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## THE SHRIMPING SEASON IS ON IN SOUTHPORT



**SHRIMPING SCENES**—Shrimp are luscious seafood, and down at Southport the folks will tell you that shrimp mean a livelihood to hundreds. The pictures shown here give you an idea of the size of the shrimp industry, which involves several operations from the catch to the payoff. At top left a shrimp boat is coming in with its catch. The next picture shows a fleet of shrimp boats and at the extreme right the unloading is under way. Immediately below this picture the peelers deftly remove the head and thin shell from the shrimp. At the lower right is the payoff—a nickel for peeling a bucketful; note the bucket of nickels on the box in front of Bill Wells, the "paymaster." At lower left is a pile of the choice product, and just above this picture Buck DeVane and James St. George are weighing and then packing the shrimp in ice for shipment. — (Cut Courtesy Greensboro Daily News.)

### Shrimping Is Big Business In Southport

Shrimping Industry Provides Jobs For Many Southport People

By LAURENCE LEONARD  
This is a piece about the city of Southport, Brunswick county's leading industry. Southport, has been established as using more nickels than any other town thrice its size in the nation. It's all because of the vast shrimping industry which is carrying on here in conjunction with the better sports fishing in the average community if you were spotted walking down the street with a bucket of nickels in his hand he immediately would be gazed upon. But in Southport it's taken for granted that every man, woman and child has a nickel, especially the masters at the shrimp houses, who walk along the main stem of the water, sometimes carrying a bucket, sometimes a tin of Uncle Samuel's five-cent nickel.

### New Allotment Now Available For ERA Group

A total of \$109,000 for 117 miles of REA lines in Columbus, Brunswick, Bladen and Robeson counties has been allotted the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation at Shallotte. The REA in Washington announced allotments totaling \$1,599,000 to 11 farm power cooperatives at the same time it made the allotment for this county and its neighbors. The Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation has been operating for the past 18 months, and only recently completed lines in Columbus, Brunswick, and Bladen counties.

### Ready For Dedication If Can Get Yacht Basin Dug

Thanks to a tip from Yachting, popular boating magazine, Southport will get the longest lay over that will be made at any point in the North Carolina coast by the boats making the October cruise down the waterway under the auspices of the American Power Boat Association. In the course of some correspondence relative to Southport's new yacht basin, Yachting advised of the planned cruise and suggested dedication ceremonies and possibly a fishing tournament. A prompt request from the Brunswick county Chamber of Commerce to Chester A. Bentley of the Larchmont Yacht Club has resulted in a program that calls for the arrival of the fleet here on October 31st. They will remain here that night, all of them and will leave on the next day and will leave on the 2nd of November for Georgetown.

### Political Campaign Will Be Launched This Week

Democratic Rally At Shallotte School Friday Night At 7:30 O'clock To Open Campaign Warfare  
Those who have been wondering if the war was going to crowd out all news and excitement about politics this year need worry no more, for on Friday night the Democrats hold a rally at Shallotte school for the purpose of launching their fall campaign. Not to be out done at all by their brethren in office, the Republicans today are announcing an extensive speaking schedule that will enable them to carry their program into all parts of Brunswick. The Republicans begin on Thursday, October 3, at Willetts Store, near Leland, and on Saturday, October 5, will come to Southport for a party rally in the courthouse. Time for the Friday night meeting of Democrats at Shallotte is 7:30 o'clock and party leaders have planned a rousing send-off. Little has been heard so far about the presidential campaign. (Continued on page 6)

### Mrs. Watson Is Laid To Rest

Funeral Services Held Here This Afternoon For Prominent Lady Who Died Monday Evening  
Mrs. Bessie Drew Watson, 53, died suddenly at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clarence Danford, in Charleston, S. C., early Monday night. Death was caused by a heart attack. Her husband, the late I. E. Watson, died in 1931. Surviving is one son, D. I. Watson of Southport, one daughter, Mrs. Danford, of Charleston, one grandchild and two brothers and four sisters. The sisters are Mrs. Annie Peacock of Baltimore, Mrs. Alva Burris of Mulberry, Fla., Mrs. Willie Guthrie and Miss Clara Drew of Southport. The brothers are Byron and Johnny Drew, both of Southport. (Continued on page 6)

### Whiteville Is Over Fifteen Million Mark

Market To Keep Three Sets Of Buyers; Quality Of Tobacco Lowers Season Average Slightly  
TOBACCO BRINGS \$2,316,547 FOR SEASON  
Last Weeks Sales 3,053,612 Pounds On This Columbus County Tobacco Market  
Whiteville's tobacco market sales Wed. afternoon reached 15,000,000 pounds for the season, with a sale of 3,053,612 for the week just past. The seasons price average now stands at \$17.26 per hundred pounds. Total cash income on the crop for the year so far is \$2,316,547.41. A run of common tobaccos has lowered the market's average from that established week before last, and volume of sales has fallen off somewhat. The market is still selling sufficient poundage to keep three sets of buyers in Whiteville and there has been no official notice as to when the number of buyers will be reduced.

### Here Is List Of Local Firemen

Members Of Volunteer Fire Department Met Recently To Re-Organize Their Group; Have Special Powers  
A meeting of the Southport volunteer firemen was held at the city hall last Tuesday night at which time the organization of the local company was brought up to date. H. B. Aldridge is chief, G. E. Hubbard assistant chief, A. J. McNeill captain and W. C. Reese is secretary-treasurer. Nozzlemen are Robert Marlowe, Arthur Brown, Otto Hickman, J. A. McNeill and Ed Marlowe. Other members of the department are John Lancaster, Lenden Spencer, H. W. Hood, P. O. Leggett, B. (Continued on page 6)

### W. M. U. Meets Tuesday With Bolivia Church

Mrs. J. C. Powell, Missionary To Africa, Will Be Present And Will Take Part On The Program  
P. M. MEETING FOR YOUNG PEOPLE  
Interesting All-Day Program Has Been Mapped Out And Should Draw Large Crowd  
The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Brunswick Association will hold its annual meeting Tuesday, September 24, with Bolivia Baptist Church. The following program will be rendered:  
10:00—Hymn, "How Firm A Foundation"; Devotional—Col. 2: 6-7, Mrs. Carl S. Ward; welcome, Mrs. J. D. Johnson; response, Mrs. W. C. Biggs.  
10:20—"Supported by His Word"; Mission study, Col. 3: 16, Miss Ruth Ludlum; Literature—1st Tim. 4: 13—Mrs. A. L. Brown; Stewardship—1st Tim. 6: 17-19, Mrs. J. E. Gilbert; Cooperative program—1st Cor. 16: 2, Mrs. Z. G. Ray; personal service, Matt. 25: 40, Mrs. Thompson McRackan; Woman's Missionary Union Training school and Margaret Fund—2nd Tim. 2: 15—Mrs. M. L. Mintz.  
10:50 Talk—"A Good Investment", Miss Macy Cox.  
11:20 Roll call of societies; report of superintendent, Mrs. Carl S. Ward (acting); report of treasurer, Mrs. W. E. Lewis; announcements, appointment of committees.  
12:00 Address by Mrs. W. D. Briggs (Executive secretary of W. M. U. of North Carolina). Lunch 12:30 to 1:30.  
1:30 Conference for association and Women Missionary societies, officers and chairman.  
Theme "Building Today and Tomorrow for Christ".  
2:00 Hymn "My Hope is Built", Devotional—Titus, 1: 9—Ethel Johnson.  
2:15 "Building in 1939" Mrs. Dennis Hewett; Our Missionary Tool Chest—Mrs. A. L. Brown; message, "Our Youth Steadfast for Christ", Mrs. J. C. Powell, Missionary to Africa.  
3:45—Report of committees.  
4:00—Adjourn.

### Negro Being Held Under \$10,000 Bond In Fatal Accident In Southport

Coroner's Jury In Session Here Last Night Ordered Joe Suggs Held For Part In Death Of Two Southport Men

### Bulletin

The U. S. E. Dredge Henry Bacon arrived here at 3 o'clock this afternoon to begin dredging operations on the Southport Yacht Basin, a project that had been the subject of much agitation and speculation for several months. It is understood that the dredge will work night and day and that the local basin will be completely dug within a period of 10 days. As soon as this part of the operations is completed work will begin at once on bulkhead and docking facilities, and every possible effort will be exerted to have the basin ready to accommodate the power boat visitors when they come here the last of next month.

### State Publicity Man Is Visitor

Bob Thompson, Director Of State Advertising Program, Spent Week-End At Southport Taking Pictures  
Bob Thompson, formerly private secretary to Governor Hoey and now director of publicity for North Carolina, spent from Saturday through Monday at Southport gathering material and pictures for use in the work of his department. Rough weather Sunday was about all that saved the barracuda on Frypan Shoal from playing a leading part in pictorial scenes. As the guest of Captain H. T. Watts aboard the Sea Girl, Bob set out for the gulf at shortly after midnight Sunday morning. By sunrise the Marine had landed back at port and was reporting the situation decidedly rough. (Bob is a former member of the U. S. Marine corps.) Despite a change of program, Sunday was not marked off for a loss. W. B. Keziah and a bunch of frying-size girls accompanied Bob to Orton and some interesting pictures of tame squirrels and girls were made there. Miss Emma Lou Harrelson was shown in various poses with half grown (Continued on page 6)

### Routine Session Of County Court

Usual Run Of Cases Disposed Of Here Before Judge Walter M. Stansland On Monday  
In Recorder's court here Monday Johnnie Wilkes, colored, pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Mrs. Mildred Hanes, white, pleaded guilty to charges of driving without an operator's license. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Wilson H. Roach, white, was found guilty of failure to stop before entering the highway. He was taxed with one-half the costs of the case. Harry H. Pelham, colored, pleaded guilty of driving with improper license. He was fined \$5.00 and taxed with costs. Archie Rhodes, white, pleaded guilty to charges of reckless operation. He was required to pay a fine of \$25.00 and costs. (Continued on page six)

### Famous Writers Are Coming Here

Outdoor Writers Association Of America Planning To Hold Meeting Here In October  
The Outdoor Writers Association of America interrogated Bob Thompson in Raleigh and W. B. Keziah at Southport last week about the possibility of holding a meeting of the officers and directors of the association at Southport late in October. Some ten or twelve men are prospective guests. All are widely known outdoor and sports writers, representing some of the largest papers in the United States. Realizing the value of such contacts, both Thompson and (Continued From Page 6)

### Change Time Of Church Service

Beginning This Week Evening Services At Presbyterian Church Begin At 7:30 O'clock  
Rev. J. R. Potts has announced that beginning this week evening services at the Presbyterian church will be held at 7:30 o'clock. There will be preaching at this church Sunday evening. (Continued on page six)

### 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

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, September 19	
8:57 a. m.	3:04 a. m.
9:17 p. m.	3:31 p. m.
Friday, September 20	
9:32 a. m.	3:34 a. m.
9:53 p. m.	4:04 p. m.
Saturday, September 21	
10:08 a. m.	4:02 a. m.
10:32 p. m.	4:39 p. m.
Sunday, September 22	
10:50 a. m.	4:34 a. m.
11:19 p. m.	5:20 p. m.
Monday, September 23	
11:38 a. m.	5:11 a. m.
	6:16 p. m.
Tuesday, September 24	
12:13 a. m.	6:08 a. m.
12:34 p. m.	7:28 p. m.
Wednesday, September 25	
1:16 a. m.	7:29 a. m.
1:36 p. m.	8:37 p. m.

### The Hunters And The Huns Are Hoping For High Tides

Last week while Hitler waited anxiously for high tides so he could invade the British Isle, hunters in Southport waited just as impatiently for tides to rise sufficiently for hunting marsh hens. And if the tides in the channel disappointed Hitler as much as the ones here disappointed the would-be marsh hen hunters, then England has nothing to fear from invasion until the next full moon—and that goes double for marsh hens. On Thursday afternoon last week, four full days before the full moon, there was the biggest tide of the series. It slipped up on hunters so much that only one or two took advantage of it. Gus McNeill and Charlie Doshier were one pair who saw it coming and were over in the marsh while the hens were hiding in the tall grass. They missed their limit, but had some nice shooting. On Friday afternoon several parties were out, but only Robert Thompson of the hunters reported had much luck. He had 13 birds, bringing his season's total to 52, best for any local nimrod. Monday morning, the time scheduled for the highest tide, was a dismal disappointment to hunters who were over in the marsh before they learned that the water wasn't going to come up very high. This was the day that Bob Thompson, director of the State advertising department, chose to make a picture story of this sport, so he probably got the idea that marsh hen hunting is pretty much akin to snipe hunting—only its done in boats. Nothing daunted, local gunmen are waiting now for the new moon period in hopes that tides will be unseasonably high at that time.