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## Increase Noted In Enrollment Of All Schools

### Advance Figures Released At End Of First Ten Days Reveals Total Gain 198 Students This Year

## SHALLOTTE SCHOOL SHOWS MOST GAIN

### Significant Gains Have Been Noted In High School En- rollment At Each School

Superintendent of schools J. T. Denning said Monday that at the end of the first ten days of school this fall enrollment of the five consolidated schools of Brunswick county showed an increase of 198 over the same period last year.

The gain was general over the county with increased enrollment in high school and elementary departments of each school. The total increase was of major significance that percentage of the increase in high school enrollment, indicates that a large number of girls and boys who have dropped out of school for various reasons are returning to complete education.

Southport high school enrollment picked up from 78 students last year to 96 students this year. The elementary figures showed an increase from 275 to 311.

Shallotte high school there had 72 high school students last year compared to 227 this year. Elementary school enrollment increased from 788 to 817. There were 133 high school students in Waccamaw last year. Elementary school figures increased from 317 to 331.

Shallotte school enrollment at the end of the first ten days of school this fall increased from 86 last year to 190 this year. In the elementary school the figures increased from 317 to 358 this year.

County superintendent says enrollment this fall is 198 more than 3887 in elementary school. These include enrollment at the high schools.

The Brunswick County Training School attendance jumped from 174 last year to 211 this fall. In the elementary school there were 321 students last year and 318 this fall.

## Brief News Flashes

### HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Dorner Memorial Hospital auxiliary will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. H. B. Dorner.

### MARS HILL

Shallotte high school students are students at Mars Hill. They are Sam Fletch, Frank L. L. Hewett and Roy Gore.

### TO SCHOOL

Mr. Frank Plaxco, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Plaxco, Sr., Southport, has returned to his studies at Fishburne school.

### LEADER

McRackan, junior at Meredith College from Southport, was the group of campus leaders who returned to college early this week to attend planning conference of the Student Government Council, in which she is president of Jones Dormitory.

### IN SCHOOL

Robert Swain, Jr., has returned to N. C. State College after the summer working at the Farms, Lynnhaven, Va. is one of the largest Guernsey farms in the United States. The Southport boy was there in connection with his course in husbandry which he is completing at State College.

### IVE IN U. S.

Being stationed at the Naval Station in Coco Canal Zone, Mr. and Mrs. S. Loughlin and baby will be in Southport today by plane. They will spend some time with Mrs. Loughlin's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Loughlin. They will leave New Orleans from the ship Monday and after a stop there came on home.

## Foresters At Work



**PARTNERS**—Association Ranger G. T. Reid is shown talking things over with tractor mechanic Claud Sellers. Reid has been ranger for the Orton Association since it was formed.

## Shallotte Citizens Work On Playground

### Shallotte Lions Club Has Adopted Project Of Con- structing Playground For Children Of Community

### WHITE DONATES USE OF PROPERTY

G. C. McKeithan, Chairman  
Of Project, Says That Pro-  
vision Will Be Made For  
Playing All Sports

Using land, the free use of which has been donated by R. D. White, Sr., the Shallotte Lions Club has completed the clearing and leveling of a pretty tract that will make an ideal playground for the young folks of Shallotte and community.

The location is only two blocks from the main business part of the town. A field 285 ft. by 425 feet has been cleared and leveled with a bulldozer.

G. C. McKeithan, chairman of the playground committee, says that a tennis-court will be constructed and that there will be facilities for other outdoor games, including football and baseball.

No halfway measurers are planned. Mr. McKeithan says that floodlights will be installed, allowing for night games. Dr. R. H. Holden is president of the Shallotte Lions Club. He says the entire membership is very much interested in this playground project.

Here for two days last week, filling a sort of requested appearance. John Hemmer, top photographer for the State News Bureau, did not get the pictures that were the special object of his visit. However, Mr. Hemmer got some other very good ones. He remarked on the fact that year by year on his visits to Southport and Brunswick county he never failed to get pictures of some subject of widespread interest.

## Cover Crops Will Earn Payments

### However, It Is Important For Farmers To Secure Prior Approval Of These Prac- tices

Establishing a winter cover crop from seedings of rye, wheat, oats barley or a mixture of these crops during the fall of 1949 will be a recognized conservation practice for payment in 1950, according to J. J. Hawes, Secretary of the Brunswick County Agricultural Conservation Association this week.

A payment of \$2.00 per acre will be made for seeding rye and a payment of \$1.50 per acre will be made for seeding oats or barley or a small grain mixture containing either of these crops.

Prior approval of this practice must be obtained from the County Agricultural Conservation Association this week.

In order to maintain a permanent pasture it is best to have some supplemental grazing such as rye grass and crimson clover or small grain or combination of small grain. When planning the (Continued on page 2)

## Whiteville Mart To End Selling Season Friday

### Prospects Are Bright For Moving Into Select Thirty- Million Pound Circle By Friday Afternoon

## FINAL PORTION OF CROP TO BE SOLD

### Whiteville Is Expected To Be Among Dozen Leading Markets In Matter Of Season Poundage

The Whiteville Market today entered its final week of the season with bright prospects of entering the select 30-million circle. Sales through Friday totaled 29,388,664 pounds, according to the report of Dave S. Neilson, sales supervisor.

There are few markets in the nation which have a volume of thirty million pounds and the objective of local warehousemen has been to move back into the select group.

Several markets including Whiteville, dropped from the 30 million class when tobacco acreage was reduced drastically two years ago.

The Whiteville market, according to unofficial figures to date, is expected to end the season on Friday with about three million pounds above the combined sales of the four one-sale markets in this area.

Local warehousemen will be in position to handle all offerings during the final week of the season. There has been no block for sometime now and this week will be used to finish selling the crop in this area.

The 1949 total here is expected to place Whiteville among the first 12 markets in the flue-cured area.

## President Says Everybody Works

### Head Of Brunswick County Farm Bureau Urges Every- one Eligible For Mem- bership To Join Organization

"It has once been said that the Brunswick County Farm Bureau is a 'Tom Ward Farm Bureau,'" said President T. T. Ward this week.

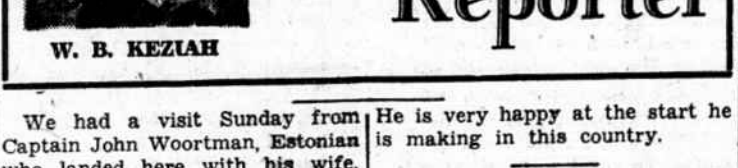
"That has never been true. I am glad to say now that the people of the county feel that it is our Farm Bureau. It is a growing organization that is wide awake for local, state and national benefits.

"At this time we feel that the organization is really getting somewhere toward a telephone system for the County. The organization was partly responsible for the Poage telephone bill favorably passing the house in June.

"We are now in our membership drive. I want to say to all the workers, and to all members of the organization, that I appreciate the splendid cooperation that they have given. Everybody's good work is why the organization is still growing. Together we stand, divided we fall.

"It isn't a matter of whether we enjoy writing Farm Bureau memberships, but its just one of those things we have to do to keep up the business end of our farming.

"Let's everybody roll up our sleeves and get to work." (Continued On Page Four)



## Our ROVING Reporter

We had a visit Sunday from Captain John Wootman, Estonian who landed here with his wife, daughter and fourteen other refugees just a little over a year ago. For some months it was feared that Captain Wootman and his compatriots would be deported on the grounds that they had not legally entered the county. Their status was finally cleared up and they were allowed to remain and start life all over again from scratch. Coming back to Southport when they were released from Ellis Island, Captain Wootman and three of the men have proven themselves exceptionally good fishermen. All are employed on shrimp boats of the Bill Wells fleet. This has not been such a good year for shrimpers thus far, but Captain Wootman told us Sunday that he had earned and saved up some money.

He is very happy at the start he is making in this country.

About 30 years ago we wrote a piece in some paper listing the most eligible bachelors in Columbus county. Dr. Joe Usher, now of Greensboro and Long Beach, was one of the victims. Last week Dr. Usher came around to tell us that he had just been cleaned out by the regular officers he snatched the gun from the belt of one of them and ran from the building.

Detective Kravitz and other officers gave chase. As the negro emerged from the station with the officer close behind him he turned and fired two shots. One struck the officer on the belt buckle and glanced off causing the wound. The other missed. Kravitz fired four shots in return, three of them striking the negro and knocking him down but not inflicting fatal wounds. The negro got up and ran for a block before Kravitz overtook him and clubbed him into unconsciousness. (Continued on page 2)

## Maybe Mermaids Have Discarded Their Shoes

### Anyway, Mrs. Lois Jane Herring Is Puzzled As To How Many Shoes Washed Up On Beach

Either a lot of people lost their shoes or somebody lost a lot of shoes this summer, judging by a report made by Mrs. Davis Herring, wife of a Southport attorney. Returning from a fishing trip to Bald Head Island, Mrs. Herring reviewed her discoveries in the way of footwear. The following is her own account.

"This may not interest you in the same way as it did me. I was completely intrigued by the oddity or unusualness of what I found on the beach of Bald Head Island one day this week.

"Mr. and Mrs. Bill Styron, Callender Newton of Charlotte, Davis and myself went up Cape Creek to its headwaters and then left the boat and walked on over to the ocean. Almost the first thing I noticed after reaching the beach was a man's rubber sandal that had washed up among the shells.

"Few steps more and I found another sandal, but not the mate to the first one. As I walked on I found a woman's bedroom slipper, moccasin style. Next was a woman's red sandal. Then came a black callerina slipper. Then in quick order I found a man's brown moccasin and a woman's white rubber bathing shoe. In less than a hundred feet I had found seven shoes, all in good condition, but none matching.

"Futher down the beach towards the lighthouse were more shoes. I found two pairs of tennis shoes and one tennis shoe to which there was no mate; a pair of black leather pumps, a man's brown leather sandal and two rubber bath shoes, etc. I would like to have done some shoe collecting while on the island, for I have never seen so many nor a greater variety than I found there, and I have had plenty of "beachcombing" experience.

"But I was loaded down with a fishing tackle box in one hand and my rod and reel in the other. The only extra thing I could lug back was a beautiful nine-pound and twelve ounce red drum which I had caught, and felt that I ought to carry home myself.

"In addition to this accumulation I wore back a soldier's combat helmet which Mr. Newton found and gave to me to wear as a sun hat. It gave me little protection from the sun, however.

"I reached home, proud of my fish, curious as the shoes, the helmet and several hats we had seen. And, I will have to admit, I was looking something like a boiled sea turtle.

"If you have any solution to the mystery of all of the shoes and hats on Bald Head Beach, please let me know what it is. I am curious, for I am sure that Theodora Burr Alston did not wear all of these things."

## Highway Patrolmen Lead No Easy Life

### Average Person Has No Idea Of Long Hours And Variety Of Calls That Take Up Day For These Men

### THREE PATROLMEN ASSIGNED COUNTY

### Main Highways With Ad- joining Feeder Roads Div- ided To Give Each Territory

The three highway patrolmen in Brunswick county lead lives far more busy than the average person would suppose. Inquiry of them this week reveals that they spend an average of fifteen hours each day attending to duties.

The set up is for Patrolman J. C. Taylor to cover Route 76 to the Columbus county line and the River Road from the Brunswick River bridge to Southport and return. This patrol may also include calls for duty anywhere, the investigation of wrecks at points where other officers may not be available, etc.

Patrolman C. M. Cummings, with his headquarters at Bolivia, is on a sort of hot spot. He patrols Route 17 from Supply to the junction with 76, thence back 303 to Southport, Fort Caswell and Long Beach and back to Supply.

Patrolman J. C. Pierce at Shallotte picks up the Cummings patrol at Supply and covers Route 17 to the South Carolina line. He also has 130 from Shallotte to the Columbus county line. He and Cummings both have stretches of other roads in addition to the busy Route 17.

All three of the officers are supposed to be on the road from 1 o'clock each afternoon until nine that night. However it is very seldom that the early morning hours fall to find them on the road investigating traffic violations or wrecks, and their work seldom ends at the nine o'clock hour.

## Visitor Suggests Mounting Fish

### State News Photographer Declares That Visitors Will Get Big Kick From Seeing Mounted Specimens

As a result of the recent two-day visit here by John Hemmer, photographer for the State News Bureau, various photo services, including Wide World photo, are now distributing pictures of Captain Bill Styron and his 122-pound tarpon, caught at Southport two weeks ago.

Mr. Hemmer did not actually make the picture. The fish was caught three weeks before his visit and the picture was snapped by a local amateur photographer. This negative was taken by Mr. Hemmer and enlarged for distribution of copies of the picture to the various syndicates. Writing W. B. Keziah about the (Continued on page 2)

## Demurrer Denied Tuesday Morning In School Case

### Judge Henry L. Stevens Re- fuses To Sustain Action Of County Attorney E. J. Pre- vatte And Associates

## NOTICE OF APPEAL GIVEN BY COUNSEL

### Counsel For Plaintiff Allowed Twenty Days In Which To Amend Complaint; Thirty Days To Answer

Judge Henry L. Stevens Tuesday overruled a demurrer filed by County Attorney E. J. Prevatte to the complaint brought by Attorneys Emmett Bellamy and Robert Caulder of Wilmington in behalf of J. P. Russ and the Rev. Dennis Hewett as an outgrowth of their appointment and subsequent dismissal as members of the Shallotte school board last Spring.

S. B. Frink of Southport and R. I. Mintz of Wilmington were associated in the case with Mr. Prevatte, and the three gave notice of appeal, with 15 days being allowed by the court for preparation of statement and 15 days being granted the plaintiff for preparation of counter statement. It was agreed that the case should go up upon the basis that it was argued before Judge Stevens.

In the meantime counsel for the plaintiff asked for time in which to amend their complaint and were granted 20 days for this purpose. The defense will have the usual 30-day period in which to file answer.

The case was argued before Judge Stevens with no jury being called. This was not intended to be a trial of the charges being brought, but a hearing to determine if the charges constituted sufficient grounds for trial. If Judge Stevens is sustained by the Supreme court in his decision, the case will be scheduled for trial, probably at the January term of court.

Six divorces were granted, five of them upon the grounds of two-years separation. These actions were: Christian Ann Davis Grant (Continued On Page Four)

## Wildlife Club Meeting Friday

### Moving Pictures Will Be Shown Illustrating Vari- ous Problems Connected With Game And Manage- ment

The Brunswick County Wildlife Club will hold a meeting at the Bolivia high school building Friday night, September 30, at 8 o'clock. This meeting will be featured by the presence of Rod Amundson or Win Donat of the educational division of the State Wildlife Resources organization.

Various moving picture pertaining to wildlife and the cooperation that can be shown by hunters and the public will be shown. These films are part of the State Educational work in connection with wildlife. The coming of this film to Brunswick county on the eve of the beginning of the hunting season should be interesting to hunters, landowners and the general public.

W. T. Fullwood, Jr., of Southport (Continued On Page Four)

## 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, September 22,	
7:29 A. M.	1:20 A. M.
7:52 P. M.	1:43 P. M.

Friday, September 23,	
8:21 A. M.	2:06 A. M.
8:42 P. M.	2:43 P. M.

Saturday, September 24,	
9:12 A. M.	2:52 A. M.
9:30 P. M.	3:25 P. M.

Sunday, September 25,	
10:05 A. M.	3:38 A. M.
10:22 P. M.	4:17 P. M.

Monday, September 26,	
10:59 A. M.	4:27 A. M.
11:13 P. M.	5:11 P. M.

Tuesday, September 27,	
11:56 A. M.	5:18 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:08 P. M.

Wednesday, September 28,	
0:10 A. M.	6:14 A. M.
12:56 P. M.	7:12 P. M.