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## Observe Anniversary



**CELEBRATE.**—Mr. and Mrs. R. Will Davis of Southport who on Thursday observed their 63rd wedding anniversary. They are Brunswick county's oldest married couple.

## Brunswick Citizens Back Schools-Roads

### Organized Groups Continue To Go On Record In Favor Of Issues Coming Up For Vote Saturday

### BOND RALLY HELD AT SHALLOTTE HIGH

### District Highway Commissioner Greeted By Show Of Enthusiasm In This County

More than 300 people turned out for the road and school bond rally at the Shallotte school Friday night, and while practically all of those in attendance were men, this is far from being indicative they have a monopoly on the interest in next Saturday's road and school bond election.

Chairman Williamson called on the Rev. H. M. Baker as a first speaker, the Rev. Mr. Baker made a strong plea in favor of a heavy vote from Brunswick county people irrespective of party.

### Rodeo Booklets Now Going Out

### Literature Being Distributed This Year By Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association Best Yet

The Brunswick county directors including the Rev. L. D. Hayman, J. J. Loughlin, and Harry Mintz, director-at-large, attended the special meeting of SENCBA Thursday night. The main business of this meeting was to make allotments and distributions of the new fishing rodeo booklets and materials setting up official stations and places where sportsmen may enter and register for the cash prizes being offered this year by the Southeastern beach Association.

The growing interest and influence of the SENCBA organization is far-reaching. Through several directors who are to attend conventions and other gatherings as far away as New York City packages of rodeo books will go out through the mails and business houses, filling stations, hotels and individuals, who will distribute these books. Consequently, with the attractive booklet going out giving all sections of the area consideration, more and more people will learn this year about the fine places that heretofore have had but little advertising of this type.

A representative appeared before the Directors to outline a radio program for presenting (Continued on Page 2)

## Homecoming Day Plans Continue As Indefinite

Enough Features Already Are Assured To Promise That June 10 Will Be A Day Long To Be Remembered

### CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN IS BEING URGED

### Indications Are That Warship Will Be In Harbor For Occasion With Military Band Also Here

Mayor H. A. Livingston is asking that Southport residents make an all-out effort to clean up their yards and vacant lots during the next week in order that this community may look its best for the visitors who are expected here for Homecoming Day on June 10.

Mayor Livingston has made special arrangements for trash disposal during this period, and the full cooperation of all property owners is solicited.

Meanwhile, many of the plans for this gala event still are in the formative stage. Negotiations are now underway for having a warship, possibly of the light cruiser class, here for the Homecoming Day. This morning there was no final news on this development. There also appears to be a good chance that a military band will be on hand to participate in the parade and to entertain during the day, but thus far no specific musical organization has been designed.

Plans for the parade are progressing, and Mrs. B. J. Holden has been informed that several local firms and organizations plan to enter floats.

The matter of providing an abundance of food seems to be well in hand, with the women of the community under the leadership of the Southport Home Demonstration Club taking care of this important detail. The day's program will conclude in the evening with a dance at the Community Building, with music by Virgil West and his orchestra from Wilmington.

## Commissioner Is Visitor To Club

### District Highway Commissioner Wilbur Clark Presented Road Bond Issue To Local Lions

At a special luncheon meeting Thursday, the Lions Club heard District Highway Commissioner Wilbur Clark outline certain features of the good roads issue now before the people of the state. J. T. Denning spoke briefly in the interest of enlarged school developments.

Later in the day, Mr. Clark and T. T. Betts met with the planning board of the Rev. L. D. Hayman, J. T. Denning, J. J. Herring, ex-officio member. The purpose of this meeting was to acquaint the highway officials of the district with the work which this board is planning for Southport and vicinity. Commissioner Clark and Mr. Betts were very considerate of the matters presented, and while no definite steps were asked or taken regarding (Continued on Page 2)



W. B. KEZIAH

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Rappleya who recently reconstructed one of Southport's oldest homes into a beautiful residence where they expect to reside permanently some day, are now in Cuba, where Mr. Rappleya is now doing some engineering work. This couple will add much to the life of Southport when they get home to stay. We had a beautiful scenic folder post card from them this week, conveying good wishes to everybody.

With it a foregone conclusion that a big majority of Brunswick people who vote Saturday will vote yes for better roads and better schools, it remains for everybody to go to the polls that day and cast his ballot. Not only that, they should see to it that each and every one of their neighbors who is registered should (Continued on page four)

## Speaker



F. ERTEL CARLYLE, Congressman from the 7th district, was commencement speaker last night at Bolivia high school.

## Superior Court Term Adjourns On Thursday

### Numerous Actions Of Minor Interest And Importance Disposed Of Before Judge Stevens

The May term of Brunswick county Superior court ended Thursday without any cases of unusual interest or importance having been disposed of before Judge Henry L. Stevens.

The monthly payments required of Charlie Robbins, Jr., in a prior conviction were reduced by the court to \$20.00 per month.

Woodrow H. Jones and Warren Goodman both were freed from parole restrictions.

S. A. Shuping was found not guilty of reckless operation.

Not a true bill was the action taken by the grand jury in the case against H. T. Warren for violating game laws and against Edward McPherson for reckless operation.

The case charging Robert J. McQuage with non-support was not proessed with leave.

The case against Jack Robinson for non-support was continued when the defendant was not (Continued on page Two)

## Construction Of Church Starts

### Foundations Laid And Other Work Progressing On Supply Baptist Church

With Lennel Hewett as the contractor, work has been started on the new Baptist church building at Supply. The foundations are all down and the walls are now going up rapidly.

The structure will be of concrete blocks with stucco and bondix on the outside and will be plastered and boned on the inside. The building will have 10 Sunday school rooms, a pastor's study, library, baptistry and large assembly room. It will have a full size basement, with two rest rooms in addition to other assembly rooms. The dimensions are 34 x 60 feet.

Rev. Carl A. Talley, formerly of Kannapolis, is pastor of this and other churches in the Supply. (Continued on Page Four)

## Seven Persons Lose Lives In Worst Auto Accident In History Of Brunswick

## Poppy Sales Created Interest Saturday

### Members Of Shallotte American Legion Auxiliary Staged Contest For Queen

The little red crepe paper poppy, symbolic of so much that is near to the hearts of all Americans, was proudly displayed on the lapels and shoulders of Brunswick County citizens on Saturday, May 28, National Poppy Day.

According to Mrs. E. H. Redwine, president of the Shallotte unit of the American Legion Auxiliary, the finest public support on record was given the little memorial poppies during Saturday sales. The Shallotte Auxiliary alone grossed \$91.66 on poppy sales.

The poppies were purchased from hospitalized disabled war veterans, thus giving them a small income they eagerly anticipate each year. The entire net proceeds of the sale will go into a Rehabilitation Fund to be used in this county for assistance to disabled veterans and their families. The American Legion posts in Brunswick have been active in this field for many years, and now the Women's Auxiliaries will be substantially augmenting the Legion programs with their poppy receipts.

Much of the credit for the success of the poppy sale goes to the Poppy Committee composed of Mrs. James Bellamy, chairman, with Mrs. Charlie Arnold and Mrs. R. H. Holden, members. These women were assisted in their program by some twenty-odd attractive young high-school girls who carried out the actual selling campaign. The committee was high in its praise of the interest and untiring efforts of these young ladies.

The exciting climax of the entire poppy program was the crowning of Miss Winifred Register, Shallotte Point, as the 1949 Poppy Queen, in a simple but impressive ceremony at the Shallotte Legion Hut on Saturday night. The pretty, fair-haired (Continued on page 2)

## Devastating Hail Storm Hits County

### Huge Hail Stones Ruin Crops Along A Streak Of Brunswick County Beginning At Head Of Bell Swamp

### Highway Traffic Becomes Dangerous

### Ice Drifted Beside The Road And Still Was Visible The Following Morning

Starting near the farm of Mrs. Edwin Taylor near the head of Bell Swamp, a small section of Brunswick county experienced the worst hail storm of recent years Thursday afternoon.

With a considerable fringe in which some damage was also done, the worst of the storm apparently traveled from Mrs. Taylor's place down Bell Swamp. Crops on the Taylor farm are said to have been 95 per cent destroyed. A similar loss was suffered on the farms of G. T. Reid, I. S. Willetts and Earl Earp. Others suffered minor loss.

For 20 minutes, according to Mr. Earp, the hail literally thundered down, leaving drifts of the stones 18 inches deep and 5 inches on the level. Much of the drifted hail remained through the next day. During the worst of the storm operators of cars on the upper end of the Bell Swamp Road and for a short distance along Route 17 were forced to stop their machines. One car skidded into the ditch, but with (Continued on Page 2)

## W. B. & S. Co. Gets New Buses

### Operations Of Local Bus Company Will Be Greatly Expanded By Addition Of New Equipment

Hubert Livingston, manager of the W. B. & S. Bus Lines, and Roma Piggot are on their way home from Pueblo, Colorado, driving two 29-passenger buses that are to be added to the company's transportation facilities. Both machines are said to be practically new and were bought up by the local concern when they were found available for purchase.

In addition to the two machines now enroute here for service, two new Beck buses, identical with three already in use here, are to be delivered from the factory in Michigan by the first of July. This will make seven modern buses, all in first class shape. Two ex-school buses now used for emergencies and a run to Whiteville will be sold.

Before leaving for Colorado Mr. Livingston stated that the two buses newly being brought in would greatly relieve existing shortage of facilities. The two additional machines that are to arrive the same time allow facilities for service to Carwell Beach, Long Beach and Holden Beach, if needed.

## Four Brunswick County Young People Included Among Victims Of Early Morning Crash Saturday

### THREE SERIOUSLY HURT IN WRECK

### Wreck Occurred On U. S. No. 17 East Of Shallotte When Two Cars Rammed Head-On As One Made Left Turn

Four young people from Brunswick county who had traveled all night from Washington, D. C. to spend the holiday week-end at their homes were killed Saturday morning within sight of their destination in an automobile crash which claimed the lives of seven persons.

The Brunswick county dead were Roland Edwin Gray, 24; Mrs. Bertram Gray, 22, and her daughter, Gloria, eight months old; and Miss Earline Atkinson, 21. Victims in the second car were Norman Houston, 35; Mrs. Katie Gaylord Houston, 50; and Mrs. Eva G. Sawyer, all of Panteo.

Critically injured patients who were removed from the scene of the wreck to Doshier Memorial Hospital include Miss Madeline Robinson, 25; and Bertram Gray, 21; of Brunswick county; and Donald Rose, of Pungo.

News of this Memorial week-end tragedy quickly swept over the width and breadth of the land and earned the grim distinction of being the worst holiday accident toll in the nation. It was by far the worst highway accident in the history of Brunswick county and brings to 12 the total of persons killed during May in highway mishaps.

The Grays and Miss Robinson and Miss Atkinson are Brunswick county young people who have been working in the Nation's capitol. The holiday week-end afforded them an opportunity, to come to their respective homes for a visit, and the accident occurred just as the driver of the Gray car turned left across the path of the other machine car as he attempted to leave the highway to travel to his home.

Just who was at the wheel at the time of the accident has not been determined, since all occupants of the 1936 model Ford were thrown free by the force of impact. Norman Houston was found dead at the wheel of the other car, a 1949 Ford.

Because of the critical condition of survivors it has been impossible to get a reconstructed picture of just what happened. However, it appears that the Gray machine attempted to make its turn at a point where visibility is restricted to a few hundred feet because of a sharp grade, and the oncoming car driven by Houston ploied into the side of the former vehicle, hitting it on the right. A heavy rain fell during the early morning hours, and it is possible that this too, affected visibility.

Of the local victims, Roland Edwin Gray was a veteran of the World War II, more recently employed by the F. B. I. in Washington. Funeral rites for him were held Monday afternoon at the Chapel Hill church at Shallotte, Rev. H. B. Bennett and Rev. I. F. Britt officiating. The Shallotte (Continued on Page 4)

## 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
Thursday, May 26,	
6:46 A. M.	0:54 A. M.
7:10 P. M.	12:52 P. M.
Friday, May 27	
7:27 A. M.	1:37 A. M.
7:50 P. M.	1:30 P. M.
Saturday, May 28,	
8:05 A. M.	2:15 A. M.
8:28 P. M.	2:09 P. M.
Sunday, May 29,	
8:45 A. M.	2:59 A. M.
9:00 P. M.	2:49 P. M.
Monday, May 30,	
9:25 A. M.	3:40 A. M.
9:51 P. M.	3:33 P. M.
Tuesday, May 31,	
10:15 A. M.	4:24 A. M.
10:38 P. M.	4:20 P. M.
Wednesday, June 1,	
11:06 A. M.	5:11 A. M.
11:30 P. M.	5:12 P. M.

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