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## GRAND OPENING THURSDAY EVENING



READY—Above is shown the attractive new home of the Willetts Motor Co., at Bolivia which has been completed and will have its formal opening tomorrow (Thursday) evening. C. P. Willetts, the proprietor, will be host to his friends and customers at a barbecue supper to be served at 8 o'clock. Plenty of fun and entertainment has been promised. The new building has been pronounced one of the finest automobile sales agencies in Eastern North Carolina.

## Baptists Elect Rev. H.M. Baker New Moderator

Pastor Southport Baptist Church Elected Head Of Brunswick Baptist Association At Business Session

**BROUGHTON WAS PRINCIPAL SPEAKER**

Wednesday Was Given Over To Appearance Of Distinguished Visitors; Business Thursday

A successful two-day session of the Brunswick Baptist Association came to a close Thursday at Shallotte Baptist church with the election of the Rev. Herbert M. Baker, pastor of Southport Baptist church, moderator for the coming year.

Members of the executive committee are H. L. Clemmons, Prospect Baptist church; H. B. Bennett, New Life Baptist church; Dennis Hewett, Mt. Pisgah Baptist church; Garland Bordeaux, Leland Baptist church; Floyd Hickman, Mill Creek Baptist church.

John Jenrette was re-elected clerk of the association, a position he has held for many years.

The opening day of this year's associational meeting was featured by the appearance on the program of former governor J. Melville Broughton, who delivered the inspirational address. Other distinguished visitors include M. A. Huggins, secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Claude White, student secretary at Campbell College; J. D. Walton, Thomasville Orphanage; R. A. Young, Baptist Hospital.

Thursday's meeting was devoted largely to disposition of business matters, including the election of officers.

Next year's meeting will be held at New Life Baptist church and at Antioch Baptist church.

## Inquest Thursday Night In Sheriff White's Death; Walter Stanaland Named

Former Judge Recorder's Court Appointed Monday To Fill Unexpired Term Of Late Sheriff White

**EDWARD REDWINE ALSO NOMINATED**

Legal Action Being Planned To Prevent Stanaland's Taking Over Duties; Surety Bond Will Be Required

Walter M. Stanaland, long a controversial figure in the political life of Brunswick county, loomed larger than ever before in the spotlight of public opinion this week following his appointment Monday by members of the board of county commissioners to complete the unexpired term of the late John White as sheriff of Brunswick county.

As has always been the case when Stanaland has come to the forefront in public life there is a sharp cleavage in the reactions of members of the Democratic party.

Following immediately upon the announcement of his appointment, a strong movement got underway aimed at preventing



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him from filling the office to which he has been named. Leaders in this movement come from all sections of the county, and their action is based upon the contention that Stanaland is not qualified by experience, training

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Sheriff John G. White Died Last Wednesday Afternoon Under Mysterious Circumstances At Jacobs Home

**AUTOPSY REPORT MAY AFFECT CASE**

Capt. Edward I. Conway Being Held Under Bond Of \$5,000.00 Pending Report Of Possible Injury

Pending the formal inquest at the court house at 8 o'clock Thursday night of this week, the question of whether or not foul play was involved in the death of Sheriff John G. White, of Shallotte, is still debatable.

The Sheriff died Wednesday afternoon at approximately 3 o'clock, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Jacobs on the Shallotte-Gause Landing road. Investigation has revealed that he drove up into the yard of the Jacobs home and asked Mrs. Robinson, mother of Mrs. Jacobs, if she had any aspirin tablets. He told Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Jacobs he had a severe pain in his head, according to reports.

The aspirin was obtained for him and after taking it he asked if he might lie down. He was directed into the Jacobs home and told to lie down in the bedroom adjoining the parlor.

A few minutes later he was asked how he felt and no answer was obtained. Mrs. Jacobs, thoroughly alarmed, got into her car, and drove the 3 miles to Shallotte for Dr. M. M. Rosenbaum. When they arrived at the Jacobs home Sheriff White was found to be dead.

It appears that he had been on his way from Shallotte to serve civil papers at Gause Landing when he was stricken while passing the Jacobs home.

Conner John G. Caison was summoned from Southport. Automatically upon the death of Sheriff White he had become acting sheriff. Owing to the circumstances of the death and the added fact that Sheriff White was said to have had a tussle with a man whom he was arresting two days previously, an inquest was considered necessary. C. C. Kilpatrick, Southport undertaker, was appointed acting-corneo and an investigation got underway immediately.

Acting upon a report that the sheriff and one of his deputies Daught Tripp, had arrested Captain Edward I. Conway of the Brunswick River Lay-In Basin, two days previously on a charge of drunken driving, and that Captain Conway had struck the Sheriff, an autopsy was ordered. According to all available information, this autopsy, performed by Dr. F. M. Burdette, of Southport, revealed that Sheriff White had died from a hemorrhage at the base of his brain. Whether this hemorrhage was natural or was caused by violence has not been stated.

Before the autopsy had been held Captain Conway was arrested by Chief of Police Coleman

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## Large Delegation Brought For S. C. Drainage Hearing

"The Courthouse" Is Appeal Of Advocates Of Waccamaw River Flood Control Project

HEARING SCHEDULED FRIDAY MORNING

Representatives From U. S. Army Engineers Office Will Hear Evidence Favoring Project

"The courthouse" is the immediate appeal of Waccamaw drainage advocates who are making final preparations for a hearing before Army engineers at Columbia, S. C. on Friday, October 31, at 10 a. m.

Whether anything is done in the near future about flood control and prevention of back water in the valley of the Waccamaw and its tributaries will depend upon results of the hearing to be conducted by Col. John Hughes, chief of the Charles District of U. S. Engineers. A spokesman for advocates of the project said this morning "If convincing information and sufficient reliable data is presented at the hearing to cause engineers to make a favorable report, the job will be done as fast as the Congress appropriates necessary money."

Preliminary investigations show that the Waccamaw River can be diverted when it approaches the stage by digging a canal approximately two miles long. The canal would carry the water to the inland waterway at Calabash through Mullet Creek, located along the State line of the Carolina.

Reclamation of farm and forest land, better health conditions, improved road possibilities, and the factors which make the project desirable.

## Brief News Flashes

**HALLOWEEN PARTY**  
The students of the Shallotte school are planning a big Halloween party Friday night of this week, October 31st. Mrs. Guy Nathan and other teachers will be in charge.

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The Bolivia School Club is sponsoring a Halloween party at the school on Friday evening of this week. Everyone is invited and there will be no admission charge.

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## Thanksgiving Holidays Set By Board Of Education

**Floating Beer Bottles Spotted**

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco were in Wilmington recently when the man of the family found time weighing heavily upon his hands as he waited for Mrs. Plaxco to do some shopping. He decided to go out to the airport and do a little flying.

The plane which he engaged took off, and soon after the trip commenced he realized that it was about the hour when his son was due to arrive at his home on Long Beach for his day at school. The plane in which he and the pilot were traveling was a 3-seater, and that gave him an idea.

The course was set for this section of the coast, discovery was made that the low tide left a nice level stand upon which to land; and soon young John Plaxco was located and taken aboard. "You're up here on company time," his father told him. "You'll have to help me spot some fish to pay for your ride."

The youngster looked, and looked in vain. Finally he eagerly exclaimed "I can't find any fish, but I see some beer bottles down there in the ocean." They were buoys marking submerged obstructions in the shrimping grounds.

## Numerous Cases Heard In Court

**Weekly Session Of Recorder's Court Adjourned At Noon After Several Cases Were Disposed Of**

Monday's session of Brunswick county Recorder's court was over before noon, but not before several cases had been disposed of. The following disposition was made of them:

Tom Mintz, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and state tax.

John Thomas Costin, speeding, fined \$5.00 and costs.

Claud B. Powles, improper equipment, continued.

Eugene S. Edwards, no operators license, continued.

Jesse Deboise, no registration card, not prosed.

Henry Mosely, receiving stolen property knowing it to have been stolen, 90 days in jail, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs and defendant to be of good behavior for a period of two years.

Dan Fuller Williams, drunk driving, continued to November 10.

Edward J. Conway, murder, continued.

Edward J. Conway, reckless operation, continued.

Alex Houston Jones, operating motor vehicle with improper brakes and no horn, ordered to (Continued On Page 5)

Students Will Have From Wednesday Afternoon, November 26, Until The Following Monday Morning

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY PERIOD DETERMINED**

Schools Will Close For Christmas Vacation On December 19 And Will Reopen On Tuesday, December 30

While it is still early for teachers and school children to get much of holidays matters in mind, it may be said that the board of education has set Thursday, Friday, November 27 and 28 for the Thanksgiving holidays this year. The schools will lay aside their activities with adjournment on Wednesday afternoon, November 26, and will not resume until the following Monday morning.

The board of education has also set the period for the Christmas holidays. The schools will close for this period on Friday, December 19th and classes will be resumed on Tuesday morning, December 30th. This applies to both the white and colored schools of the county, according to Superintendent J. T. Denning.

## Colored School Building Ready

**Longwood Colored School Moved Into New Quarters Last Week; High School Classes Added For First Time**

The Longwood colored school opened in its new building Monday of last week under auspicious conditions. This is the only colored school in the lower part of the county in which the high school grades are taught.

Twenty-five high school students were enrolled the opening day in addition to a large enrollment in the grammar grades. Daniel Decks, principal of the school, says that the prospects are fine for a good (Continued on page 4)

## Revival Service At Presbyterian

**Dr. William Crowe, Of Wilmington, Will Be The Visiting Preacher During Series Of Services Here Next Week**

A series of revival services will be held in the Southport Presbyterian church commencing Monday, November 3, and continuing through November 9th. A song service will open each service beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Dr. Wm. Crowe, Jr., pastor of First Presbyterian church, Wilmington, will be the visiting minister. An invitation is extended (Continued On Page 5)

## Collection Of Shells Brings Much Pleasure

Mrs. R. H. Holden, of Shallotte, has by careful selection demonstrated that the Brunswick county beaches have something strikingly beautiful in their thousands of small shells.

In her odd moments at Holden's Beach, where she and Dr. Holden have a home, Mrs. Holden has gathered up thousands of beautiful small shells. Many of these she has arranged in a cabinet where their full beauty is brought out.

All of the shells are in natural colors. Included among the specimens shown a visitor in the Holden home a day or two ago were Lion's Paw, fan scallop, baby's foot, mermaids toe nails, devil's pocket books, angel's wing, cat's paw, tropical worm shells, pin shells and sea snails. Mrs. Holden called attention to the fact that the seahorse, numbered in her collection, has a pouch like a kangaroo and that the male takes care of the young.

The Holden collection, compared entirely of shells in their natural coloring and all taken from Holden's Beach, has been exhibited at the meetings of many of the woman's organization in Durham, where the family formerly resided. Mrs. Holden, who has given sea shells a close study, also lectured on the collection.

**BUILDING HOME**  
Coy C. McCuiston, of Burlington, is building an attractive new cottage at Caswell Beach.



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With no desire to convey a suggestion that the fishing rodeo has been a failure, it may be timely to express our own opinion that such events will never be the success, so far as the promoters and Southport are concerned, that it should be, until the town has both a modern hotel and facilities for taking care of boats. This year the weather kept down the number of parties. Of those who came the real sportsmen were not inclined to blame the town for the unusually bad weather. If the normally good weather had prevailed hundreds of additional parties would have come in and would have been unable to go out because there was no boats. Much bad feeling would have resulted.

While on the subject of fishing a better scale of rates for the different fishing trips should be arranged for next year. Boats that just go out on the shoals for blue fish and mackerel can well afford to charge the lowest rates. They should be in one class. Boats that are to go and fish around Old Position Buoy, 18 or more miles off, should charge around \$10.00 more for the trips than is charged for fishing on the shoals. The fishermen who want to go all the way to the lightship should pay at least \$10.00 more than is paid for the trip to the position buoy. The lightship is about 35 miles offshore.

## Serious Wreck Monday Morning

**Head-On Collision Of Automobile With Oil Tanker Results In Critical Injuries For Negro Driver**

A head-on automobile oil tanker crash on Route 74, three miles east of the Columbus county line, at 6 o'clock Monday morning resulted in Arthur Henry Reeves, receiving critical injuries, Reeves, a negro, driver of the car, sustained a compound break of his left leg and his left arm was broken in two places. He also sustained lacerations of the head and his entire body was badly bruised.

The tanker, a Yarbrough Oil company vehicle, was damaged about a thousand dollars and ditched. It did not catch fire and the driver was not badly injured.

State Highway Patrolman R. C. Duncan, who investigated the wreck, held the injured negro at fault. Patrolman Duncan stated that the oil truck was traveling west on its own side of the road. The driver stated that he saw the car approaching in the same path, that he at first thought that the car intended to turn out. Realizing that it was headed straight (Continued on Page 4)

## Dear Deer Meat For Local Man

Felton Garner, Bolivia lumber dealer, is driving around a long, black, shiny sedan, whose only blemish is a crumpled fender; and thereby hangs a tale.

The new car hadn't turned the second hundred mile on the speedometer when a frightened deer leaped across the road up near Aberdeen, right into the path of the machine. The resulting impact damaged the fender, but it killed the deer, which turned out to be a 170-pound beauty. The Garners were on their way to visit relatives in Aberdeen at the time, and turned out to be welcomed guests indeed when they showed up with a load of fresh venison.

## Mrs. Rappleyea Passes Friday

**Elderly Resident Of Southport Died In Doshier Memorial Hospital Short Time After Being Admitted**

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Rappleyea, for many years a well known resident of Southport, died Friday night at Doshier Memorial Hospital where she had been a patient for only a few hours. She had been in poor health for many months, and recently she has been in a steadily weakening condition.

Mrs. Rappleyea came to Southport with her son, George W. Rappleyea, many years ago to engage in the operation of public utilities for the town. Later they sold their holdings to the city government, which continues to operate both the water and the electric power distribution system on a municipal basis.

Her son left Southport to go to Tennessee as a civil engineer, and his subsequent business experience has carried him into places of prominence in many parts of the world. During World War II he served as vice-president of the Higgins Industries, in New Orleans, La.

His mother lived here alone, being a person of strong determination and of an independent nature, and although she was wrapped up in her only son, steadfastly refused to leave her home in Southport to live with him in New Orleans.

Requiem Mass was said for Mrs. Rappleyea Monday morning at 9 o'clock at Sacred Heart Catholic church in Southport by Father Frank Howard. Assisting were Father J. J. Mundel and Father Maurice Spillane.

Active pallbearers were Mayor John Eriksen, Capt. H. T. St. George, Paul Fodale, J. E. Carr, W. C. Norton and James Harper. (Continued on page five)

## Many Changes And Improvements Have Been Made Since R. O. Lewis Put Up First Building There

**CORNELIUS THOMAS WAS EARLY BOOSTER**

**This Little Trading Center Is Located In Midst Of Thriving Farming Section And Is Still Growing**

Down about Thomasboro, 10 miles below Shallotte on Route 17, they look upon two or three men as real developers of a fine farming section and the attendant business center that goes with it.

Back in 1932 R. O. Lewis, at present chairman of the board of county commissioners, moved to Thomasboro with his family. He was then maintenance supervisor for the State Highway Commission. The name Thomasboro did not then exist, but there was a cross roads, where the road from Longwood to Calabash crossed Route 17.

Mr. Lewis built the first store at the crossroads, a combination store and filling station. The place is still being operated, considerably enlarged.

Some years after Mr. Lewis moved to the crossroads Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Thomas acquired considerable property there. Mr. Thomas, with a talent for developing things, put up additional buildings and interested a number of white and colored farmers from outside the county to move in, built and develop farming lands. Instead of just the crossroads, the community became Thomasboro. The residents of the surrounding area get their mail service by rural route from Shallotte and also the Star Route (Continued on Page Four)

## District Legion Outing Planned

**Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, Playing Host To 10th District Legionnaires At Long Beach**

An invitation has gone out to Legionnaires of the 10th Legion District inviting them to be guests of Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, at a fish fry to be held Thursday evening at Long Beach.

Charles M. Trot, 10th district commander, says that thus far he has received assurance from several prominent State Legion officials that they plan to attend this outing. He is particularly Father Frank Howard. Assisting will be Father J. J. Mundel and Father Maurice Spillane.

One feature which is expected to help attendance is the fact that there will be a masquerade ball in progress in Southport about the time the fish fry commences to a close.

## Two Hallowe'en Parties Planned

**Lions Club Planning Masquerade Ball Thursday Evening; Parent-Teacher Association Staging Party Friday Night**

The Community Center Building in Southport will be the scene of two gala Hallowe'en events this week-end as both young and old join in celebration of this annual fall festival of fun.

Tomorrow (Thursday) evening the Southport Lions Club will sponsor a masked ball, featuring the music of Virgil West and his orchestra. Guests are urged to come in costume, and prizes will be awarded during the evening. The advance sale of tickets indicates that many persons who do not care for dancing plan to attend as spectators.

The Annual Southport High School Hallowe'en Carnival will be staged on Friday evening in the same building. Featured in this program will be the crowning of the King and Queen of the Carnival. Fish Ponds, country stores, refreshment stands of various kinds, apple-bobbing and other varieties of entertainment will insure a full evening of merriment for all who attend.