

### Easter Pageant At Boones Neck

#### Baptists Of Boones Neck Presented Program of Unusual Beauty On Saturday Evening

The Boone's Neck Baptist church located near Boone's Landing was the scene on last Saturday evening of a beautiful and lovely Easter pageant which was given by the younger people of the church, with the intermediates assisting in the major parts.

The scene opened with the devotional being led by the Rev. W. R. Moorehead, Association missionary, using scripture taken from Gospel according to John. The scene was around the rostrum decorated with pines and dogwoods. At the right of the rostrum overhead hung a replica of the three crosses hanging over a replica of the sun with a dim light throwing its shadows. On the left of the rostrum could be seen the tomb of Joseph of Arameatha in which the Saviour had been placed after the crucifixion. A recitation was given by the daughter of Mrs. Delmas Hewett

### Southport Drops Game To Lejeune

#### High School Nines Now Knotted Up In Quest For Group III, District 2 Title In Class B Race

Camp LeJeune scored their runs in clusters Saturday afternoon to defeat Southport 11 to 3 and even the count in their quest for the right to represent Group 3, District 2, in the Class B State championship race. Since Southport won the initial encounter here three weeks ago, it now will be necessary for the teams to meet again sometime next week on a neutral diamond for the third and deciding contest.

Saturday's victory was a personal triumph for Joe Barringer, big Marine pitcher, who held Southport at his mercy while waging a one-man war on Pitcher Richard Brendle. In the first, Barringer tripled, scoring two men, then came home on a fielder's choice. In the third he hit a homer, scoring one man in front of him, and in the six-run fourth he slashed a hard single through Fisher at third which scored three men and left Barringer at third, from where he scored a

and following this came the two followers of Christ who helped take him down from the cross and placed him into the tomb. They remarked to each other how they had come to know this Christ so well and how they were glad that they had forsaken their positions to bury Christ. The guards then entered and were given strict orders to remain at the tomb and allow no one to enter and take the Saviour from the tomb. They started a conversation in regard to the words that were spoken by Pilate and the centurion who had come to believe in Jesus as he hung upon the cross.

At the close of this part there was rendered a trio selection by Mrs. Sidney Hewett, Mrs. Everett Hewett and Mrs. L. C. Robinson singing "Alleluiah." The scene where Mary and the other women appeared was beautiful and the conversation of each woman was carried out in true Biblical form.

The pageant was under the general direction of Mrs. Lee Clemmons and assisting were Mrs. Everett Hewett, Mrs. Sidney Hewett and Mrs. L. C. Robinson.

Those in the play were Nellie Hewett, Billy Hewett, Benny Hewett, Freddy Lott, Roy Hewett, Betty Jean Hewett, Helen Hewett, soloist, Carl Hewett, pianist, Margaret Rose Hewett, and others.

The scene ended with the trio singing a selection and the benediction was rendered by the Rev. Mr. Moorehead. Many attended the special service from other sections of the county and it was enjoyed by all.

### Urges Farmers To Use Benefits

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Peanut quotas will be in effect this year for the first time since 1942, but will not affect any acreage to be hogged, only the acreage in excess of 1.0 acre to be harvested for nuts. One acre or less of peanuts may be dug-picked or threshed, on a farm and sold without penalty. The exact penalty rate has not been definitely determined yet, however, it will be 45 per cent of parity as of some future date—Perhaps June 15.

### Town Team Drop Game To Spofford

#### Gene Russ Pitches Nice Game But Loses To Wilmington Outfit When Errors Began To Pile Up

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### Return Trip Is More Pleasant

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About six years ago Donald Smith, 13-year old Toledo, Ohio, boy got a hankering to see Southport. He had heard of the place in some way. By industriously using his thumb he arrived here in short order. In almost as short order Chief of Police Otto Hickman picked him up at Long Beach until his grandmother and aunt could arrive from Toledo to return him to his native Ohio. Saturday afternoon a young U. S. Marine hunted up Chief Hickman and introduced himself as Donald Smith. That did not mean a thing to the officer until the visitor explained of his unorthodox trip here six years ago. He was quickly remembered then. Smith is now stationed at Camp Lejeune. He told the chief he had been wanting to come back ever since making his original trip.

On cotton this year indications are they will be next year. The 1949 crop may be measured.

A good number of pastures were seeded, fertilized, and limed last year and they are beginning to look mighty good to the livestock. Ben Hewett, Supply, has a nice new pasture.

#### VACATING AT BEACH

With Congress adjourned for ten days for the Easter holidays, Congressman and Mrs. C. B. Deane, of Washington and Rock-

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ingham, have been spending the week at their summer home at Long Beach. Mrs. Deane's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Shealey, of Hampton, Va., have been their guests.

**RETURN HOME**  
Mrs. Charles Hickman, Mrs. Majorie Hix and Miss Lettie Hickman have returned home after spending several days at Park, Fla. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Potts, who spend some time with them and other relatives. On their home they spent a day in

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To the informed Catholic such accounts are ridiculously false, for well he knows that the Pope can no more annul God's law on marriage than a scientist can annul the natural law on gravitation.

Let us explain. There are certain laws enacted for the spiritual benefit of the Faithful. For instance, the law of abstaining from meat on Fridays. The Church made this law. It can, for cause, dispense anyone from its observance.

There are other laws which God made for all men of all ages. For example (and we quote here the words of Jesus Christ, who is joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matt. 19:6). According to Catholic belief neither Church nor Pope has right or power to dispense anyone from the observance of this law, or to change it, or to nullify it. In fact, the Church has the duty to guard and enforce this law at any cost.

So when you hear that an annulment (properly called "a decree of nullity") has been granted, it means simply this: that after exhaustive trials, first before the local diocesan marriage court, and then before a court of appeal and then possibly before the Sacred Roman Rota (the highest tribunal for such cases), conclusive evidence has been brought forth that there were one or more impediments to—or obstructions to—the "marriage," and therefore there had been no marriage from the beginning.

The fact that for many years the couple thought themselves married, the fact that they had a "marriage" ceremony, the fact that they were living together, and the fact that they had children, are all irrelevant—even that there were children—has nothing to do with the law.

For no ceremony can make the husband of his own wife. No ceremony can be substituted for a pre-contract agreement had been made and which conflicted with the essence of wedding vows. No ceremony can be a valid marriage if either party was compelled to swear allegiance and fidelity when neither was themind or the heart. As to the matter of money and power, it is fitting to mention here the Colonel's Lady and Mrs. O'Grady receive the exact treatment from the Catholic marriage courts; but, alas! not in the newspaper which gives the page space to tell Condon's story if she so much as "pouts" in neighborhood tea, but which gives no notice at all to Judy O'Grady unless she presents to the world a quintuplet—at least, if it's anything Catholic!

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### Port City Will Have Pro Event

#### Many Prominent Golfers Of Money Circuit to Compete In Wilmington's \$10,000 Open Tournament

WILMINGTON—The 1st Wilmington Open Invitational Golf Tournament will be held at the Cape Fear Country Club here from April 21st through the 24th.

It will be Wilmington's first major golf tournament and many of the famous professional golfers that are currently touring the Winter circuit will be present to compete for the \$10,000 in prizes that will be awarded. Among those expected to compete are such "name" golfers as Lloyd Mangrum, Clayton Heafner, Johnny Revolta, Dick Metz, Cary Middlecoff, Bryon Nelson, Frank Stranahan, Bobby Locke, and many others. Mangrum is at present leading the official "money" golfers; Stranahan is among the top amateur players, and Locke is the sensational South African star.

Further information on the tourney may be secured by writing the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce or seeing a local professional. Rod Warner is the pro at the Whiteville Country Club.

#### TO RETURN TO CASWELL

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Robinson of Goldsboro have been spending the week at their cottage at Caswell Beach. Mr. Robinson says that Wallace Wade, coach of the Duke University Blue Devils, will again spend his summer vacation at the Robinson cottage. For the past two years coach Wade and his family have spent several days at the beach each summer.

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