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Picking  
Blueberries  
Off This Week

Of Extensive Opera-  
Near Southport Are  
With Results Of  
Year's Production

SMALL CROP  
OFF THIS SEASON

Acres Coming Into Pro-  
Each Year Will In-  
Output During  
Of Next 5 Years

Graham and Key blueberry  
miles out of Southport  
Supply road will begin  
its first crop and ship-  
express to Boston, New  
Baltimore, Thursday of

first crop comes from 25  
plants that are a little  
than two years old. Only  
400 plants will be produced  
above acreage this year.

Another 25 acres will  
bearing and with that  
growth and produc-  
this year's bearing  
1,000 plants, according to  
Jr., one of the owners.

Next year's expected  
crop, there should be a  
increase in production each  
about 25 acres of young  
will start to bearing each  
next five years. At the  
time the older acreage will  
its yield annually.

Of the berries produced here  
out in pint cellophane  
bags, the packages bearing  
stating that the contents  
grown on the "Graham and  
Berry Farm, Southport."

The labels will also show  
of the berries and the  
which they were shipped  
the shippers number.

Of this year's production  
the express on account of  
small number of  
Berry Cooperative  
Association will send  
trucks for the crop  
their plans are for  
approximately 200 acres of  
berries here within five

as soon as the present  
packed from the plants  
now producing for the  
cutting will be made  
a nursery here to pro-  
young plants for set-  
in new acreage this  
thirteen hundred and fifty  
are required to the acre.

the highway the plants  
presented much of an  
up to this year owing  
small size. This year the  
in the plants have under-  
transformation in appear-  
and Key and his partner in  
B. M. Graham of

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## Dr. Thor Johnson Is Recipient Of Award

Conductor Of Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra Receives  
Alice M. Ditson Award

"For distinguished service to American music," Dr. Thor Johnson of Cincinnati, Ohio, Winston-Salem and Southport recently received the Alice M. Ditson Award in ceremonies at Columbia University in New York. Following the making of this award Dr. Johnson directed the Columbia Broadcasting Symphony Orchestra in a program over its Nation-wide network.

Cincinnati claims Dr. Johnson\* by virtue of his being the conductor of its famous symphony orchestra; Winston-Salem claims him by reason of the fact that his parents, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Johnson, live in nearby Mount Airy; Southport puts in its claim to the distinguished symphony conductor by reason of the fact that, with his parents, he spends the full summer here at either Caswell Beach or Long Beach. He owns a building lot at Caswell Beach and will build a summer home there sometime in the future.

Southport and the nearby beach claims to the residence of Dr. Johnson are perhaps stronger than those of any other place in North Carolina, as his entire summer vacation from his duties with the symphony in Cincinnati are spent here.

He is distinctly American and democratic in all things. Music magazines are now speaking of him as "The American Maestro." While he is at the Brunswick beaches, he goes swimming, listens to boxing and baseball broad-



casts, comes over to Southport and is a very pleasant average man-on-the-street.

Attending the movies is an almost nightly habit with him when he is on vacation. While he was at Long Beach last summer one

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## Homecoming Day Is Observed On Friday

Festivities Began With Parade In Morning And Continued At Fast Pace Thru Dance Friday Night

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
HERE FOR OCCASION

Congressman F. Ertel Car-  
lyle Figured Prominently  
In Formal Program;  
Former Postmaster  
L. T. Yaskell Here

A crowd estimated at more than 3,000 persons joined Friday in celebrating Homecoming Day in Southport, an event sponsored by Home Demonstration Club Women and members of the American Legion.

The day's festivities began with a parade at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and concluded with a dance in the evening at the Community Building. In between there was a program in the park, a band concert and a steady stream of visitors to the USS Jeffers, destroyer-minesweeper, which was anchored in the harbor for this occasion.

Floats for the parade were planned under the direction of Mrs. B. J. Holden, and J. T. Denning directed its arrangement for the march through the town. The parade formed beyond the railroad tracks on the new hard surface, then followed a course down Moore street to Caswell Avenue, where it turned right for one block and came back up Nash street to in front of the high school building.

First came the distinguished visitors, including Admiral J. F. Farley and his aide riding in a convertible. These were followed by the 5th Infantry Division band and a company of men from the visiting naval craft.

The came the floats, a colorful array of pagentry which gave expression to some of the interests of this community. One of the most colorful entries was the float on which the Homecoming

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## Shallotte Tax Rate 30-Cents

Raised From 16-Cent Levy  
Of Past Year To Give  
Anticipated Revenue Of  
About \$1,100.00 Per Year

At a meeting of the Shallotte Councilmen last week the tax rate for Shallotte was raised from 16 cents to 30 cents on the hundred dollar valuation. Mayor R. W. Cheers stated Monday night this would, with privileged taxes, give Shallotte operating funds of about \$1,100 per year. "Not much to pay expenses and do anything with," he said.

Former Mayor Leon Galloway, defeated by Mayor Cheers in May, was even more outspoken. He said that with everything held down to the lowest minimum Shallotte

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## Rossini's Great "Stabat Mater" Here Thursday

Wilmington Choral Society  
To Present Program On  
Thursday Evening, June  
23, In High School Audi-  
torium

HENRI EMURIAN TO  
DIRECT ORGANIZATION

All Lovers Of Great Music  
Invited To Hear Visiting  
Musicians In Program  
Beginning At 8:00

Gioacchino Rossini's "Stabat Mater" will be presented by the Wilmington Choral Society in Southport High School Auditorium Thursday evening, June 23, at 8 o'clock.

An announcement of the program was made this week by members of the Choral Club of Southport, who will sponsor this appearance here.

Henri Emurian, minister of music at the First Baptist Church of Wilmington, will direct the choral group.

Emurian has studied under some of the great teachers and sang one season with the Cecilia Society of Boston, during which time the group sang Mozart's "Requiem" under the direction of Serge Koussevitsky.

In featured roles will be John McDougall, tenor; Mary Eunice Troy, first soprano; and Yvonne Durrant, mezzo-soprano; Middleton Norris, bass-baritone; Esther Carswell, soprano; Arthur John, bass; Orma Jean Willis, soprano; Ruth Paterson, alto; Ben C. Stevenson, tenor; Jack Carswell, baritone; and Mildred Murdock, contralto.

Many of the singers will be supported by the chorus.

Those who enjoy great music capably performed will do well to remember that the School Auditorium has a limited seating capacity. However, every effort will be made to take care of the large audience expected for the visit of the Wilmington group.

The appearance here will be financed partially by a silver offering.

## Church School Begins Sunday

One - Week Session Of Vac-  
ation Church School Will  
Begin Next Week At Trin-  
ity Methodist Church

The annual vacation church school will begin at Trinity Methodist church Sunday, June 19 and continue daily through Sunday, June 26. Classes will be held daily starting at 9 o'clock and ending at 11:45.

There will be classes for every one including nursery, beginner, primary and intermediate groups. Credits will be given for perfect attendance and diplomas awarded to each pupil attending the full six days of classroom work. Since the school has been shortened to one week only, and in order to meet standard requirements, all pupils must attend the full six days to receive diplomas.

The staff of instructors and helpers is nearly completed and the following compose the faculty:

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From his son, Sgt. Egan Hubbard, now stationed in Germany, G. E. Hubbard, Sr., of Southport, has received a present that sort of tickles his heart. It is a Dutch pipe with one of those long "S" shape stems and of the pipe has been to be shown around. He has not yet got around to smoking it, so far as we have noticed.

One of the most useful men to North Carolina stepped out last week when Bill Sharpe resigned as director of the State News and Advertising Division. He leaves the department on August 1 and goes with the Carolina Light and Power Company. We have known Bill pretty intimately since he first became head of the State Publicity agency. With-out reflecting on whoever may succeed him, it may be said-right here that it will be hard to find a man to take his place who will

carry on as ably.

Cuban newspapers, printed in English apparently have a hard time with their Latin American reporters and editors. George M. Rappleyea, Southport man who is in Cuba for several months, has sent us a batch of clippings from a Habana newspaper. Mr. Rappleyea warned us that before we read the clippings and laughed, we should think what might happen to the composition if we tried to do some reporting for this paper in Spanish.

Congressman Chas. B. Deane should be down to his summer home at Long Beach fairly soon. The last time he went fishing with us, about two months ago, he made an appointment for another go at it in June, and this is well along in the month. Think-

## Band Instruct Now Available

With 50 music students, including those who are training for the school band, Director Ben C. Stevenson is very anxious to have town and country students of the school see him at once and sign up for band lessons during the summer.

He points out that with the crowded condition that will exist in the fall he will not be able to devote as much attention to the individual band students as he would like. Training during the summer will give a prospective band member an advantage.

## Complete Survey Of School Needs For Brunswick

Architect Who Was In  
Charge Of Construction  
Of Four Of County Schools  
Is Serving As Consultant

Feeling the need of something authentic regarding the needs of the Brunswick county schools, the board of education through Superintendent J. T. Denning and Architect L. N. Boney of Wilmington have been making a survey of conditions this week.

Supt. Denning, Mr. Boney and his son, L. N. Boney, Jr., have personally visited each of the five white consolidated schools in the county during the week. Joined by the local school board at each school, they have gone over the buildings and heard testimony as to conditions and needs.

Mr. Boney was the architect in charge of the construction of the school buildings at Leland, Bolivia, Shallotte and Waccamaw in 1927. At this time the late N. C. Galloway was chairman of the board of education and R. E. Sentelle was superintendent of schools.

In an interview Monday night Mr. Boney said: "The board of (Continued on page two)

## Municipalities To Receive Funds

According To Announcement  
Bolivia Will Receive Al-  
most Five Thousand Dol-  
lars For This Purpose

Bolivia will get \$4949.00 from the municipal fund of the State Highway and Public Works Commission for work on streets inside that community during the next fiscal year.

This is more than the combined funds allocated to Southport and Shallotte. The former was granted \$2003.00 and the latter \$783.00 for street work during this fiscal year.

The recent session of the North Carolina legislature authorized an increase in the municipal funds from one million to two and one-half millions annually.

The general statutes require that the municipal fund shall be expended first on streets inside cities and towns which form a part of the state highway system, and secondly on "streets which form important connecting links" to the state highway system, or the county highway system, or farm to market roads.

The funds were allocated upon the basis of population, mileage and engineer's recommendation.

## Patrolmen Cracking Down On Speedsters

State Highway Patrolmen Bearing Down On Motorists  
Who Speed Along Highways

According to reports picked up from officers, a mass of speeding cases will feature today's session of the Recorder's court. After today such offenders will explain where the fire was on Mondays, the day for holding the weekly session of the court having been changed, effective June 20th.

Patrolman C. M. Cummings stated early Monday afternoon that he had arrested 14 speeders at Bolivia during the preceding 48 hour period. And he had not been idle the rest of the time since last week's session of court.

According to Mayor Roney Cheers of Shallotte, Patrolman J. C. Pierce who is stationed there, had stopped 19-fire-bound cars during the week. As in the case of Cummings at Bolivia, they were clocked at speeds ranging from 70 to 85 miles per hour. Chief of Police Coleman, who works only part time at Shallotte, is also credited with the arrest

of several speeders on Route 17. Patrolman J. C. Taylor of Leland stated Monday that he had run down only a small number of speeders this week. His work is in the area near Wilmington and it is the general rule of speeders to wait until they get further down the line before they open things up wide.

All three of the Patrolmen stationed in this county point out the fact that in the Memorial Holiday week in which seven persons were killed and three others badly injured, the speedometer of one of the cars involved was jammed with the needle pointing at 82 miles per hour.

Judge W. J. McLamb of the Recorder court appears to be concurring with the efforts of the officers to check the speeding. Recently the run of the fines assessed has been ranging to around \$25.00 and costs in all cases.

## Producing Plants May Become Big Business

Beer-Wine Vote  
Set For July 13

Members of the board of aldermen for the City of Southport have ordered a special beer and wine election to be held on Saturday, August 13. The board found that a proper petition has been legally presented, with the required number of registered voters.

The election books for the city of Southport will be opened on the 16th day of July and again on the 23rd and 30th day of the month for the purpose of permitting new registration. Saturday August 6, will be challenge day.

In the county-wide beer-wine election on January 29 voters cast their ballots 1813 to 970 to discontinue legal sale of beer and 1734 to 963 to discontinue legal sale of wine. In Southport the vote was 354 in favor of legal sale of beer to 116 opposed while the vote on wine was 357 for and 115 against.

The freight cost from southern Georgia is about two thirds more than from here in lower North Carolina. There is the added factor that the plants grown in Brunswick county arrive at their destination in New Jersey after one overnight haul of about 16 hours. They arrive fresh and in perfect condition for being transplanted to the fields.

Three years ago Everett H. Sheppard of Shiloh, N. J. decided in his own mind that it was an unnecessarily long and costly haul for plants from Georgia to New Jersey. He had been growing plants down there for several years, using them on his own New Jersey tomato farm and selling the surplus to canning companies who placed them among their tomato growing farmers.

Mr. Sheppard investigated the soil and climate of Brunswick county. He came to the conclusion he could grow as good or better plants here than he could grow in Georgia, that he could save the excessive freight resulting from long hauls and get his plants to the farms in tip-top condition.

He leased 20 acres to start with made a fine crop that first year despite the fact that he was using rather worn out land. The second year, also using leased land, he did a little better. That year, 1948, Sheppard bought a 145 acre tract on the River Road near Southport. It was all in woods. He cleared 20 acres and planted it all in watermelons last year. The ground was too fresh for growing tomato plants.

This year the 20 acres of 1948 Continued On Page Four

## Ordination Is Set For Sunday

Interesting Program Has  
Been Arranged For Leland  
Baptist Church Sunday  
Afternoon

There will be ordination services at the Leland Baptist church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Brother Hickman, Brother Wilkins, Brother Gainey and Brother Peterson, deacons.

A good program has been arranged and special quartets have been secured for the program. The charge to the church will be given by the Rev. C. E. Brisson of Mill Creek church, the charge to the candidates will be delivered by Rev. W. R. Moorehead, associational Missionary, and the ordination sermon will be delivered by Rev. Carl A. Talley, pastor of the Bolivia, Supply, Lebanon churches. The ordination prayer will be given by Rev. Harry J. Moore of Currie, the welcoming into the deaconship by Rod Sellers of Mill Creek church and the benediction by the Rev. Fred Hintz of the Goshen Baptist church.

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## County Baptists Urge Action On Ft. Caswell Deal

Resolution Adopted To  
"Welcome, Favor And  
Urge The Purchase Of  
This Property" Passed At  
Meeting

MISSIONARY IN  
REPORT ON CHINA

Likens Present War With  
Communists To Boxer  
Rebellion, Citing Certain  
Gains Of Christianity

With delegates from the Baptist churches present the Brunswick Baptist Association met in Supply Sunday afternoon to hear reports of progress from the several churches and to discuss matters of interest. The Association officially took notice of the proposed purchase of Caswell by the Baptist State Convention and the moderator was instructed to notify the secretary of the convention that the Baptist churches of Brunswick county "welcome, favor and urge the purchase of this property". The churches also recommend that the convention pay the asking price for this property and pledge their support of this action.

In another resolution the Association instructed the moderator to communicate with the sheriff of the county to assure him and his deputies of full cooperation in the enforcement of law in Brunswick county, especially the enforcement of the laws against alcoholic beverages.

The moderator in his report assured the Soldier Bay Church of a welcome into this Association should that church desire to be admitted at the October meeting of the Association. He also commended the developing program of fellowship and recreation that several of the churches are sponsoring and spoke of the wholesome effects of he baseball teams now being sponsored by some of the churches in Brunswick county.

Dr. Charles Leonard was the inspirational speaker at this meeting. He said that missionaries are disappointed in the Communist advance through China, but that they are not discouraged. He likened the present crises to the Boxer Rebellion when thirty-thousand Christians were persecuted and killed for their faith, but the effect of the persecution was not the destruction of the

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## Flower Show To Be Held Here

Annual Flower Show Spon-  
sored By Brunswick Coun-  
ty Home Demonstration  
Clubs Scheduled June 23

The annual flower show of the Home Demonstration Clubs will be held in the Community Building in Southport on Thursday, June 23. All entries must be in by 2:30 o'clock so the judges can begin judging.

All flowers must be grown by exhibitor.

The following are the classes to be judged:

Class I, Perfection of bloom. (One specimen grown by exhibitor).

Class II, artistic arrangement:

(a) miniature (not over 3 inches); (b) 1. living room

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## Tide Table

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

| High Tide          | Low Tide    |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Thursday, June 16  |             |
| 0:00 A. M.         | 5:59 A. M.  |
| 12:02 P. M.        | 6:05 P. M.  |
| Friday, June 17    |             |
| 0:26 A. M.         | 6:45 A. M.  |
| 1:01 P. M.         | 6:56 P. M.  |
| Saturday, June 18  |             |
| 1:12 A. M.         | 7:33 A. M.  |
| 1:52 P. M.         | 7:53 P. M.  |
| Sunday, June 19    |             |
| 2:01 A. M.         | 8:21 A. M.  |
| 2:43 P. M.         | 8:52 P. M.  |
| Monday, June 20    |             |
| 2:51 A. M.         | 8:12 A. M.  |
| 3:35 P. M.         | 9:51 P. M.  |
| Tuesday, June 21   |             |
| 3:43 A. M.         | 10:02 A. M. |
| 4:22 P. M.         | 10:47 P. M. |
| Wednesday, June 22 |             |
| 4:35 A. M.         | 10:48 A. M. |
| 5:11 P. M.         | 11:40 P. M. |