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Training School Held For School Bus Drivers This Week At Shallotte

Drivers And Their Substitutes Are Required To Pass Rigid Examination Before School Starts

SAFETY DIRECTOR OBSERVES ONE DAY

Donald Hocutt Attended The School Tuesday In Order To Observe The Value Of Training

A training school for bus drivers and their substitutes was held on Monday and Tuesday of this week at the Brunswick county garage, and Ronald Hocutt, director of highway safety for the motor vehicle bureau, came from Raleigh to observe the activities of the school on Monday.

Instructors in the classroom classes were Keith Saunders and A. L. Ricks, and each applicant for a permit to drive a school bus this year was required to pass a written examination on this work.

A thorough physical examination was given each applicant by J. W. Hayes, Shallotte physician. The road test was given by William W. H. Ferrell, of Shallotte, who was assisted in the phase of the training by County Mechanic Ernest Parker.

The school consisted of one day's training. On the first day there were about 35 regular drivers and candidates for places as substitutes; and the number on the next day was about the same.

An interesting feature of the school is that several girls took and passed the examination. So far as is known, there has been no girl to hold a job as school driver in Brunswick county. (Continued on page 4)



RONALD HOCUTT

Juvenile Judge Tries Case Monday

John W. Hewett, a white youngster, was brought before Juvenile Judge Sam T. Bennett Monday for trial on two counts.

He was adjudged not guilty on a charge of larceny. Judgment was withheld in the matter of his driving under age.

To Cooperate With Proposal For Daylight Saving Time

Mayor Erikson Makes Statement Yesterday Morning After Receiving Request From Governor Broughton

MAY BE PUT INTO EFFECT AUGUST 1

Step Is Being Taken In Effort To Conserve Electrical Energy Vitrally Needed For Defense Effort

Mayor John D. Erikson indicated Tuesday that Southport will co-operate fully with the proposal for adoption of daylight saving time, requested by both President Roosevelt and Governor Broughton.

The announcement from the mayor came after Mayor Erikson had received a telegram from Governor Broughton requesting such action.

Interviewed by a press representative, Mayor Williamson said that he knew "the city of Southport will be eager to co-operate in this undertaking."

It was thought probable this morning that Mayor Erikson might call a special meeting of the board of aldermen to act on the matter but there was no definite announcement to this effect.

August 1st has tentatively been set as the date when the change in time will become effective in North Carolina.

Governor Broughton communicated by telephone Wednesday with Governors of Virginia, South Carolina and Tennessee, all of whom assured him that they were taking similar steps for voluntary observance of daylight saving time in their respective states. (continued on page four)

City Tax Rate Remains \$1.60 For Next Year

This Figure Is Set By Members Of Board Of Aldermen In Tentative Budget Adopted By Them Friday

WILL BE HELD OPEN FOR TWENTY DAYS

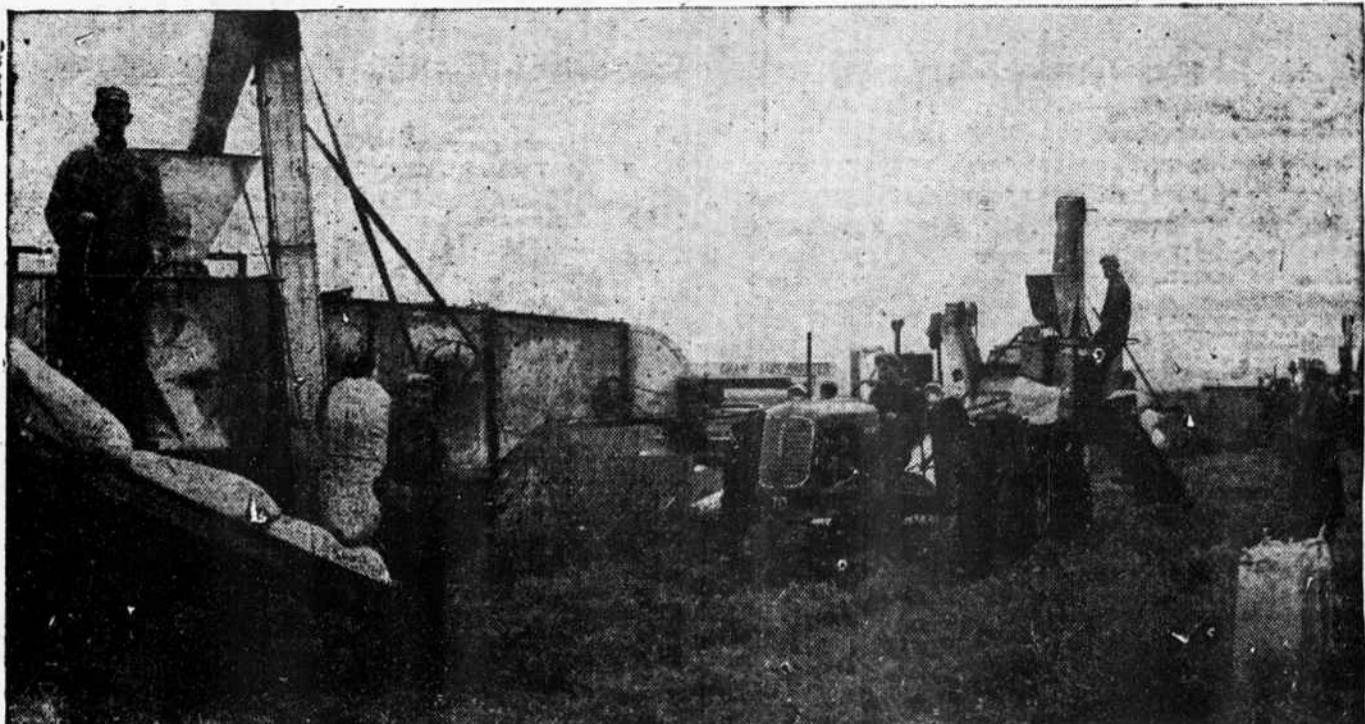
Seventy-Five Cents To Go For Current Operating Expenses With 80-Cents For Debt Service

At a special meeting of members of the board of aldermen here Friday a tentative budget for the next fiscal year was approved and ordered filed for inspection until August 7, 1941.

The tax rate proposed in this budget estimate is \$1.60 per hundred dollars valuation, the same figure as last year. In the breakdown of this amount 75 cents will go for current operating expenses; 5 cents for payment on judgment of Gause, Adm. vs City of Southport; and 80-cents for the debt service fund.

The budget proposal will remain on file for 20 days, during which period it may be inspected by any taxpayer, who registers any valid complaint against provisions of the budget.

Familiar Scene In Brunswick



This scene, which shows a threshing machine in operation, has been a familiar one in Brunswick county during the past six weeks, when the county has been reaping the biggest wheat crop in its history. County Farm Agent J. E. Dodson estimates that the wheat acreage this year was several times greater than in any previous year.

Highway Official Will Investigate Bridge Condition

Chairman L. B. Prince Says That Bridge Situation Between Southport And Long Beach Will Be Investigated

PONTOON BRIDGE UNDER DISCUSSION

May Look Into Feasibility Of A New And Shorter Route To Caswell And To Long Beach

Chairman L. B. Prince of the State Highway Commission has advised the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce that he is having the bridge situation over the inland waterway between Southport and Fort Caswell and Long Beach investigated and that he will advise the local organization as soon as a report is received.

Recently the bridge keepers have felt it prudent to post a sign at high and low tides, advising the public that they crossed the bridge at their own risk. This is said to have created considerable local uneasiness and to have also evoked uncompromising remarks from tourists bound for Fort Caswell or Long Beach. It is also claimed that when the highway commission was building the Long Beach road they were unable to get their own medium sized asphalt tank trucks across the bridge; that they hauled that far and then transferred their load to much lighter trucks.

The road is much used and, in the light of contemplated use of Fort Caswell by the Navy, it will shortly become of greater importance. Leaving out this question, it is felt by the Long Beach and Fort Caswell property owners, and the public as well, that the road is used enough for them to feel that bridges and all should be maintained at a degree of safety in keeping with other state highways.

Chairman Prince and Dr. Guy Gooding, the District Commissioner, are said to have neither (Continued on page 4)

Baptists Missionary Group Meeting Hears McMillan

Returned Missionary From China Brings Inspiring Message To Wilmington Division Missionary Union

NUMBER OF TALKS HEARD ON PROGRAM

Dr. McMillan Gives Some Interesting Sidelights On The Work Now Being Carried On In China

The Wilmington division of the Woman's Missionary Union, comprising the Bladen Brunswick, Burnt Swamp, Columbus, Dock, Eastern, New South River, Robeson and Wilmington associations, met Thursday with the Whiteville Baptist church in an all-day session, which began at 9:45 a. m., presided over by Miss Macy Cox, of Magnolia, divisional superintendent.

A large crowd attended the meeting, which was featured by two addresses by Rev. Dr. H. H. McMillan, missionary to China for 28 years. Theme of the meeting throughout was "Jesus Saves."

During the morning session, reports were given by the superintendents of the associations, the Robeson association leading the associations in the division in many phases of the work. Reports showed there are 316 churches with 9,439 women and young people enlisted in the division.

Talks were made as follows: "Jesus Saves Through Mission Study," by Mrs. Earl Robinson, of St. Pauls; "Jesus Saves Through Personal Service," by Mrs. H. T. Lewis, of Proctorville; "Jesus Saves Through Stewardship," by Mrs. W. O. Biggs, of Elizabethtown; "Jesus Saves Through Our Hospitals," by Mrs. (continued on page four)

Long Session In Recorder's Court

Docket That Had Piled Up For Two Weeks Required Greater Part Of Monday For Disposition

A Recorder's court docket that had piled up during the past two weeks was disposed of here Monday by Judge Walter M. Stannard and his colleagues.

B. F. Beggs, white, was found guilty of reckless operation and was given 90 days on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$40.00.

Edgar Henderson, white, was charged with breaking and entering and larceny. Probable cause was found and the defendant was bound over to Superior court under bond of \$500.00.

S. H. Newkirk, white, was found guilty of reckless operation and was given 90 days on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$25.00, of this amount \$10.00 was remitted.

Elder Hewett, white, was found guilty of operating after his driving license was revoked. Given 6 months on the roads, notice of appeal was given and bond was set at \$200.00. (Continued on page 4)

Wet Weather Is Continued Here

Although it still is short of a record, July has established itself as an unusually wet month. During the first 23-days the rainfall has totaled 6.77-inches.

So far, there has been some rain on 10 of the twenty-two days of the month, the high point being reached on a day when there was 2.55-inches precipitation. Only on July 8th, however, has the rain been accompanied by any electrical display.

Because of the humidity there has developed the idea that this has been an unusually hot spell. Actually, official figures show that the mercury has not been above 88-degrees here this month, and there is relief each night as the thermometer reading usually runs down to the 75 or 70-degree mark.

REA Conference Begins Today

E. D. Bishop, Superintendent Of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Is Host

The superintendents of 29 North Carolina Rural Electrification projects will hold a quarterly conference at Carolina Beach today and tomorrow with representatives from the engineering and operations divisions of the REA, in Washington, D. C.

E. D. Bishop, Shallotte, superintendent of the Brunswick County Electric Membership Corporation, in charge of arrangements for the conference, announced yesterday that Guy B. Price, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Association, will be the guest speaker at a dinner at 8 o'clock tonight in the Royal Palm hotel.

Anniversary And Home - Coming Observed Sunday

New Hope Presbyterian Church Was Scene Of Annual Gathering Of Members, Friends And Former Members

ALL-DAY PROGRAM ATTRACTS THROGG

Prominent Speakers Are Heard During The Day And Other Special Features Add To Program

New Hope Presbyterian Church at Winnabow, celebrated her forty-seventh Sabbath School anniversary and home-coming Sunday, July 20, with an all-day gathering of friends and members.

The devotional was led by Mr. Raymond Spivey, who is supplying the church for the summer months during his vacation. Ray Kye, a member of New Hope, gave the address of welcome and the response was from Garland E. Maulsby, of Wallace, a former member of the church.

The beautiful electric light fixtures in the church which were given by Henry McKeithan, a former member, were acknowledged and we wish also to thank each one who contributed to the wiring of the church. We are very proud of our lights and are enjoying using them.

Miss Mildred McKeithan, daughter of Henry McKeithan, accompanied by her sister, Miss Virginia, at the piano sweetly sang: "The Holy City."

Reid Newland, son of a former pastor, Rev. L. T. Newland, and who is now a student for the ministry gave the address. His text being taken from the Gospel of John, 8th Chapter, 12th verse. "I am the Light of the world, he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

A bountiful picnic dinner, as usual, was served in the oak grove, of which all enjoyed.

During the afternoon service the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Kopp, members of New (continued on page four)

Six Fatalities Is Brunswick Highway Toll

Report Issued This Week By Highway Safety Division Shows Six Deaths In County During First Six Months

CLEAN RECORD IN TEN COUNTIES

Greatest Increases In Accident Toll Noted In Wake, Columbus, Cumberland And Henderson

Six traffic fatalities were charged to Brunswick county in a report issued this week by the Highway Safety Division covering the first six months of this year.

This report showed a grim toll of 545 human lives reaped on North Carolina streets and highways the first half of this year, against 363 persons killed in the same period last year. This increase of 50 per cent is well above the increase for the county as a whole.

In the fact of this steadily rising slaughter, ten North Carolina counties succeeded in having clean traffic fatality records for the six-months period; these being Alexander, Alleghany, Avery, Camden, Cherokee, Dare, Hyde, Jones, Polk and Yancey.

Nineteen counties with 10 or more traffic deaths each accounted for an almost even 50 per cent of the total. These were; Wake, with 29; Cumberland with 24; Mecklenburg, 22; Guilford, 20; Buncombe and Columbus, 18 each; Halifax and Durham, 14; Robeson, 13; Rockingham and Alamance, 12; Davidson and Gaston, 11; and Harnett, Henderson, Johnston, Pender, Sampson and Wilson.

Fifty-seven of the 100 counties in the state showed increases over the first half of last year.

The greatest increases were recorded in Wake, Columbus, Cumberland, Henderson, Halifax and Rockingham.

The report showed further that 94 persons were killed in traffic accidents in the state during the month of June. This was a 50 per cent increase over the 62 traffic deaths in the state last June. The state's 1941 traffic toll to date is averaging three lives a day.

District Bar To Meet At Beach

Local Members Of Bar And Their Wives Invited To Attend Friday Meeting At Wrightsville

The District Bar Association will meet Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at Paris Cottage, Wrightsville Beach, and all members of the local bar and their wives are urged to attend.

Judge Walter Bone of Nashville has accepted an invitation to attend the meeting, as has Judge E. H. Cramer, retired jurist of Southport. Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington is also expected to be present.

Leon Corbett of Burgaw is president of the district association.

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	
Thursday, July 24	
7:38 a. m.	1:44 a. m.
7:44 p. m.	1:42 p. m.
Friday, July 25	
8:19 a. m.	2:27 a. m.
8:24 p. m.	2:26 p. m.
Saturday, July 26	
9:01 a. m.	3:07 a. m.
9:07 p. m.	3:10 p. m.
Sunday, July 27	
9:47 a. m.	3:46 a. m.
9:54 p. m.	3:54 p. m.
Monday, July 28	
10:36 a. m.	4:26 a. m.
10:44 p. m.	4:42 p. m.
Tuesday, July 29	
11:29 a. m.	5:11 a. m.
11:39 p. m.	5:36 p. m.
Wednesday, July 30	
12:24 p. m.	6:01 a. m.
	6:39 p. m.

Former Resident Died In S.C.

Olympus Vernon Pepper, Native Of Columbus County, Dies At Home Of Daughter In Conway

CONWAY, S. C., July 21.—Olympus Vernon Pepper, 78, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur K. Goldfinch, Sr., Thursday afternoon following an illness of several months.

His husband, the late Capt. L. Pepper, of Southport, died in 1913. Mrs. Pepper was born in Columbus county, N. C., later moved to Southport, where she lived until the death of Captain Pepper, and then moved to Conway to live with her daughter.

Mrs. Pepper was a member of the Southport Presbyterian church and very active in the work of the Presbyterian church here until her health failed.

She is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Goldfinch; one sister, Carrie V. Davis, of Southport, and five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Southport Presbyterian church. Rev. C. D. Brerley, pastor of the Southport Presbyterian church, officiated. The body remained at the Goldfinch funeral home in Conway until Sunday afternoon.

F.D. Carriers Bond Salesmen

Least This Legion Of Uncle Sam's Employees Sell Defense Stamps In Denominations From 10-Cents To \$5.00

Thirty-two thousand rural mail carriers are now acting as agents in the sale of Defense Savings stamps. Postal officials have increased the Treasury Department's demand for the stamps in sparsely settled districts caused the Office Department to authorize the carriers to act as salesmen.

The stamps range in value from one cent to five dollars. Purchases are given albums in which they can be mounted. When filled, the albums may be exchanged for Defense Savings Bonds. Postal officials recalled that rural mail carriers acted in a similar capacity in 1917 and 1918 selling War Savings Stamps.

Keziah Vindicated Through Fellow Scribe's Fishing

The Greensboro Daily News took notice of the lower North Carolina coast last week by letting W. H. Kendall (Slim for short) the versatile associate editor, come down into this neighborhood on his vacation.

Slim was well prepared for this visit, for in addition to bringing Mrs. Kendall, he fetched along with him a very carefully written letter of recommendation to the Chamber of Commerce Secretary from John Derr, sports editor on the same paper.

John deposed and said (the recommendation was sealed) "he thought Slim could catch a fish in the chamber of commerce man would slip one on his hook while he wasn't looking."

Yesterday the chamber of commerce man took Slim and his wife and Joe Walters, also

of Greensboro, to Orton. There he turned them over to Duncan the guide. This done he hitch hiked right back to town.

The idea was, if the sports editor on The Daily News asked how many fish Slim caught, the chamber of commerce man wouldn't know. He could tell the sports editor that he wasn't along, didn't see the catch and never made a practice of reporting catches he didn't see personally.

But, along about 2 o'clock Slim showed up back in town with Joe and the faithful Mrs. Kendall both intact. They invited the still doubtful chamber of commerce man around to the ice plant, where they had left a string of crappie, bream, gray heads, bass and red fin trout that was four feet long. It was a most beautiful catch (Continued on page 4)

County Rate Remains \$1.60

This Is Figure Used As Basis For Tentative Budget Prepared By County Auditor

At their meeting here Monday morning members of the board of county commissioners gave their approval to a tentative budget that calls for the tax rate to remain unchanged at \$1.60 per hundred.

The budget estimate will be taken to Raleigh next week by County Auditor R. C. St. George, who will seek the approval of the local government commission before it is posted.

Other business before the board Monday was a request by James Garner that members of that body seek to have something done about the midway-Bolivia road which is reported to be in very poor condition.