

Annual Meeting Brunswick REA Attracts Crowd

Port Of Officers Indi-
cates Healthy Growth Of
Cooperative During Past
Year Despite Adverse
Conditions

CHANGES IN DIRECTOR GROUP

President, Foster
Mintz Made An Address
Which Explains Need
For Hard-To-Get
Materials

Brunswick County REA
has its biggest and most suc-
cessful annual meeting since it
began at Ash on Jan-
uary 18th. A big barbecue din-
ner, the entertainment,
Superintendent E. D. Bishop
said more than 600 patrons
were present for the all-day session.

The Santa Fe Trail Blazers, a
local organization from the
station at Whiteville, furn-
ished excellent music throughout
the day. They were assisted by
the Baptist church choir.
The morning was taken
up by routine business, fea-
turing an address of Presi-
dent Foster Mintz; the report of
the treasurer LeRoy Mintz;
and the report Superintendent E.
D. Bishop.

Bishop's report showed that
REA has gained 444 new
members during the past
year and that 28.7 miles
of pole lines have been built.
President Mintz in his address,
in part:

"We have continued to go for-
ward in 1946, in spite of the
handicaps encountered in
procuring equipment and materials
needed to operations and
expansion, and the connections
with members. During the
year we have completed the
construction of 387 work orders
and 444 new members
are present lines. This re-
sults in 30 miles of addi-
tional miles and now gives
a mileage of 4.8 or nearly
five miles per mile. This is a
very good growth for our present
system. In fact, the trend of
the system may be too fast for the
present system, as the
developing faster than
the material delivered
permit the installation of
equipment to provide the
necessary capacity.

During the 11-years ago your
directors authorized our
members to make a complete
change in the new dis-
tribution lines to be added to our
present system, to determine the
amount necessary to provide
adequate service to our entire
area. This study revealed
the necessity of constructing a
voltage transmission line
from Whiteville to Shallotte, as
well as a feeder, and new substas-
tions about 5 times as large as
we now use. In normal times
construction would have been
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The charter was presented to
Local 68, District 3, Of In-
ternational Fishermen And Allied
Workers Of America Becomes Acti-
vated In Southport

SEEKING BETTER PRICES FOR SHRIMP

Organization Hopes To Be
Able To Work In Co-
operation With Existing
Dealers And With-
out Strikes

The charter was presented to
Local 68, District 3, Of In-
ternational Fishermen And Allied
Workers Of America at a meeting
Saturday night in the Brunswick
county courthouse.

Captain Joe Greehaigh, union
organizer, was present and spoke
before the group of fishermen
and other persons attending the
meeting. He declared that the
objective of the local fisher-
man's organization should be to
get a fair return for the prod-
uct of their labors, and he pointed
out that there is no desire to
deny the dealers a fair profit.
He expressed the hope that the
fishermen and dealers will be
able to cooperate in carrying on
the fishing industry locally in
a manner that will be to the best
interest of all parties concerned.

Expressions from various lead-
ers in the movement stressed the
fact that it is the purpose of the
organization to accomplish their
objectives without resorting to
strikes. As one guarantee of this
the plan was discussed for the
union to operate a packing house
of its own through which the
catch of members might be han-
dled whenever it becomes impos-
sible for the fishermen and the
dealers to reach a price agree-
ment.

The objectives of the local
group, together with the regula-
tions which will govern their
activities, will be drawn up later.

President of Local 68 is John
Potter, Jr., Orville Willis is vice-
president; Hulan Watts, secre-
tary; and Dan Lewis, treasurer.
Secretary Watts reports that
61 members have joined the or-
ganization, a good number of
them being negro shrimp boat
operators.

Consider Plans For New Church

Congregation Of Shallotte
Camp Methodist Church
Is Considering Extensive
Repairs Or New Edifice

The congregation of the Shall-
lotte Camp Methodist church in
Shallotte is talking of making
repairs to their present structure
or building a larger and more
attractive structure. Fred Mintz,
of Shallotte, stated this week
that if the building of a new
church is decided upon it will
probably be a year before any-
thing is done, owing to building
costs. However, members are
going ahead with the getting of
funds in various ways.

Ladies of the congregation, do-
ing their bit in every possible
way.

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Assembly Votes Emergency Bonus For State Teachers

Other State Employees Included In Measure
Passed Unanimously By The
Legislature

RALEIGH, Jan. 27.—(AP)—
State employees and teachers are
elated over the unanimous ap-
proval of the second conference
committee's report by each house
of the General assembly, for it
means that the February pay
checks will bring initial results
of supplementary salary increas-
es.

Action by the legislature climaxed
a bitter battle that has lasted
for over two weeks in which
the solons debated the amount
of percentages of increase and
period for which the pay boost
should be effective.

Members of the 14-member
conference committee said the
report assured higher pay to
persons in lower salary brackets
than those recommended by the
initial conferees' report that the
house rejected last week after
the senate gave its approval.

Southport Man In Venezuela As Consultant

Col. Earl I. Brown Left
Monday By Plane For
South American Country
For Study Of Harbor Im-
provements

RECOGNIZED AS EXPERT IN LINE

Served For Many Years
With U. S. Army Engi-
neers; Was Head Of
South Atlantic
Division

Col. Earl I. Brown left by plane
from Wilmington on Monday on
the first leg of his trip to Vene-
zuela, South America, where he
has been engaged as civilian en-
gineering consultant in the study
of proposed improvements to the
harbor at Maracaibo.

Col. Brown will go by plane
from Miami to Caracas, the capi-
tal of Venezuela, where he will
be joined by four experts, all en-
gineers in government service,
who will proceed with Col.
Brown to Maracaibo after paying
their respects to the head of the
Venezuelan government in Carac-
as.

It is understood that Col.
Brown had been asked several
times prior to this to head the
mission to Maracaibo, but be-
cause of his health had been re-
fused. Because of his
long service with the Corps of
Engineers, and because he has
had considerable experience in
tropical countries, Col. Brown is
particularly suited for his task.

The group will study the pro-
posed improvements planned to
make the Lake Maracaibo harbor
large enough to accommodate
Caribbean shipping.

Col. Brown was formerly South
Atlantic Division engineer and,
after having retired prior to the
war, was recalled to serve as
Wilmington district engineer un-
til his second retirement only
two years ago.

Paul M. Snell, chief of the Con-
struction Division, Wilmington
District Corps of Engineers, is a
member of the mission, serving
as a dredging expert. A third
member of the group is from
California and the other two are
from New York.

Many miles out and several
miles up, one of the engines
began to miss and Charlie's
teeth began to chatter. With
thoughts of their safety, he
quickly removed both upper
and lowers and placed them
in his coat pocket.

After some time the pilot of
the plane got the stubborn engine
to working smoothly. He land-
ed at one of his regular stops
without mishaps. Once on the
ground Charlie reached into his
coat for his teeth. What was
his astonishment to discover
that they had chattered a hole
through the pocket—by remote
control!

Teeth Chatter By Remote Control

A few years ago Charlie
Trott, local realtor, lost most
of his teeth as a result of an
airplane accident, and since
that time the Southport man
has been somewhat allergic to
airplanes.

Charlie was in New York
last week, having driven a car
up there for someone. It was
rather cold and he was anxious
to get back to the Sunny South
as quickly as possible. He for-
got his distrust of planes, he
bought a ticket and boarded
one bound for home.

Monday Was Busy Day For
Judge W. J. McLamb
And Other Officials In
Recorder's Court

Twenty-six cases, several of
them being long drawn out, came
up before Judge W. J. McLamb
in Recorder's court Monday
morning. The session lasted
practically all day, adjournment
being taken just a few minutes
before 5 o'clock. The Minute
Book shows the following en-
tries:

A. L. Robinson, possession of
equipment to manufacture whis-
key, 18 months on the roads, as-
signed to work the public roads,
suspended on condition that he
pay a fine of \$200.00 and costs.
The barrel of molasses and fruit
jars to be sent to the county
home and used there or to be re-
leased to Herbert Robinson.

Curt Smith, drunk driving, not
guilty.

Harvey Riggins, non support,
eight months on the roads, sus-
pended on condition that he pay
to the Clerk of Court the sum
of \$20.00 per month for the sup-
port of his minor child, and that
he pay his wife's hospital bill
and costs of this case.

T. F. Johnson, false pretense,
continued to February 17th.

Margaret A. Carleson, speed-
ing, fined \$15.00 and costs.

Edward Wescott and Vernie
Wescott, resisting officer and as-
sault, not pros.

Norman F. Wall, reckless op-
eration, thirty days on the roads,
suspended on payment of a fine

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Post Office Is Asking Bids On Lease Proposal

With Little Apparent Pros-
pect For Government
Construction Of Postof-
fice, Bids Being Sought
From Private Owners

SPECIFICATIONS ARE SET OUT IN DETAIL

Complete Details Available
From Acting Postmaster
Russ; Deadline Set For
February 13th

The postoffice department is
advertising for bids for quarters
for the Southport postoffice on
the basis of a 5 or 10 year lease.
Although this office has been
tentatively approved for a gov-
ernment-owned building, the in-
dications are that this work will
not be done in the predictable
future, and the department is
therefore seeking proposals from
private owners.

The department requires 1,250
square feet of floor space, not
including a lobby; the building
must be centrally located; must
be well lighted; and must be ac-
cessible from the side or rear
for the purpose of loading and
unloading mail.

Deadline for receiving these
bids has been set for February
13, the contract to begin August
1, this year.

Interested persons may secure
complete details from Acting
Postmaster J. B. Russ at the
Southport office.

Supply Man On Naval Cruise

Hubert Robinson, Of Sup-
ply, Leaves February 9
For Two Week's Cruise
On USS Little Rock

Hubert Robinson, of Supply,
will be included among the more
than 250 Naval Reservists who
will be aboard the light cruiser
USS LITTLE ROCK when she
leaves Charleston, S. C. on Feb-
ruary 9 for a two weeks' train-
ing cruise to San Juan, Puerto
Rico.

A member of the Navy's or-
ganized or volunteer reserve, he
will have his travel expenses
paid from Supply to Charleston
and back, full Navy sea pay and
allowances and free food aboard
ship.

The LITTLE ROCK will spend
sufficient time in San Juan to
give all reservists ample time
for shore leave or liberty.

The cruise is part of the Navy's
V-6 training program, member-
ship in which is a pre-requisite
to make such a trip.

All former male enlisted veter-
ans of all branches of the ser-
vice up to 60 years of age who
have an honorable discharge or
were discharged under honorable
conditions may enlist or reenlist
in Class V-6 for inactive duty.

A recent change in requirements
also makes non-veterans in the
17-18 and 30-40 age bracket eli-
gible. Navy veterans may reen-
list at the rate held at time of
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Winnabow Man Dies Thursday

Funeral Services Conducted
Saturday Afternoon For
D. M. Meekins; Burial At
Lebanon Baptist Church

D. M. Meekins, 73 year old
resident of Winnabow, died at
his home Thursday after a short
illness. He was buried in the
Lebanon church cemetery Sat-
urday afternoon following ser-
vices by Rev. Woodrow Robbins.

Mr. Meekins is survived by a
large family, nine daughters and
four sons, in addition to num-
erous grandchildren. Among his
immediate relatives are the
widow and the following sons:
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Our ROVING Reporter

Some time ago something was
said in this column about the
need of good sportsmanship be-
tween the participants in bas-
ketball games involving the vari-
ous high schools. As the sche-
dule of playing progresses it is
gratifying to be able to say that
so far as the players are con-
cerned the sportsmanship angle
is being carried out well. The
boys and girls are alright, and
so are their instructors, in view
of the spirited rivalry that now
exists between the teams.

But, if we may depend on in-
formation from several of the
schools, the good sportsmanship
attitude of the players does not
always extend to the spectators.

Members of several of the girls'
teams are said to have become
nervous and their playing hindered
by noisy, boisterous conduct
on the part of spectators at some
games. In one or two instances
this unsportsmanlike conduct has
been carried to the point of
actual fights. It is among the
spectators, as well as the play-

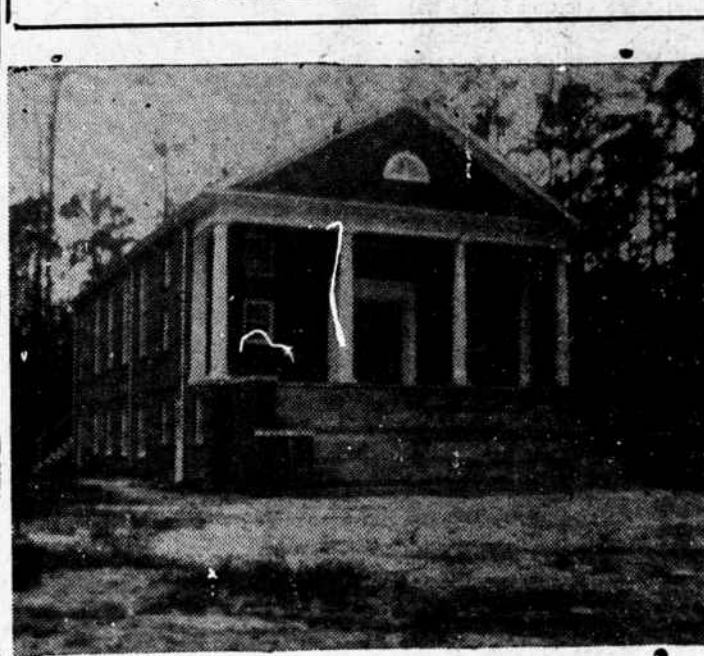
ers that we now need good
sportsmanship, according to some
of the school officials.

Another point about the school
basketball games and all other
basketball games is that the re-
feree and other officials are
usually selected by both teams.

The referee is supposed to see
the game and to call it as he
sees it. If he calls it in the way
that rabid fans for either of the
teams wish him to call it, he is
a poor official. The referee is
selected for the work and unless
he is obviously unfair he should
be allowed to call the game as
he sees it, without molestation
from either spectators or school
officials.

J. H. Milligan, of Waccamaw
township, reported this week that
his tobacco plants were up and
growing nicely. County Agent J.
E. Dodson added to the tobacco
plant picture by saying that such
reports of plants being up and
growing were reaching him from
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SCENE OF SCHOOL



MEETING—Soldier Bay Baptist church, at Ash, will
be the scene of an important school for pastors and dea-
cons beginning Monday of next week.

Eastern Interests Lease Land For Tomato Plants

Temptation Is Placed In Hand

Chairman Odell Bennett of the
Brunswick AAA is about the
last person acquaintances would
suspect of being a gambler.

The young Brunswick man was
in Reno, Nevada, some weeks
ago, on his way home from the
Farm Federation meeting in
California. Walking around Reno,
he stepped into a store to buy
a package of cigarettes, handing
over a \$10.00 bill in payment.

Reno, with the world's largest
divorce mill, is also credited with
being a great gambling town,
most of the joints being run by
women. Silver dollars with which
to play the machines are the
most general form of change.

The young woman at the coun-
ter handed over the package of
cigarettes, three quarters and
nine silver dollars.

Introduces Bill Affecting Sales

Senator R. I. Mintz Intro-
duces Bill Empowering
City To Dispose Of Real
Estate At Private Sales

The first bit of local legisla-
tion introduced at the current
session of the North Carolina Gen-
eral Assembly was handled last
week by Senator R. I. Mintz and
was for the purpose of validat-
ing sale of property by the City
of Southport "HB 53 - Introduced
by Mintz, January 24. To amend
chapter 345 of the Private laws
of 1909 relating to the charter
of the City of Southport and
authorizing and empowering the
board of aldermen and mayor of
the City of Southport to sell lands
at private sale and validity, (sic)
sales heretofore made."

As the title indicates the bill
would apply to any city-owned
property, including legal and
equitable interest in water skirt
lots, except land used at the time
of sale for governmental purpose;
sales or contracts therefor to be
made only at regular meetings
of the board. It also would val-
idate prior private sales made by
the city.

This bill was referred to the
committee on Counties, Cities and
Towns.

Shallotte Home Burns Wednesday

Home Of Mr. And Mrs.
Hasper Hewette Had An
Interesting History Be-
fore Being Destroyed By
Fire

The dwelling occupied by Mr.
and Mrs. Hasper Hewette, of Shall-
lotte, was destroyed by fire Wed-
nesday morning of last week. All
of the household goods were lost,
except three or four articles. The
building was owned by the W. A.
Rourke estate.

W. R. Holmes, Shallotte man,
who has the history of most of
the town at his finger tips, gives
some interesting information re-
lative to this building.

Mr. Holmes says that the
structure was originally built as
a home for the Farmer's Alli-
ance, back in the days when
Marion Butler reigned over the
Populist party. Following the ex-
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The present winter grazing is
not confined to the coast. Farm-
ers all about the county have
been finding that by sowing win-
ter grain and various grasses and
pasturing these fields they can
keep their stock in as good con-
dition as by feeding.

The cost of such grazing is
only a fraction of what feeding
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Week Of Study Begins Monday At Soldier Bay

School For Pastors And
Deacons Will Begin On
Monday, February 3, And
Will Extend Through Fri-
day

INVITATION IS EXTENDED PUBLIC

Representatives Of Church-
es In Brunswick Baptist
Association Particu-
larly Urged To Be
Present

The pastor's and deacon's
school to be conducted February
3-7 at Soldier Bay Baptist Church
is expected to draw many preach-
ers and deacons. As Soldier Bay
Baptist Church is in the Dock
Association the emphasis has
been laid upon those churches in
that Association. But the pastor
of Soldier Bay Baptist Church,
Woodrow W. Robbins, has ex-
tended an invitation for all
churches to attend and take part
in this week of study. Following
is a schedule of the work each
day:

10:00 - 10:15: devotional
10:15 - 11:15: study period,
"Honoring the Deaconship," by
P. E. Burroughs, to be taught by
the Rev. Earl Bradley, state mis-
sionary.

11:15 - 11:20: hymn
11:20 - 12:20: study period,
"The Country Church," by Free-
man, to be taught by the Rev.
Sam Lamb, pastor Whiteville
Baptist Church.

12:20 - 12:45: discussion period
12:45 - 1:30: dinner
Then the ladies of Soldier Bay
Church are going to prepare din-
ner, a study period for men
would follow from 1:30-2:30, us-
ing "The People Called Baptist,"
by George W. McDaniel.

EVENING SESSION
6:30 - 7:30 mission hour.
7:30 - 8:30 Inspirational Mes-
sage. Rev. Earl Bradley will bring
the majority of these evening
messages. It is expected that
Sam Lamb will speak one even-
ing.

Members of the Soldier Bay
church are extending an invita-
tion to those who enlist in the
school from other churches to
spend the week in the Soldier
Bay community. Those who plan
to spend the week, without return-
ing to their homes, will be wel-
comed into the homes of Soldier
Bay members. Persons expecting
to spend the week in this manner
are asked to contact Mrs. Hazel
Purvis of Ash.

This is the first such program
ever offered in the Dock associa-
tion. All churches of the associa-
tion are expected to be represent-
ed.

The evening services are plann-
ed for the public. Rev. Mr. Rob-
bins has expressed his hope that
the church will be filled to cap-
acity for these inspirational even-
ing services.

Building Permit To Be Required

County Forest Warden Calls
Attention To Fact That
Burning Permits Are Re-
quired After February 1

County Forest Warden Dor-
man Mercer calls attention to
the fact that beginning February
1 a burning permit will be re-
quired of all persons who plan
to use fires for clearing brush
or other burning about their
farms and timber areas.

"It shall be unlawful for any
person, firm or corporation to
start or cause to be started any
fire or ignite any material in
any of the areas of woodlands
under the protection of the State
Forest Service or within five
hundred feet of any such pro-
tected area, between the first
day of February and the first
day of June, inclusive, or between
the first day of October and the
thirtieth day of November, in-
clusive, in any year, without first
obtaining from the State Forester
or one of his duly authorized
agents a permit to set out fire
or ignite any material in such
above mentioned protected area;
no charge shall be made for the
granting of said permits.

"This Act shall not apply to
any fires started or caused to
be started within five hundred
feet of a dwelling house.

"Any person, firm or corpora-
tion violating this Act shall be
guilty of a misdemeanor, and
upon conviction shall be fined
not more than thirty (30) days.
"All laws and clauses of laws
in conflict with the provisions of
this Act are hereby repealed."

Brief News Flashes

WAY MEETING

Way Commissioner J. A.
Mintz will hold a monthly
meeting at the State Highway
Station in Fayetteville on Thurs-
day, February 6. Delegations in
connection with road matters will
be received at that time.

NET DANCE

E. J. Prevatte, Brun-
swick County Chairman of the
State Dimes campaign, an-
nounces that she has been able
to secure Virgil West and his
orchestra for a benefit
dance on Tuesday night, Feb-
ruary 4, at the USO building.

TRAINING UNION

The Training Union of the
Southport Baptist church has
been purchasing a recording
machine and public address sys-
tem. This is to be used espe-
cially for outdoor meetings, spe-
cial programs and for making
recording of the various pro-
grams of the church.

HUNTING ENDS

Hunting with guns in Brun-
swick county ends for the season
on Thursday night. After
that time persons found in the
act of hunting with guns may find
themselves required to give a mighty
explanation to the game
warden.