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## Building Progress



**WORKING**—Volunteer workers are shown above working on the winter camp building at the Girl Scout Camp for the Cape Fear Area. This building is situated on the banks overlooking the Pretty Pond in Brunswick County and now is nearing completion.—(Star - News Cut.)

## Assembly Line Methods Used Packing Plants

Volume Of Plants Makes It Necessary To Devise Some Quick Plan For Handling Thousands Of Tomato Plants

### WORK PROVIDED FOR MANY HELPERS

Plant Production Now Is At The Peak With Growth Threatening To Get Out Of Control

All of this week and through part of next the only tomato plant packing assembly line in the world will be operating at the Everett H. Sheppard tomato plant farm on the River Road. The assembly line is Mr. Sheppard's own idea. He says he has heard other tomato plant growers talk about the possibility of such lines, but that no one has ever before devised one.

The line is simplicity itself. An endless belt 12 inches wide is operated by an electric motor. The belt extends for fifty feet with small tables to accommodate about a dozen operators on each side. As the baskets full of unpacked plants are brought in from the fields in trucks they are dumped at the head of the line. As fast as he or she can pick up the bunches of 25 plants the worker places them on the belt, root end pointing forward. The belt carries them by the workers who snatch them off cover the roots with wet moss and wrap them in kraft paper. They are quickly replaced on the belt and move on to the end of the line where other workers snatch them off and pack them in the baskets.

Each basket holds 400 plants. On their first day Monday, the dozen workers packed and average of 4 baskets per minute. In one instance when they were timed without their knowledge they packed a basket in eight seconds flat.

Commenting on the line, Mr. Sheppard said to a newsman: "I am satisfied that we can pack over a hundred thousand plants per hour just as soon as the workers get used to it."

Starting out without the slightest—(Continued on Page 2)

## Denning Re-elected As School Superintendent By Board Of Education

### Applicants



**SETTLED**—Left above is J. T. Denning who was re-elected Monday night as Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools. On the right is Henry C. Stone, principal of Shallotte high school, who also was an applicant for this position.

Decision Of Board Was Unanimous Following Nomination By St. George With Second By Mintz

### LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS NAMED

Sam J. Frink Made Chairman Of Board Of Education By Unanimous Action Of Fellow Members

J. T. Denning was elected unanimously Monday night to serve for two more years as superintendent of Brunswick county schools, a position which he has held for the past biennium. The motion was made by Thomas St. George of Southport and was seconded by Foster Mintz. No other name was placed in nomination.

Prior to this action Sam J. Frink, representing the Shallotte school district, had been elected chairman, this action also being by unanimous consent.

Edwin R. Milliken, Shallotte man, was elected by the board to serve as county mechanic, a position which has been held for the past several years by Ernest Parker.

The board was unanimous in its decision to eliminate the services of special counsel for the board of education, passing a motion that this work be made a part of the duties of the county attorney and recommending that this result in no increases in the salary of that official.

The following men were named to the local school boards: Leland: Robert McDaugh, Arthur Sue, Leo Medlin, Robert Bordeaux, H. W. Benton. Billvia: G. K. Lewis, H. L. Willetts, R. K. McKeithan.

Southport: Carl Ward, Joe Rameur, James M. Harper, Jr. Shallotte: J. P. Russ, Dr. R. H. Holden, Rev. Dennis Hewett, Henry Hickman, N. B. Bellamy. Waccamaw: Elroy King, Dave Bennett, Corbett Coleman, Jesse Purvis, Irsene Vereen.

## Fire Truck Arrives In Southport Sunday

### Latest Improvements On New Vehicle Make It Very Desirable In Combating

### FACILITIES FOR OUT-OF-TOWN FIRES

### Storage Tank Together With Booster Pumps Mean That Firemen Can Work Beach And Other Places

### Shallotte And Southport Vote

The city election in Southport went according to schedule yesterday as voters endorsed the candidates nominated in the convention here last month, but in the neighboring town of Shallotte things were different.

Voters in the Shallotte election returned Roney W. Cheers the winner over Leon Galloway and E. D. Bishop in a spirited three-way race for mayor. Cheers had 67 votes; Galloway had 51 votes; and Bishop 43 votes.

R. S. White led all other candidates for town commissioner with 126 votes; R. D. White, Jr., was next with 92 votes; W. M. Hewett had 88 votes; H. L. Holmes had 84 votes; and J. P. Russ wound up the winning five with 78 votes. Other candidates and their votes were: R. H. Holden, 65; W. Russ, 61; Olen L. Cox, 54; L. C. Routh, 46; Milton C. Murrell, 28; Eli Kravitz, 24; Robert L. Cheers, 10.

The new officers for Southport are H. A. Livingston, mayor; G. W. McGlamery and Ralph Cataldo, first ward aldermen; J. A. Gilbert and Ormand Leggett, second ward aldermen; Fred Spencer and G. E. Hubbard, third ward aldermen.

## Governor Scott Visits Friend

### Week-End Rest Trip By North Carolina Chief Executive Winds Up With Visit With H. W. Hood

Paying an informal visit to Southport Monday morning, Governor Kerr Scott, Mrs. Scott and Secretary of State and Mrs. Thad Eure, had lunch here with Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Hood, an employee with the bureau of weights and measures of the Department of Agriculture formerly headed by the Governor, has been ill for the past month. The visit by the Governor and his party to Southport is understood to have been for the purpose of seeing Mr. Hood.

The Governor and his party arrived unheralded by yacht and walked the four blocks from the basin to the Hood home. During the walk no one recognized either the Governor or the Secretary of State. They remained at the Hood home for several hours and had lunch there.

Mr. Hood is reported slowly recovering from the second heart attack sustained since last September.

The Governor in discussing the road and school bond issue declared that it is up to the voters of Brunswick county to get busy and help put this issue over in the special election on June 4. This will make it possible to get—(Continued on page Two)

Southport's new Fire Truck, product of American LaFrance Foamite Corporation, the dream of the boys of the Volunteer Fire Department for a good many years, arrived from the factory in Elmira, New York, Sunday afternoon. The machine is now ready for service in Southport and at nearby points where it can be of use.

Delivery was made personally by Bill Morgan, representative at the district office of the Foamite Corporation in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Morgan was accompanied by Roy T. Rogers, delivery engineer. He remained over through Monday, instructing three of the firemen in the proper use of the truck with water from hydrants and through draft.

The truck carries 350 gallons of water in its tank with hose for handling. If water is available anywhere near the scene of a fire the machine pumps 500 gallons per minute through regulation fire hose. It is planned to have plenty of this hose available in order to connect up with the nearest available supply of water when fires are beyond—(Continued on page 2)

## Tentative Tax Rate Set Monday

### Commissioners Set Rate At \$1.55 And Authorize Edward H. Redwine To Commence Collecting Pre-Payments

The tentative tax rate for Brunswick county for 1949 levy has been set by the members of the board of county commissioners at \$1.55, the same as the present rate. This was done for the purpose of making possible collection of pre-payments, and Tax Collector Edward H. Redwine was authorized to attend to this business.

Other action by the board at their meeting here Monday included sale of the John Moore property in Town Creek township to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Henry for the sum of \$284.60.

The fee for vaccinating dogs this year has been set at \$1.00 instead of 75-cents as previously reported.

Notice also has been given that all threshing machines operating in the county which do threshing off the farm of owner. The Register of Deeds has been authorized to collect a fee of 50-cent for each machine.

The amount of \$10.00 has been added to the monthly general relief fund.

## Respected Lady Dies Suddenly

### Mrs. Susan Carolina Williams Died Suddenly Monday Night At Home Near Shallotte

Mrs. Susan Carolina Williams, wife of County Commissioner E. C. Williams, died suddenly at her home near Shallotte Monday night shortly after returning from a club meeting. She was 61-years of age.

While Mrs. Williams had been in failing health for a number of years, she still was able to go about her normal duties about the home, and news of her death came as a great shock to friends throughout the county.

Formerly she had lived for a number of years near Southport, both while her husband served as superintendent of the Brunswick county home and later when they made their home on their farm in this community. A few years ago the couple moved back to their home place near Shallotte. (Continued on Page 2)

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, May 5,	
0:42 A. M.	7:15 A. M.
1:19 P. M.	7:31 P. M.
Friday, May 6,	
1:46 A. M.	8:19 A. M.
2:27 P. M.	8:42 P. M.
Saturday, May 7,	
2:52 A. M.	9:21 A. M.
3:32 P. M.	9:50 P. M.
Sunday, May 8,	
3:55 A. M.	10:19 A. M.
4:34 P. M.	10:53 P. M.
Monday, May 9,	
4:54 A. M.	11:12 A. M.
5:31 P. M.	11:50 P. M.
Tuesday, May 10,	
5:49 A. M.	12:04 A. M.
6:26 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Wednesday, May 11,	
6:45 A. M.	0:44 A. M.
7:18 P. M.	12:52 P. M.

## Development In Disposal Of Fort Caswell

Although the North Carolina Baptists have had a clear road to acquiring Fort Caswell for a summer assembly ground, something in the nature of Ridgecrest, it now appears that there is at least one other bidder for the valuable property ten miles from Southport.

Yesterday's Wilmington Evening News carried a story written by Phill Wright, state news editor, stating that was in possession of authentic information to the effect that the North Carolina State Health Department has submitted a bid to the War Assets Administration for the purchase of Fort Caswell. The plans, if the property is acquired, is to use it as a cancer research and treatment center. The plans are for the State to double its battle against cancer this year.

Dr. Roy Norton of Raleigh, director of the health department is quoted as saying that he and members of his board will come to Fort Caswell soon to preview the prospects of the place and its potentialities as a cancer center. Dr. Norton is quoted as saying that his department registered a bid with the WAA prior to the deadline, and that it is under second priority effecting war surplus property.

He stated that on the planned visit to Fort Caswell, if it is found that the place is not suitable for the purpose this bid can be withdrawn.

Apparently the North Carolina Baptists and the State Health Board are bidding for Fort Caswell under the same priority. The price to the Baptists under the priority is \$148,000.

It seems that Southport people will welcome the acquisition of the property by either the Baptists or the State Board of Health.

## Trio Convicted Of Violations

### Three Men Draw Heavy Fines Upon Conviction Of Hunting Deer At Night With Flashlight

Arrested some weeks ago by Game Protectors H. T. Bowmer and Tommy Hines, Fred Cumbee, Robert Clemmons and Everett Clemmons, were tried separately in Recorders court the past week. All were found guilty of hunting deer at night with a flashlight and each was sentenced to pay a fine of \$100.00 and costs. From this judgment all three took appeals to Superior court.

Willie Gause, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs. James Russie Hill, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs. (Continued on page two)

## Scout Camp Building Getting In Good Shape

### Donations Of Free Labor And Materials Speed Up Work On Permanent Camp Building

### SOME BRUNSWICK CITIZENS HELP

### Felton Garner Makes Important Contribution And Grimes Willetts Shows Interest By Giving Help

The winter lodge of the Girl Scouts of the Cape Fear Area is now getting in final shape, thanks to the work-without-pay efforts of carpenters and others of the Wilmington labor unions. It is hoped to have the building all completed by the last of May.

Started three weeks ago, the construction has gone forward rather slowly, until a few days ago there was no electric current for saws and other tools. Added to that the men could only give their time on Saturdays, their day off from the regular work at which they earn the living for themselves and families.

Last Saturday a group of Wilmington women fixed up a big picnic dinner, brought it down and served it to the carpenters. As one of these ladies put it: "It sorta makes a lump come in your throat to see those men work so hard for the children on their 'fishin' day'."

Practically all of the building material and other things for the development of the camp has come from Wilmington business interests. The list of contributors has been likened to a telephone directory. Outside of Wilmington—(Continued on page 2)

## Election Board Will Meet Here

### Arrangements Will Be Made Made To Conduct Special Road Bond Election On June 3rd

The Brunswick county election board is scheduled to meet here at the court house at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon to set in motion the machinery for Governor Scott's two hundred million dollar road bond election on June 3rd.

Chairman G. C. McKeithan of the board states that all of the registrars and judges who served in the beer and wine election in the year will serve in early in the year will serve in the road bond election.

Referring to the probability of a beer and wine election at Southport, Mr. McKeithan stated that the law will not permit the holding of this election until 60 days after the road bond election. That will make the last of August the earliest possible date for a beer election.

## Class B Game Scheduled Here

Southport plays Atlantic high school here tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon in a Class B State Championship game which will decide who is to meet Wallace for the District 2 title. Only one game will be played, and arrangements were made to pay the traveling expenses of the Atlantic team in order that local fans would have an opportunity to see their boys in action.

Southport won their group championship last Wednesday afternoon with a 9 to 6 victory over Camp Lejeune in Wilmington. Previously east team had won one game, but in the deciding encounter the Southport boys proved too strong over the nine-inning route.

Atlantic won the group 2 title without a loss. Their star pitcher is Rose, who has won 4 games in championship play, three of them shutouts.

### FLYING TRIP

Mrs. F. J. Williams left Wilmington Friday to fly to Orange, Texas, where she will join her husband, who is stationed there.



The fact that 25 or more farmers made the pasture tour with County Agent A. S. Knowles on a rainy day speaks pretty loudly for the interest of our farmers in permanent pasturage for cows and hogs. The rain failed to dampen the spirits of anybody in the party. From Winnabow they went to the farm and dairy of D. R. Johnson, inspected his fine pastures and then proceeded to Gilbert Reid's. There they apparently learned a great deal, and continued to learn as they went on to the pastures of Keny Lewis and thence to Fred Lesh. The county agent says that there will be more of these pasture tours. He hopes that every farmer in the county will be able to get a good idea of how livestock can be raised more cheaply with the aid of plenty of permanent pastures.

Although he moved from Brunswick to New Britain, Conn., about 18 years ago, Eddie J.

## Benefit Program Set For Band

### Variety Concert Will Be Given Monday Night At Southport Baptist Church

A musical program for the benefit of the Southport high school band will be given on Monday evening at Southport Baptist church beginning at 8 o'clock.

The program will present a variety of musical numbers, including two marches by the band, "Activity" and "Mutual". Two instrumental solos will feature Elliot Hickman playing "Evening Star" on the trumpet; and Bertram Burris playing "The Lost Chord" on the saxophone.

There will be two vocal numbers. Gloria Hewett Hewett will—(Continued on page Two)

## Our ROVING Reporter

Stanland has not forgotten his home county. Sending in a two-year subscription to the State Port Pilot this week Eddie wrote that he enjoys the paper very much and thought it is a real credit to Brunswick county. He is a native of Shallotte township but lived in Southport for several years before going to Connecticut. He is a son of Sheriff Stanland, who was killed in the discharge of his duties about 30 years ago.

To all appearance this spring is bringing in several times the number of bluefish that either our commercial or sport fishermen remember as having appeared in the spring. They are not only more numerous, they average several ounce more in weight. The size and the unprecedented number seems to point to great sport at trolling for blues this year. It also indicates much money for the commercial fish—(Continued on page four)

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## Woman's Club To Present Flower Show Tuesday

Annual Event Is Outstanding Attraction Of Spring Season And Is Eagerly Looked Forward To Each Year

### PIGOTT TO HEAD THIS EVENT

Additional Additions Made To Of Attractions This Year To Give Show Wide Appeal

Annual Woman's Club Show will be held next Tuesday at the Community Center Building in Southport with Dallas Pigott as general manager. This event is one of the outstanding undertakings of the club and is looked forward to by the public.

are the rules of this year's show. Entries will be accepted from 10 to 12 o'clock; all entries must be accompanied by a check for registration and all entries must be accompanied by a check for registration and all entries must be accompanied by a check for registration.

Entries by school children will be by 10 o'clock Tuesday. Arrangements will be made for the children to attend the show at the time designated. At any other hour, they will be accompanied by one of the members.

Showing is a list of classifications: Adult Department: (a) perfection of bloom, (b) perfection of color, (c) best specimen of any one color, (d) artistic arrangement: (1) living room, (2) small, (3) porch, (4) miniature, (5) seasonal, (6) in brass container, (7) in silver container, (8) in silk container, (9) bed tray, (10) table, (11) dining table, (12) shadow boxes, (13) hollidays.

4: Potted plants, (non-flowering and flowering will be the same).

5: Party tables.

6: Department: Class 1: (a) boxes, (gardens and in flat boxes or trays).

7: Shadow boxes, (each will enter one box).

8: Artistic arrangement: (a) through 4th grade; 5th through 7th grade; 8th through 12th grade.

9: Bird houses.

10: Miniature arrangement (must not be over 3 inches).

11: Sea shell arrangement.

12: Posters.

13: Prizes—Mrs. J. M. ... Mrs. H. T. St. ... Mrs. G. D. Robinson, ... Mrs. Roy Rob...

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