

## Entry Of The Syndicate Steps Up Interest In Yacht Races To Be Held In Southport In August

Telegram Received Tuesday From F. W. Scheper, Jr., Of Beaufort, S. C., Announced Entry Of Leading Class A Winner

DOC AND PATROL BOAT WILL BE HERE

Received Tuesday announced That Two Coast Guard Vessels Would Assist Oak Island Men That Week

Interest in the yachting regatta to be held here August 12-14 had a new high Tuesday upon receipt of a telegram from F. W. Scheper, Jr., of Beaufort, S. C., entering his Syndicate, victor in every Class A race she entered this year.

His telegram Mr. Scheper stated that the High Tide, also of Beaufort, and the Geechee, of Savannah, Ga., are expected to enter the Southport regatta. The High Tide has been a consistent winner in Class B events of the South Atlantic Yachting Association this summer, while the Geechee, owned by Skipper Frank Sweeney, has been the great source of worry to the victor's Syndicate.

Another communication received Tuesday by W. B. Keziah, chairman of the invitation committee, brought word from the U. S. Treasury Department that arrangements are being made to have the regatta of the Carolina Yacht Club, at Southport, paid for by the Modoc, a 75-foot patrol boat, and a suitable boat from the Oak Island Coast Guard station. Local officials were instructed to get in touch with the commanding officer of the station relative to going along with a dock, and to make other preliminary arrangements.

Another fine break for the regatta was the decision of the Charleston Yacht Club, of Charleston, S. C., to forego plans which they had made to hold a regatta during the same dates set for the races at Southport. This means that all racing boats from that section will be expected to come here for those days. In addition to the correspondence being carried on by Mr. Keziah, valuable personal contacts have been made each week by members of the Carolina Yacht Club who have been entering the week-end regattas at various points along the South Carolina and Georgia coast. Reports from these men upon their return are practically all of the faster boats of the South Atlantic Association will be entered in the Southport regatta.

## Little Bits Of Big News

News Events Of State, Nation and World-Wide Interest During Past Week

### Tragic End

An illicit New York suburban love affair between a pretty, 37-year-old married woman and an automobile salesman, also married, came to an abrupt end Tuesday when she stripped off a red leather belt, handed it to her lover and said: "Strangle me!" He did, and police held the man—Stanley A. Martin, Jr., 29—on suspicion of murder.

### New Commander

The state department of the American Legion closed its convention Tuesday, when it elected Hector C. Blackwell, of Fayetteville, new commander over Arthur B. Corey, of Greenville. The balloting was halted, however, when Corey withdrew his name and asked that Blackwell be elected by acclamation. Winston-Salem was chosen as the 1938 convention city.

### Predicts Law

J. B. Hutson, assistant AAA administrator and the chief authority of the administration on tobacco, Tuesday proposed control of the 1938 tobacco crop under existing law, in the event that burdensome surpluses develop in 1937. The proposal, which was the first public information that the Department of Agriculture

## Frank Rabon Led Rescue Party That Located Lost Foresters

Resident Of Winnabow Section Is Hunter And Trapper Of Considerable Reputation, And Knows Plenty About The Green Swamp

RESCUED MEN GAVE RABON FULL CREDIT

Members Of Rescue Party Expressed Opinion That Without His Leadership, Men Would Be Unfound



FRANK RABON

A modest man who gained considerable publicity two weeks ago when he led a rescue party thru the dense undergrowth of the Green Swamp to where two U. S. Foresters were lost, Frank Rabon, of Winnabow, wonders why so much fuss is made about a job that was just all in a day's work for him.

Mr. Rabon spends considerable time hunting and trapping during the winter months, and much of this activity is carried on in the Green Swamp. It is doubtful that a person more familiar with the territory could have been found to lead the party of rescuers who located John Hale and John Carrow after they had spent forty-eight hours lost in the mosquito infested jungle.

Members of the rescue party expressed amazement at the ability of Rabon, who lead the party in the search.

"There was little trail which led into Moore's Island which hadn't been used all summer," one member of the party said, "and that fellow followed it without a miss. It was just about this wide," he said, indicating a space of about two feet with his hands, "but he kept right to it."

"We could have never found them if it hadn't been for Rabon. That man knows that swamp like the palm of his hand."

## Willie Stewart Escapes From Bryson City Prison

Son Of C. W. Stewart And Brother Of Elmer Stewart, Two Wilmington Men, Convicted Of Murder In Brunswick

PRISON AND ESCAPE RECORD DANGEROUS

On Several Other Occasions Has Effected Escape From North Carolina Prisons And Chain Gangs; Latest Saturday Night

Willie, alias Yank Stewart, of Wilmington and Brunswick county, whom officers term one of the most colorful bad men in this section, escaped from prison again Saturday night.

Stewart, according to an Associated Press dispatch, is one of six convicts remaining at large of 10 who participated in a wholesale delivery from the Bryson City prison camp. He was serving 10 to 12 years for a robbery here.

According to the recollections of local officers, Stewart has had a notorious career in crime. Released from the South Carolina state prison in 1933 after spending 18 months of his bank robbery sentence in solitary confinement, Stewart returned to Wilmington. Shortly after his return (Continued on page 4.)

## Lady On Inspection Tour Needs Help Before Leaving

On their way to Fort Caswell Sunday morning Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wooten, of the Raleigh Times, and W. B. Keziah, of Southport, stopped at the Oak Island Coast Guard station in order that Mrs. Wooten might be properly initiated into the fact that mere man can keep house without female assistance.

The demonstration, or inspection, showed everything at the station to be spic and span. But as there is an old saying about "convincing a woman against her will and she will be of the same opinion still," nobody knows if the desired results were obtained.

When starting to leave the station the mistake of driving just off the road onto

## LOUIS T. MOORE PRAISES REGATTA

In a communication Tuesday to W. B. Keziah, executive secretary of the Southport Yacht Club, Louis T. Moore, manager of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, praises the Carolina Yacht Club in making plans for the yachting regatta here the second week in August.

Mr. Moore says: "Our thought is that the Carolina Yacht Club and the Southport Yacht Club have done a fine bit of work in arranging the yacht races to be held in your progressive city. We are participating with pleasure being with you at that time."

## New Doctor Has Beginner's Luck

Dr. LeRoy Fergus, lately of Wilmington, now of Southport, where he has succeeded Dr. William Doshier, was added to the Brunswick County Fishermen's hall of fame Monday afternoon when his plug got a strike from a four-and-one-half pound, big-mouth bass. The Doctor, however, still rates second to Charles Greer, who caught a seven-pounder of the same species last week.

## Large Gathering For Homecoming Day, New Hope

Celebration Of Forty-Third Anniversary Of The New Hope Presbyterian Church, Near Winnabow, Was Well Attended

FELLOWSHIP DINNER HELD IN THE GROVE

Principal Speeches Made In Morning, With Afternoon Session Devoted To Round Table Discussion

The forty-third anniversary of the New Hope Presbyterian church was held Sunday with a large gathering in attendance to enjoy the fine program, and good fellowship of old friends and neighbors.

The Rev. J. R. Potts, pastor, presided over the morning session during which time the principal speeches were heard. Colonel Walker Taylor, of Wilmington, introduced the speaker for the occasion, Mr. Sullivan, of Wilmington, who made an interesting talk before the gathering.

At noon everyone in attendance gathered about a picnic table in the grove near the church and enjoyed a delightful fellowship dinner. There was an abundance of delicious food that is attendant upon occasions of this kind.

In the afternoon a round table discussion was presided over by (Continued on page 4.)

## Southport Man Receives Honor

Frank M. Sasser Was Elected Commander Of The Seventh District At State Legion Convention Held In Durham This Week

Frank M. Sasser, Brunswick County Welfare Officer, was elected commander for the seventh district in North Carolina of the American Legion at the election of officers held Tuesday in Durham.

Brunswick county was represented at the legion convention by Mr. and Mrs. Sasser, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frink, R. C. St. George, M. B. Watkins and Willie Hills.

Mrs. Sasser and Mrs. Frink attended the meeting of the legion auxiliary, which was in session at the same time as the legion convention. Mrs. Sasser is retiring president of the auxiliary to the Brunswick county legion post, and Mrs. Frink is the new president of the local organization.

## Only Four Cases Before Recorder

Light Docket Was Tried Before Judge J. W. Ruark Here Last Wednesday

Only four cases were tried before Judge J. W. Ruark in Recorder's Court last Wednesday. They were of minor importance. Fred Fullwood, colored, was found not guilty of forgery. Tenice Robinson, white, was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly. Sentence was suspended upon payment of the cost and upon the condition that (Continued on page 4.)

## Shallotte Man Hurt In Mishap

Deralee Bowen Injured When Tank Truck Was Wrecked Last Friday

Deralee Bowen, 25-year-old tank truck driver for R. D. White, of Shallotte, suffered painful but apparently not serious injuries when he lost control of his truck and left the highway about eight miles from Shallotte on the Big (Continued on page 4.)

## Now Working On Highway Project

Two six-hour shifts are working this week on the grading project on highway number 130 at Shallotte preparing a roadbed for the hardsurfacing of that road. It is understood that the bridge crew already is on location and is ready to begin work on the structure over the Shallotte river this week.

## County Board In Special Session Here Thursday

Decision Reached To Continue Mrs. Marion S. Doshier As County Home Demonstration Agent For Brunswick

HEARS ARGUMENT OF GROUP WPA WORKERS

This Was Discussion About Location Of WPA Project For Which Most Of The Labor Comes From Boon Neck

Members of the board of county commissioners in special session here Thursday voted to continue Mrs. Marion S. Doshier as county home demonstration agent.

This is final action in a matter that first arose several weeks ago when members of the board voted to discontinue the work in this county. At their following meeting this original order was rescinded, but Thursday's move by the board gives the reinstatement permanent status.

Eleven WPA workers from the Boone section came before the board Thursday and asked that they be granted a project in their own community instead of being transported to another part of the county for work on the Rustown road. A conference between the workers and local WPA officials was arranged for Tuesday afternoon.

## Man Injured By Auto Saturday

John Howard Struck Down And Seriously Injured Saturday Night By Hit-And-Run Driver Who Has Not Been Apprehended

State Highway patrolmen are seeking the identity of an automobile driver who struck down John Howard, 24, of Bolivia, at 10 o'clock Saturday night as he walked along Highway No. 130, near the Archie Evans service station between here and Supply.

Howard is in the Brunswick County Hospital here with a dislocation of the left elbow and severe abrasions about the face and neck. His condition shows satisfactory improvement. He told patrolmen he was walking well off the road when the car, traveling at a high rate of speed, sideswiped him, then continued on its way without pause.

## Barnett Speaks At Kiwanis Club

Coast Guard Officer Describes His Wide Experiences In Rescue Work Along Atlantic Coast

Capt. W. H. Barnett, officer in charge of the Oak Island Coast Guard station here, last week gave a vivid description of his experiences in rescue work, both along the Atlantic coast and in Louisville, Ky., flood area, at the Kiwanis luncheon in the (Continued on page four)

## Mayor Cooper Is Local Visitor

Wilmington Mayor Always Has Had Host Of Friends In Southport; Was Here On Business Trip Friday

Tom Cooper, Mayor of Wilmington, and in many respects one of the most outstanding city heads in North Carolina, spent Friday afternoon here visiting friends, of which he has many in Southport.

Although his political and social star has risen greatly in the (Continued on page four)

## Local Physician Is Granted Reciprocity

Dr. Frederick B. Bond, of Southport, has been granted his license to practice medicine in North Carolina and plans to open an office here sometime this fall.

Dr. Bond moved here several months ago from New York, where he was engaged in the practice of medicine. His North Carolina license was granted through reciprocity.

## First Ship Constructed In This Country Built At Southport

Old Shipyard Near Southport Was Used As Early As 1525 By Don Lucas Vasquez De Ayllon, Spanish Ship Builder

(By W. B. KEZIAH)

Columbus discovered America in 1492 and three decades later one of his countrymen came from Spain, entered the United States at the Cape Fear river and settled at what is now the upper end of the Southport harbor.

There, in 1525, Don Lucas Vasquez de Ayllon built a shipyard and constructed the first ship ever built in what is now the United States territory. The location is on the west bank of the Cape Fear river, two and one-half miles from the present city of Southport, in Brunswick county, North Carolina.

In the known history of the United States little attention is given the early shipbuilding industry of the United States. Yet, despite the four centuries that have elapsed, many traces of the first shipyard, where the first ship was constructed, can still be clearly seen.

Neither record or tradition deposes to say how large this first ship was. But the existing indications point to the shipyard as having been of considerable proportions. While the local tradition of the shipyard has come down through the four centuries,

it was not until very recently that a Washington newspaper man gave a tip that is leading conclusively to the establishment of the fact that it was the first shipyard in what is now United States territory and that the first ship was also constructed here.

All known records referring to the first shipyard and first ship building are in the dusty archives of the New Hanover county records. These records designate the location as being on the Cape Fear near Wilmington or Newtown, this reference probably being given by reason of the fact that Wilmington or Newtown was then, at the time the records were made, the largest nearby settlement or town.

Then, too, in the formation of counties Brunswick county is a section that formerly comprised a portion of New Hanover county. All known records, previous to 1774, covering what is now Brunswick county, are in the New Hanover archives.

The site of the first shipyard and the scene of the first ship construction in what is now United States territory, is two and one-half miles from Southport, in Brunswick county, North Carolina. It is on what is known as the Stiffler place and at the present time the land is owned by C. W. Manson, of Wilmington.

## Construction Of Wharf Is Already Underway

MASS MEETING TO DISCUSS REGATTA

A citizen's mass meeting will be held Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Brunswick county courthouse at which time plans will be made and suggestions will be considered for the proper entertainment of the hundreds of visitors expected to throng here for the yacht races Thursday, Friday and Saturday, August 12-14.

H. M. Shannon is chairman of the finance committee which already has started its campaign to raise funds for the purpose of defraying the necessary expense of the regatta. Serving with him on this committee is L. T. Yaskell and W. C. Reece.

Other committee appointments will be announced Monday night. Ladies of the community are especially urged to be present.

Pine Logs For Southern Kraft Paper Mill Are To Be Shipped From Southport To Georgetown By Barge

SHIPMENTS WILL LAST FOR SOMETIME

Logs Already Are Coming Into Southport In Great Numbers And Are Being Piled For Shipment

The Southern Kraft Corporation's mill at Georgetown began the construction of its new loading dock here Monday. Creosoted timbers are being used and it is understood the company expects to carry on the loading and shipping of logs from here indefinitely, the product being brought in by truck from all points in this and adjoining counties.

The dock is located near where Fiddlers Drain empties into the Cape Fear. From the shore to the loading wharf the dock will be 520 feet in length and 16 feet wide. The wharf is 72 feet in length and of equal width as the dock. The intentions are for 10 ton truck loads of logs to drive right on the dock and wharf and thence on to the barges on which they are reloaded for the transportation to Georgetown.

It was stated Monday that some railroad car loads of the 4-foot logs were already piled up here awaiting the completion of the dock. This amount is being (Continued on page 4.)

## Invitation Extended County Commissioners To Come Here

With the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners and County Accountants to conclude its session at Wrightsville just prior to the beginning of the 1937 yachting regatta at Southport, an invitation is being mailed this week, to each county board, asking that in making their preparation for Wrightsville they include provisions for a day or two at Southport. The following letter is typical of the letter that is being mailed to the clerk of the board of county commissioners in each of the 100 North Carolina counties:

"Gentlemen: "With your 1937 association meeting at Wrightsville the early part of the second week in August, it is our earnest hope that at the conclusion of the meeting there you board and friends will come on to Southport for the three days yachting regatta, beginning August 12th.

"Governor Hoey has been advised that following his address to your body, at the conclusion of your session on the 11th, he will come to Southport for the regatta. It is being sponsored by the Carolina Yacht Club of Wilmington and Wrightsville and will be staged on Southport's famous landlocked harbor.

"We regret that owing to the fact that the regatta itself is entailing so much work, we may not be able to extend you and the governing boards of other North Carolina counties many special courtesies. However, we can assure you that everything possible will be done during your visit here, and we earnestly hope that in making your preparations for the Wrightsville meeting you will make allowances for an extra day or two at Southport.

"The boat races will be held daily August 12, 13, 14. The indications are that there will be a large number of boats participating, from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and some from Florida and Virginia.

Yours very truly,  
W. B. KEZIAH, Chairman  
Invitation Committee.

## Getting School Buildings Ready For September 1

Repairs And Improvements Of More Or Less Importance Are Being Made At Each Consolidated School In County

PRACTICALLY ALL FACULTIES COMPLETE

At Least Four Old School Busses Will Be Replaced This Year By New Vehicles; Two Contract Routes

Minor repairs and improvements are being made in the buildings and plumbing facilities at the various consolidated schools of the county preparatory to the opening of the fall term on Wednesday, September 1.

None of these changes is of major importance, according to Miss Annie May Woodside, county superintendent of schools, but a careful check is being made in an effort to have each plant in perfect repair for the school opening.

Faculty replacements in most of the schools have been completed. There still remains one vacancy at Waccamaw, and the position of principal of the Southport school still is vacant. However, the matter of choosing a successor to C. A. Leford is expected to be attended to this week. There also is one other vacancy in the local high school faculty.

Miss Woodside said Tuesday that one of the last year's bus routes to the Southport school will be contracted to a private automobile owner this year. This will be the trip to the Oak Island coast guard station and down into the Beaver Dam community. Ed Wells has been awarded the contract.

There is one other route, for which the necessary arrangements have not yet been made. This is at Leland for the transportation of children from The Oaks and from the causeway over near the New Hanover county line.

Miss Woodside says there will be the same number of school busses in Brunswick county this year that was in use last term. Four new busses have been allotted this county as replacements for dilapidated vehicles. There are reasons to be hoped that there may be other new busses granted before the school term begins, according to Miss Woodside.

## Leland Woman Is Hurt In Wreck

Suffered Injuries Of Minor Nature Saturday Night When Automobile She Was Driving Was In Collision With Another

Miss Nina Jane Garner, of Leland, driving to her home about 12 o'clock Sunday night, after a visit in Wilmington, was struck head-on by an unidentified negro driver near the Northeast river bridge.

Miss Garner lost a tooth and received severe bruises in the accident.

The negro, driving a light coupe, was reported by Charles F. Bell, of Wilmington, and Avery Jacobs, of Bolivia, to have (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, July 29	
11:50 a. m.	5:31 p. m.
Friday, July 30	
12:08 a. m.	6:25 p. m.
12:44 p. m.	7:22 p. m.
Saturday, July 31	
1:09 a. m.	7:30 a. m.
1:46 p. m.	8:34 p. m.
Sunday, August 1	
2:15 a. m.	8:38 a. m.
2:51 p. m.	9:38 p. m.
Monday, August 2	
3:26 a. m.	9:42 a. m.
4:00 p. m.	11:35 p. m.
Tuesday, August 3	
4:36 a. m.	10:41 a. m.
5:03 p. m.	11:55 p. m.
Wednesday, August 4	
5:37 a. m.	10:41 a. m.
5:59 p. m.	.....p. m.