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Little Symphony Conductor Now At Long Beach

Mrs. Benjamin Swain Are Spending A Two-Weeks Vacation At Neighboring Resort

PEOPLE IS WELL REMEMBERED HERE

At Southport, Charlotte And Bolivia In Concerts During Spring Concert Tour

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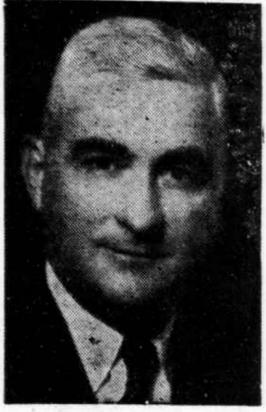
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PRIMARY OPPONENTS



CANDIDATES—Charles M. Johnson, left above, was the high man for Governor in Brunswick county following the first primary, but faces a run-off Saturday against W. Kerr Scott, right, who was only 8,000 votes behind him in the State total. Below are shown F. Ertle Carlyle, left, and Hargrove Bellamy, opponents for the Democratic nomination for Congressman from the 7th District.

School Board Short Of Funds for County Need

Joint Meeting Of School Body With Board Of County Commissioners Results In Grant Of One-Half Total Requested

SHALLOTTE NEEDS MORE CLASS ROOMS

This Condition Also True At Waccamaw; Leland May Need More Room Under Plans For New Departments

At a joint meeting of the board of county commissioners and board of education last week, the board of education asked for \$53,000.00 for various needs of the schools in Brunswick during the coming year, but the board of commissioners could only see its way clear to appropriate \$23,000.00 of this requested sum.

Some time back it was reported by an official State Commission that the schools of the county needed a million dollars for various uses of the schools.

The sum requested at this meeting was for the purpose of buying three new school buses at a cost of approximately \$3,000.00 each. Other needs are for insurance and rentals, the part-salaried and travel allowance for home and agricultural teachers and to repair and maintain the many buildings owned by the board of education. Seven thousand dollars was to be used for debt service.

Illustrating the great need of money for the schools, H. C. Stone, principal of the Shallotte high school and D. B. Frink, a board member, appeared at the joint session and asked for class room relief at Shallotte. (Continued on page four)

Mt. Olive Is Host To Camp

Total Of 132 Attended Brunswick Baptist Association Camp; Meets Next Year At Mt. Pisgah

The Brunswick Baptist Association Camp met at the Mt. Olive Baptist church between Supply and Bolivia on June 11-12, with 132 in attendance.

Mrs. Alex Bogie, young people's leader, was in charge. Folks who came from a distance and who could stay overnight were assigned to homes by Mrs. Grace Green and Miss Annie Lou Johnson, who were also camp nurses. Special music was given by the Mt. Olive Sunbeams. Taking (Continued On Page Four)

Market Opening Dates Will Be Released Tues.

Committee To Meet In Raleigh June 29th To Set Dates For Opening Of Tobacco Markets

TAUS ANNUAL MEET CLOSED WEDNESDAY

Marketing Committee To Name Dates Is Composed Of Growers, Warehousemen And Buyers

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va., June 24.—(AP)—Opening dates of bright leaf tobacco markets will be announced at Raleigh, June 29 by a 15-man marketing committee, a spokesman for the Tobacco Association of the United States said Monday.

J. Con Laier, executive secretary of the TAUS, which held its annual convention at the Cavalier hotel, said the association will appoint a five-man committee to meet at Raleigh with a similar committee representing growers and warehousemen.

The Leaf Tobacco Exporters Association, also in annual convention, held its first meeting Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The TAUS held its first general session Tuesday morning. Both groups adjourned Wednesday after hearing talks by J. B. Hudson, president of Tobacco Associates, Inc., Washington, D. C., and Rep. Harold D. Cooley.

Hilarious Time For Audience

Womanless Wedding Here Friday Evening Was Memorable Event For Large Crowd In Attendance

Southport citizens laid aside their worries for an hour Friday evening while they had a hilarious time at a Womanless Wedding sponsored by the Southport Baptist church for the benefit of the building fund.

The tempo of the entertainment is suggested when it is revealed that G. D. Robinson was the blushing bride who was given in marriage to the Rev. H. M. Baker. But to stop there would be to leave out some of the most distinguished characters ever to attend a social function in Southport.

For instance, there was the organist, Sam Bennett; the soloist, Edgar Finch; the grand-mother, B. J. Holden; the city cousin, Jimmy Radcliff; the old maid aunt, Carl Brock; the neighbor, Ivan Ludlum; the baby brother, Joe Wilmouth; and the rejected suitor, Chas. M. Trott.

The mother of the bride, was Hubert Livingston; the mother of the groom, H. T. Bowmer. Bridesmaids were Prince O'Brien, Herbert Johnson, Lindsey Robbins and Floyd Dilisaver. Matron of honor was Jim Johnson; maid of honor, E. H. Arrington. The flower girls were Jack Swan and Glenn Jones; the trainbearers, John Sanders and Austin Howard. Otto Hickman was the ring-bearer.

These were the characters who kept the crowd in a constant uproar during the ceremony, but the crowd had been conditioned for this by an earlier feature. (Continued On Page Four)



Our ROVING Reporter

This practice of naming babies after fond papas, such as John Doe II, John Doe III, etc., has got us into trouble. When you want to say eleven you had better write it out instead of figuring it as II. In a story last week we described the beautiful 11 mile long stretch of strand at Long Beach. The story came out reading, "The beautiful 2 mile long, etc." It happens that Long Beach folks are proud of their long beautiful strand, running all the way from Lockwoods Folly Inlet to Caswell. We are proud of it ourselves and there was no intention of saying that this, the longest strand we know of embracing a single beach, was only 2 miles in length.

Vernon Jeter, son of Frank Jeter, who is known throughout this

Shalotte Lions Honor Mrs. Smith

Mrs. Lou H. Smith, who retires as county health nurse at the end of this month after 20 years of service, will receive a U. S. Saving Bond and an appropriate letter of appreciation of her services from the Shallotte Lions Club.

At their meeting on Thursday the Lions Club voted unanimously to present Mrs. Smith with the bond as a testimonial of appreciation.

Beer Petition Is Presented For Board Approval

Commissioners Forced To Return Petition Calling For Special Election On Beer Question Because Of Error

T. T. Ward, prominent farmer of Waccamaw township, appeared before the board of county commissioners Monday with a petition calling for a special election to vote on the matter of legal sale of beer in Brunswick county.

Inspection of the petition revealed that it had not been prepared according to law, and the county attorney gave instruction as to how this document properly should be drawn. It is supposed to carry the signatures of fifteen percent of the voters who cast their ballot for governor in the last general election.

Other matters taken up before the board were of routine importance. The blind grant was increased by \$30.00 following approval of a new application for assistance. Alden Hewett was relieved of all taxes on real estate for 1938 and prior years because of double listing.

The commissioners voted to deliver a deed for his property foreclosed for taxes to George West on upon payment of \$287.67, the amount now due for taxes and interest. A similar motion was taken to deliver to James Bryant a deed for the Moses Bryant land upon payment of \$114.55. A third action of this kind would deed the William Loftin Estate lands to Gertrude Hickman upon payment of the sum of \$138.00 in taxes and interest.

Varied Matters Heard In Court

Several Cases Covering Variety Of Offenses Disposed Of Before Judge W. J. McLamb Wednesday

A variety of matters were disposed of here in Recorder's court Wednesday before Judge W. J. McLamb. The following disposition of cases resulted:

Lester Benton, public drunkenness, 30 days on roads.

D. M. Garrod, public drunkenness, 30 days suspended on payment of costs and good behavior for one year.

Willie Randolph Bryant, speeding, \$10.00 fine and costs.

Henry T. Lewis, speeding, reckless operation, fined \$15.00 and costs.

Leonard Gaines, speeding, capias.

Bernice Coan, killing dog, capias. (Continued On Page Four)

Plan Photo Story Of Shallow Depth Of Surf

Broad Strand And Gradually Sloping Beaches Of Brunswick Add To Safety For Bathers

To show the beautifully sloping nature of the Brunswick county beaches, a gradual shelving away from the strands that is said to account almost entirely for the absence of dangerous undertows, arrangements are now being made to measure the beach strands for width and also to measure the water at low tide to show how far a bather can go without getting in water over five feet in depth.

These measurements will be taken at Caswell and Long Beaches near Southport, at Holden Beach at Supply and at Ocean Isle at Gause Landing, and will be used as data for a picture story to be sent daily newspapers early in July.

John Hemmer, crack State News Bureau man, is scheduled to be here on a picture-making tour early in July. Along with the facts obtained by the measurements it is planned to get supporting pictures at each of the above places to go with the story. The safety of the Brunswick county beaches has never been

Ruark Store Destroyed By Fire Late Saturday

Well Known General Mercantile Establishment In Southport Suffers Total Loss Of Building And Stock

PLANS OF OWNER STILL INDEFINITE

Good Work On Part Of Southport Volunteer Firemen And Men Of Firemen Base Save Other Buildings

The J. B. Ruark Co. store, oldest business in Southport to be operated continuously by one family, was completely destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon as a result of an explosion of an oil hot water heater used in connection with the meat department.

Established by the late J. B. Ruark many years ago, it was operated by him until his death about fifteen years ago. At that time his son, Cronley G. Ruark, took over, later buying out the other Ruark heirs and continuing the operation. A large wooden building, the store was carrying about the largest stock of any mercantile establishment in Southport. About every line of goods was handled.

The whole interior of the building was filled with flames and dense smoke within a few minutes after being discovered. Some of the goods near the front were removed, but both building and contents may be described as having been a total loss. There was no insurance. In an interview yesterday Mr. Ruark placed his loss at \$20,000.00.

Mr. Ruark stated that at present his plans are indefinite, and (Continued on page four)

New York Men Purchase Home

Long Island Truck Farmers Purchase Dr. J. A. Doshier Home Near Southport; May Grow Plants Locally

A deal was closed last week for the sale of the Dr. J. A. Doshier home and five acres of grounds to Milton, George and Carl Lindner, of Long Island, N. Y. These brothers, extensive truck crop growers on Long Island, plan to use all of the available land for the growing of plants that will be transported to Long Island and set out on the farm there.

Heretofore the brothers have had to depend largely on hot house grown plants for early truck crops. This was an expensive procedure when they needed more than 200,000 early plants. In addition, the hot house grown plants lack the hardiness that is to be found in those grown outdoors.

This spring the Lindners came to Brunswick and grew their plants on the Thompson McCrackan farm on the River Road. Their plants grew so well and were so superior in all ways that the brothers decided to buy land (Continued On Page Four)

Week-End Crowd Visit Beaches

Crowds Comparable To Holiday Gatherings Flock To Brunswick County Beaches For Past Week-End

"About as big as the 4th of July," was the way that both Long Beach and Holden beach folks described their week-end crowds this week. With all houses filled to capacity on week days, both of these popular Brunswick county resorts are beginning to see where they will be badly taxed to handle things when the hot months of July and August bring their week-end crowds.

Voter Interest Growing As 2nd Primary Nears

Close Race In Prospect Between Charles M. Johnson And W. Kerr Scott For Nomination For Governor

BRUNSWICK GAVE JOHNSON LEAD

Another Close Contest In Prospect Between F. Ertle Carlyle And Hargrove Bellamy

Brunswick county voters go to the polls Saturday to cast their ballots for a representative in the Congress of the United States and a Governor of North Carolina, and indications are that there is a mounting interest in the coming contests.

F. Ertle Carlyle, high man in the primary of May 29, is being opposed by Hargrove Bellamy, Wilmington business man, for the Democratic nomination for congressman from the 7th district. Carlyle, who is solicitor of the 9th judicial district, led a three-man field last month by a six-thousand vote margin. Since that time supporters of both men have been busy about the district attempting to line up new strength for their candidate, and the outcome of the voting Saturday will in a large measure depend upon the action of the large block of voters who supported J. Robert Young in the first contest.

The race for governor is a fight to the finish, with Charles M. Johnson, high man by about 8,000 votes in the first primary, attempting to hold this advantage over W. Kerr Scott, the runner-up. This contest has been a slam-bang affair from the start, and from all sections of North Carolina come predictions that the voting Saturday will be close.

In the first primary Brunswick county gave Carlyle a small lead over Bellamy and Johnson a big lead over Scott.

The polls will open at 6:30 o'clock in the morning and will close at 6:30 o'clock in the evening.

Eliminate Bad Detour On Road

Visitors At Holden Beach May Now Reach Destination Without Hitting Impassable section of Road

The one bad detour on the new paved road to Holden Beach was definitely disposed of last week by the contractor. Their own asphalt plant having not yet arrived, they bought enough asphalt from a nearby plant to pave a little less than half a mile of the new road from the ferry towards the junction with Route 17.

The detours through the woods on this short stretch of the road had become practically impassable. It is understood that the whole road, on which the grading is completed, will be paved in a very short time. However, with the detour as it was and the heavy volume of traffic, it was decided that some emergency paving had to be done without waiting until the asphalt plant could be brought in.

Traffic enroute to the beach now leaves 130 at the old post office building in Supply. It follows this road to the intersection with the new highway and there enters on the paving for the short distance to the ferry.

Former Leland Resident Dies

Stephen Alonzo Regan Died Last Week At Home Of Brother In Charleston; Burial In This County

Stephen Alonzo Regan, former resident of the Leland section, died at the home of a brother in Charleston, S. C., last week. His death followed a heart attack.

The body was brought to Leland and interred in the Williams cemetery, following services by Rev. J. D. Withrow of the Woodburn Presbyterian church.

Active pallbearers were D. T. Brew, Arthur Sue, Bruce Russ, Wilbur Gainey, Ellie Gainey, and Emmett Gainey.

Mr. Regan is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Grace Thomas of Leland; five sisters, Mrs. W. A. Williams, Mrs. H. B. Williams, Mrs. F. B. Russ, Mrs. C. H. Gainey, and Mrs. J. T. Gainey, all of Leland; also his brother;

Brief News Flashes

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