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Bridge Repairs Depend On Bids Being In Line

Highway Engineer Says That Bids For Permanent Improvements To Three Bridges In County Will Be Opened January

Surfacing Part Of Bell Swamp Road

Highway Officials State That Work On Road Will Be Completed In Next Few Weeks

State Highway commission has opened bids on permanent repairs to the Brunswick river and creek bridges on Tuesday, T. T. Betts, its division engineer, said in Fayetteville last week.

The commission will also seek bids on a contract to repair over Jackie's creek and swamp, both in Brunswick county, he declared.

He said he had good reason to believe that the commission will receive bids on its advertisement for repairs on the structures.

Completion of material shipment and the decline in steel prices because of the soft coal market made it impossible for the commission to advertise for the work this month, he concluded.

Mr. Mallard, district highway engineer superintendent, reported that his crews have completed the installation of new two-lane roads as decking for All-creek bridge.

Emergency repairs are being undertaken on the Brunswick river bridge this week, Mallard said.

The activities of the Highway Commission in Brunswick county this week consisted of several miles of road, beginning at the middle road, intersecting at the swamp intersection and extending toward Southport. This work is that part of this year's work in the worst need

Delays Building

Shallotte Drug Store And Waccamaw Bank And Trust Company Expect To Be In New Quarters Before First Of Month

Building held up awaiting the arrival of plate glass windows and doors for the new Shallotte Drug store and the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company are expected to be in their new quarters by the first of next month.

The drug store will move next into the larger brick addition the bank will move from the old building where it has been since the late 1920s into the new quarters by the bank and will be neighbors in the new building recently enlarged and modernized by its owner, R. D. Frink.

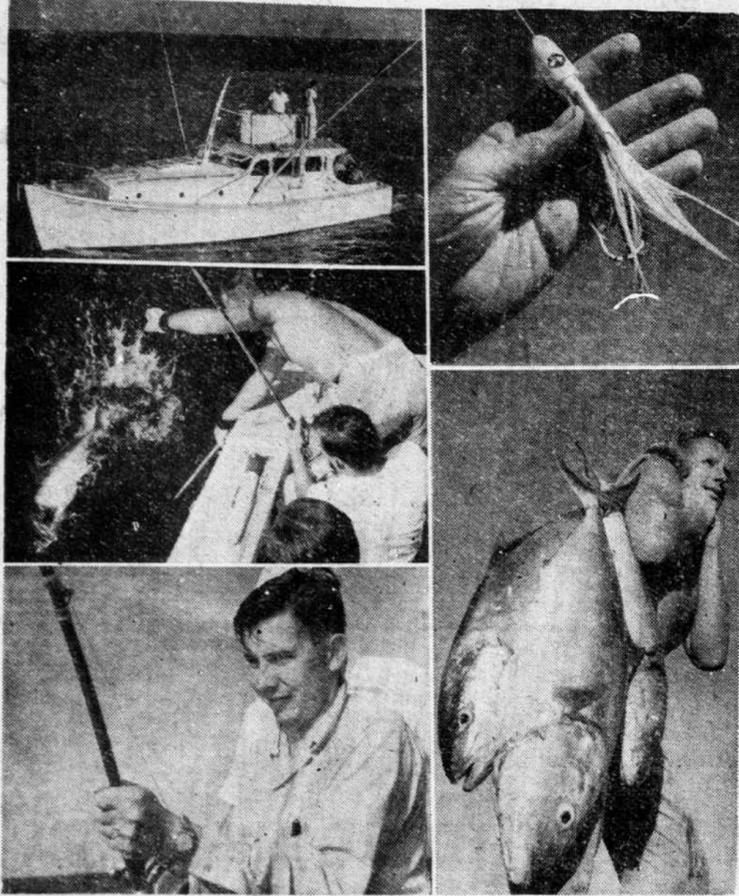
Brief News Flashes

CHAIRMAN
At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Doshier Memorial hospital Friday night E. J. Prentiss, Southport attorney, was elected chairman, succeeding L. H. Frink, who moved from Southport several months ago.

MEETING
The Southport Parent-Teachers association will hold its regular meeting Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. A program of Christmas music has been planned for this occasion.

APPOINTMENTS
The report of appointments for the new board of county commissioners last week this morning stated that the \$150-month salary to be paid R. I. Frink as county attorney was paid to S. B. Frink who held this office. Mr. Frink was paid only \$120-per-month but was not charged with the duties of an attorney, a job which has been consolidated with that of the office under

THIS IS BIG BUSINESS.



BUSINESS—It may look like fun to you, but it's big business in many North Carolina communities. Left above, a Gulf Stream "party" boat, which grosses its owner around \$80 per day during the season. There are scores of boats like this, or smaller, based at North Carolina ports. Left, center, a guide helps a guest land a fish. Below, left, chief ingredient in the business is the pleased customer. This boy is shown landing his first fish—a 25-pound amberjack. Top right: Thousands of such things are sold by retail merchants on the coast of North Carolina. This is a feather, used on dolphin, sailfish, amberjack, channelbass. Below, right, the guide, having finished a successful trip off-shore, lugs his customers' fish ashore.

Outlines Plan To Establish Fair Each Fall

Jimmy Raftery, owner of Brunswick's big road show, the R. & S. Amusements, is busy with a lot of things now while the show is in winter quarters near the Brunswick river bridge. Mr. Raftery said Friday that he thinks that Brunswick County should have real fair grounds and a real county fair each year.

Furthermore, he believes that the fair should be a tri-county event, with Columbus and New Hanover counties joining in. The ideal location for such annual events, said Mr. Raftery in an interview with The Pilot's representative this week, is right at the junction of Routes 17 and 74. Located there, it would draw tremendous patronage from near-by Wilmington and New Hanover county and the place would be equally convenient to Brunswick and Columbus county folks.

Mr. Raftery says that there is no doubt at all that Wilmington and New Hanover county would join up solidly in such a tri-county fair. He is equally positive. (Continued on page 2)

Law Requires Bill Of Health

Couples Married In Another State Required By Law To Present Necessary Health Credentials To Register Of Deeds

A law not generally known was called to the attention of this paper the past week when Register of Deeds Amos J. Walker referred to Section 51-14 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, as amended in March 1945. This law specifically says: "Residents of the State who are married outside of North Carolina shall, within 60-days after their return to said State, file with the Register of Deeds of the county in which they live, a certificate showing they have conformed to the requirements of the examination required by Sections 51-9 through 51-14 for those who are married in the state."

The above law means that persons desiring to marry must stand with the medical examination if they are residents and plan to continue residence in North Carolina. (Continued on page 2)

Sport Fishing Recognized As Being Big Business

Brunswick County Is In An Ideal Location To Reap Benefits Of Expansion Of Big Game Fishing Off Coast

ALREADY MILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY

Economic Conditions Have Contributed To Increase In Number Of Inland Sportsmen Who Are Fishermen

Don't look now, but a multi-million-dollar business is slipping up on us, and simply because millions of Americans with increasing leisure want some outdoor sport with modern exertion, a lot of sun and a little adventure, all at moderate cost. Saltwater gamefishing so nicely fills the bill that it is one of the fastest growing sports in America, and is becoming an increasingly important factor in the huge recreational industry of the country.

As a consequence of the growing interest in saltwater fishing, the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development will ask the 1947 General Assembly to finance a thorough survey of the State's marine sport-fishing resources, with the idea (Continued on page 4)

Tax Listers To Gather Monday

Officials For Six Townships Will Meet Monday For Instructions And To Obtain Supplies From Tax Supervisor

The tax listers for the 1947 tax listing are to meet in the office of Tax Supervisor W. P. Jorgensen Monday, December 16th, to receive instructions regarding their work, which begins the first of January.

Supplies will be available for these workers and will be delivered at that time to those who have not already been supplied. Mrs. Hope Brooks, of Leland, has been named tax lister for Northwest township, where the board of county commissioners had been unable to secure a suitable person prior to their meeting last week.

Seeks Another Rural Mail Route

Mrs. J. Sam Frink, acting-postmaster at Shallotte, is making an effort to secure a new rural mail route, running out from Shallotte and serving upwards of a hundred homes down in Lockwoods Folly township.

In company with Mrs. Frink a postoffice inspector spent two days at Shallotte last week and they made a complete survey of the proposed service. Mrs. Frink stated Saturday that the folks to be served by this route, if it is secured, have never had any sort of mail service without some of them going several miles for it.



Our ROVING Reporter

In recent weeks this department has been on the receiving end of a lot of practical demonstration of the fact that advertising pays, especially in this paper and when it is intended to contact anyone in Brunswick county. A couple of weeks ago Frank O. Sherrill, of Charlotte, advertised for a caretaker for Bald Head island. A prompt and continuous result of this advertisement has been that this department has been paged several times daily by persons wanting to know about the job or a recommendation to back up their application. Mr. Sherrill must have found a man, or has a good man in mind, if the number who have made inquiries is any indication.

If any ex-service man has lost his discharge button he may regain his property by calling at the State Port Pilot office. One such button was picked up on the street this week by Captain Bertram Burris of the Cape Fear Pilots association. (Continued on page 5)

Homecoming At Prospect Church

The pastor and congregation of Prospect Baptist church at Supply are arranging for a Homecoming Day to be held at the church on Sunday, December 22nd.

All members of the church, former members and former ministers are being urged to attend. A fine musical program is being arranged and luncheon will be served on the grounds.

River Traffic Hits New High Here Tuesday

Number Of Ships Which Were Delayed Monday By Fog Were Forced To Wait Until Tuesday To Go Up River

SHIPS FOR STORAGE PART OF MOVEMENT

P. C. To Be Used By Wilmington Unit Of Naval Reserve Also Came In Yesterday After Delay

Tuesday morning saw about the heaviest traffic moving on the river of any day in several years, according to members of the Cape Fear Pilots association, who handled the craft. Cause of this traffic jam was the fog which made travel on the river impossible Monday.

In addition to three big freighters and tankers bound for Wilmington and two others coming out, three of the big maritime craft went through enroute to the Brunswick River Lay-in Basin in this county.

One of the ships going to the lay-in basin was the William E. Riddle, liberty ship which drew international notoriety several months ago when she was in collision with the American Farmer, whose salvage case has developed into a lawsuit of international scope.

Fireworks Law Now In Force

City Officials Direct Police Chief Otto Hickman To Arrest Persons Shooting Fireworks In Public Places

Laws controlling the use of fireworks and firearms in the city limits of Southport have been in effect for many years, according to city officials, who declare that these laws formed a part of the first control measures when the city was incorporated.

At times in the past there has been laxity in the matter of enforcing the anti-fireworks law, but with the increasingly dangerous type of fireworks now being placed on the market, the city officials through Chief of Police Otto Hickman, are moving for strict enforcement.

The only exception that will be made to the enforcement of (Continued on page two)

Hearing Will Be Held In River Drainage Work

U. S. Army Engineers Have Promised That Hearing Will Be Held In Connection With Waccamaw Drainage Project

DATE OF HEARING HAS NOT BEEN SET

Sponsors Of Project To Be Granted Time To Prepare Evidence Of Needs; Engineers Also Study

Two North Carolina and two South Carolina counties, Brunswick and Columbus in this state and Horry and Georgetown in South Carolina, are assured of being given a hearing by the Army Engineers in the matter of the Waccamaw River Watershed drainage project. This hearing will be held at some time in the near future, after the advocates of the undertaking have had sufficient time to collect needed data in favor of their cases.

During the same time the engineers will go thoroughly into the matter, getting technical information. A party of three engineers from the Army Engineers office at Charleston, S. C., spent two days last week looking over the project. They were seeking information in order to present the practical side of the project at the hearing when it is called. According to County Agent J. E. Dodson, who is greatly interested in the undertaking, the wandering Waccamaw river in its (Continued on page Two)

Robberies Occur Over Wide Area Of This County

Doll Collection To Be Displayed Here Next Week

The valuable doll collection of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Arrington will be on display in the window of Arrington's beginning next Thursday in what promises to be an outstanding Christmas attraction for this community.

The collection included 325 dolls, which have been gathered over a period of many years by their owners. They have come from many countries, and for the most part are dressed in clothing typical of the country they represent.

Last year one of the largest department stores in South-eastern North Carolina invited Mr. and Mrs. Arrington to use their show windows to display their collection, but due to certain risks involved, the Southport couple declined this invitation. Their decision to place their dolls on exhibition here throughout the holiday season is in the interest of helping to create the Christmas spirit in Southport.

Three Places Of Business In Southport Entered Sunday Evening By Thieves Leaving No Clues

ANOTHER AREA HIT LAST WEEK

Longwood Merchants And Citizens Felt Effect Of Robberies On Tuesday Night As Gypsies Are Suspected

Leaving no clues behind them, robbers broke into three business places in Southport Sunday night. In each case they secured a small amount of money and other articles. The complete loss has not been ascertained.

At Mack's Cafe the cash register was broken open and about \$15.00 was taken. The picnic at this place came in for the heaviest damage. It was almost completely wrecked in the effort to get at the cash drawer. Information is that it had been cleaned of its collection Saturday so only a small amount of cash was obtained from this instrument.

At Leggett's the hasp was pried off the front door and the cash register was robbed of about ten dollars. It is not known if any merchandise was taken from this place.

Further up the street at the Jones Grocery the loss was heavier. Chief of Police Otto Hickman states that about \$60.00 in cash was taken from the cash registry. A pistol and a quantity of cigarettes and perhaps other articles also disappeared.

So far the officers are said to be entirely without clues.

Four business places at Longwood were broken into and robbed Tuesday night of last week and from all the evidence that officers were able to gather all four of the robberies were committed by members of a band of gypsies who fled to South Carolina that night.

For several days between 35 and 40 gypsies were camped on the Chandler Rourke property adjoining the Shallotte school. From this point they made daily trips all over the county, ostensibly to trade various articles, tell fortunes and repair stoves. In reality, according to Rural Policeman W. D. Evans, of Waccamaw township, they were sizing up various places for robberies.

Mr. Rourke ordered them to leave his property Tuesday. They broke camp, but instead of moving away in a body they again scattered over the county. That evening two or three of the gypsy women appeared at the home of Mrs. Winslow Caison, near Ash. They went through the usual hocus-pocus that is put on by members of their tribe. When they left Mrs. Caison found that \$490.00, which she carried in a wallet in the bosom of her dress, had disappeared with them.

She notified Sheriff John White at Shallotte, and the next day he found the whole band had covered again at a point in South Carolina. Without authority in that state, all he could do was (Continued on page 2)

Odell Bennett Again Chairman

Waccamaw Township Farmer Once More Elected Head Of The Brunswick County AAA Committee

With a widely-scattered vote being cast in the AAA election last Saturday, it may be several days before the complete canvass is completed and the names of the many community committeemen who were elected are determined. Something like a hundred of these community committeemen were elected and the work of canvassing the vote is naturally slow.

With regards to the county officers of the association the results were more easily obtained. Odell Bennett, Waccamaw township farmer, was re-elected chairman; G. Martin, vice-chairman and Jackson B. Potter, F. Herbert Swain and J. Manley Bennett were named county committeemen.

If the canvass has been completed and the results are available, the list of the community committeemen who were elected will be published next week. Seventeen communities are represented in the county with several committeemen elected in each community.

Yacht Travel On Inland Waterway May Reach 1,000

Schools Get One Week For Xmas

Brunswick county white and colored school children will get five days of freedom from their studies for the Christmas holidays, according to Miss Annie Mae Woodruff, superintendent of schools.

The recess from studies begins on Friday, December 20, at the close of that day's session. Studies will be resumed on Monday, December 30th. With this period including two week-ends, there will be ten days to elapse between the closing and opening dates. However, only five days of this time will be lost from studies.

New Equipment Building Ready

North Carolina Equipment Company Will Occupy Building Recently Erected Near Brunswick River Bridge

The new buildings of the North Carolina Equipment company on Route 74 near the Brunswick River bridge is receiving its finishing touches this week and will shortly be occupied. The buildings consist of a large gunset hut with brick frontage. This structure, with the exception of the brick frontage, is of the type built for the army. Erected by the Donnelly Construction company, of Wilmington, it (Continued on Page 2)

Routine Session Of County Court

Seven Cases Disposed Of Before Judge W. J. McLamb Monday, With Nol Pros Taken In Three Of Them

Seven cases came up for trial before Judge J. W. McLamb and Solicitor E. J. Prevatte in Recorder's court here Monday. Of these seven, three were nol prosed and two were continued.

The complete record of the day's business as shown by the minute book is as follows: D. P. Andrews, D. L. Andrews, George Andrews and H. T. Schibben, attempt to assault, nol pros.

L. C. Piver, trespass, nol pros. Frank Stockhouser, disturbance in public place, 60 days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of costs and defendant required to stay away from A. V. Milliken's place and remain of good (Continued on page 2)

Reports From Elizabeth City This Week Indicate That Total Number Of Pleasure Craft Over 700

HIGHLIGHTS NEED FOR ACCOMMODATIONS

With Average Of Five Persons Aboard Each Pleasure Craft, Big Flow Of Tourists Passing

A dispatch from Elizabeth City says that 700 yachts, conservatively valued at seven million dollars, have come through the Dismal Swamp canal locks during the 90-day period ending last Saturday. Despite this huge movement of pleasure craft southward there are no signs of this travel diminishing.

The boats passing through the locks during the above period are credited with carrying an average of five persons, the larger number being cabin cruisers. Some of these boats checked in at the up-state point are probably still somewhere between Southport and the canal.

No figures are available at the moment as to how many yachts have reached Southport in this journey, but the Dismal Swamp report on the movement is strongly in keeping with predictions made by this paper several weeks ago that at least a thousand yachts would come down the canal before Christmas. As an average thing the heaviest passage of the boats usually reaches here a week or two weeks before Christmas. It is probably a conservative claim to say that upwards of 200 yachts will traverse the canal through Brunswick county before the end of the year.

After the first of the year only a moderately small number will be moving Southward for a few weeks. Early in April the returning tide from Florida will set in.

Funeral Monday For Mrs. Davis

Widow Of Late R. W. Davis Died Suddenly Friday Afternoon Following A Heart Attack

Mrs. Minnie Blackwell Davis, 66, widow of the late Robert W. Davis, prominent Southport attorney, suffered an acute heart attack at her home here Friday afternoon, dying before she could be carried back into the house after falling at the foot of the steps to the porch.

Mrs. Davis is survived by two daughters, Miss Bobby Davis, of Southport, and Mrs. Robert Dickenson, of Asheville. Two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Sharp, of Reidsville, and Mrs. Earle Garrett, of Dan- (Continued on page 2)