

## Outlines Terms For Closing Of Hurricane Inlet

Letter From General Edward F. Griffin To Brunswick County Auditor Sets Forth Terms

### COMPLIANCE BOND TO BE REQUIRED

### An All-Out Effort Will Be Made To Effectively Close New Inlet At Lower End Of Long Beach

General Edward F. Griffin, North Carolina Director of Civilian Defense, has written Mrs. Ressie E. Whitley, auditor for Brunswick county, the terms under which bids for closing the inlet at Long Beach may be received. His letter to Mrs. Whitley follows in full:

"Mr. Mader of the Regional Office of Federal Civilian Defense, Thomasville, Georgia, informed me yesterday by long distance telephone that Brunswick County could re-advertise for bids for the closure of the Long Beach Inlet, under the following terms and conditions:

"1. The three methods of operation and closure as set out in my letter to you dated May 14, with attached letter dated May 10, from Dr. Dial Sweeney, Acting Regional Administrator of Civilian Defense.

"2. A bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10 percent) of the bid must be furnished by each bidder.

"3. The actual contract must contain a one-hundred percent (100 percent) performance bond.

"4. The successful bidder shall be a duly licensed North Carolina contractor, or a contractor authorized to perform such work in North Carolina.

"5. After the awarding of the contract for closure of the inlet work will commence promptly, but in no case later than the 19th day of October, 1956.

"6. That the time for completion set forth in the contract shall be not more than ninety (90) days after the start of the work.

"7. That all documentation for work under the contract shall be submitted to the State Civil Defense Office in Raleigh not more than twenty (20) days after the completion of the project.

"The Federal Defense Administration has approved for this project the sum of \$62,000, which was the original approval of your project NC-74.

"I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Henry M. Van Oesen, your Consulting Engineer at Wilmington, so that he may prepare immediate advertisement for bids on this project.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am  
Sincerely,  
Edward F. Griffin,  
Director."

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**LIONS CLUB**  
The Southport Lions Club will meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 12:30 o'clock in the Community Building.

**OPEN THIS MONTH**  
It was learned this week from SPAT officials that tentative plans have been made for occupying the newly completed Government quarters sometime in late August.

**HOSPITAL GIFT**  
Twenty-five pillow cases and 2 bedside table covers were donated recently to the Dasher Memorial Hospital by the Supply Baptist Church.

**PLACES IN MEET**  
Billy Wells of Southport placed fourth in the water ski tournament held last week end at Wrightsville Beach. This is considered to be a very good showing when it is considered that he was competing against some of the top water sports stars of the country.

**BACK FROM CHARLESTON**  
Col. Wm. A. McAleer, Terminal Commander, has returned from a visit to Charleston, S. C., where he observed the initial loading of privately owned vehicles out of that port. This is a new phase of cargo movement through the Charleston Outport and the Colonel was very interested in seeing the first operation conducted in a smooth manner.

## Thrilling Account Of Tarpon Fishing

Big One Got Away Again, But Not Before Being Caught By Visiting Wilmington Fisherman

By JIM HARDIE

The sun was peeping over the eastern horizon, and a gentle breeze put a ripple on the river as I opened the screen door to the tackle shop next to the fishing pier.

I had never met George Wortham before, but I knew right away it was him, sitting in the aluminum folding chair, eyes half shut, as if he was trying to sleep.

"I'll bet you're the man I'm looking for," I said to him.

"Probably am," he replied, without looking up.

"Did Captain Bill Styron tell you I was coming?"

George sat up in the chair, took off his hat and scratched his head.

"Cap'n Bill said something about somebody coming down to fish for tarpon."

"That's me," I announced. George didn't seem too impressed.

"You ever fished for tarpon before?" he asked, placing his hat back on his head.

"Nope, this is my first try." George thought it over for a minute, then he stood up and walked to the back door.

"The tides making now," he said to himself. "We'll have to catch the first of the falling tide."

"When can we get started?" I said anxiously.

George crossed back through the tackle shop and onto the front porch. He stood in front of a blackboard which hung on the outside, studying the tide times.

"I guess we can leave around nine thirty," he said.

I was somewhat put out by George's decision to delay things until nine-thirty. I was anxious to get going. But I remembered what several had told me, "George Wortham is as good a guide as there is any where. He knows the waters around Southport like the palm of his hand. You do as George says."

I wandered along the picturesque waterfront and enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. The time passed surprisingly fast.

I stopped by Quack's Shack for some ham and eggs and hot coffee. While there, I couldn't help over-hearing the conversation of four sunburned, bearded men who sat at the table next to me. They had spent several days in Southport fishing. They were recounting the exciting, happy hours they had spent fishing, and I could see right off that the folks back home were in store for some whopping fish tales when this quartet returned.

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## Whiteville Has Leading Record On Border Belt

Prices Show Slight Improvement This Week And Sales Volume Is Increasing Daily

Marketing division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture figures showed Whiteville leading the Border Belt and South Carolina markets in volume and gross income for the first six days of sales.

Word from the various markets this week indicate that prices are somewhat improved and the daily sales volume is steadily increasing.

A good sale was expected today, according to R. G. Maulsby, sales supervisor.

An encouraging sign was the continuing decline in the percentage of flue-cured leaf going to stabilization. The percentage had dropped to 22.27 percent for the whole marketing period, as compared to 27.36 percent for the first week of sales.

Official figures of USDA shows Whiteville with 3,554,270 pounds selling for \$1,728,086.07 for the first six days. This gives the market the lead over all multiple buyer markets including the nearest competitor, Lake City which had 3,389,518 pounds for \$1,626,290.73.

Friday's sale, according to Maulsby was 872,606 pounds for \$421,430.20, averaging \$48.30.

The weekly total of 2,952,514 pounds for \$1,428,191.

## Plan Expansion Of Beach Motel

Developer G. V. Barbee Finds That Existing Facilities Will Not Take Care Of Demand For Accommodations

Commenting on a news story in last week's paper in which it was said that it was planned to increase the Yaupon Beach Motel to 45 or more rooms, Manager G. V. Barbee of Barbee's Incorporated, stated this week that the present facilities of the motel were bursting at the seams.

The place has been crowded since it first opened late this spring and at times many people who sought accommodations have had to be turned away.

"The motel is turning out to be very popular, but we desperately need more rooms," said Mr. Barbee.

To this end, he plans to double the original plans that he started out with when he began construction of the motel just a year ago.

Not only is the Yaupon Beach man setting out to build all of the motel facilities that he can, he is pointing out to others that the construction of motels in desirable locations is a profitable form of business. He hopes to see more motels in the beach and Southport area before the coming of another season.

Not the least interesting is his idea that these places should be constructed to provide year-round facilities for tourists and other visitors. With this end in view, the Yaupon Beach Motel was

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## Musical Comedy Cast



PERFORMERS—Lew Hardie, who wrote and directed "The Lady Pirates", musical comedy which was presented here Thursday evening, is shown standing beside Mrs. A. E. Huntley, the musical director. Kneeling are Tommy Harrelson, Julia Spencer, Cheryl Rogers, Homer McKeithan, Jimmie Harper, Teel St. George, Helen Mallison, Mary Lib Fox, Carolyn Mallison, David Peters, Barbara McLeod and Lee Cashwell.—(Art Newton Photo.)

## Speaking Meetings For Pearsall Plan

Arrangements Being Made For Series Of Public Meetings At Which Details Of Pearsall Amendment Will Be Explained

## Whale Washes Up At Yaupon

A small whale, about 12 feet in length, came ashore just west of the Yaupon Beach fishing pier early Tuesday morning. Mr. Lipe and several others of the folks that quickly gathered rolled it back into the surf and it swam off. On its journey it rose several times to breathe.

It is not a rare thing for fish residents of the sea to come ashore. Sometimes whole schools of them do that at the same time. At other times there may be just one. Frequently, too, a sick whale or other large fish will come ashore or invade shallow waters to die. This one seemed to be in good health.

## McKeithan Death Called Accident

Body Of 49-Year-Old White Man Discovered On Wednesday Floating In Inland Waterway

The body of Ernest Clayton McKeithan, veteran of World War II, was found floating in the intracoastal waterway near his home at Seaside last Wednesday. He had been missing only a short time.

McKeithan, 49 years old, was presumably at work on his small dock on the waterway and fell in the stream. Coroner Sam T. Bennett, after an investigation, ruled that he was accidentally drowned.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock from the graveside in the Pierce

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## Assembly Closes Successful Year Of Operations

Attendance Last Week At Caswell Baptist Assembly Was About 900 Members Of Training Union

Called Best Year Since Moving Here

Total Attendance For The Season In Neighborhood Of 7,000 For Average Weekly Attendance Of 850 Persons

The Training Union Week which came to a close Saturday marked the close of the eighth week of operation of Caswell Baptist Assembly for 1956.

This brought to a close the greatest season in the history of the assembly which has operated at Caswell since 1950. The attendance last week reached 900 and the total attendance for the 1956 season was almost 7000, or about 850 per week.

Training Union activities were under the direction of James P. Morgan, State Training Union Director. The concluding program for the week was a Hymn Festival participated in by many choirs from over the state and under the leadership of Joe Stroud, newly elected Music Director of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

The assembly groups that have been teaming with life and religious activities for the past two months have become quiet and the people, as they have turned their homeward way, looked forward to a bigger and better assembly in 1957.

## Livestock Day Being Planned By Lions Club

Three Phases Of Activity Included In Community Fair Which Will Be Held On September 8

The Bolivia Lions Club will sponsor a "Livestock Day" at the Bolivia School on Saturday, September 8. The program will consist of 3 phases. First the poultry judging will begin at 9:30 a. m. at about the same time dairy calves and swine will be judged.

At 10:30 a. m. the 120 pullets exhibited will be sold at auction. They will be sold in lots of 12. These pullets are being grown out by 4-H club members in co-operation with Sears, Roebuck Foundation and will make excellent layers for home egg supply.

The Lions Club is sponsoring a pig chain among 4-H club members in the Bolivia area and they will be on display before and after the judging.

The dairy calves that are to be shown will also be entered in the Southeastern Junior Dairy Show in Wilmington the following week. This show is designed to help train the boys and girls in doing a better job at the district show.

E. T. Albright, president of the Lions Club, is anxious to make this an annual affair in promoting boys' and girls' project work. He is hopeful that a large number of people from throughout the county will be present and take part in this community event. It will be entertaining, educational and above all will help promote youth work by having a large crowd. The program will end at noon.

Governor Luther H. Hodges said last week before leaving for Chicago that he hopes that more than one million North Carolina voters will go to the polls on September 8 to vote on the constitutional amendments.

"A turnout by that many North Carolinians, representing both major political parties, would be a fine exhibition of our attitude toward our great school system," he said.

The governor made his statement as Raymond Maxwell, Executive Secretary of the State (Continued on page five)

## Cameraman And Writer Visitors

Mrs. Miriam Rabb And Bill Gully Of State Advertising Division Were In This Area Getting Material

Mrs. Miriam Rabb, who handles publicity for the State Advertising Division, and Bill Gully, photo editor, spent part of last week here and at Yaupon Beach. They worked and at the same time they both apparently very much enjoyed getting acquainted with things here.

Before leaving Saturday morning to cover the water skiing event at Wrightsville, both expressed their intention of coming back by early fall and getting some personal experience with the sport fishing, as well as with following up on other things they became acquainted with while here.

Friday afternoon was spent in getting picture and story material on the sport fishing. Outside of the usual take of king mackerel, dolphin and barracuda, no big fish were brought in by the boats that day.

But when it came to the matter of food fish, the boats and parties had been in their element. All brought in big catches of bluefish and Spanish mackerel and Gully was kept busy making pictures.

Several boats and their catches were photographed. Of these a Myrtle Beach party, headed by R. E. L. Brown, probably made the biggest haul of the day. The

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## Ventor Returns Here For Work

Hill Dredging Company Vessel Returning To Southport For Maintenance Dredging Work At Sunny Point

The dredge Ventor of the Hill Dredging Company of Atlantic City, N. J., is scheduled to arrive here Saturday from Cocoa, Fla., and will immediately start work on the big maintenance dredging contract on the channels and basin at Sunny Point. The job is expected to require about 4 months.

Since the Ventor's last operations here about a year ago, eight or nine of the families have bought big house trailers and are now living in them. Some of these mobile homes have already arrived.

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## Age Requirement For First Grade

Students Must Reach Their 6th Birthday Before Admitted To First Grade

Children to be entitled to enrollment in the public schools for the school year 1955-1956, and each year thereafter, must have passed the sixth anniversary of their birth before October 1 of the year in which they enroll, and must enroll during the first month of the school year.

If a particular child has already been attending school in

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## Call For Bids For Postoffice

The Postoffice Department has called for proposals to furnish quarters suitable for use as a postoffice for the City of Southport. The effective date for a lease, which can be negotiated either for a 5-year or 10-year term, will be August 1, 1957.

A minimum of 2,000 square feet of floor space will be required and bids may be submitted to include utilities, although this is not required. The building must have a central location and must have loading facilities.

Forms for submitting a bid may be obtained at the Southport postoffice, and all bids must be turned in to Postmaster J. B. Russ before September 1, 1956.

## Monday Session Of Court Held

Variety Of Cases Disposed Of Before Recorder Judge Earl Bellamy In Recorder's Court Here This Week

A long list of cases were disposed of Monday in Brunswick county Recorder's court with the following judgments being handed down by Judge Earl Bellamy: Ernest Odom, speeding, fined \$15 and costs.

Emmett Joyner, assault on female, destroying personal property, prosecuting witness taxed with costs.

Roosevelt Marlow, Henry Bethea, possession, nol pros as another defendant admitted ownership.

Roosevelt Marlow, operating motor vehicle after license had been suspended, fined \$200 and costs.

Robert Caddell, speeding, fined \$15 and costs.

Hardy Ballard, transporting for purpose of sale, 9 months on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$200 and costs and placed on good behavior for two years.

Worth David Hooper, transporting for purpose of sale, 9 months on the roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$200 and costs and placed on good behavior for two years.

John Roberts, drunk on the streets of Southport, fined \$25 and costs.

Major Leroy Butler, reckless operation, no operator's license, fined \$35 and costs.

Richard Tobias Webster, speed-

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### Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

With the full moon to make its appearance on August 21, a week from now, there should be some mighty fine fishing, provided it does not get stormy. This should apply to both commercial fishermen with nets and the rod and reel variety. Fish always bite better, weather permitting, preceding the full moon. Shrimp boatmen and the menhaden men with their nets always look for things to be better just before the full moon comes along. We don't know how it comes about, but the fish of all sorts are always much more active during such times.

Just as sure as we mention something in this column some good friend bobs up and produces it. In this case it was G. C. (Red) Lassiter, of Spring Hope. Couple of weeks ago we mentioned that

## New Police Chief Coming Sept. 1st

Lewis Clark, Member Of Police Force In Boston, Mass., Will Assume Duties Of This Office In Southport

Southport city officials were notified Saturday that Lewis Clark, 38-year old member of the Boston, Mass. police force, will report here on September 1 as Chief of Police.

Clark, who is a former service man and who has had 4 years experience on the Boston Police force, has been highly recommended for the position here by his superior officers in Boston. His delay until September 1 in reporting here is due to his desire to give them reasonable notice of his resignation there.

Clark is married and has two children.

The new city official will succeed Robert Butler, who has been chief of police here since January. Butler resigned his position last week.

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## 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, August 16	
3:48 A. M.	10:01 A. M.
4:34 P. M.	10:46 P. M.
Friday, August 17	
4:42 A. M.	10:52 A. M.
5:22 P. M.	11:35 P. M.
Saturday, August 18	
5:31 A. M.	11:40 A. M.
6:07 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Sunday, August 19	
6:17 A. M.	0:19 A. M.
6:47 P. M.	12:25 P. M.
Monday, August 20	
6:59 A. M.	1:00 A. M.
7:26 P. M.	1:07 P. M.
Tuesday, August 21	
7:37 A. M.	1:39 A. M.
8:02 P. M.	1:46 P. M.
Wednesday, August 22	
8:14 A. M.	2:16 A. M.
8:35 P. M.	2:29 P. M.