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Artist Leaders Spect Caswell Site Saturday

Analysis Of Ocean Water Taken For Purpose Of Obtaining Chemical Analysis Bathing Facilities

ARTISTS EXPECTED TO CLOSE DEAL

It Is That They Have 'Acceptable Offer' Expectation Is That Will Be Approved

Twenty-five prominent artists and laymen will make an inspection of Fort Caswell Saturday afternoon. In the morning the building is to be inspected, the property is to be given over, they took the bathing water at the points on the beach. Samples have already been taken by the State chemists for analysis.

Analysis of the Caswell beach water is no longer R. W. Powell, one of the chemists of Caswell Beach, says. He says that the water analyzed last week showed no pollution. Harris Nelson, prominent artist, says that the analysis made year ago and got the same result. Mr. Powell. There was a time ago that they expected to show any.

It is very probable that the Caswell artists will have a definite step looking toward the purchase of Fort Caswell at the end of this week. They expect what is termed a real estate deal. The WAA officials expect to close the deal some time ago that they expected to be pleased with the people of the nearby area and the rest of the state.

In the prospect of the Army's purchase of the property for a big center, it now appears that the area surrounding Fort Caswell is solidly united in the belief that the Baptists will buy the place. Not only do the Baptists have the sympathy of the entire North Carolina delegation in Congress, but the Army has endorsed the sale of the property to them. Should the Army succeed in purchasing it, it will turn the historical site into a great seaside resort. The property is to be sold to the Army for the use of the Army.

Mr. Baker and W. B. Moore of Southport were with the artist party Saturday. Mr. Baker is largely responsible for the interests of the area being attracted to Fort Caswell.

## Brief News Flashes

**BURNS**  
Wallace Moore home on River Road was destroyed by fire of undetermined origin Saturday.

**TO MEET**  
Regular meeting of the Port Lions Club will be held on Thursday at the Commercial Building at 1 o'clock. New members will be installed.

**FINING FEES**  
Port residents who wish to report residents who wish to report with the department for spraying residences for insect control may contact Mrs. Miller Davis and make the deposit with her.

**OIL CHEAPER**  
Slight reduction in the price of kerosene and the fact that tax has been eliminated from farm tractors and in townships, is resulting in cheaper kerosene for some purposes. The price of kerosene is now 12-cents a gallon, 13 1/2-cents in 1948.

**HUGE TARPON**  
Near Bald Head Sunday afternoon, G. Butler Thompson, accompanied by several companions, saw a huge tarpon in the water near the beach. They described the tarpon as being over seven feet long and weighing several hundred pounds. This was the first tarpon seen in the area where this one was seen. Wherever they broke their lines.

## Conference Champ



**WINNER**—Halstead Holden, Shallotte youth, is shown receiving the Bill Hendrix trophy following his victory in the Southern Conference Track and Field meet in Chapel Hill recently. The Brunswick county boy is conference champion in the half-mile event.—(Wilmington News Cut.)

## Brunswick Boy Counted On To Keep Up Work

By Jake Wade  
(Special to the State Port Pilot)  
Cruising somewhere in a United States Naval Reserve Unit is Halstead Holden, a Brunswick county boy, and while he's enjoying the ride, he's thinking right now of his best sports love, track.

Halstead a few days ago wrote Dale Ranson, one of his track coaches at the University of North Carolina. At the time he was in Portsmouth, England. His next destination, he said, was Cuba. He's wondering about Carolina's cross country team next fall.

Holden whose home is at Shallotte, is a letterman in both cross country and track. His specialty in track is the 880 yard run, at which he worked faithfully this spring, but never quite came up to expectations until the Southern Conference championship meet late in May. Then he hit the jackpot.

He ran the 880 in a fine 1:56.8 to win the title, dethroning Frank Magill of V. P. I. It was his best job of the year and it earned him a place on the Southern Conference team in the inter-conference meet with the Southeastern Conference legions.

He's young, and a junior, so Coach Ranson and the other Carolina track coaches are counting on him next year. He has a lot of natural ability, is an earnest workman and is a good competitor.

## Winnabow Man Dies In Wreck

**J. R. Walton, Greyhound Bus Driver, Died In Accident Monday Near Smithfield**

J. R. Walton, whose home is at Winnabow, was killed instantly Monday morning when the Greyhound bus which he was driving was in head-on collision with a milk truck on Highway No. 701 near Newton Grove.

This highway accident, described as the worst tragedy of the holiday week-end in North Carolina, claimed the lives of two other persons, both of them occupants of the other vehicle involved.

## August 2nd Set As Date For Opening

**Georgia - Florida Belt To Open On July 26 To Get 1949 Season Underway; Dates For Other Markets Set**

**BOARD ADOPTS ONLY ONE NEW REGULATION**

**Warehousemen And Growers Get Ready For Sales In Twenty-Three Columbus County Warehouses**

The chant of the tobacco auctioneer will be heard again in Columbus County's twenty-three tobacco warehouses on Tuesday August 2.

Announcement of the opening date paved the way for warehousemen and growers to get ready for the 1949 season.

Flue-cured sales will get underway on July 26 when auction markets in the Georgia-Florida belt will open.

The North Carolina Border Belt and South Carolina Belt openings on August 2 will be followed by other belts as follows: Eastern North Carolina on August 18; Carthage, Aberdeen, Sanford and Fuquay Springs on August 29, and the remainder of the Middle Belt on September 1; and the North Carolina and Virginia Old Belts on September 12.

The 1949 opening dates for the flue-cured tobacco markets were set in Raleigh Thursday by the Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association in an executive session at the Sir Walter which followed a public hearing.

Growers and representatives of growers' groups attended the public hearing, presenting their requests and recommendations with regard to the opening dates for the forthcoming marketing season.

## Brunswick Man Still Patient

**Roger W. Willetts Recovering From Serious Injuries Sustained In Automobile Accident In Virginia**

Still in the Kings Daughters Hospital at Stanton, Va., Roger W. Willetts, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Willetts of the Mill Creek community, is slowly recovering from injuries received in an automobile wreck about a month ago.

Reports from the hospital are to the effect that it may be over two months before he can be discharged. Both he and his wife suffered broken legs and other injuries, those of the more serious. It is expected that Mrs. Willetts will be discharged from the hospital in a few days.

## Street Paved With Blocks Of Ice

Visitors to the waterfront in Southport Tuesday afternoon rubbed their eyes in disbelief when they saw the section in front of Mack's Cafe, literally paved with blocks of ice.

Some of the idle onlookers might have thought this was a unique way to beat the 90-plus heat, but not the employees of Southport Coal & Ice Company. Those fellows were trying to retrieve as much of their spilled cargo as they could salvage.

The impromptu paving project resulted when a side of one of the big trucks gave way while the vehicle was on the way to make a delivery to one of the shrimp packing houses, spilling more than a ton of ice in the hot street.

## C. D. Potter Goes To Mississippi

**Soil Conservationist For Brunswick County Given Transfer From Shallotte Office Effective July 1**

Clifford D. Potter, soil conservationist for Brunswick county for the past 18-months, has been transferred to Belzoni, Mississippi, and had only short notice to report for duty on July 1.

He and Mrs. Potter left their home on July 1.



W. B. KEZIAH

Some months ago WAA officials personally advised us that they intended selling Fort Caswell to the interests that would make the best use of it, use that would benefit Brunswick county. No sale has been made yet although a number of different interests have been interested in getting the property. Thus far we have not been committed as favoring any potential buyers. But we have recently been learning more and more of the plans of the North Carolina Baptists. They want the property for a seaside assembly grounds. In their hands much of the history and tradition of Fort Caswell will be preserved. At the same time their plans will, we believe, be very helpful to the development of Brunswick county. That being the case, we hope that the government will sell Fort Caswell to the North Carolina Baptists.

## Beaches Attracts Holiday Crowds Over Week-End

**Thousands Of North Carolinians Trying To Escape Heat Visited The Various Brunswick County Resorts**

**CROWDS ATTEND HOLIDAY DANCES**

**Holiday Festivities Free Of Serious Accident So Far As The Resort Areas Are Concerned**

Brunswick county beaches attracted thousands of visitors over the holiday week-end as scores of would-be vacationists were turned away because of lack of accommodations.

At Long Beach all available cottages and rooms were in use, and hundreds of visitors came down just to spend the day swimming and fishing. Three dances during the week-end period drew a record number of people. A traffic count probably would reveal a new high in motor traffic at this beach.

At Caswell Beach all facilities were filled to capacity.

Holden Beach was a bee-hive of activity as holiday crowds took advantage of the improved road to reach their favorite beach resort. This playground as usual featured unusually fine fishing and boating.

Reports from Shallotte Point and from Gause Landing and Seaside indicate that the holiday rush was general, and that anyone with accommodations for guests over the week-end had plenty of demand for them.

## Caswell Pier Fishing Spot

**Lucky Persons Trying Their Luck From There Have Had Very Good Success Recently With Several Varieties**

The 300 foot Caswell river dock and the pier leading out to it is credited with being the best fishing spot along the coast where the use of a boat is not entailed. The Baptists or whoever else buys the Caswell property will find themselves the owner of a very substantial fishing pier over waters that have the fish.

Mrs. H. G. Radcliffe, an ardent Southport fisherman, demonstrated the fine sport that is to be found at the Caswell dock on the afternoon of the 4th of July.

Using live minnows for bait Mrs. Radcliffe caught four flounders, the largest of which weighed five and a half pounds while the smallest tipped the scales at 3 pounds and 9 ounces. She also got 3 gray trout, the largest weighing 3 1/2 pounds and the smallest 1 1/2 pounds.

With all of these fish in her farm-size basket, Mrs. Radcliffe modestly admitted that seven or eight more very large flounders and trout were hung and that they broke away. She says that all of the fish that got away were larger than any she caught.

Soldiers and sailors who have been stationed at Caswell in times past have a better idea than anyone else about the fine fishing that exists at the Caswell dock.

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## Our ROVING Reporter

Mayor Ronnie Cheers and former Mayor Leon Galloway of Shallotte, when seen together this week were unhesitating in saying that traffic over Route 17 during the holidays was the heaviest they had ever known. Everybody seemed to be bound somewhere and just as many people seemed to be intent on getting away from there. The cars, according to the two Shallotte men, were just shooting by in both directions.

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## Tragedy Narrowly Averted In River

**Clerk Of Court Sam T. Bennett And Three Companions Clung To Capsized Craft 4 Hours**

A Sunday fishing trip to Bald Head Island intended to last two days came near being disastrous to Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett, his brother, G. L. Bennett, of Wilmington and Joe Crispens and Hank Olmick of Greensboro. Their boat swamped and turned over in the backwash of the Gulfland, an oil tanker owned by the Gulf Oil Company. The four men are said to have drifted for 4 hours, holding to the overturned skiff, before they were picked up by the boat of Marshall Hill of Southport.

The party was using a 16-foot skiff belonging to Mr. Bennett. In addition to the four men it carried an outboard motor, a tent, fishing tackle and food for two days on the island. They were

between Fort Caswell and the island when the tanker passed them and they were caught in its backwash when it was some 75 yards ahead of their small craft. The swiftly moving vessel was bound to sea.

The overturned boat with the four men clinging to it drifted into the bays north of Bald Head Island and finally up Cedar Creek where they were found by Mr. Hill, who was returning from a fishing trip with Mrs. Frances Young, Mrs. Riley Willis and others. Some of the men still holding to the boat were almost exhausted. They are reported to have lost about \$600.00 worth of equipment, including a new tent, fishing tackle and valuable watches.

## Woodmen Reactivate Camp At Shallotte

**Big Bill Sent To Capt. Woortman**

As he was master of the Roland on which he, his wife and daughter and 14 other Estonians made the three thousand mile voyage from Sweden last summer, Captain John Woortman has received a bill from the U. S. government amounting to slightly over twelve thousand dollars.

This charge is made for the transportation of all on board the Roland to Ellis Island, and for their food, clothing and other expenses incurred while they were detained there pending a decision as to whether or not they would be allowed to remain in the United States.

Captain Woortman and three other men who made the long trip with him are working here on shrimp boats. They are doing well, but Captain Woortman sadly admitted to a newsman Monday that it will be a long time before he could save enough from his earnings to pay the twelve thousand dollar bill.

## Another Busy Court Session

**Post-Holiday Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Is Crowded With Traffic Violators**

This week's session of Brunswick county Recorder's court was postponed until Tuesday, but on that day Judge W. J. McLamb and other court officials were greeted with a lengthy docket which featured many cases growing out of holiday weekend traffic violations. Following is a report of these cases:

John Grant Reed, speeding, continued.

Dranford A. Sneed, reckless operation, costs.

Horace C. Sutton, reckless operation, not guilty.

Robert H. Sutton, reckless operation, not guilty.

Harwood B. Cox, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

John Bowie, no operators license fined \$25.00 and costs.

Leon Lindsey Huls, reckless operation, fined \$35.00 and costs.

William F. Sacks, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

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## Man Dies Friday In Auto Accident

**Kernersville Man Killed When Car Overturns On Curve Near Hickman's Crossroads**

Brunswick county had only one fatality during the holiday week-end that occurred Friday when Floyd O. Phillips, 31-year-old Kernersville man, sustained fatal injuries in an automobile accident near Hickman's Crossroads.

Eye-witness reports indicate that the Guilford county man was traveling at a high rate of speed when he lost control of his car on a sharp curve. The machine turned over three or four times and Phillips suffered severe head injuries.

He was brought to the Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport where he died Friday afternoon. His body was returned to his home for burial.

**Shallotte Camp No. 160 Is Placed On Working Basis With Fitting Ceremony Thursday Night At Legion Hut**

**NEW OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED**

**Visiting Woodmen From Clarkton Help To Install Officers For Camp At Shallotte**

Shallotte Camp No. 160, Woodmen of World, which was organized in 1905 was reactivated Thursday night with a fish supper and appropriate ceremonies.

A storm drove the fish-frying activities indoors, and the meal was served in the old REA office at Shallotte; but nothing had dulled the appetite of the large crowd who enjoyed this portion of the program.

From this point the meeting adjourned to the Shallotte Legion Hut for installation of newly elected officers, and for inspirational talks by WOW leaders and old members of the Shallotte Camp. Among the latter was John W. Russ, a charter member, who told what it has meant to him to be associated with the Woodmen organization through the years.

The ceremonies at the Legion Hut were presided over by Roy Helms, Cousul Commander of the Clarkton Camp. Frank Gardner was captain of the degree team which installed the officers. E. R. Meares, financial secretary of the Clarkton Camp, made a brief talk and recited a narrative poem in his inimitable manner. J. C. Gree, field representative of the WOW of Clarkton, spoke on the fraternal side of the organization, and A. A. Dennis, a former resident of Brunswick county who now is supervisor of boy's activities for the Clarkton Camp, reported on this phase of the work.

Installed as new leaders of the Shallotte Camp were H. T. Bennett, counsul commander; R. E. Continued on page four

## Famed Drama To Be Here Monday

**"Prisoner At The Bar" Will Be Presented In Trinity Methodist Church Under Auspices Of Churches Of Southport**

"Prisoner At The Bar" will be given in the Trinity Methodist church Monday evening, July 11th, at 8 o'clock under sponsorship of the churches of Southport.

This is a drama portraying a court trial of a prisoner for a capital offense, which crime is committed by a drunken husband. The feature actors in this drama have been giving this portrayal in churches of all denominations under direction of the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church for fifteen years. Two of these artists will accompany the drama and take the parts of District Attorney and the Prisoner.

The remainder of the court scene will be made up of local talent from the churches carefully selected for their ability. The entire court will number about twenty actors. There is not a dull moment during the program. These characters will include J. T. Denning, Judge; Rev. Mr. Wilkenson, Prosecuting Attorney; L. D. Hayman, Defense attorney; G. D. Robinson, Sheriff; C. E. Blake, Bailiff; R. E. Thompson, Court Reporter.

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## Shipping Small Shrimp South To Canning Plant

**Product Is Of Inferior Grade And Commands Small Market Price Except To Canneries In Louisiana**

**FAIR CATCHES OF THIS SIZE MADE**

**Giving Work To Headers And To Workers Around Houses As Well As Returns To Men Who Go Out On Trawlers**

Five or more tons of headed shrimp are now moving out from Southport daily. The product, almost too small in size to be very good for the green pack that is sent to eastern markets, goes to New Orleans, La., and is eagerly bought up by the canning factories.

As canned shrimp some of them may at some time find their way back to Southport.

All local dealers, Paul Fodale, W. S. Wells, Dallas Pigott, Lewis J. Hardee, J. A. Arnold and T. B. Smith combine to form the daily truck load of shrimp to Louisiana. Such shipments are of little worry to these producers. Their boats bring in the shrimp, the product is headed and packed in boxes with ice. Paying so much per hundred pounds, Joe Thompson, young Wilmington fish dealer, sends one of his trucks in daily and the shipment pulls out for Louisiana as soon as the boxes can be collected. The dealers here are paid on delivery of the boxes to the trucks.

The small shrimp now being taken bring a good price per bushel to the boatmen, with the heads still on. Colored women get their cut at the picking table. The boxmarkers and the iceman also get their's. So does the dealer. It takes about three and a half bushels of shrimp with their heads still on to make a 100 pound box of headed shrimp. After the other costs are added up to the 100 pound boxes, it can easily be seen that the five or more tons of little shrimp, pulling out from Southport daily for the canning factories are leaving a nice little sum behind them.

## Call Attention To 4-H Camps

**County Agent And Home Demonstration Agent Want Brunswick Boys And Girls At Summer Camp**

County Agent A. S. Knowles and Miss Corrine Greene, the home agent, are calling attention to the fact that it is time to begin arranging for the 4-H Club Camp which is to be held at Millstone 4-H Camp near Rockingham on July 25-30th.

Only 17 boys and 17 girls can be taken from Brunswick, but the agents think that more than that number will be wanting to go.

The week of camp will be filled with work, fun, education and recreation. It promises to be a very enjoyable occasion. The activities are designed to build citizenship.

The camp fees for each individual will be \$2.50, food \$9.00, insurance coverage 50c, transportation. Continued On Page Four

## 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 July 7,	
5:05 A. M.	11:19 A. M.
5:55 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Friday July 8	
6:03 A. M.	0:14 A. M.
6:47 P. M.	12:12 P. M.
Saturday July 9	
6:56 A. M.	1:05 A. M.
7:37 P. M.	1:01 P. M.
Sunday July 10	
7:49 A. M.	1:52 A. M.
8:23 P. M.	1:45 P. M.
Monday July 11	
8:38 A. M.	2:36 A. M.
9:06 P. M.	2:33 P. M.
Tuesday July 12	
9:21 A. M.	3:18 A. M.
9:45 P. M.	3:16 P. M.
Wednesday July 13	
10:03 A. M.	3:59 A. M.
10:24 P. M.	3:57 P. M.