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Membership Of Commerce Group To Meet Monday

Principal Business At This Time Will Be To Adopt Constitution and By-Laws Recently Drawn Up

MEMBERS ARE URGED TO ATTEND

Whereby Influence Of Organization May Be Extended Into Every Section Of County Will Be Considered

Meeting of the full membership of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce has been called for Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the courtroom at Southport, and notices to that effect have gone out to members. The board of directors was in session Monday evening for the purpose of discussing in-formally some of the plans which have evolved into the program of the chamber of commerce. It was decided to request members to hand out suggestions which they may have to offer with regard to the aims of the organization and to submit them at the meeting on Monday night.

One of the principal items of business to come before the group Monday night will be the adoption of the constitution and by-laws. Plans also will be considered for the extension of membership.

It is a desire to extend the scope of the new organization to every section of Brunswick County, and so a warm invitation has been extended interested citizens of the county to meet with the members Monday night.

Funeral Rites For Mr. Marshall

Rites Were Interred In Springfield, Ohio, January 6, With Legion Officers Participating

Last rites were conducted in Ohio January 6th, at 2 p. m. in Springfield, Ohio, for Rev. T. H. Marshall well known former Rector of Southport. The service was conducted at Smith's Funeral Home by the Cultrice Post No. 6 of American Legion. Commander of the post delivered a beautiful and consoling message. The funeral procession was given an escort to Ferncliff Cemetery, one of the most beautiful cemeteries in Ohio, where the remains were laid to rest. Comrade Kenny of the 40 and 8 was pall bearer. At the grave the American Legion paid tribute to their comrade's depar-

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Episcopalians To Meet Next Week

Annual Meeting Will Pay Honor To Bishop Thomas Darst On 25th Anniversary Of His Elevation To Position

The Annual Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina will meet in St. James' Church, Wilmington, next Wednesday and Thursday, January 24 and 25. The Woman's Auxiliary Convention will meet at the same time. The two Conventions, in their sessions, will celebrate the anniversary of the Consecration of Rt. Rev. Thomas C. Darst, as Bishop of the eDiocese. It is expected that a number of Southport people will attend the conventions. Delegates elected by the vestry to represent St. James Episcopal Church are: C. D. Erickson, Horace Glover,

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Recreation Meet Saturday Night

Meeting Program For Adults Will Be Held In Leland High School Gymnasium Under Joint Sponsorship Of Club Women And P.-T. A.

The first in a series of county-wide recreation meetings will be held in the Leland high school gymnasium Saturday night at 8 o'clock under the joint auspices of the County Federation of Home Demonstration clubs and the County Council for the Par-

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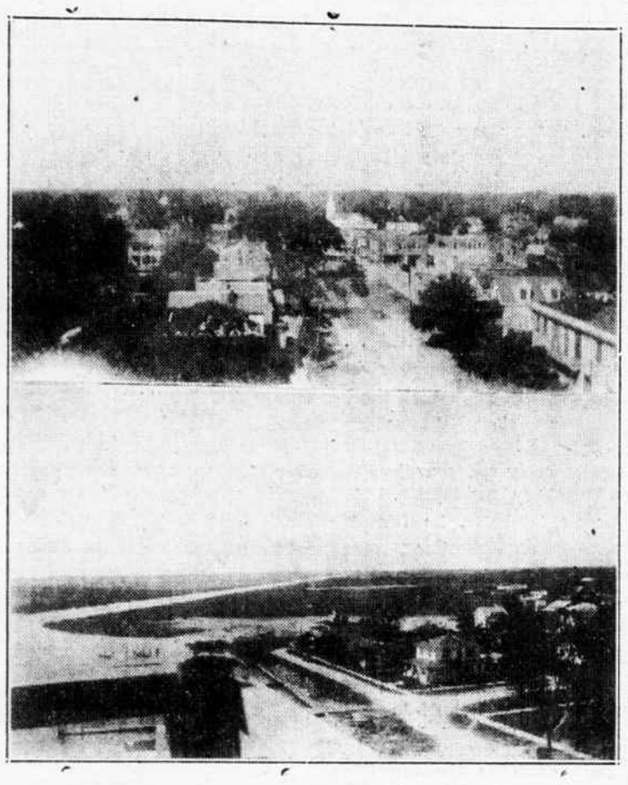
Scene Shown In Life



WATERWAY—One of the Southport scenes shown in last week's issue of Life Magazine was that of the inland waterway as it runs southward after leaving the Cape Fear river at Southport. The picture in Life Magazine and the one shown above were both taken from the top of the pilot tower.

Southport Pictures In Issue Of Life Magazine

One Photo Was Taken Of Waterway From Top Of Pilot Tower And Showed Much Of The Southport Waterfront

BIRTHDAY PARTY PICTURES SHOWN

One Photo Shows W. B. Keziah Presenting Mary Joyce Walsh Baby Alligator From Orton

The January 15th issue of Life Magazine contains three pictures that were taken at Southport recently when Wallace Kirkland, photographer for that publication, stopped here on the yacht DO-HO, on his assignment for a picture story of the trip from New York to Florida via the inland waterway.

One of the pictures was snapped from the top of the pilot tower and shows the inland waterway as it extends southward from here. Another shows W. B. Keziah, Southport man, as he presents a baby alligator to Miss Mary Joyce Walsh, photographer's model, on the occasion of her 20th birthday, which she celebrated at a party held in Southport. A third picture shows Joyce as she blows out the candles on her birthday cake. In the background is shown a box of beautiful camelias that were sent her by J. Lawrence Sprunt from Orton Plantation.

Southport is clearly marked on the map which is shown with the picture series, and a box is drawn about the spot marking this city with the notation "Mary Walsh has her 20th birthday".

Included in the script accompanying the picture story is this information. "On the trip down

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CANDIDATE

Lee Gravely, of Rocky Mount, who less than two months ago was guest speaker before the Whiteville Civitan club, formally entered the gubernatorial race Friday, and pledged himself to a 12-point platform which includes planks opposing highway fund diversion and the three per cent sales tax.

Health Official Visits Southport

The Q-33 with Assistant Surgeon General C. L. Waller, in charge of the Division of Quarentine, aboard spent Thursday night and most of Friday here. The vessel was enroute to Tampa and merely stopped here to spend the night and get mail, the Surgeon spending part of Firday looking around.

Fruit Trees Planted Here While Folks Up-State Shiver

While the rest of the state has been wading around in snow, in this vicinity folks have been planting orange and lemon trees, shrubbery and flowers. From all reports this is the only portion of the state that has not been visited by snow this winter. The upper portion of the county received a blanket of an inch or more of snow, but only half a dozen people can be found in Southport who profess to have seen a flake falling during any of the recent cold spells.

The orange and lemon trees are being planted on Bald Head island, along with some shrubbery and flowers. Orton Plantation and Bald Head island, this past week, received a shipment of two full freight car loads of flowers, shrubbery and trees. The shipment included thousands of varieties, including more than 300 species of camelias, one of the most beautiful winter-blooming flowers in North Carolina.

Most of the flowers went to the wonderful Orton Gardens, already resplendent with many winter blooming flowers, and with thousands of azaleas and other early spring flowers already giving promise that this year the gardens will surpass all previous years for loveliness.

A variety of Monkey Puzzle trees, a plant with which the general public is not well acquainted, were in the two-carload shipment, which came from San Jose, California. Additional shipments are to come from there and other points on the Pacific Coast in the near future.

Churchill Bragaw and Charley Matthews, horticulturists at Orton and Bald Head Island, spent five weeks in California last fall. The object of their trip was to purchase the trees, shrubbery and flowers. Both of them, and other horticulturists, are confident that the orange and lemon trees will grow and produce on Bald Head Island. They were warranted by the growers to withstand a temperature of 15 degrees or lower.

Sagging Tobacco Prices In 1940 Seen By Hutson

Thinks That The Infant 1940 Tobacco Crop May Find Rough Reception When It Finally Reaches Warehouse Floors Next Fall

1939 CROP PROVED BIGGEST IN HISTORY

One-Fourth Larger Than The Record 1937 Tobacco Crop, And Much Larger Than First Anticipated

The infant tobacco crop, now beginning its first growth in plant beds, is expected to find a rough reception when it finally reaches warehouse floors next fall, believes J. B. Hutson, assistant administrator of the Triple-A.

Its preceding brother, the 1939 crop, turned out to be the largest on record, totaling 1,100,000,000 pounds of flue-cured leaf. It was larger than 1937's record crop by one-fourth and is 325,000,000 pounds more than will be used during the current year.

This means, Hutson explained, that world stocks will be 325,000,000 pounds greater at the beginning of the next marketing season than at the beginning of the past season.

On top of that, present indications are that exports will be approximately 150,000,000 pounds less than usual. In effect, this situation sets the stage so that stocks in the United States next July 1 will be about 475,000,000 pounds larger than at the beginning of the 1939 marketing season.

We actually need less than half a crop of flue-cured tobacco next year. We are allotting between 750 thousand and 760 thousand acres, which at a low yield of 800 pounds per acre would give us around 600 million pounds of tobacco; with a yield of 900 pounds per acre, we would have about 675 million pounds. Present indications are that it will be extremely difficult to market at reasonable prices this much tobacco next fall. The Commodity Credit Corporation is now holding approximately 175 million pounds of flue-cured tobacco which represents about one-half of the surplus. We hope to export these holdings during the next

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Hits Officer And Gets Road Term

Man Given 8 Months On Roads For Assaulting Deputy While He Was Performing Official Duty

George Brooks, Jr., white, who was tried two weeks ago on charges of assaulting an officer while in performance of his duty, was given 8 months on the roads by Judge Walter M. Stanaland, who passed sentence on him Monday. Brooks, who was charged with striking Deputy Sheriff Drew Long while the latter was engaged in official business, will not begin serving his sentence until Monday.

The case charging A. L. Willetts, white, with driving an automobile with improper license, was dismissed at no cost to the county.

Dolan Norris, white, charged with having no driver's license, heard his case dismissed without cost to the county.

Julian Price, white, was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle with improper lights. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of $10.00 and costs, the fine being remitted.

Samuel O. Hewett, white, pleaded guilty to charges of operating a trailer without proper license and was taxed with one-half the costs.

Ed S. Dennis, white, pleaded guilty to charges of violating the speed law. He was fined $15.00 and costs, the fine being remitted.

Governor Joyner, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of being drunk on the highway. Sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of the costs and a fine of $15.00.

Joe Robinson, colored, was found guilty on charges of drunken driving. Sentence of 6 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of the costs and a fine of $50.00, his license to be revoked for 12 months.

Frank Lewis Gore, white, was found not guilty of reckless operation.

Mrs. Marion Vereen, white, was found guilty of reckless operation. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of $25.00 and cost. Her fine was remitted.

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Col. Edgar Bain Here For Beer License Hearing

Head Of Brewers And North Carolina Beer Distributors Committee

Col Edgar H. Bain, head of the Brewers and North Carolina Beer Distributor's Committee, met Tuesday with members of the board of county commissioners to hear a complaint against the continued operation of a retail beer establishment in the Thomasboro community by Odell Williamson.

After the petition had been read and there had been a prolonged discussion of the matter, action by the board was deferred until Col. Bain and his committee can make an investigation and report to the commissioners.

The board meeting continued throughout the day, with most of the time being devoted to tax settlements.

NYA Project For Jobless Youths

C. C. Russ, Superintendent Of Public Welfare For Brunswick County, Wants To Contact Eligible Boys And Girls

C. C. Russ, superintendent of public welfare for Brunswick county, says that there are several openings for NYA employment for both girls and boys between the ages of 18 and 24 years.

There are several opportunities to place girls who are high school graduates in stenographic positions, according to Mr. Russ, and any desiring work of this kind should contact him.

With regard to possible openings for boys, Mr. Russ says that if enough boys show an interest in a woodworking project one will be set up on some centrally located place in the county. Unemployed boys falling in the above prescribed age limit should contact Mr. Russ.

Battleship Far From Completion

Clark Advises Secretary Of Chamber Of Commerce That Will It Be Almost Two Years Before Shake-Down Cruise Of North Carolina

It is a long way between the launching of a battleship and the time when they put her in commission, and Congressman J. Bayard Clark advises that the Navy Department says that while the battleship North Carolina will be launched in June of this year, it will be about October, 1941, before they put her in commission. At this distance it is impossible to make even tentative plans regarding her shake-down cruise.

"However", says the Congressman, "we may be able to make some headway towards getting her if we try again about January 1941."

Going further in his letter to the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, Congressman Clark added: "If you think the State of Brunswick would like to have some naval vessel pay its capitol city of Southport a call during 1940, please give me some idea of the time the visit would be preferable, and I will take the matter up with the Navy Department".

The Chamber of Commerce had asked that the Battleship North Carolina visit Southport on her shake-down cruise, when she was ready for such a cruise and if her depth would permit her to enter the Cape Fear river. The Congressman is now being advised that Southport and Brunswick county will appreciate visits from

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N. C. Legion Chaplain Was Once Army Plane Mechanic

Rev. Frank J. Howard, Catholic Priest Here, Served With The U. S. Aviation Corps During World War

FIGURED IN THREE FORCED LANDINGS

But Never Was Hurt During His Many Hours In The Air; Entered The Priesthood In 1926

People inclined to think of the Catholic priesthood in terms of the cloistered seclusion of medieval monks have a surprise in store for them when they meet the recently elected chaplain of the North Carolina Department of the American Legion.

He is Rev. Frank J. Howard, pastor of the Southport Catholic chapel, who during the World War saw service as a member of the U. S. aviation corps, serving at Kelly Field at San Antonio and Payne Field, West Point, Miss.

One day recently a representative of this paper was surprised to see Rev. Howard coming down a ladder forward-like, without holding on—and was reminded of the fact that the priest is accustomed to dizzy heights.

During the war, Father Howard was one of the crew chiefs at the army flying field, serving in

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the capacity as plane mechanic.

The Legion chaplain has seen many hours in the air, and nc less than three times has occupied planes which figured in forced landings, one time a broken wing

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Bolivia And Leland Boys Play Big Game Tomorrow

Basketball Bulletins

GAMES THIS WEEK

Thursday

Waccamaw at Southport

Leland at Bolivia

Monday

Bolivia at Waccamaw

Shallotte at Leland

STANDING OF TEAMS

GIRLS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Bolivia	1	0	1000
Waccamaw	1	0	1000
Shallotte	1	1	.500
Leland	0	1	.000
Southport	0	1	.000

BOYS

Team	W	L	Pct.
Leland	1	0	1000
Bolivia	1	0	1000
Shallotte	1	1	.500
Waccamaw	0	1	.000
Southport	0	1	.000

Note: Southport-Leland games Tuesday postpone because of illness.

These Two Teams Are Now Tied For Lead In Boys' Division Of Basketball League Play; Thursday's Game Important

BOLIVIA GIRLS AND WACCAMAW ARE TIED

Keen Interest Being Shown In Basketball Series Throughout County As Teams Test Their Strength

One of the most interesting games of the pre-tournament season for Brunswick county high school basketball teams is promised for tomorrow night when Bolivia and Leland boys clash on the former's court.

So far, each team has won its only game. Bolivia defeated Shallotte while Leland scored its win at the expense of Waccamaw. The girl's game will pit the league-leading Bolivia lassies against the once-defeated Leland sextet.

Standing of the club at the of one week's play is shown in the accompanying box, and a report of the two Waccamaw-Leland games (the only ones sent in) follows:

LELAND-WACCAMAW

The Waccamaw boys' and girls' basketball teams met the Leland teams on Thursday night in the first official game of the season. The Waccamaw girl's were victorious over the Leland lassies with a score of 38-26, but the Waccamaw boys lost to them with the same score.

Although the Leland girls put up a terrific fight, they were unable to break through the strong defense of the Waccamaw team; thus enabling the Wacca-

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Invite Friends For Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin B. Atkinson, who reside on their farm between Bolivia and Supply, invite their friends to call on them during the afternoon and evening of January 24, from 3 o'clock to 8 o'clock, the occasion being their 51st wedding anniversary.

This couple has lived in the same neighborhood during the entire married life and have reared a family in Brunswick county.

Gulls Point Out Menhaden To Boat Captains In Winter

If any one thinks that sea gulls and some other water fowl are worthless they should save their breath, and not try to convince Southport fishermen to their way of thinking.

In the spring, summer and early fall birds are very helpful to anglers and also to commercial boats that are in quest of food fish. They hoover over the water and when the fishermen see such gatherings of darting birds they know that an inspection of the area will reveal plenty of fish swimming almost on the surface.

The regular fall season for menhaden was a bad one. Good weather kept the schools from moving down here before Christmas, as they usually do. Christmas came and went without bringing any over supply of cheer to a lot of men who had counted on a normal season.

It is almost an invarable custom that the boats shall stop work at Christmas for a period of three or four months. Soon after Christmas the boats went for a couple of days. They found no fish, but there was plenty of the bird signs. Look as they might, they could see no fish. There came a day when all hands seemed forced to agree that there was no fish—the season was over.

Some of the fishermen felt, however, that there were fish, and that they only needed to be found. Among these believers was Captain John Ericksen of the R. B. Hawley. He went out one morning and there were still no fish, but the birds were darting everywhere over a certain area.

They seemed to be saying: "Set your net here, set your net here." There were no fish in sight and no sign except the birds, in which Captain John had a lot of confidence. So, out went the big purse net of the Hawley and after an hour of tugging to close the bottom and bring the bag near the surface, the ship-to-ship phone of the Hawley was crackling out to other boats the message that they had found fish.

Setting their nets blindly, except for the guidance of the birds, the Southport menhaden boats have been coming in daily with good catches.

State Commander American Legion Will Visit Here

June Rose Will Be Guest Of Honor At A Dinner And Dance To Be Held In Southport On Friday, February 2

ELABORATE PLANS FOR THE OCCASION

Dinner Will Be Served By Daughters Of America Before Dance At 9 O'clock In Legion Hall

In a letter to J. J. Loughlin, Jr., Commander of Brunswick County Post 194, State Commander June H. Rose of the American Legion advises that he and Adjutant Jim Caldwell will certainly be here for the banquet and dance to be put on by the Brunswick county Post No. 194, American Legion, on February 2nd.

The address of Commander Rose is to feature the program in the Community Center Building. The local post, with characteristic energy, is planning to give the state commander a real reception. All ex-service men are invited to attend, regardless of whether or not they are members of the legion. This invitation is good to all of the white ex-service men in Brunswick and surrounding counties.

Cottages Built At Long Beach

Reported That REA Lines Probably Will Be Extended To Serve Cottage Owners At This Development This Summer

Chas. Wallace automobile dealer of Salisbury, has started construction on a substantial cottage at Long Beach. D. M. Stringfield, Fayetteville Attorney, has started construction on a second cottage, his first one having been finished shortly before Christmas.

Although not much activity was anticipated in the sale of building lots during the winter, purchases of desirable lots have continued at a pace well in keeping with that set during the summer months, when over three hundred such lots were sold.

Water mains are now being laid to connect up with much planned building. An official of the Carolina Lands, Inc., owners of the property, has advised W. B. Keziah, executive secretary of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce, that there was every reason to expect that the coming of summer would find around forty complete homes at the beach.

The first break in the bad weather should see the commencement of a lot of building activity at Long Beach and Fort Caswell Beach.

Long Beach will shortly get power and lights through the REA. 50 of the property owners, the required number, were reported yesterday afternoon to have signed for the current. The lines will probably connect with the established lines through Supply.

Of those signing for the current a number already have homes at the beach. Others are said to now have homes in process of construction or to be planning to build immediately.

With the demand for building

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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.

TIDE TABLE

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, December 21	
3:05 a. m.	9:46 a. m.
3:31 p. m.	9:48 p. m.
Friday, December 22	
4:05 a. m.	10:37 a. m.
4:31 p. m.	10:36 p. m.
Saturday, December 23	
4:59 a. m.	11:27 a. m.
5:25 p. m.	11:25 p. m.
Sunday, December 24	
5:47 a. m.	
6:17 p. m.	12:17 p. m.
Monday, December 25	
6:32 a. m.	0:14 a. m.
7:00 p. m.	1:07 p. m.
Tuesday, December 26	
7:16 a. m.	1:04 a. m.
7:46 p. m.	1:55 p. m.
Wednesday, December 27	
8:01 a. m.	1:55 a. m.
8:32 p. m.	2:42 p. m.