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Two Southport Homes Are Torn Down This Week

Swain House On Corner Of Howe And Moore Street Was One Of Oldest Residences In This Community

Members Pegged Instead Of Nailed

Morse Home On Bay Street Has Been Taken Down To Make Way For New Bungalow On That Site

Very old landmarks, both homes in their day, have disappeared from the Southport waterfront during the past week. The Swain house on the corner opposite the Pilot office was purchased by S. B. Frink, and its timbers will be used in other construction. The Morse house was all of oak, wooden pegs having been used to fasten them together. The age of the structure is pure guesswork. In town Charley Rourke of Bolivia was at the wreckage of this house and remarked: "My family moved into that house in 1898 and it was a very old house."

Brief News Flashes

TO SCHOOL
Raleigh Ford, Jr., left last week for Raleigh to resume his studies at N. C. State College.

TO MEET
The Southport Lions Club will meet Thursday at 1 o'clock in the Community Center Building.

COMING DAY
October 20, has been designated as the annual homecoming at New Hope Presbyterian church at Winnabow. This will mark the fifty-second anniversary of the church.

CONTINUE VISITS
The regular weekly visits to the U. S. Army Recruiting Station at Wilmington, has been continued until further notice.

WORK HAS STOPPED
Coming to inability to obtain permits on material work has stopped for the present on the building being constructed at Bolivia by Sheriff C. P. Wil-

CLEAN UP CEMETERY
Members of the Cool Run Baptist church community, near Shallotte, are planning for the annual cleaning off of the Mintz cemetery on October 15th. It is hoped that all having relatives buried at the above place will be present and assist in the work on that date.

TOOK EXAMINATION
Five Bolivia citizens took the examination for the office of postmaster at Bolivia. All except one were women. The list is composed of Mrs. C. B. Aycock, Mrs. Ruby Edwards, Mrs. Jack West, Mrs. Weston Willette and Mrs. Marrell.

FINE CATCH OF SHEEPHEAD



BEAUTIES—Kemp R. Holden is shown above with a string of sheephead which he and John F. Holden landed while fishing near Holdens Beach one day last week. Total weight of the catch was more than 25-pounds.

Prize Winners For Fishing Event Named

Brunswick county fishermen won their share of the prizes in the first annual Fishing Rodeo which closed Monday according to final tabulation of the 2,000 entries today by officials of the event.

Winner of the \$500-prize for the outstanding fish of the rodeo was Tommy Williams, of Wilmington, who landed a 6½-foot sailfish. W. L. Conrad, of Charlotte, won a \$100-prize for landing the best fish from a pier with his 23-pound channel bass taken at Kures pier.

Top money-winner for Brunswick was Eugene Lewis, who captured the \$100-prize for the best fish caught from the beach. Lewis landed a 39-pound drum while fishing from the beach at Bald Head island Sunday. In addition to his \$100-prize, Lewis qualified for a \$25-cash award for the largest fish taken during the contest; won a trophy donated by the Sports Center, of Wilmington; and won a fish-bait knapsack donated by The State Port Pilot.

Mrs. F. Mollycheck, of Southport, won a \$25-prize for catching the biggest black drum with her 12-lb. 2-oz. entry taken at the quarantine station. She also won the trophy donated by the Crest Theatre, Wrightsville Beach, to the woman catching the largest fish during the contest. Twenty-five dollars worth of fishing tackle also goes with this honor, the prize being donated by the Rockwool Insulating and Heating Co., of Wilmington. Mrs. Mollycheck also won a \$10-cash prize for catching the largest catfish during the contest, a 4½-pound entry.

Ralph Mollycheck, Southport youngster and son of the big winner in the woman's division, caught an 8½-pound black drum at the quarantine station that qualified him for several prizes. The first of these is a wrist watch, donated by Jack Cowie, director of the Fishing Rodeo; a trophy donated by the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce for the best fish caught by a boy or girl under 16 years of age; a \$25-rod and reel, donated by R. W. Ludwig for the best catch made by a boy or girl under 10-years of age.

Records For Total Rainfall For County Continue To Fall

Local Weather Station Shows Total Precipitation Of 18.72 Inches During Month Of September

CROP DAMAGE IS CAUSED BY RAINS

Rain Saturday Night Was 3.51-Inches; Serious Damage Continues To Roads Throughout The County

Total number of inches rainfall for the month of September was 18.72, according to official figures from the local U. S. Weather Station, with 3.51-inches being contributed to that total during the 24-hour period ending Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock.

With the rainfall for the year already surpassing any known records, and with two days rainfall alone having exceeded a total of 20-inches at Southport, portions of Brunswick county are still in a decidedly soggy condition, manifesting itself in various ways.

Many places that were believed incapable of holding water owing to their sandy nature, are now converted into good-sized lakes.

Farmers are being seriously handicapped in their efforts to do any fall plowing, as neither mules or machines can traverse many of the fields. Much of the hay crop and other crops have been badly damaged, including peanuts, potatoes and the corn crop which was made and which is now beginning to show signs of rotting because of the continued excessive moisture.

Not the least of the damage has been to roads, both hard surfaced and dirt roads. During one of the recent heavy rains the road to Supply was blocked for a short while by a washout. The only other hard surfaced outlet from Southport was closed completely for several days. It is now open but in a damaged condition that requires care on the part of drivers.

The River, a dirt road that offers the shortest mileage between Wilmington and Southport, has been closed for two weeks due to washouts and general bad condition.

October breezed in with chilly weather that saw the thermometer drop below the fifty-degree mark. Low reading Tuesday at the local Weather Station was 49-degrees, with the prospect that even a lower temperature might be recorded before this early season cold spell is broken.

Street Caves-In Following Rain

Added to the woes caused the city officials as a result of the heavy rains during the summer are several cave-ins on Howe street which have resulted in blocking sections of the sewer line. In at least two places the pavement has given way and gaping holes have been blocked off.

Prior to this the chief concern has been over washed-out streets and flooded areas about the city. The matter of the blocked sewer presents a serious problem for members of the board of aldermen and is something which calls for their early attention.

Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6 - 12

Southport Volunteer Fire Department To Co-Operate With National Observance Of This Event

Next week, October 6-12, is National Fire Prevention week; an event in which official North Carolina is entering wholeheartedly. Governor Cherry, State Fire Marshall Sherwood Brockwell and other state officials have issued general appeals, pointing out the great annual loss of life and enormous destruction of property in North Carolina as a result of fires started carelessly or otherwise.

In common with the nation- (Continued on page six)

Our ROVING Reporter

With his family then living in Chicago, Mr. Grissett is engaged in business with one of his brothers there in the community where he was raised. Young, energetic and of good personality, it is gratifying to Grissett that he is returning and sees an opportunity to make good at home.

Recently J. J. Sanders, of Shallotte, lost a nice little dog that was valued highly by his family. Although he felt that it was somewhere outside the county, Mr. Sanders inserted a want ad in this paper to run two weeks. It ran only once and was stopped. Mr. Sanders having recovered the dog from someone in Whiteville after it had been identified there by a friend who had read the small advertisement in (Continued on page six)

All-Time High Hit In Volume Of Weed Sold

Six Sales Daily With Six Hours Of Selling Time To Mark Sales Of Final Week

OVER 30 MILLION ALREADY SOLD

Season's Average Price Of \$51.91 Already In Excess Of Last Year's Average More Than \$8.00

The curtain will ring down on 1946 tobacco sales in the six Whiteville warehouses Friday marking the close of the most successful year in the history of the local market.

Walter H. Paramore, sales supervisor, said this morning that throughout this week there will be six sales daily with six hours of selling time. The combined warehouse daily sale will be limited to 2,520 piles. There will be one set of buyers.

All other markets in the county have already closed after having marked up record sales and prices.

At the close of sales Friday, the records in Mr. Paramore's office showed that 32,612,548 pounds had been sold for a total of \$16,929,926.14. Through the day, the season's average had been \$51.91 per hundred pounds.

This year's figures had already topped last year's record by more than two million pounds, while the average price per hundred was in excess of last year's average by 8.54 cents. Last year's totals were 30,029,536 pounds for \$13,025,073.17 or a season's average of \$43.37 per hundred.

Will Consider Printing Folder

Need For Advertising Matter To Be Distributed To Interested Parties Stressed By Publicity Director

A number of interests in Brunswick county are considering getting out a modern, up-to-date folder showing the advantages and attractions of Brunswick county as it is today. This folder will have various illustrations and plans are to have a map of the inland waterway from where it enters the Cape Fear river to the South Carolina state line.

This map will give special reference to Orton, Southport, Bald Head Island, various beaches and nearby points of interest. In order to facilitate contact with the various beach and property owners whose interests are shown on the map, their names and addresses will be given in a brief description of the property elsewhere on the folder.

A printing and designing house in Winston-Salem, said to be the largest and best in the state, has already asked W. E. Keziah for data and other matter that will permit them to draw a rough design for the folder and submit it with estimates on its cost. This matter will be furnished them within the next week.

Writing Mr. Keziah this past week Bill Sharpe, state publicity director, said: "For a long time now we have been hoping that (Continued on Page 6)

SS Bennington Was At Anchor Here For Six Days After Coming In To Discharge Men Killed And Injured

Investigation On Board While Here

Damaged Vessel Leaves For Newport News, Va., For Repairs; No Announcement From Investigation

The SS Bennington left the Southport harbor late Monday evening for Newport News, Va., where she will undergo extensive repairs made necessary as a result of the blast which shredded her bow section last Tuesday night.

The Bennington put in to Southport last Wednesday, victim of one of the worst tragedies of the sea since the end of the war. When she arrived here she had six members of her crew dead, with one other in a critical condition. He died a few hours after being taken to a Wilmington hospital.

Southport people were greatly excited when during the early hours last Wednesday word came that the tanker was coming here. G. C. Kilpatrick, proprietor of Kilpatrick's Funeral Service, had been alerted and was standing by with his ambulance. Rev. Herbert M. Baker, chairman of the disaster committee of the Brunswick County Chapter, American Red Cross, was on hand and various others in Southport were ready to do what they could in whatever role they were needed.

The injured seaman was brought ashore in the crash boat from Oak Island Coast Guard station, and late in the afternoon the bodies of the dead men were brought in to the dock.

One reason for the big tanker remaining here for the better part of a week was in order that a full investigation of the tragedy be made. High Coast Guard officials were here for two days making their investigation, details of which have not been disclosed.

Replacements for the crew arrived for the crew ashore on Saturday, and the ship proceeded to the shipyards at Newport News upon receipt of orders Monday.

Routine Session Recorder's Court

Variety Of Cases Disposed Of Before Judge John B. Ward In Recorder's Court Here Monday

A variety of cases were disposed of here Monday before Judge John B. Ward in Brunswick county Recorder's court. The following disposition was made of the cases:

Joe Swain, indecent exposure of person in presence of ladies, continued to Oct. 7th.

T. E. Herring, failing to stop at stop sign, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

James Alford Gaddy, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$5.00 and costs.

Holly Faison, speeding, capias and continued.

Robert Bateman, carrying concealed weapon, 6 months in jail, judgment suspended on payment of costs and defendant to be of good behavior for a period of 12 months. Pistol confiscated by officer.

Robert Bateman, drunk driving, 6 months on roads, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs and to make restitution to Smart Cab Co., in amount of \$100.00 and \$10.00 to Dawson Jones.

Paul Watson Burney, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

Anthony Rivenbark, reckless operation, left open for judgment on Oct. 7th.

G. E. Jones, disturbance in public place, motion for jury trial, defendant held for superior court under \$300.00 bond.

Daught Tripp, resisting officer, motion for jury trial, defendant bound over to Superior court.

W. H. Hewett, interfering with officer in discharge of duty, as (Continued From Page Six)

Attend Funeral Held In New Bern

Word was received here Monday that Mrs. H. C. Armstrong, of New Bern, had died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Flake Sherrill, in Statesville. Mrs. Armstrong is a sister-in-law of Mrs. C. G. Ruark and a cousin of Mrs. George Y. Watson. She is well known in Southport, where she has visited several times. The funeral was held Tuesday afternoon in New Bern.

CRIPPLED TANKER



BLASTED—A large hole through her bow indicates the power of the explosion which claimed the lives of seven members of the crew of the SS Bennington last Tuesday night. The ship put in at Southport and remained at anchor in the local harbor until Monday night, when she left for Newport News, Va., for repairs.

Blast-Torn Tanker Leaves Southport Monday Night

Dry Weather Is Forecast For Fall

With the 1946 weather having been unpredictable, it is a little difficult to understand what to make of U. S. Weatherman Paul Hess' Tuesday prediction. Anyhow, there is a lot of wishful thinking that he has things down right.

The long-time forecaster for this part of the state says that we are now at the beginning of two full months of dry weather.

For folks who have been keeping their feet wet all summer, it is a mighty nice thing to have an authoritative source say that they may now look for dry weather.

Promotion Day Program Sunday

Interesting Exercises Held Sunday Evening During Closing Assembly Of Training Union Hour

The Training Union Department of the Southport Baptist church held its annual promotion day program Sunday night at the church with approximately exercises during the closing assembly of the regular Training Union hour.

The program opened with the singing of the hymn "The Banner of the Cross." The young people then recited in unison the Training Union verse of scripture and the Training Union aim.

The following were presented certificates of promotion from the Junior Union to the Intermediate Union by Mrs. Robert Carson, associate director: Gene Russ, Sannie Rees, Danny Harrelson, Gene Fullwood, Janice Swan, Nancy Swan, Patricia Adams, Agnes Fulcher, Rudy Bell, Bernice Mae Phelps and Douglas Watts. These were welcomed into the Intermediate Union by Mrs. G. M. Stephens, Jr., one of the leaders.

The following were promoted from the Intermediate Union to the Young Peoples Union: Bobby Davis and Alfred Newton, Jr. These were welcomed by Hubert A. Livingston, the director. Mrs. (Continued on page six)

Yacht Builder Visits Southport

Is Here Aboard New Model Pleasure Craft That Promises To Be Important In Yachting Development

Traveling on one of the newest model Fairform Cruisers, "The Offshore 48," a boat similar to the famous P. T. boats used so effectively during the war, Frank P. Huckins of the Hankins Yacht Corp., Jacksonville, Fla. put in at Southport Tuesday night, stopping at the Thompson dock. Mr. Huckins was enthusiastic as to the big movement of yachts that will soon be underway through here, going from the north to Florida for the winter. He said he had found out that entering residents all along the waterway have been and are making preparations to take care of the waterway travelers.

The waterway travel is all set to reach unheard of proportions during the present winter, with increases each year, he thinks. Money spent by communities to afford facilities along the waterway will be an investment that is bound to bring large returns.

Makes Trip For Two New Buses

County Mechanic Ernest Parker Made Trip To Lima, Ohio, Last Week To Bring Buses To County

County Mechanic Ernest Parker went to Lima, Ohio, last week and brought back two 48-passenger school buses for use in the schools of Brunswick. One of the machines has been assigned to the Shallotte school and the other to Leland. Instead of the usual long benches down the sides and in the center the two new vehicles have regular bus seating arrangements.

Mr. Parker states that additional buses are badly needed and some have been promised, but the date of delivery is very uncertain. Getting new buses needed (Continued on Page Six)

Sees Pictures Of New Buses

Hubert A. Livingston, Manager Of W. B. & S. Bus Lines, Receives Photographs Of New Vehicles

Pictures received here by Manager Hubert Livingston this week show the two big new W. B. & S. busses completed, all but the finishing touches of painting in the colors of the bus line. Mr. Livingston says that one of the machines will be delivered in the next two or three weeks. The other will come in soon thereafter.

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Revival Services At Bolivia Church

There will be a revival beginning at Bolivia Baptist church beginning Monday evening, October 14, and continuing throughout that week.

Guest minister for this meeting will be the Rev. Mr. Pate, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, Wilmington. He will be assisted by the Rev. W. G. Phelps, retiring pastor, and the Rev. G. W. Dowd, pastor for the coming year.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grissett have moved to Shallotte from