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Providing Special School Tax Introduced

School Supplement For Leland District Would Be Authorized By Legislation

Bill Providing A Change In Manner Of Assessing County Auditors Also Is Introduced

Local bills were introduced in the General Assembly last week by Senator Williamson.

The Mintz bill is for a special election in the Leland district on the issue of a special supplementary tax. The other provides for the officials of the town of Leland to hold office for two years.

Williamson bill provides for changes in the present manner of naming the county auditor and provides for reducing his term from four years to two years.

Introduced by Mintz, relating to the election of the town of Shallotte in Brunswick County.

Private Section 3 of the Private Laws of the State to provide for the election of a mayor and five members of the town of Leland.

First election would be held on Tuesday after the day in May 1947 and the mayor and commissioners would hold office until their successors are elected and have been sworn in.

Two commissioners would select a town treasurer and himself at salary of \$100 per month. Candidates would be required to file a statement of which is set out in the bill.

at least 2 weeks prior to the day and pay fee (\$5 per candidate for mayor and \$1 per candidate for commissioners.)

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Star-News Tournament Winners



CHAMPIONS—The Shallotte girls high school team, winners of the girls division of the Wilmington Star-News tournament. Shown above, front row, left to right—Margaret Phelps, Loraine Galloway, Alberta Leonard, Captain; Ruby Jean Bennett and Burnice Cumbee. Second row—Helen Skipper, Willie Mae Spivey, Elizabeth Long and coach H. H. Blankenship. Players not shown are Connie Frink, Polly Bennett, Mary Frances Hardee, Betty Lou Hewett, Catherine Hewett and Selene Register.—(Cut Courtesy Star-News.)

Brunswick Man Still Figures In World News

The Martin Behrman, an American Liberty ship, now under charter to the Ishbrandtsen company of New York, is still figuring strongly in the International spotlight, with the outcome rather hazy.

The Behrman is in command of captain Rudy Gray, a Brunswick county man with many relatives in this section. In the press dispatches his address is given as Southport. Some three weeks ago his ship took on a cargo, valued at three million dollars, and alleged to contain rubber, quinine, etc. This cargo was loaded at the Indonesian-held port of Cheribon.

The Dutch East Indies government protested the sailing of the vessel, finally placing an armed guard aboard her and creating a stormy scene with Captain Gray, who charged them with piracy. With command of the vessel taken from him, allegedly by armed force, he went ashore and his vessel was moved by the Dutch from one dock to another in Batavia for the purpose of unloading.

Monday the Ishbrandtsen Lines, which lease the ship, filed a suit against the Dutch East Indies government for ten million dollars for the alleged unlawful seizure of the ship and cargo. On the other hand the Dutch claim that no law was broken by the seizure of the ship, that its cargo was being stolen from the Dutch government.

Improvement Of Roads Indicated

State Has Projected Highway Improvement Program Which Will Help Situation In This County

According to information reaching this paper the State Highway Commission now has projected road plans mapped out for Brunswick county calling for expenditure of \$443,000.00 for paving construction on the roads of Brunswick county. This sum does not include the money that will be spent on secondary roads, or for maintenance purpose. It is also under stood not to include bridge construction, at Alligator Creek and the Brunswick River.

The information is to the effect that the roads that are to come in for paving this year are already mapped out or listed. The already mapped out, specifying given this paper, specifying the roads, is indicative that a whole county will come in for a share of the hard surfacing.

It is not known when the paving project will get underway, owing to the uncertain weather. Some contracts will be let in the very near future, however and very early summer will see more road building underway in Brunswick county.

Shallotte Girls Winners In Star-News Tourney

Brunswick County Sextet Defeats Clarkton Saturday Night In Finals By Score Of 26 To 24

THE BOLIVIA GIRLS REACH SEMI-FINALS

Southport Boys Provided Major Up-Set Of Tournament With Victory On Wednesday Over Wilmington

Shallotte high school girls won the Star-News Y. M. C. A. Southeastern North Carolina Basketball tournament held in Wilmington last week by nosing out the Clarkton lassies by a score of 26 to 24 in the finals on Saturday night.

The Shallotte team thus climaxed a fine season, having enjoyed a good record in pre-tournament play and having won the consolation prize in the recent Brunswick County Tournament. Victory in the finals came in the sharp-shooting of Leonard and Frink.

Shallotte earned her place in Saturday night's finals with a victory over Acme-Delco in the semi-finals Friday by a score of 14 to 9. The 7 points scored by Leonard in this fracas was the big factor. Shallotte's other victory in the tournament came over Long Creek Thursday by a score of 33 to 8. The Brunswick county entry drew a first round bye.

Bolivia girls, Brunswick county champions, fell by the wayside Friday when they were ousted by Clarkton, 22 to 17. On the day before they won handily from Penderlea by a score of 29 to 17. The Bolivia girls also drew a bye for first round play.

The only other Brunswick county entry in the girls division was Leland, who lost on Wednesday to Clarkton by a score of 30 to 24.

Four Brunswick county teams entered the boys division, with none of them getting past Thursday's quarter finals. Southport provided the first major up-set.

Furniture Man Moves To Town

Young Veteran Who Purchased The Dixie Furniture Company Has Moved His Family To Southport

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Jones and little daughter have moved to Southport from Magnolia and are occupying a waterfront apartment. Mr. Jones recently purchased the Dixie Furniture Company and is now operating it under the name of the Jones Furniture company.

Mr. Jones was an assistant signal officer and was in the Army for six and a half years. He has had considerable experience in the furniture business and expects to make a considerable enlargement of the stock of the local store.

Annual Red Cross Campaign Under-Way In County

Workers Are Busy In All Sections Of Brunswick Giving Every Citizen An Opportunity To Contribute To Fund

COUNTY QUOTA IS \$3,600 THIS YEAR

Bond To Be Awarded The School Making Best Record On Percentage Basis; Cash Prize For Child

The annual Red Cross Fund Campaign is in full swing throughout Brunswick county this week, with the objective being to give an opportunity to every citizen to make a contribution before the close of the drive.

Edward H. Redwine, young Shallotte businessman, is county chairman for the Red Cross Fund campaign this year and he has worked out a county organization that reaches into every community.

As in the past, much of the success of the program rests upon the response of the school children, and as an added incentive this year a \$25.00 bond is being offered to the school which makes the best record on the basis of enrollment. In addition, there will be a \$10.00 cash prize for the child making the best record.

In Southport Hubert A. Livingston, manager of the W. B. & S. bus company, is in charge of the program and he has organized workers who will conduct a house to house canvass. Charles M. Trott and Paul Podale will take care of covering the business firms of the community.

Red Cross officials have pointed out that this organization was (Continued on Page 4)

District Legion Meeting Friday

Community Center Building At Southport To Be Scene Of Meeting For Visiting Legionnaires

The Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, will be hosts Friday night at a Legion District meeting. This will be a dinner affair in the community center building, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The dinner will be served by the management of Mack's Cafe, in Southport, and will be dutch.

Plans for the occasion were mapped out by Joe Mann, District Commander, of Whiteville, who says that one of the chief objectives will be to stimulate interest in the "Dusk To Dawn" campaign for more members of the Legion.

A cordial invitation is extended to all members of the Shallotte Post, American Legion, and of the Ash Post, American Legion, to attend this meeting. Attendance is not limited to Legion members alone, as a friendly welcome is assured any ex-service man who will attend.

Our ROVING Reporter

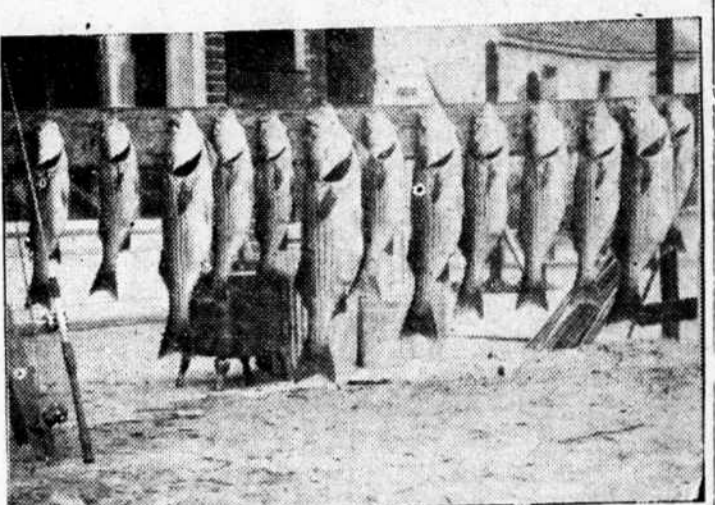
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Writing from Stuart, Fla., where he has been fishing with his cruiser Moja for the past three months, Captain Victor P. Lance says they had beautiful weather the first part of the season, but February brought plenty of cold and windy days. He expects to return to Southport about the middle of April. His score for the season is 40 sailfish, resulting from 31 trips. The fish were good fighters and cost him \$65.00 for new lines in one week. He says that if he had had a couple of experienced fishermen aboard on two or three of the trips they could have taken a dozen a day.

Our friend John W. Garner, of the Anchor Hotel at Shallotte Point, is preparing for a big fishing season this year. At the Sportsman's Show in New York recently he purchased nearly two thousand dollars worth of new fishing tackle, mostly rods and reels. He expects this equipment to be coming along about the first of April.

This week we had a visitor in the person of J. A. Barbot, president, secretary-treasurer, general manager and owner of the Shallotte-Southport toll telephone line. Mr. Barbot had the idea that (Continued on Page Five)

"They Didn't Get Away"



Robert High and F. M. White, Jr., proved to their many friends that "the big ones didn't get away" this time. The two men caught the beautiful string of striped bass shown above in 3 1/2 hours in the Lockwood Folly River in Brunswick county. The smallest weighed 4 1/2-pounds and the largest weighed in at 24 pounds. The total string weighed 146 pounds.

This Seed-Planter Has Business To Fine Point

Motor-Driven Tomato Seed Planter Being Used To Plant Several Acres Near Southport This Week

NEW JERSEY MEN LIKE PROSPECTS

Indications Point To Other Uses For Land In This Area By Truck Producers Up North

It was a long jump from the mule pulled corn planters to the modern machines drawn by tractors. In fact, the jump has never been entirely completed. In these United States millions of acres of corn are still planted each year by the old and dependable mule or horse-drawn implements that have stood the test of time.

The Brunswick county farmers who have seen the evolution of the corn planter, have probably never seen the original planter for tomato seed. Few of them have ever seen a tomato seed planter of any sort, for the simple reason that heretofore it has been an easy matter to sow the seed for all practical purposes by hand.

This week out on the Wallace Moore farm three miles from Southport, anybody who cares to make a trip can see a brand new and really modern tomato seed-planter in operation. Operating on its own power, it plants three rows of seed at a lick, in much the same way that corn is dropped by a planter. There is this difference. Corn is supposed to be dropped two feet or more apart in the rows. The tomato seed planter puts out one seed to each inch. Planting three rows at a time, the machine will be going all of this week and part of next, seeding an average of about three acres per day.

"I could easily seed much more than three acres a day," said E. H. Sheppard, of Shiloh, N. J., who is starting out in the tomato plant growing business in Brunswick, "but I have to consider harvesting while I am planting. I figure that I can only get the plants pulled from about three acres each day. So, I am proceeding leisurely with the (Continued on Page Four)

Recorder Hears Routine Cases

Fourteen Cases Disposed Of Here Monday In Recorder's Court Before Judge W. J. McLamb

Cases of routine interest and importance were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge W. J. McLamb.

The following disposition was made of the cases: James H. Locomy, Jr., failure to stop at stop sign, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Blake Carlisle, no operators license, fined \$10.00 and costs. Vance Gore, improper lights, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Charlie E. Ford, improper lights, fined \$15.00 and costs. W. E. Griffin, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Howard E. Vereen, improper lights, capias issued. Levey Hooks, larceny, guilty of misappropriating property for his own use, not guilty of larceny. Judgment continued.

Robert Hooper, violating game law, 60 days in jail, judgment suspended on condition that he pay costs and not violate any of the laws of the State for a period for farm or garden. (Continued on Page 4)

Final Report Is Made This Week On Polio Drive

Funds Collected Throughout Brunswick County During March Of Dimes Campaign Total \$913.03 This Year

COUNTY CHAPTER IS PERMANENT

Organizations Remains In-tact In Order To Render Service If And When Needed In Brunswick

Mrs. E. J. Prevatte, chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, announces that a final report of activity during the annual March of Dimes campaign reveals that a total of \$913.03 has been raised from this county.

In addition to her duties as chairman of the permanent organization, Mrs. Prevatte headed the drive for funds this year, and she says that she desires to express her grateful appreciation to citizens in every community in Brunswick county for their fine support.

The fact that a permanent organization does exist in the county means that the machinery is all set up to cope with an emergency which may arise as a result of the occurrence of cases of infantile paralysis. Already funds are being disbursed in Brunswick for care and treatment of cases of this dread disease, and the support of citizens insures the ability to continue this program.

Following is a report broken down in order to give credit to each group and each community who cooperated in the drive:

- Antioch Baptist church, \$15.00;
- employees of Royster Guano Co., \$11.00;
- Daughters of America, \$10.00;
- Old Shallotte Baptist church at Grissetown, \$10.00;
- Ash community \$9.95;
- Shallotte school, \$20.01;
- Shiloh, \$10.15;
- Mt. Pisgah Baptist church, \$10.00;
- Hickman's Cross Roads, \$10.00;
- Wilmington Pine Co., \$25.00;
- Grissetown community, \$7.50;
- Freeland community, \$26.00;
- Exum, \$15.00;
- Waccamaw school, \$34.74;
- Leland school, \$58.12;
- Longwood, \$6.10;
- Supply, \$32.00;
- Armour Fertilizer, \$53.00;
- Winnabow, \$43.80;
- Leland, \$20.00;
- Brunswick County Training school at Southport, \$53.60;
- Southport Baptist church, \$30.00;
- Southport School, \$99.61;
- Southport community, \$127.00;
- Caswell Base, \$9.50;
- Andrews Chapel, \$6.60;
- Amuzu Theatre, Southport, \$81.91.

Brunswick Man At South Pole

Lloyd S. McKeithan, Chief Torpedoman, Member Of Crew Of Destroyer Henderson On Byrd Expedition

Lloyd S. McKeithan, Brunswick county boy whose parents and wife live at Freeland, is serving as Chief Torpedoman's Mate aboard the destroyer U. S. S. Henderson which has been participating in the Navy's Antarctic expedition known as "Operation Highjump."

The Henderson is part of the central group of Task Force 68, which has been chartering the vast unknown regions of the Antarctic under the technical direction of Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd.

It is understood that in addition to young McKeithan two or three other young Brunswick men have been with Admiral Byrd and Task Force 68. Their names are not immediately available. (Continued on page 4)

R. & S. Coming Here Next Week

Brunswick County's Own Road Show Will Open 1947 Season With One Week Stand At Southport For Fire Department

Starting their annual spring road tour at Southport one week later than usual the R. & S. Amusement Company, Brunswick's own road show, will open at Southport on Monday, March 17th.

Remaining here the full week, they will then launch out for eight months on the road, carrying with them about 200 people and the largest collection of (Continued on Page Four)

Brief News Flashes

MEETING—A March meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association will be held on Thursday at 7:30 in the school auditorium.

CLOSES—The Arnold Cafe, which opened last month in the Miller Hotel building, has sold its equipment and is closed temporarily. The building will continue to accommodate the cafe.

FROM HOSPITAL—Whatley, who underwent a serious operation in a hospital two weeks ago, is still in his bed but reports that he is getting splendidly.

PASTORS MEET—The conference of the Brunswick Association of Pastors met at the Southport Baptist church. Seven pastors present and supper was served by the Woman's Missionary Society of the church.

SUPPER—The Cape Fear Home Demonstration Club will serve a chicken supper on Friday night from 7 o'clock in the Southport school lunch room. Those who would like to take their dinner home should bring plates. Proceeds will go for benefit of the lunch room.