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REA Expansion Program Being Made Reality

Electricity is being made available to customers in various sections of Brunswick County. Other sections marked for work. Communities in various sections of the county have been designated for early REA service.

Predictions made last fall that the Brunswick Rural Electric Membership Corporation would be able to extend its service to various sections of the county are already showing signs of being made good. This paper has a complete outline of work done in Columbus and Bladen counties, but progress there is being made in keeping with what is being done here in Brunswick.

A check-up with the map of work with Elliott Tripp at the REA office in Shallotte Saturday revealed quite a number of Brunswick county projects. On some of them work of erecting lines, etc. is already underway. Others are marked in red for attention. Among these projects now receiving attention, or marked for early work, is a two and a half mile line from Windy Hill in Lockwoods Folly township with another two mile line to the Lancaster section of the township.

A 4.5 mile line will run out from Winnabow towards the Mill Creek church towards the river. A two-mile line will run from Longwood towards the town.

The longest stretch marked for construction will extend from the Fort Caswell and Caswell Beach road, near Southport, through to the Magnolia Dairy, along the River Road through the Pleasant Oaks Plantation and Clarendon Plantation. Mr. H. stated that they hoped to complete this project soon.

It is understood that a 3-mile line will soon cross the highway, presumably at Holders Beach and proceed eastward through Lockwoods Folly Inlet. This line and the others already planned will provide many miles of continuous beach light and power service.

Brief News Flashes

MOVE TO SOUTHPORT
Mr. and Mrs. Sam T. Bennett have moved from their old home in Hickman's Crossroads to Southport.

GO TO LEAVE
John Carr Davis, who recently was transferred from the USS Roosevelt to the USS Midway, is spending a 10-day leave here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Davis.

WINDS SUBSIDE
Although small craft warnings were being displayed here today, the high winds of the last 24 hours had subsided considerably early this morning. Old timers reported that winds prevailing throughout yesterday and last night are the strongest they have seen except during a storm.

WIVES BROTHER
John Thomas Collins died at home at Myrtle Beach, S. C., Monday of last week after being in declining health for some time. Burial was held at Myrtle Beach the following day. Mr. Collins was a brother of G. W. Collins, of Winnabow. He is survived by his widow, three sons and three daughters.

BENEFIT SUPPER
There will be a benefit chicken supper for the purpose of raising funds for the Southport baseball team tomorrow (Thursday) evening at the Community Center. Arrangements already have been made to have a local team from the Eastern State League play here tomorrow night. The benefit will go toward outfitting the team.

Southport Native And Bride



Arville And Gudbjorg Gudmundstottir Cottrell

Former Southport Man Marries Icelandic Girl

Arville Cottrell Settles Down To Married Life With Girl He Met While On Foreign Duty

On the basis of any information available to the Pilot, Arville Cottrell, of Penns Grove, N. J., is the only Brunswick county ex-service man who has married a young lady who is a native of a foreign country in which he was stationed.

His marriage to Gudbjorg Gudmundstottir, whose Icelandic nickname is "Ubba," took place on February 22 at Elkton, Md., following her arrival here from Reyjavik, Iceland. They are now at home in their apartment in Penns Grove, N. J.

Although she speaks English with a noticeable accent, the ash blonde, bluish gray eyed bride is fast becoming Americanized. The broad scope and variety of life in America has literally taken her breath away, she admits.

Amid all the newness and confusion of her present adventure, however, she still retains a few mementoes of her former home-land including an Icelandic flag and a large sheepskin rug. Sheep raising, she explains, is one of the big industries in Iceland.

The Cottrells met while Arville was at a naval hospital in Iceland as a Pharmacist's Mate, Third Class. During his 14 months at the hospital, their friendship flowered into an engagement.

Mrs. Cottrell is the daughter of a professor of languages in (Continued on Page Five)

Build Temporarily Bridge At River

Traffic Over Brunswick River On Highway Leading Into Wilmington To Be Routed Over Temporary Structure

State Highway engineers stated Friday that it may require nearly a month to build and put in operation the detour bridge across the Brunswick river. Because of the extensive and heavy traffic, this bridge will have to be a rather substantial structure. Estimates were that it will take nearly a year to build the big 4-lane bridge that is to replace the present narrow steel structure.

The Alligator Creek bridge, a mile further towards Wilmington, will not present any detour problem. The present bridge across this creek will be continued in operation while the new 4-lane bridge has been constructed just south of it. A considerable fill in Alligator Creek is being made to relocate the bridge. However, this change in location should bring joy to all concerned. When the new bridge goes into use the motorist will have a perfectly straight stretch of road along the Easton Island to the (Continued on Page Five)

Special Services At 2 Churches Before Easter

Southport Baptist Church Will Observe Youth Week, With Young Members Of Church Holding Positions Of Responsibility

SUPERIOR COURT CONVENES CIVIL SESSION MONDAY

Judge Hubert E. Olive Is Named By Governor Cherry To Preside Over One-Week Term Of Court In Southport

Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett received a notice this week from the office of Governor R. Gregg Cherry, in Raleigh, that Judge Hubert E. Olive has been named to preside over next week's term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of civil cases. Judge Everett Thompson, who was originally scheduled to hold this term of court, was murdered one week ago Sunday night as he sat in the living room of his home at Elizabeth City. Judge Olive will be his replacement.

Fifteen divorce cases are on the docket for trial, along with a considerable number of civil cases, some of them of more than the usual importance. It is understood that a judge to preside will be named in ample time for the scheduled opening.

The jury list, as drawn by the commissioners some time ago, calls for the following men: M. A. Sullivan, Winnabow; J. C. Privette, Supply; H. V. Britt, Ash; W. R. Register, Shallotte; C. C. Hewett, Shallotte; W. B. Grissett, Shallotte; J. W. Tharpe, Leland; Peter Hewett, Shallotte; Leighton Leonard, Ash; C. S. Milligan, Shallotte; C. N. Swan, Southport; P. M. Cox, Bolivia; M. G. Parker, Ash; P. D. Smith, Ash; Clyde Dixon, Supply; H. T. Ward, Supply; D. E. Long, Supply; Woodus Mintz, Leland; A. R. Mercer, Bolivia; Gaylord Hewett, Supply; Eunice Varnum, Ash; J. B. Ludlum, Supply; J. B. Kirby, Ash; T. L. Tharp, Ash; Robert McLamb, Ash; Rifton E. Sellers, Supply; B. H. Pigott, Shallotte; B. R. Bennett, Freeland; Neil Holden, Supply; E. M. Little, Freeland.

Deacons for the week will be Claude Ford, Jr., chairman, Glenn Jones, Jimmy Ratcliffe, Franto Molycheck, Carl Brock and Jack Swan. Deaconesses will be Miss Thelma Sellers, Mrs. Hubert Livingston, Miss Gloria Lee Hewett and Miss Rebecca McRackan.

Other officers will be church clerk, Miss Patricia Adams; church treasurer, Mrs. Robert Carson; B. T. U. director, Miss Maxine Doshier; B. T. U. secretary, Miss Otella Simmons; W. (Continued On Page 5)

Special Meeting At Presbyterian Congregational Meeting

Held At Southport Presbyterian Church Sunday As New Elders And Deacons Are Named

A congregational meeting was held in the Southport Presbyterian church Sunday for the purpose of adding to the number of elders and deacons.

Added to the group of elders were Joel Moore, D. J. Smith and Robert Marlowe. Added to the deaconate were James M. Wolfe and Jack Hickman.

The junior choir of the church gave a beautiful rendition of the spiritual "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian," and the chorus "Into My Heart."

Preaching services is held every Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock and Sabbath school at 10 o'clock each Sunday morning.

Our ROVING Reporter

Our old friend, former postmaster L. T. Yaskell, who is in business in New Jersey, and probably very homesick, will be tickled to death this week when he reads the State Port Pilot and learns that there are millions and millions of minnows in Fiddler's Drain. What's more, the spillway at the pond and various lakes are full of the biggest of big-mouth bass. We can hardly wait until we finish on this week's job, catch some minnows and go out for those bass.

At Fayetteville S. Sgt. James E. Hewett is in a very bad sort of a pickle and is calling on us for help. Now we have more Hewett's on our mailing list than there are peas in a pint, but we don't mind doing our best to get this one out of trouble. It seems that James and fellow soldiers at Ft. Bragg were sounding off. As his contribution to the fishing (Continued on page 4)

Southport Citizens Turning Attention To May Election Of Aldermen And Mayor

Issue Of The Pilot Returns From Trip Around World

Newspaper Finally Caught Up With Sgt. Pittman While He Was On Duty In China

A copy of the December 18, 1946, issue of this paper is back in this office after being on a three-months' trip around the world. Coming back with it is a Chinese newspaper, which may be in good condition and may not be. No one in the office can read it.

Writing W. B. Keziah, of the Pilot office, W. A. Reynolds, of Shallotte, gives some of the travels of this copy of the paper. Mr. Reynolds said: "Friend Bill—You have no doubt heard of the shot heard around the world? Well, here is a copy of The State Port Pilot that has traveled around the world and brought back with it a Chinese newspaper. The story goes something like this—The copy of the paper was mailed from the office to Master Sgt. Ernest C. Pittman USMC, Hq. Co. (Co. Officer) Hq. Bn., First Marine Division, FMF, c/o Fleet Post Office, San Francisco, California.

"Going first to California, the paper chased the feet around and finally caught up with Sgt. Pittman in China. There, after being much read, it was used along with the Chinese newspaper to wrap up souvenirs to send back to the Sgt's home at Shallotte. Coming back by way of New York both papers arrived here this week and this reminds me to send you \$1.50 for the renewal of Sgt. Pittman's subscription."

Sgt. Pittman has left China since the paper caught up with him. He is now in Tunisia, rebuilding railroads. His next stop from there will be somewhere in France. There is no way for the office to know where a copy of the paper will reach him after it leaves San Francisco, or how long it takes. One thing is certain however, the copies that reach him are all eagerly read.

Housing Facilities Is Big Need In Area Of Basin

Superintendent A. G. Ford Lists This As Major Need For Progress Of Project In This County

Capt. A. G. Ford, Superintendent of the huge Maritime Commission ship lay-in basin at the Brunswick River bridge, sees a great need of housing facilities for the employees of the basin in Brunswick county. In a general discussion this week, he stated to this paper:

"Homes for Reserve Fleet employees are badly needed here in Brunswick county." Captain Ford was able to secure a home for himself and family at nearby Woodburn about a year ago. A few of the 260 men now working in the basin, where they have the care of the ships as they are brought in, are residents of the community. Others live at various distances, driving to and from work each day. It is the policy of the Maritime Commission and of Superintendent Ford to employ all possible labor living near the basin. With many more men to be added to the workers as the basin fills up with ships, the need for a considerable number of nearby homes will become urgent.

At present calls for ships to enter the European relief trade is causing more vessels to leave the basin than are entering. This is thought to be only a temporary movement and the basin still has nearly a hundred of the big freighters on hand. "We expect ships to start coming in here in large numbers this summer," said the superintendent.

The need of more men will increase with the increase in the number of the ships. The basin has a capacity of 500 freighters and a circumstance pointing to its being used to its full capacity may be found in the fact that an 18,000 ton floating steel drydock will be added to the basin equipment in five or six months. This (Continued on Page Five)

New Oyster Bill By Williamson

Bill Introduced By Senator R. I. Mintz Will Be Withdrawn And Effort Made To Pass New Measure

The original oyster bill introduced by Senator R. I. Mintz two weeks ago, a copy of which was published in this paper, will be withdrawn and Representative Odell Williamson has introduced a substitute bill. This bill summed up briefly provides: The digging of oysters from October 15 through March 1, but does not limit the amount dug per day. It, however, prohibits the digging to ship outside the state or for sale to parties to be carried out of the state. It does not provide a license tax on dealers or eating places, but it is unlawful for dealers to buy or sell for the purpose of removing from the state. The same provisions apply to the taking of clams and if the bill passes it will be unlawful to take clams for the purpose of sale outside of North Carolina.

For several months demand for some sort of an oyster protection bill has been brewing as a result of the public belief that the oyster beds in this county were (Continued on page 4)

Chas. M. Trott Is First To Announce Candidacy For Office Of Mayor; Other Probable Candidates Mentioned

MAYOR ERIKSEN MAY RUN AGAIN

Schedule Made For Holding Series Of Nominating Conventions Beginning Thursday April 17

With less than one month between now and the last of four nomination conventions at which the voters will name their candidates for members of the board of aldermen and for mayor of Southport, citizens of this community are turning their attention to the matter of whom their candidates will be.

Chas. M. Trott, local realtor, is the first to declare his candidacy for the office of mayor. W. S. Wells, local seafood dealer, has been mentioned as a possible candidate, and when contacted last night Mayor John Eriksen stated that he had not decided yet whether or not he will be a candidate for reelection.

The Southport Citizens Committee, headed by Chairman R. Will Davis, got together last week and mapped out plans for the nominating conventions, the municipal election and the opening of the registration books by duly appointed registrars in each ward.

Voters of the first ward will meet in the courthouse on the evening of Thursday, April 17, to nominate two candidates for the board of aldermen. On the following evening, Friday, April 18, voters of the second ward will name their two candidates for aldermen. There will be a recess over the week end, with voters of the third ward meeting on Monday, April 21, to nominate two men for aldermen from that ward.

On Tuesday, April 22, all of the duly qualified voters of the city will meet in the courthouse for the purpose of nominating a candidate for Mayor.

The registration books will be opened on Saturday, April 12, and will remain open through Saturday, April 26. Saturday, May 3, has been designated as challenge day, and the municipal election will be held on Tuesday, May 6.

Registrar for the first ward is Mrs. Elsket St. George; for the second ward, Mrs. Fred Doshier, Jr.; for the third ward, Mrs. Delphia Oberjohan.

Lengthy Session Of Court Held

Most Of Day Monday Consumed By Judge W. J. McLamb Hearing Cases In Brunswick County Recorder's Court

The Monday session of the Recorder's court was featured by the time consumed in trying some seven cases against Wilmington white women and Alden Baker, taxicab operator of that city. The cases were worked up by Rural Policeman O. W. Perry and convictions were secured in all cases. All got off with the payment of light fines and the payment of costs, with probation in other instances. The docket shows the following entries for the day:

Stockley Chandler, improper lights, fined \$10.00 and costs, fine remitted.

W. C. Jones, public drunkenness, continued to April 7th.

Jimmy B. Heath, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs, fine remitted.

Winnifred E. Lesh, improper lights, no tail lights, adjudged that he pay costs.

Manuel E. King, speeding, fined \$5.00 and costs.

Thurston Sommerset, no operators or chauffeurs license, no license plate, adjudged that he pay costs; one half of costs remitted.

J. W. Bullard, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs, fine remitted.

J. M. McIntyre, breaking and entering, continued to July 14th.

Alden Baker, carrying concealed weapon, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Alden Baker, f. & a., six months on the roads, suspended on payment of costs and on condition that he do not violate any of the laws of N. C. for a period (Continued on page five)