation and was given 60 days. Judgment was suspended upon payment of \$25.00 and costs.

Troy Long, white, was found not guilty of drunk driving. He also was acquitted on a charge of assault.

Morton Holden, white, plead guilty to assault. (Continued on page 4)

Disbarment Proceedings Against G. V. Fesperman

Formerly Was Lawyer Here

During The Period He Practiced In Southport He Served As County Court Prosecutor

The trial committee of the Council of the N. C. State Bar Association met here Monday for the purpose of hearing evidence in disbarment proceedings against G. L. Fesperman once resided in Southport for a period of about three years and during part of that time he was solicitor of the Recorder's court.

In messages to the committee, Fesperman alleged that it was impossible for him to be present at the hearing, claiming he was ill. He failed to furnish a doctor's certificate supporting his claims to illness and the hearing proceeded without him.

Attorney J. Laurence Jones sat as trial officer at the hearing and John D. Warlick of Jacksonville and Don A. Walsler of Lexington sat with him. The prosecution was conducted by David L. Cannon of Raleigh. Mr. Cannon is secretary and prosecuting attorney for the bar association.

The result of the hearing will not be announced until a report is made to the bar association. The charges against Fesperman were many and varied and they extend over a long period of years.

Young People's Meeting Planned

Will Be Held At Bolivia Baptist Church; Interesting Program Planned For Occasion

An associational young people's rally will be held at Bolivia Baptist church Sunday afternoon, July 16, at 3 o'clock. Principal speaker on the program will be Miss Mary Currin of Raleigh who will speak on "The Message Must Go Through."

Following is the completed program:

Theme: Youth Commissioned to tell; hymn, "We've A Story To Tell"; devotional, Raymond Gilbert; welcome, Bolivia G. A.; response, Doris Lancaster; all together telling the story, recognition of churches, pastors, W. M. S. presidents, Young People's directors, roll call of auxiliaries, recognize all Auxiliaries. There will be a one minute report by Young People's director or someone else from each church; "Telling the Story in 1938"; report by Young People's leader; Learning the People's story through "World Comrades" by a G. A.; recognition service for all G. A.'s who have advanced in the "Forward Steps" and R. A.'s who have advanced in the ranks; "A Story Worth Telling"; report of G. A. house party; R. A. camp, Y. W. A. camp; special music, Bolivia G. A.'s; "The Message Must Go Through"; Miss Mary Currin, Raleigh, State Young People's Leader; playlet, "A Dream and a Vision"; Mill Creek Y. W. A.'s; hymn, closing devotions.

Bids Received For Surfacing Highway No. 130

Highway And Public Works Commission Received Bids Tuesday For Surfacing And Structures Of Highway No. 130

WILL COMPLETE PAVING OF ROAD

If These Bids Are Accepted This Will Bring To An End Worry Over Important Road

The Highway and Public Works Commission opened bids Tuesday on 22 projects which will provide surfacing and improvements for 95.1 miles of roads in North Carolina, and included was a 10.07-mile stretch of highway No. 130 from just west of Shallotte to Ash.

Low bid for grading and surfacing on this job was submitted by W. L. Cobb Construction Co., of Decatur, Ga., who named the sum of \$101,097. Low bid for structures on this same project was submitted by Bowers Construction Company of Whiteville, whose figure was \$21,781.80.

If these bids are accepted by the highway body then the last link of the Shallotte-Whiteville highway will have been let. First of these lettings was about 5 year ago, when two stretches of approximately 5 miles each were let from the Whiteville end. Three years later came the work from the Shallotte end, followed last year by another letting on the Whiteville end, carrying the road to Old Dock. During the winter there was another contract let to carry the road across the Columbus county line about 1 mile into Brunswick.

The present letting would carry the road from the end of that project to a connection with the road where it left off near Shallotte.

Roseboro Men Like Southport

Party From Sampson County Town Had Profitable Trip To Gulf Stream Waters On Sunday

Dr. John T. Denny and other Roseboro and Fayetteville sportsmen became enthusiastic boosters of the Gulf Stream fishing at Southport this week. Although they had to quit fishing at 9:30 o'clock and return to port owing to a very severe case of seasickness on the part of one of the members of the party they made a very fine catch.

Dr. Denny declared that Southport offered the best fishing he had seen anywhere. He did not even make an exception of Florida, in the waters of which state he has often fished. He declared without reservation that it was a pity there are not more North Carolina sportsmen and sportsmen from other states who are acquainted with what the Gulf Stream off Southport has to offer in the way of big game fishing.

His companions on the short trip were S. C. Rankin and G. A. Shaw of Fayetteville; A. F. Harris, J. H. Harris and J. C. Butler of Roseboro. Among the dolphins taken was a beautiful 20-pound specimen. It was caught by J. H. Harris. A large arctic bonita was another interesting catch. Two big amberjacks and ten barracuda, each weighing from ten to twenty pounds, gave the sportsmen a fine day's fishing. (Continued on page 4)

The Shrimping Laws For Brunswick Are Changed

W. S. Wells And L. J. Hardee Were In Morehead City Monday To Attend Meeting Of State Conservation Body

Two important changes were made in the laws governing shrimping in the state by members of the State Board of Conservation and Development in session the first of this week in Morehead City.

Southport was represented at meeting by W. S. Wells and L. J. Hardee, local shrimp buyers, who pressed for changes made in the shrimping laws during the winter meeting held in Raleigh in January.

One of these laws would make it unlawful to trawl for shrimp within 3 miles of any inlet; the second was a rule setting the size of the net mesh at 1-inch when fished.

Protest against the first of these rules resulted because it would virtually wipe out all available shrimping ground from Southport to Little River. In that area there are 7 inlets, and with six miles of closed water at each one the forbidden area would overlap. Shrimping has been permitted in this territory for the first part of the year pending the action of the board at the

summer meeting. When the local situation was explained Monday to the board by Wells there was a suggestion that the closed water be limited to one mile on each side of each inlet. Wells objected to this, and the logic of his position apparently was understood by the men making up the Board of Conservation and Development.

Wells then explained that the nets commonly used for shrimping are 1-inch mesh, but that when fished they shrink to 3/4 of an inch. To enforce the rule requiring nets to be 1-inch when fished would necessitate the purchase of all new equipment, and members of the board decided to leave the net business as it is.

Wells made one other suggestion pertaining to shrimping, but did not force the point in an effort to have it enacted into law. He told members of the board that eventually he believed there must be a law making commercial shrimping in inland waters illegal. He said that this would not be designed to interfere with local fishermen who take shrimp for bait inside.

Huge Flying Boat Pays Visit To Harbor Here

Marlin Taken Near Southport

Add to Southport's tropical fish stories the fact that an honest-to-goodness blue marlin was left on the desk of the Southport Civic Club yesterday afternoon. The fish was small, but was freshly caught. Being out of his office when the fish was taken there, the club secretary had not been able to ascertain who caught the fish and brought it to his office. Plenty of marlin have been reported as sighted on Frying Pan, but thus far nobody has caught one, or even fished for them. This specimen apparently would indicate that there are plenty of large ones waiting for the anglers.

Need Water To Operate Plant

Men Here Prospecting For Possible Factory Site But Fresh Water Problem Confronts Them

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Bell of Raleigh are spending this week here, Mr. Bell coming on business. He is assistant industrial engineer of the State Department of Commerce. Representatives of large New York and Delaware interests are also here with Mr. Bell. Today and for the next several days an exhaustive search will be made of the territory in a radius of 20 miles of Southport, the objective being to find a huge volume of fresh water.

It is understood that for the required purpose something in the neighborhood of fifty million gallons of water will be required daily. This is a rather large order. In fact it is about seven times as much water as is used daily by the city of Raleigh.

H. B. Smith of the Brunswick Port Commission and W. B. Keziah of the Civic Club are assisting in the search for water.

Homecoming Day At New Hope

The New Hope Presbyterian Church, Winnabow, will celebrate its 45th Sunday School anniversary and home coming, Sunday, July 23rd. Exercises begin at 11 a. m. There will be a picnic dinner at 1 o'clock, reminiscence of the past in the afternoon, the speaker for the occasion will be Dr. Bedinger of Flora McDonald College. Rev. J. R. Potts, pastor of the church will have charge of the devotional.

All past members and attendants of the church are especially invited to attend. Come and let's enjoy an old time gathering.

Believes Tobacco Crop 25 Per Cent Larger Than 1938

Weeks Says That Percentage Of Increase Will Run Considerably Higher In Some Counties

TOBACCO IN COUNTY RIPENING TOO FAST

Much Of Surplus Over Last Year Will Be Lost Because The Crop Ripening Too Rapidly

North Carolina's 1939 flue-cured tobacco crop unhampered by federal restrictions, is moving rapidly from field to curing barn. Lloyd T. Weeks, tobacco specialist of the State College Extension service said today.

On a basis of observations over most of the producing areas, Weeks estimated that this year's leaf acreage has been increased at least 20 per cent or better over that of last year. In some counties the percentage has run considerably higher, particularly in the Border belt, while in other counties, notably in the Old belt, the acreage has not varied much from that of 1938.

Curing began nearly a month ago in some communities, and has speeded up steadily since then. Now, most farmers in eastern North Carolina are putting their tobacco in the barns.

Good weather conditions have prevailed generally over most of the flue-cured belts, although in some sections either too wet or too dry weather has injured the crop. There has been hail in some spots.

Insects and disease attacks are about normal this year. Weeks has found with no outstanding outbreaks being reported from any belt. Damage in most instances has been local. Wilt has appeared in a number of fields, and conditions for this disease have been unusually favorable.

Yields apparently will be average, the tobacco specialist said. Last year eastern North Carolina growers produced an average of 875 pounds of leaf to the acre, and the average this year will probably be about the same.

Weeks also declared that the quality of this year's crop appears to be good.

Legal Visitors Enjoy Fishing

Prominent North Carolina Lawyers Were Here For Week-End Prior To Official Business Monday

Southport took on a bit of the appearance of a convention of the State Bar Association over the week-end with half-dozen outstanding state lawyers coming in Saturday for a bit of an outing prior to Monday when they had a matter due to come up for a hearing at the court house.

The attorneys were Edward L. Cannon, Raleigh, Secretary of the bar association, J. Lawrence Jones, Charlotte; Don A. Walsler, F. R. Roper and D. L. Pickard of Lexington. They had a delightful time, fishing, bathing and relaxing from the dignity that is usually considered a part of the legal profession. Mr. Cannon, who is a son of Bishop James J. Cannon, was very much attracted to Southport, its natural charm and the friendliness of the citizens. He declared that he hoped to purchase property here some day.

Joseph Wesley Beck Passes

Died Monday Morning At His Home At Winnabow Following An Extended Illness

Joseph Wesley Beck died at his home near Winnabow Monday morning at 4:50 o'clock after a long illness.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Ethel Lucille Beck; two sons, Joseph Vanderbilt Beck, of Oakland, Calif., and Marland Beck, of Winnabow; three daughters, Mrs. J. W. Sullivan, Miss Ida Mae Beck and Miss Marguerite Beck, of Winnabow.

Also three sisters, Mrs. Lennie Lewis, Mrs. Rowena Lewis and Mrs. L. Lewis, of Bolivia; three brothers, Alex and George Beck, of Bolivia, and Albert Beck, of Winnabow; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services probably will be held tomorrow pending the arrival of relatives from California.

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, July 13	
4:15 a. m.	10:20 a. m.
4:43 p. m.	11:13 p. m.
Friday, July 14	
5:17 a. m.	11:14 a. m.
5:38 p. m.	
Saturday, July 15	
6:13 a. m.	6:12 a. m.
6:39 p. m.	12:10 p. m.
Sunday, July 16	
7:01 a. m.	1:06 a. m.
7:16 p. m.	1:06 p. m.
Monday, July 17	
7:51 a. m.	1:57 a. m.
8:06 p. m.	2:00 p. m.
Tuesday, July 18	
8:41 a. m.	2:46 a. m.
8:56 p. m.	2:54 p. m.
Wednesday, July 19	
9:34 a. m.	3:32 a. m.
9:48 p. m.	3:44 p. m.

Destroyer Will Pass Southport This Saturday

Destroyer Anderson Will Go Up River For Wilmington Over Coming Week-End

PILOT TO CARRY HER UP

Was Named In Honor Of Wilmington Man, Second North Carolinian To Be So Honored

The Navy Department is sending the newest and first streamer-destroyer, the U. S. S. Anderson, to Wilmington this week courtesy to the people of Carolina and to honor the city of the Cape Fear section's distinguished son, the Admiral Edwin Alexander, for whom the ship was named.

Anderson will reach Wilmington the afternoon of Saturday, July 15th, and will remain until noon Tuesday, July 17th.

It will be berthed at the present wharf in front of the post house. Visiting hours: Sunday, July 16th—from 10 a. m. to 5:00 p. m.; Monday, July 17th—from 9:00 a. m. to 1:00 p. m. and from 1:00 p. m. to 5:00 p. m.

It is believed that the U. S. S. Anderson is the second ship of the Navy named in memory of a Carolinian—the first being the "Bagley" for Ensign Bagley. It is fitting that the Anderson's memory should be so honored.

Admiral Anderson was born in Wilmington, of distinguished ancestry including General Lillingston Moore's Creek. He entered the Naval Academy in 1878, graduated in 1882, and was a Lieutenant on the U. S. S. "Albatross" during the early part of the war with Spain, 1898, commanding the ship's boats and the submarine cable off Cuba, in face of direct attack by the enemy on shore. He was awarded five medals in recognition of his heroism on this occasion.

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Little Bits Of Big News

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

Candidate

President Roosevelt disclosed yesterday that he did not expect W. McNutt to be an active candidate for the Democratic nomination while digging the new Federal Security Administration. The President said McNutt's nomination to the post at noon, and a few hours later said at a press conference he did not think McNutt would be found running as a potential candidate any more than a dozen or 15 other individuals who might be named easily. One of those individuals, he said, was in the cabinet. Then, in a joking tone which indicated a negative answer was obvious, Mr. Roosevelt asked whether they were pushing their candidate. Some of their friends may be pushing, he added, McNutt, a former Governor of Indiana, will be charged with a new Federal job which will direct various activities. The Senate finance committee approved his nomination yesterday.

PA Strike

The Federal government, sending men into an investigation of P. A. disorders which led to the death of a policeman at Minneapolis, Minn., indicated Tuesday that it would invoke penal provisions of the new relief act against WPA strikers attempting to force or threaten to prevent work relief employees from working on the job. Meanwhile a bill in Congress to alter the act provisions which reduced the strike failed to receive the support of President Roosevelt. He said he thought the administration would stick to the act provisions that WPA employees work 130 hours a month to their "security pay". This is more than many employees must work more hours to make the wage as heretofore.