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Worth Investigating

A paving assessment is just another form of taxation, so it may be that we are putting our professional popularity on the line when we suggest that within the next few months Southport citizens will have a good opportunity to secure additional paved streets at a cost that our property owners can stand.

From a representative of the company which holds the contract for grading and surfacing this end of the River Road we learned last week that his company might be able to pave some streets in Southport while working in this vicinity. When we told him that our city government is not the wealthiest municipal body in this part of the world, he suggested that since the company could do the work at a very reasonable figure after being already set up for operations, it might be well for the property owners to look into the matter of absorbing paving costs themselves through the medium of assessments.

We hesitate to go on record as favoring this move, particularly until we are able to learn more about the costs and other important details; but we should like to see additional paved streets in Southport, and if this offers a reasonable means for getting this work done, we hope that some of our more progressive property owners will get together and look into the matter.

Time For Action

Official word has been received that the Navy Department has informed the War Assets Administration that the Section Base at Ft. Caswell is surplus to its needs, and that governmental agency has taken over the matter of its

disposal. Although nothing official has been learned on this subject, there is some reason to believe that the State of North Carolina may still be interested in acquiring this property as a part of the State Park System. At any rate, the State will be given the right of refusal when the property is put up for sale. In the event that neither Federal, State nor Municipal agencies desire to acquire the property, it then becomes necessary to dispose of it into private hands. This is true not only of the land and the buildings, but of any equipment which may be included in the liquidation.

Too often the matter of these sales is already cut and dried before local citizens learn that they are being contemplated. News of this particular disposal sale is known in plenty of time for some of our local people to make an intelligent survey of the facilities being offered with the idea of making plans to acquire and use them to the best possible advantage.

There is no reason why we should sit idly by and wait for foreign capital to move in and take over.

Dixiecrats Win

The split decision of the State Supreme Court on the question of allowing the Dixiecrats a place on the Presidential ticket is evidence that the election machinery needs overhauling. The six Justices who ruled in favor of the new party had the letter of the law on their side, while Chief Justice Stacy was not necessarily illogical in his dissent.

The issue that arises is why should the problem have to come up at all. There is no doubt that petitioners should be citizens of the State but the Board of Elections interpretation that they must be persons who did not vote in such and such an election or primary is questionable. Just because a man did or didn't take nips at the bottle on previous occasions is no proof that he is or isn't a tippler later on. Just because a citizen voted Republican in previous elections is no proof that he will vote for Dewey, and that holds for Truman.

And we'd like to remind again that there's another piece of election machinery that doesn't need overhauling but tossing out the window. The leadership of the Democratic party in this State repudiated the absentee ballot when the farce was thrown out of primary elections. It needs to go one more step and say this mechanism of temptation and suspicion is not good for general elections.

In spite of all the excitement over the Dixiecrat mess, probably it is just as well that a place on the ballot was given them. With the decision we have no argument.

Rovin' Reporter

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things he saw the need of a hotel here and expressed a wish to talk about it to a friend of his.

During the time we were in the hospital Mrs. E. H. Arrington and other ladies of the town gave a reception in honor of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson of Mt. Airy and their son, Dr. Thor Johnson, conductor of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra. The occasion was a very fine one, despite the fact that the danger from polio prevented general invitations. What we are driving at this late is that we are sorry that no mention was made of the event in the paper.

This winter will see several Northern plant growers coming in to get lands along the River Road for the purpose of growing early vegetable plants. The building of the road by the highway commission and the success that has been achieved at growing tomato plants by Everett Sheppard assures this development. The construction of a power line along this road, a project that is soon to be started by the REA, will be another developing factor.

Despite the fact that Bill Sharpe, head of the State News Bureau, is versatile in everything and John Hemmer, the official photographer, is supposed to be able to take pictures under all sorts of conditions, it is evident that neither have any desire to be bull fighters. Writing us this week that they would be down in three weeks or so to get pictures of various things, including the Reigel Paper Company's Brhama cattle, Bill added as an afterthought: "Are you sure it will be quite safe?" So far as we know, it will be safe enough for the bulls.

Known to many Brunswick people by reason of his major activities in road building and contracting work, the death of E.

W. Gannis of Fayetteville in a plane crash near Clarkton Friday afternoon was a general shock. Mr. Gannis built Camp Davis and many projects in this and other states. Since the war he was engaged chiefly in road building. The Holden Beach road now being paved is one of the Gannis projects in Brunswick county. The road from Soldier Bay church at Ash to Grissetown is also a Gannis job. Grading on this road was finished some time ago and paving is scheduled to start in about two weeks.

With both Long Beach and Holden Beach assured of big and continued development, an outsiders view of what may help to speed up the development may not come amiss. We believe that instead of just sitting around this fall and winter waiting for the lot owners to start something more in the way of building next spring it would be a good move to put both time and money in production work. This could well be done all through the fall, winter and spring. At both beaches there are many hundreds of lots owned by people who fully intend to build homes soon or at some time in the future. Every home that is built this fall or winter will inspire the building of one or two others. Fall and winter releases from growing should not be allowed to occur.

Fishing at Long Beach this week Delmas Fulcher of Wilmington, a summer resident of the beach, caught a slender, silvery 14-inch fish over which there has been some argument as to identity. The fish was as gamey as a tarpon, breaking water several times before it was landed. Waters Thompson was inclined to think it was a smelt, but the fish had a fin that no smelt is supposed to have. Our own belief is that it was a bone fish and it had all of the earmarks of a bone fish, except for a slight difference in the mouth. Whatever it was pret-

While there are twice as many Hewett's as Smith's in Brunswick county there are still plenty of Smith's. Four of them subscribed in a row this week, as fast as receipts could be written out. While on the subject of folks taking this paper, it can be said that folks at Long Beach have about led all other sections of the county in subscribing during recent days. Before returning to their homes, they are having their part-time home county paper go with them. This action pleases us very much because it shows they are genuinely interested in their growing beach resort. Getting the paper in their homes up-state and in other states, they will be doing their beach a lot of good by reminding to talk about it to their neighbors and friends.

While fishing just off the mouth of the river the big ex-mine sweeper Brunswick took a huge tarpon in its menhaden net this week. The fish was estimated by Captain John Potter to weigh close to a hundred pounds. Surfacing in the dense mass of small fish, it died before it could be released. As these fish prefer the fresher water in the river and bays, it is not so very often that one falls a victim to the commercial nets. Taking an occasional one cannot be avoided and when one is caught it is a matter of regret to the commercial fishermen, who have no use at all for such fish.

FUNERAL SUNDAY

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both of Wilmington. Private Leonard is survived by his widow, Mrs. Laura A. Leonard, and a small son, Malory B. Leonard; his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Leonard, and a sister, Miss Connie L. Leonard.

WANT ADS

FOR SALE: 8 Shoats, weight 75-80 pounds. Priced right for quick sale. L. O. Sellers, Mill Creek, Bolivia, N. C.

FOR SALE: One Superfax oil circulator in good condition, 1947 model. See Mrs. Thelma M. Davis, Southport, N. C.

FOR SALE: Four-room house, lights, water, gas. One mile

from Shallotte Point, See R. A. Milliken, Rudy's Cafe, Shallotte Point, N. C.

FOR SALE: White enamel wood or coal range with warming closet, \$20.00; wood or coal heatrola, \$15.00; also five gaited saddle horse, with saddle and bridle, complete, \$175.00. See Mrs. Lee Hewett, Southport, N. C.

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FOR SALE: 110-Volt Briggs & Stratton portable light plant. May be inspected at our lumber yard. Shallotte Lumber Co., Shallotte, N. C.

FOR SALE: Large air compressor; electric water pump; 42-gal. tank; concrete mixer; metal covered building, 20x30 ft. Building has good lumber and metal. Priced for quick sale. See W. L. Aldridge or L. Oliver, Southport, N. C.

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EFFECTIVE TUES., JAN. 20, 1948

WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
**	7:00 A. M.
7:00 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
*1:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

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OPEN FORUM

A column dedicated to opinions of the public. A monthlies for the views and observations of our friends and readers, for which we accept no responsibility. Contributions to this column must not exceed three hundred words.

OPEN FORUM

Editor of State Port Pilot;
Dear Mr. Harper:

Someone has thought it worthwhile to call our attention to an editorial you had in your paper on September 1, 1948 referring to, as far as we can gather, an article written and published in the Wilmington STAR NEWS about some of the catches of Capt. Hulan Watts being made off Wrightsville Beach. We heartily agree with the article being incorrect in the first two paragraphs. However, we take particular exception to the last paragraph referring to the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association as having instigated this article and acting like a baby.

We notice on the same page that your paper is entered as second class matter beginning April 20, 1928 which apparently means that you have been in business for some 20 years. We don't think it is necessary to call to a newspaper man's attention that fact that often in rush periods with poorly trained reporters and the desire to fill up space at times they are not very diligent in their duty and do not investigate completely the articles which they print as news. If you had been diligent in your duty you could easily have checked with the paper printing this article and found as we did that the particular article was written by a young man by the name of Fred Satson who was pinch hitting during their sports writer's vacation, namely, Mr. Jim Wilson, and the information did not come from this office. You are also cognizant of the fact that the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association is not on the

Greensboro Men Enjoy Week-End

Group Of Law Enforcement And Court Officials Enjoy Informal Outing At Long Beach

Twenty-five or more happy-go-lucky fellows, nearly all from Greensboro, enjoyed a week end at Long Beach from Thursday through Sunday of last week.

The crowd was comprised of judge, solicitor, lawyers, court house and law enforcement officials, all bent on having a few days of relaxation and entertainment after a trying summer.

J. P. Shore, Clerk of Court of Guilford county, was Moderator or boss of the event. For pro- vider the whole crowd seemed more interested in shrimp, fish and clam chowder than anything else. Some of the fish were caught by members of the party, assisted by Clerk of Court Sam Bennett and others. Still more were donated and the rest were bought. There was, according to Bennett, plenty of both shrimp and fish.

Around a dozen of the visitors were heard to express their intention of returning during October or November for more fish and shrimp. Several are said to have ideas of combining business with pleasure and buying beach home sites when they return.

LEBANON REVIVAL
Revival service will begin at Lebanon Baptist church on Monday evening, September 20, with the preaching to be done by the pastor, the Rev. Herbert M. Baker. The song services will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly of Wilmington.

BENEFIT SHOW
Slim Mimms and his Dream Ranch Boys will play for a benefit performance in the Bolivia high School auditorium on Friday night at 8 o'clock. The program is sponsored by the Youth Fellowship of Bolivia Methodist church.

payroll of the STAR NEWS or any other paper. You receive from this office copies of all worthwhile news releases that we send out to radio stations, newspapers and commentators throughout the United States.

The South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association and I as its executive secretary have, we believe, given more state and nationwide factual publicity to Brunswick County and Southport in particular than would be possible to buy for many thousands of dollars. Now as you have made a further statement and the writer quotes: "A free press is no place to play up nor to pay off personal likes and dislikes". We specifically request that you publish this letter in its entirety to correct among your readers this erroneous piece of reporting.

The Beach Association has as one of its main objectives the coordinating and cooperative effort of our southwestern North Carolina. Any incorrect statements tending to tear down this constructive work we have cut out is doing the entire area a grave injustice. We have many loyal supporters in your area and we hope to have more including you in the future.

Yours very truly,
John J. Hudiburg
Executive Secretary

CEMETERY CLEANING OFF

E. T. Clemmons, of Supply, requests the paper to advise relatives and friends of the persons buried at the Holden Cemetery, near Holden Beach, that the cemetery will be cleaned off on October 2nd. Mr. Clemmons and others of that community will appreciate it if all persons interested will join in the work on the above date.

ENLISTS IN ARMY

Vance Little, son of Mrs. Ella Little of Waccamaw township, enlisted in the Army on September 3rd. He is now awaiting call to report for service. His enlistment is for a two year period.