

Brunswick County Champions



CHAMPS—Southport high school boys won the county championship for the second straight year when they defeated Leland in the finals of the recent Brunswick County Basketball Tournament. Kneeling on the front row are members of the starting five: Billy McDowell, Gene Russ,

Tommy Bowner, Bobby Spencer, G. W. Fisher; on the back row are Danny Harrelson, Douglas Watts, Harold Spencer, Billy Doshier, Robin Hood, and Elliott Hickman.—(Art Newton Photo—Wilmington News Cut.)

Entries Coming In For Marathon Motorboat Race

Reports From Myrtle Beach Indicate That Expected Entry List Of One Hundred Boats May Be Exceeded

Interest in the March 22nd outboard motor marathon race from Southport to Myrtle Beach, S. C., is increasing daily. Early expectations a hundred boats being entered are being borne out by the fact that 50 entries had been received at Myrtle Beach up to last Saturday.

With the 7 1/2 h. p. classification boats starting from Southport at 10 a. m. on the morning of March 22nd, boats of heavier classifications will get underway at various intervals. The 22 h. p. will be the last to leave, starting from here at 1:30 p. m. Boats of all classifications must be of regular stock design and the motors must be regular stock motors. No special racing type hulls will be allowed nor may reved up motors be used.

Entry blanks may be obtained from the Anchor Hardware in Wilmington and also from Pickards Sporting Goods store in Wilmington. In Southport they may be obtained from the office of the State Port Pilot and at Myrtle Beach from the Myrtle Beach Outboard Motor Boat Club. The following special dispatch from H. T. Wilcox of Myrtle Beach to this paper, under date of February 25 outlines progress of matters at that point up to Saturday:

The race, to be held on the inland waterway, will start at Southport, and end at Stacostee, S. C., where the Myrtle Beach (Continued on page five)

Brief News Flashes

CLUB MUSICAL

The annual Spring Musical of the Southport Woman's Club will be presented Friday, March 10, at Trinity Methodist church. The public is invited.

JUDGE BURNEY COMING

Judge John J. Burney will be the principal speaker at Laymans Day services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Trinity Methodist church. The regular communion service will be postponed.

KEEP CALENDAR

R. D. White, Jr., has inaugurated a prize contest based upon the program calendars which he is distributing this week throughout the county. He urges each recipient to retain his calendar and to learn about the details of the contest.

Pace Quickens In Political Campaign

Advertise Bids On School Work

Bids are being sought by the Brunswick County Board of Education on the construction of the following buildings: 4 classrooms at Leland; 4 classrooms at Bolivia; 4 classrooms at Waccamaw; completion of the trades building at the Brunswick County Training School; gymnasium at Waccamaw; gymnasium at Southport. Bids will be opened at 2 o'clock March 23, 1950.

Superintendent J. T. Denning is in Raleigh today trying to get final approval on other projects for school improvement in the county. This includes a 6-classroom addition at Shallotte, a 2-classroom addition at Southport and construction of a building at Brunswick County Training School.

Early Start In Pepper Planting

Plants Being Grown At Farm Near Town Growing Too Large For This Time Of Year; Beans Are Already Planted

Among other early farming activities in Brunswick county it may be recorded that Joe Cochran of Southport planted five acres of snap beans on Friday. Cochran also has five acres of land about ready for the planting of bell pepper, but is waiting just a little longer owing to the still existing danger of the plants being killed by frost.

Everett H. Sheppard and his brother, Irvin Sheppard of Shiloh, N. J., are also planting ten acres in bell peppers at their farm on the River Road, which has just been designated as 130. They have an acre or more in bell pepper plants with the plants now about two and three inches high. Their extra plants after putting out the ten acres on the farm and five acres for Cochran, will be shipped to New Jersey.

Judging by the present size of the plants they will be blooming and bearing peppers before the Jersey climate will permit of their going into the fields up there.

Mr. Sheppard is now using a bulldozer to clear land that will go into watermelons this year and be added to his tomato plant growing acreage next year. He will plant about 50 acres in tomato seed this year and will ship the plants by truck and van to farms in New Jersey.

Announcement Of Sheriff Walter M. Stanaland For State Senate And George B. Ward For Recorder Made Today

HOT RACE LOOMS FOR EACH OFFICE

S. B. Frink Already Out For Senate And Odell Williamson Third Prospect; McLamb May Run Again

Political highlights of the week for Brunswick county include the announcement of Sheriff Walter M. Stanaland for the State Senate and Commissioner George B. Ward for Judge of Recorder's court.

Entry of Sheriff Stanaland in the Senate race means that S. B. Frink will have at least one opponent, and there still is a strong suspicion that Representative Odell Williamson will make it a three-man race. While no announcement has been received from him thus far, it is believed that W. J. McLamb intends to again be a candidate for judge of Recorder's court.

Mr. Ward said Tuesday that he appreciates the support given him as a member of the board of county commissioners. "It was an honor to have the people nominate and elect me to the first public office I ever sought," he declared. "I feel that I can render greater service to the citizens of my county in the office of Judge of Recorder's court, and that is why I am making the race."

In making his announcement Sheriff Stanaland declared, "I am not running just for the purpose of letting the people see my picture in the newspaper. Neither am I running just to have my (Continued on page five)

Miss Parkhill Dies Saturday

Highly Respected Elderly Citizen Died At Doshier Memorial Hospital Following Illness Of One Month

Miss Margaret Parkhill of Southport died in the Doshier Memorial Hospital Saturday at midnight. She would have been 92 years of age had she lived until the 30th day of next August. Despite her advanced years she was active and did all of her own cooking and housework until about a month preceding her death.

A native of Brownsville, Pa., Miss Parkhill came to Southport about 30 years ago to visit her lifetime friend, Mrs. Annie O. Robinson at the Robbins Nest. (Continued on page four)

Art Newton To Head Red Cross Drive In County

Arthur E. Newton will serve as general chairman of the Red Cross Fund drive in Brunswick county this year and will take personal charge of solicitation of funds in Southport.

The organization which was announced this week includes Rev. James Carroll, Shallotte; Hickmans Crossroads and Village Point; Mr. and Mrs. Herman Long; Longwood, Grissetown and Ash; Mrs. Floyd Kirby, Supply, Sharon, Varnumtown; Ike Vereen, Exum.

Chairman will be named for Freeland, Winnabow, Bolivia and Leland.

Wilmington Club Honors Bragaw

Churchill Bragaw Has Island In Beautiful Greenfield Lake Named In His Honor

Preceding the war Churchill Bragaw of Southport and Orton Plantation played an important part in carrying on the Greenfield Park Project at Wilmington. The (Continued on page five)



W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

They have no Girl Scouts troop of their own, no one in their community having taken the leadership in the formation of such an organization for them. But on a recent Saturday five Mill Creek teen-age girls decided they wanted to visit Camp Pretty Pond, owned and operated by the Girl Scouts of the Cape Fear Area. They could not get a conveyance to take them on the round trip of about twelve miles but so strong was their will to go they set out to walk and walk they did, both ways. Mrs. Roderick Holden, general camp chairman, invited the somewhat weary travelers and they became the first Brunswick county visitors to eat at the camp. They had a wonderful time and told Mrs. Holden that they hoped some one would organize a troop at Mill Creek. The girls were Hattie Willets, Mary Jo Swain, Clara Lee Willets, Barley Mae Gore and Faye Ann Willets.

During the past few years the

Potato Farmers Plan Meetings To Study Crop

Cork Disease Presents Serious Threat To Continued Production Of Yams On Large Scale In This State

GROWERS MEETING AT SHALLOTTE

County Agent A. S. Knowles Has Arranged Helpful Demonstration Of Control Methods For Yam Disease

A county-wide sweet potato meeting is being held at Shallotte high school on Monday, March 6, at 7:30 o'clock for the purpose of discussing with sweet potato farmers the serious problem of cork disease, A. S. Knowles, county agent, announced today. This disease has spread to every section of the state during the last three years.

Sources of cork disease-free yams have been narrowed down to only a few producers in the state. The disease is caused by a virus, and is transmitted from the root to all the sprouts and vines coming from an affected potato. It is believed that Brunswick county farmers may have a better source of seed that are cork-free than in many other sections of the state. This meeting is designed to teach farmers how to identify the disease and give other information about the growing of the best possible crop, says County Agent Knowles.

Henry M. Covington, extension horticulturist specialist, will assist with the meeting and show slides of the cork disease as well as other important diseases of sweet potatoes. In addition to diseases, he will show with slides the best methods employed in producing the best possible crop. The N. C. Department of Agriculture will send an inspection to the meeting to assist farmers in getting first-hand information on the cork disease by cutting a sample. Each farmer is asked to bring 20 potatoes to the meeting to learn more about the disease.

Two community meetings will be held as a follow-up to the county-wide meeting. These will be held at Bolivia school on Tuesdays. (Continued On Page Five)

Routine Session Of Court Held

Judge W. J. McLamb And Other Recorder's Court Officials Completed Their Work Before Noon Monday

A brief but busy session of Brunswick county Recorder's court was held here Monday with the following entries being made by Judge W. J. McLamb:

Julian C. Hooks, worthless check, 30 days on roads, suspended on payment of costs and making restitution to Odell Williamson in the amount of \$10.00.

Luther Harrelson, assault with deadly weapon, nol prossed at request of prosecuting attorney.

Roger Davis, assault with deadly weapon, 60 days on roads. (Continued on page five)

Coast Guard Craft In Successful Rescue Try

Eighty-Three-Footer Based In Southport Worked In Co-Operation With PBY To Aid Helpless Trawler

Performing various duties here and called-out frequently to the aid of shipping, C. G. 83435, Skipper R. L. Austin, came through last week with an especially good demonstration of its usefulness in life saving and the protection of property at this point on the coast.

The Vagabond, a small trawler, put out from Wrightsville through Masonboro Inlet, carrying a crew of six men. Their intention was to engage in blackfishing and to return to port that night. That night and the next morning came and the boat and men had not been heard from.

Small boat warnings were up and relatives of the men in Wilmington were alerted. They notified Oak Island Guard Station near Fort Caswell. The station, in turn notified Austin and the 83435 put out immediately to search the area where the boat was supposed to be.

On Friday Pan Shoals the wind was northwest, varying from 38 to 45 miles per hour. Seas were very rough and visibility was limited as fairly good sized boats could easily be hidden for minutes by being in troughs in the sea. The Coast Guard boat

radioed Norfolk of the condition and one of the PBY flying boats was dispatched from there to assist in the search.

At 5 p. m., two days after the trawler was lost, the flying boat radioed the Coast Guard boat that it had sighted the trawler drifting helplessly, about 40 miles east of Fort Fisher. The Flying Boat descended to within 500 feet of the trawler, made such investigation as she could at that distance and immediately reported to the 83435, which was then some 20 miles away.

The 83435 made all speed and arrived at the helpless trawler in short order. Investigation revealed that all six men aboard were safe and uninjured. Efforts were made to transfer them to the 83435 but this failed, owing to rough seas and the fear that some of the men would be washed overboard by the waves that sometimes completely covered the small craft.

Finally, after much effort, a hawser was gotten aboard the trawler and word was flashed to Oak Island that the little cutter was towing the Vagabond to Southport. On the inbound trip (Continued On Page Five)

Republicans Will Hold Convention

Flowers Hit By Sunday Freeze

A severe freeze Sunday night spelled the finish of thousands of buds and open flowers in the Southport area as the thermometer dropped to an official 23-degrees. A check-up Monday revealed the situation as rather bad, especially with respect to azaleas. Many camellia buds escaped and there will still be a good showing of azaleas. About all should bloom during the next three weeks unless further cold occurs.

The damage was hardly unexpected. Advanced condition of the flowers with winter weather still a hazard had resulted in about all flower growers realizing the danger. The damage was all the greater because of the entire lack of winter weather preceding the freeze. Some flowers that usually have their leaves killed by the first frost in the fall were still decked out in their last year's greenery when the cold came. The blooming season was not only much advanced but all buds and flowers were very tender.

Obligations Of Farmers Noted

When Farmer Signs Up For Agricultural Conservation Program He Assumes Obligation For Improvement Of Soil

When a farmer signs up in the Agricultural Conservation Program he indicates he is going to help build a better farm for himself and a better land for all the people, says S. L. Purvis, Chairman of the Brunswick county PMA Committee.

"It is a recognition of his responsibility to help protect the nation's soil and water resources. It also signifies that he is cooperating with the other farmers in the program and that all of them are working with all the people of the country to keep soil from blowing and washing away and to keep it productive. And farmers who use the ACP to help build a stronger agriculture through conservation are the farmers who are helping to provide a better living for all the people of the country."

Since the beginning of the program in 1936, says the chairman, agricultural production has been steadily climbing. Today total agricultural production is between 30 and 40 percent more than it was before the program. In 1949 the per capita consumption of food was up 10 percent over the average for the 1935-39 period. "The farmers who have been carrying out conservation practices under the Agricultural Conservation Program have been helping to make that possible."

So much depends on agriculture that the Nation cannot afford to allow farmers to waste the soil and water resources of the country. Many nations require certain conservation practices. (Continued on Page Five)

Brunswick County Republican Convention Will Be Held Saturday, March 4, At Supply With Big Attendance Expected

FREE BARBECUE WILL BE SERVED

Convention Being Called To Assemble At 12 O'Clock; Will Decide Whether To Enter May Primary

Republicans of Brunswick county will meet Saturday at noon at Supply in their bi-annual county convention and a feature of this year's event will be a free barbecue dinner to be served.

Thus far there has been no definite word as to whether the Republicans will nominate their party ticket at the convention or whether they will decide to enter the primary election in May. From party leaders it has been learned that the Republicans do intend to put out a full slate of officers, including a candidate for State Senate and a candidate for Congress.

W. A. Kopp is chairman and Chas. M. Trott is secretary of the Brunswick County Republican executive committee.

The Republicans of the 8th Congressional District are almost certain to name a candidate Friday to run in opposition to the Democratic nominee in May.

The district Republican convention is scheduled to be held at the court house in Elizabethtown Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. According to chairman J. A. Maultsby of Whiteville and Secretary Trott of Southport, a candidate for Congress will be nominated at this meeting.

The 8th district embraces Robeson, Cumberland, Harnett, Bladen, (Continued on Page Five)

Forester Urges Extreme Caution

Current Dry Spell Makes It Unusually Dangerous For Wood Fires To Get Out Of Control

It is a safe bet that nobody in Brunswick county is any happier to see the general rains which fell over the county today than County Forest Warden Dorman Mercer and members of his forestry organization.

Tuesday, February 28, is a date that they long will remember as one of the most hectic in recent years, for major fires were burning in at least three sections of Brunswick county. One fire was centered in the area east of highway 303 between Moore creek and Allen Creek; another was burning around the Sawdust Trail intersection near Southport and a third was blazing down in the county.

Even though rains today brought temporary respite, Forest Warden Mercer cautions landowners not to become careless and begs them to do everything possible to protect the forests during the dry and windy weeks ahead.

Dedication Of Scout Camp Is Set For Sunday

Program Arranged At Girl Scout Camp At Pretty Pond This Sunday Afternoon

WINTER LODGE BUILDING COMPLETE

Shallotte Camp Woodmen Of World Will Have Part In Ceremony; Camp Committee Will Attend

The winter lodge at Camp Pretty Pond, owned by the Girl Scouts of the Cape Fear Area, will be formally dedicated with appropriate ceremonies Sunday, March 5th. The services will be at 3 o'clock.

The pond or lake covers some 60 acres and included with it is considerable surrounding land. By selling cookies and otherwise raising money, the Girl Scouts acquired the property nearly two years ago. Since then most of their activities have been towards raising money and starting camp construction.

With the winter lodge completed, some work has already been started on the camp infirmary. This work will be followed in turn by the construction of five or six cabins for sleeping units. Mrs. Roderick Holden of Wilmington has been the general camp construction chairman and she has been ably assisted by her husband.

The Sunday dedication services will include the presentation of a flagpole and flag by the Shallotte Camp Woodmen of the World. Several selection will be given by the junior high school band from Wilmington. The members of the camp development committee will be introduced by Mrs. John H. Wilson, scout commissioner. This committee is composed of Mrs. Holden, chairman, N. A. Avera, Hal J. Love, R. H. Holden, H. A. Marks and Mrs. (Continued On Page Five)

Health Survey Now Complete

Screening Of School Children By Health Department Employees Has Been Completed

Mrs. Ella Aldridge and Mrs. Esther Robinson, public health nurses, have completed the screening of all Brunswick county school children. Some surgery consisting of tonsilectomies already have been done and others will follow.

Due to the limited amount of school funds, not all underprivileged children found with defects will be able to have them corrected immediately. However it is hoped to correct them in the near future.

The health department is looking forward to having an eye clinic on April 6th, with Dr. Anderson from Wilmington in charge.

All communicable diseases consisting of measles, malaria, scarlet fever, smallpox, typhoid fever, whooping cough and yellow fever should be reported to the health department immediately after the disease is first detected.

Parents are urged to bring all babies in to the health department as soon as they become 6 months of age for their routine immunization.

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, March 2	
6:13 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:36 P. M.	12:38 P. M.
Friday, March 3	
7:02 A. M.	0:52 A. M.
7:24 P. M.	1:23 P. M.
Saturday, March 4	
7:49 A. M.	1:40 A. M.
8:11 P. M.	2:06 P. M.
Sunday, March 5	
8:35 A. M.	2:28 A. M.
8:59 P. M.	2:49 P. M.
Monday, March 6	
9:22 A. M.	3:16 A. M.
9:49 P. M.	3:32 P. M.
Tuesday, March 7	
10:10 A. M.	4:06 A. M.
10:41 P. M.	4:18 P. M.
Wednesday, March 8	
11:01 A. M.	4:58 A. M.
11:38 P. M.	5:07 P. M.