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County Board Members Will Meet Thursday

Probably Will Be
Relatively Approved At
Meeting Before It
Carried To Raleigh By
County Auditor

PROPOSED RATE SHOWS AN INCREASE

Budget Has Been Set
With Idea Of Paying
Current Operating
Expenses For Com-
ing Year

Major changes in the
budget estimate take place
each time members of the
county commissioners
meet Thursday and tentat-
ively adopt a program of expen-
diture that will be based upon
a rate of \$1.60.

There will be an increase of
over last year's rate of
\$1.50. This will represent an
increase of 6.7 per cent. The
county designated to take care
of the current operating expen-
diture of the county, a thing that
has happened during the
past years. The deficit for
the years 1937-38 is about

\$100,000. The new budget estimate,
which was considered and dis-
cussed Wednesday and again in
the meeting of the members of the
county commissioners, is based
upon a valuation of \$8,000,000
and upon a 70-per-cent
assessment of the levy. All
contemplated in the matter
is the collection of
delinquent taxes
amounting to \$5,000.

The fair care of the
county's \$3,000,000 budget for
the coming year, and
the existing deficit

of \$100,000. The commissioners approve
the budget as it now stands if
it can be carried to Raleigh
by the county auditor R. C. St.
for examination by the
state government commission. If
it is not approved there it will be per-
mitted to stand open for question
for 20 days before
final adoption.

Little Bits Of Big News

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

GUARDIA SPEAKS

Speaking out bitterly against
the agency today to create
a commission in the United States,
the Honorable H. La Guardia of
New York City described efforts
to move the commission from the North to the
South with the promise of cheap
land and the "national suicide" in a
speech to the audience of approx-
imately 2,000 people which
was held in a downtown theatre
last night.

TOBACCO QUESTION

Representatives of flue-cured
tobacco growers from Virginia to
Georgia, alarmed by "unsatisfac-
tory" prices on Georgia markets,
met Monday in Washington
for a conference to be held with
representatives of the bright cigarette
industry to discuss the advisability of
exporting some of this year's
crop from auction floors
to the open market. The proposal
of a three-point pro-
gram was unanimously adopted at a
meeting of representatives who
met in the capital to discuss the
matter with Agricultural Ad-
ministration officials.

WILMINGTON

Representatives of the
United States Spanish American
War Veterans, Members of the
two organizations were asked to
attend.
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his widow, a son, D. R. McKeithan,
of Bartlesville, Okla., a
daughter, Mrs. H. F. Hampton,
of Washington, D. C., a brother,
J. S. McKeithan, of Washington,
D. C., and a sister, Mrs. J. H.
Russ, of Lumberton.

"Wolf Of The Sea"



BARRACUDA—here is a fine specimen that was taken recently by an up-state party who went out to the Gulf Stream. Mrs. W. G. Kemper is shown holding the giant fellow aloft (but if you'll look closely you'll see a helping hand on the extreme right.)—(Cut Courtesy Star-News.)

Red Cross Life Saving Classes Here This Week

Good Crowd Of Aspirants
For Junior And Senior
Life Saving Badges On
Hand For First Class On
Monday

CLASS IS BEING TAUGHT BY MIX

Will Be Here Each After-
noon During This Week
For Purpose Of Giving
These Lessons

Charles A. Mix, Red Cross
field representative for life sav-
ing and first aid, is conducting
a class here this week for both
junior and senior life savers.
More than forty girls and
boys were registered for the
course and almost that many
reported to him Monday after-
noon despite the threatening
weather conditions that ended in
a severe thunder storm late in
the day.
Mix follows a busy schedule
in his work as life saving and
first aid teacher and usually he
is kept busy holding courses for
instructors. Because Southport is
just getting started in the work
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Hauling Shrimp To Market Is A Job For Traveling Man

Trucking shrimp from
Morgan City, La., to New
York and return, Ben Finch
and Warren Swain, young
Southport men, have made a
coverage of 23,000 miles in
the past six weeks.
The distance from Morgan
City to New York is 1,750
miles and each round
trip entails more than 3,000
miles of travel. They drive
day and night, relieving
each other at the wheel
about every five or six hours
and each covering something
in excess of 200 miles before
the other takes over.
The Finch truck is made
to carry 150 boxes of shrimp
but during the hot months
they have to limit their
loads to 140 boxes in order
to permit re-icing of the cargo
enroute. The re-icing is
done by blowing crushed ice
inside the compartment, the

County Schools Open September 11

Opening Date Is Later This Year Than Last

All Consolidated Schools In
Brunswick County To Be-
gin On The Same Day,
Which Is The Second
Monday In September

NO BUILDING DURING SUMMER

However, Effort Is Being
Made To Secure Funds
For Erection Of Addi-
tional Classrooms

The consolidated schools of
Brunswick county will open for
the fall term on Monday, Sep-
tember 11, according to announce-
ment received this week from
Miss Annie May Woodside, county
superintendent of schools.
There have been no unusual
repairs or improvements to any
of the buildings during the sum-
mer months, but during the next
few weeks a complete check-up
will be made in order to have
each plant in tip-top condition
for opening day.
Miss Woodside says that while
there has been no building this
summer, an attempt is being
made to secure a building project
that will provide additional class-
room space at Waccamaw and
Shalotte schools.

Send Diagram Of Landing Fields

Wilmington Men Still Show-
ing Helpful Interest In
Construction Of Air Port
Here

Pennington Flying school offi-
cials, here last week to meet
with local citizens with a view
of an airport for Southport, have
submitted sketches for three
types of fields, either of which
are adapted to one of the pro-
posed sites inspected.

Plan No. 1 is a sketch of an
"L" type airport, the main run-
way to be 3000 feet long in the
direction of the prevailing winds.
The shorter part of the "L" is
2000 feet in length and both
runways are calculated for 300
feet width, the same as at the
New Hanover county airport.

Plan No. 2 is for a "T" type
airport, the two wings of the
"T" to have a total distance of
2000 feet and the long run to
be 3000 feet in length; as in the
"L" type plan, the runways are
calculated for 300 feet in width.
Plan No. 3 calls for the 3000
feet main runway and allows
for a short one at either end or
in the middle, the hanger to be
at one end of the main run-
way.

Meares Harriss, Jr., Warren
Pennington and Bill Betts, all of-
ficials of the Pennington Flying
School, who were here last week
in consultation with local citi-
zens, are indicating a great deal
of personal interest in the lo-
cal movement.

Funeral Services Held For Citizen

Funeral services for D. C. Mc-
Keithan, of Northwest who died
Fri. at his home after a short ill-
ness, were held at 3 o'clock Mon-
day afternoon from the chapel
of Andrews' mortuary in Wil-
mington by the Rev. Walter R.
Noe.
Interment followed in Oakdale
cemetery, where the graveside
services were conducted by the
Wilmington Lodge No. 319, A. F.
and A. M., and Camp No. 8,
United States Spanish American
War Veterans. Members of the
two organizations were asked to
attend.
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Sentelle Case Is Continued Until Aug. 22



The case of R. E. Sentelle,
63, of Southport, former Legis-
lator, arrested at Gastonia sev-
eral weeks ago on a charge of
drunken driving, was continued
for the third time in Gastonia
City Police Court Monday.

The continuance was granted
until August 22 when R. Gregg
Cherry, ex-speaker of the House,
who is representing Sentelle's
interests, presented a physician's certi-
ficate to the effect the defend-
ant was too ill to make the trip
here to appear in court.

Press Members Will Be Here On Short Trip

Annual Summer Meeting
Of North Carolina Press
Association Will Be Held
At Wrightsville Beach
This Week

GROUP INVITED TO VISIT HERE

Have Been Asked To Come
Down River Road Via
The Orton Plantation
Thence To Southport
For Stop

The North Carolina Press As-
sociation will hold its annual
midsummer meeting at Wright-
sville Beach on Thursday, Friday
and Saturday of this week and
on Friday approximately 200
newspaper men and women will
be given their choice of some
three different outings. One of
these is a drive down the River
Road in Brunswick county, a
stop at Orton plantation, this
to be followed by a trip on to
Southport and a boat trip out
to Bald Head Island and back.
It is understood that at Orton
on the way back down here Mr.
Sprunt and the Orton horticultur-
ist, Churchill Bragaw, will
provide the guests with some
light refreshments. As this trip
will be directly after lunch, Pres-
ident Talbot Patrick of the
Press Association has requested
that entertainment be very lim-
ited.

Until the representatives of the
various newspapers actually ar-
rive at Wrightsville and register
for the convention it will be dif-
ficult to estimate how many edi-
tors will make the trip to Orton,
Southport and Bald Head. Pres-
ident Patrick has advised the
Civic Club secretary that as
each delegate arrives and regis-
ters on Thursday he or she will
be asked to designate his or her
choice of the various trips for
the next afternoon. It is felt
certain that more than 50 will
prefer the trip here. This number
may swell to a hundred or more.
During the past year a great
deal of interest in Southport and
Brunswick county has been cre-
ated.
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Charleston Boys Have A Stormy Trip Outside

Boys Have Narrow Escape From Death During Outside
Trip Here From South Carolina City
Saturday

Bucking an ebb tide and chas-
ed by a tail wind that blew at
the rate of 35 to 40 miles per
hour, four young Charleston men,
traveling on a 28-foot auxiliary
sloop, put in at Southport at one
o'clock Sunday morning and re-
ported themselves as being ex-
ceedingly glad to be here.

The men were Graham Raht,
Woody Benson, Carlisle Mahony
and Jack Leonard. They left
Charleston early Saturday morn-
ing with the seas as calm as
a duck pond. Late Saturday af-
ternoon a steady southwest gale
sprang up and for several hours
they were able to speed along
before it at a lively speed.

Approaching the North Caro-
lina coast the wind and combi-
nation of ebb tide became so
violent that all sails had to be
reefed. The little 25 h.p. engine
took the whole burden for awhile
but began to experience trouble
as the craft approached the Cape
Fear shoals. In fact, the engine,
like the sails, failed them alto-
gether when the boat was near
and in danger of being hurled
upon the shoals.

Thanks to swift and skilful
work on the engine by one of the
boys, power was finally restored
and the four men were able to
navigate the craft through the
heavy seas that were running off
the bar. They docked here with
everything on the boat soaking
wet from the flying spray. Out-
side of this soaking, the craft
and men were uninjured. After
spending all day Sunday drying
out, the trip to Washington was
resumed Monday morning.

Ejectment Proceedings Start In Tax Matters

Lands Alligator With Rod and Reel

Mrs. Frank Molycheck, lo-
cal devotee of fresh water
fishing, made a very un-
usual catch last week in the
shape of a 32-inch alligator.
Mrs. Molycheck was cast-
ing for freshwater bass in the
spillway at Orton pond. The
'gator, a very fat one,
rose for the bait with as
much gusto as a trout would
and the strike resulted in its
being neatly hooked in its
lower jaw. It made a tough-
er fight than any game fish
of twice its size would have
done, but was finally land-
ed.

It is planned to send the
creature to some of the rod
and gun editors in the north,
where the 'gators are not so
well known.

Loss Suffered In Tobacco Crop

Various Circumstances Con-
tribute To Loss Of A Large
Part Of This Year's To-
bacco Crop

Losses in the Brunswick coun-
ty tobacco crop ranging from 20
percent up to 50 percent have
resulted from inability to get the
weed housed, according to gen-
eral report over the county.

Several reasons have been ad-
vanced for this unusual loss from
burning up in the field. One is
that constant wet weather kept
the fertilizer in solution and has-
tened the loss of plant food so
that there was no nutriment left
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Long Neglected, Ship Mast Finally Emplaced In Vessel

Maxie Cooker, Southport
man, is authority for the
statement that the handsome
mast in the R. W. Hawley
was not set for her origi-
nally. It was first discovered
washed ashore on the Bay
Beach, about fifteen years
ago. It was found by Clyde
Newton and the late Capt.
Sam Newton, who decided
to get it to be used as a
fender piling for the cus-
toms house wharf in Wil-
mington. After looking it over,
however, they were
afraid it was too worm eat-
en to be serviceable, and so
they left on the beach.
In the course of years it
drifted all around from place
to place about Bald Head,
coming to rest finally at the
head of Cape Creek. When
the Hawley was being fitted
out, Capt. James (Bud) Pin-
ner of the U. S. Lighthouse
service, learning that a mast
was needed, floated the old
spar to the mouth of the
creek where it was picked
up.
The worm eaten part was
shaved off, leaving the heart
of the mast intact and in ex-
cellent condition. It may be
seen now, as good as new,
once more serving the pur-
pose for which it was in-
tended.

Good Luck For Fishermen Here Last Week-End

Fishing Was Particularly
Good Here The Latter
Part Of Last Week, With
Each Party Having Suc-
cess

WEATHER SUNDAY WAS TOO ROUGH

There Appeared To Be
Plenty Of Fish Both On
The Shoals And Out In
The Gulf Last Week

The fishing has been especially
good for the past few days with
large schools of mackerel and
blue fish waiting to give the
sportsmen plenty of excitement
at points close inshore. Offshore
the barracuda, amberjack, boni-
ta and dolphin have also been
striking strong. Dozens of barra-
cuda, many of them weighing up-
wards of 25 pounds, have been
brought in.

It has been impossible to keep
track of all of the fishing parties
and note results upon their
return to port. However, several
of the Saturday and Sunday
groups of sportsmen were con-
tacted and the following brief
accounts of results are given:

Dr. Graham Barefoot of Wil-
mington and party brought in
97 large mackerel as the results
of two hours fishing directly off
shore in the boat Golden Shell,
Captain Mart Gutherie and Tony
McKeithan. Dr. Barefoot's party
was composed of George Forte,
Charlotte; A. L. Harvey, Wilson;
Dr. H. F. Hall, Dr. Leo F. Hall
and M. B. Medlin, Columbia, S.
C., and Julian Price, Florence,
S. C.

Dr. F. P. Summers of Char-
lotte and G. A. Kalber of Harts-
ville were out on the E. M.
Lewis, Captain Hulan Watts, to
the Gulf Stream Friday. They
brought in a large catch of
mackerel, blues, dolphin and one
30-pound barracuda. The boat
only went 17 miles out.

Saturday Doc Summers went
again, this time accompanied by
Ben Cone, textile man of Greens-
boro, Bill Houston, Greensboro;
Ben Harris, High Point, and D.
A. Brannon of Raleigh. They
brought in a nice catch, including
five barracuda.

Also on the Gulf Saturday was
the Eva Mae, Captain Donnie
Watts, carrying a party consist-
ing of John R. Peacock, Mr. and
Mrs. E. F. Crayer and J. O.
Craig, Jr., all of High Point.
They brought in a splendid
catch of barracuda and dolphin.

Fishing with Captain H. T.
Bowler Saturday and getting
more than a hundred pretty
mackerel, as well as an amber-
jack and other fish, were W. L.
Cole, S. G. Hardy, J. C. Brad-
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Tide Table

Following is the tide table
for Southport during the next
week. These hours are approx-
imately correct and were fur-
nished through the courtesy of
the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
THURSDAY, August 3	
9:26 a.m.	3:30 a.m.
9:36 p.m.	3:44 p.m.
FRIDAY, August 4	
10:02 a.m.	4:00 a.m.
10:12 p.m.	4:16 p.m.
SATURDAY, August 5	
10:41 a.m.	4:31 a.m.
10:51 p.m.	4:51 p.m.
SUNDAY, August 6	
11:23 a.m.	5:03 a.m.
11:36 p.m.	5:34 p.m.
MONDAY, August 7	
	5:43 a.m.
12:10 p.m.	6:35 p.m.
TUESDAY, August 8	
0:28 a.m.	6:55 a.m.
1:03 p.m.	7:46 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, August 9	
1:26 a.m.	7:44 a.m.
2:01 p.m.	8:56 p.m.