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### Progress Report

A few weeks ago when members of the Southport Woman's Club voted to sponsor mass X-ray examinations in Brunswick county in cooperation with the Brunswick County Health Department they were cheered to learn that there was a possibility of securing this service sometimes during 1950.

When tentative plans fell through, announcement was made that Brunswick county had been placed on the waiting list and that a date early in 1951 appeared to be the time when the work would be conducted in this section.

But now comes word that a county for which one of the mobile units formerly had been scheduled has dropped out of the picture, giving Brunswick an opportunity to move a long way up the line, probably to an August date.

This is an important undertaking, and one which will require a lot of study and understanding if it is to be a success.

It might be well to explain that the primary purpose of the mass X-ray program is to detect unsuspected cases of tuberculosis. This idea is that if these patients can be discovered while their trouble is in an early stage it will be relatively easy to arrest its development and to control possible spread of the disease.

It is estimated that it will cost about \$1,300.00 to have this service made available to citizens of Brunswick county, and while the Southport Woman's Club is ready to take the leadership in putting over this campaign, it is not financially able to assume the burden of footing the entire bill. This is something with which other responsible groups will have to help, and it is not too early for some of our people to begin to give serious thought to this question.

### Girl Scout Camp

If you do not already have something pretty important scheduled for Sunday afternoon we think that you might enjoy driving out to the Girl Scout Camp at Pretty Pond for a dedication ceremony and open house at the winter lodge.

However, if you plan to make the trip let us advise you to go to Winnabow and take the Funston road. That route is in pretty good shape. It is possible to go in toward Funston from the River Road but this route is rough and is very narrow. A third approach is along the old CCC road from highway 303, but this is unsatisfactory for normal travel.

Once you reach the camp site, you are in for a revelation. The north shore of Pretty Pond has been cleared of underbrush and an attractive lodge building has been erected overlooking the lake. There is a pretty little promontory from which the flagpole points skyward, and round about this area are signs of other clearing for buildings still in the planning stage.

Whenever there is activity at the camp, you are sure to find Mrs. R. H. Holden taking a lead in what is going on. She always has an enthusiastic second in her husband. This young couple have an infectious enthusiasm, and many of their friends have followed their leadership into this camp project.

We will not attempt to describe the fairyland of modern miracles that already have been installed in the kitchen, but you may rest assured that there are gadgets and conveniences that you would hardly expect to find in a camp building deep in the heart of the Brunswick pine belt.

All of this adds up to something worth going to see, and as we were saying, Sunday is as good time as any. You will be hearing a lot more about the Girl Scout Camp at Pretty Pond in months and

years to come.

### Worth Thinking About

If you are inclined to glance over or ignore safety editorials, you probably won't read this. If, however, you are interested in being alive 10 months hence, it may be worth your while to study these highlights from the State report on last year's highway accidents.

Check these and then check your own driving habits:

Of the 35,972 drivers involved in accidents last year, 19,897, or more than half, were in violation of the law at the time of the accident. Nine hundred and thirty of these drivers were involved in fatal accidents. Speeding topped the list of violations. Drivers traveling at an excess speed at the time of an accident numbered 3,300. Drivers committing other traffic offenses were listed as follows: Driving intoxicated, 1,469; failure to have right-of-way, 4,159; driving on wrong side of road, 3,945.

Of the 35,972 motor vehicles involved in accidents, 707 had defective brakes, which were the direct cause of 16 fatalities. Two hundred and seven motor vehicles had defective steering mechanisms, resulting in three deaths.

Charlotte led all other cities in fatalities with 17; Durham and Greensboro were next with 10; Raleigh, third, with eight; and Wilmington, fourth, with seven.

The 25-34 year old drivers were involved in the most accidents—10,198 with 309 being involved in fatal accidents. Seventy drivers under 16 years of age were in accidents, two of them fatal.

A total of 26,581 drivers were within 25 miles of their homes when accidents occurred.

More passenger cars than any other type of vehicle were involved in accidents. A total of 27,958 of these were in accidents, 641 of them being in fatal accidents. Trucks in accidents numbered 6,820, with 208 being in fatal mishaps. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays accounted for more fatal accidents than the other four days of the week.

More accidents occurred between 5 and 6 p. m. than during any other hour of the day.

### RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

NOTES . . . The Young Democrats group in this State is rapidly being transformed into a Dr. Frank Graham organization . . . At the recent rally held in Greensboro Graham buttons in University of North Carolina colors were all over the place . . . and two other similar rallies are planned before the Primary . . . which is all right if the Young Demo's want it that way, but heretofore they did their big rallying for the Democratic Party after the Primary . . .

A lot of people who hear Commentator Bob Thompson have been asking why he refers to National Committeemen Jonathan Daniels as "Dice" Daniels. Well, Thompson and Daniels, along with Thomas Wolfe and some other wheels, were in school together, or separately, at Carolina where Daniels became very adept with flying dominoes. The classmates named him "Dice", but the name never stuck—except in the mind of Bob Thompson; and he rolls dem bones now virtually every Sunday night on his broadcast . . .

Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville, now running for the U. S. Senate against Dr. Frank Graham, spoke to the Spanish American war vets meeting in that land of the sky a few days ago. After the speech was over, Bob strode into the lobby of the Vanderbilt Hotel, old folks crowding around him, shaking his hand. Said one old lady, tears rolling down her wrinkled face: "Thank God for a man like you, Senator."

Get it? Again, that's what Kerr Scott had in mind when he advised Sen. Graham to "run like he was being shot at . . ." One of Eastern North Carolina's largest papers last week ran, on Monday, a two-column photo and long article on Reynolds . . . and Wednesday followed with a three-column picture of Reynolds and his seven-year-old daughter and another long article . . . and the feature editorial of the week . . . as long as your arm and wide as a handsaw . . . was devoted to Our Bob . . . But two weeks ago Walter Winchell roasted Robert . . . It is estimated that two more blasts from Winchell will assure his nomination . . . Ho hum.

INTENTIONS . . . Although they were woefully underpaid, cussed and discussed and frequently ridden hard and put up wet, it does begin to look as if most of those gentlemen who were here representing their counties and their districts during the 1949 Legislature will attempt to come again as time draws nearer the Primary.

So far, the only woman who has signified her intentions to be a candidate is Mrs. Josie R. Carr of Chowan County. J. H. McMullan, brother of Attorney General Harry McMullan, says he isn't interested in returning now that plans are moving along to put the bridge across the Chowan River between Windsor and Edenton in good condition. That was his main idea in running the last time. Mecklenburg had the feminine side of the ledger cornered in 1949, but will not have that honor this session. Jim Vogler, who ran for State Treasurer in 1948, will be a candidate as also will be Robert Lassiter, Jr., also of Charlotte. The Governor may have a hard time with both men.

### Roving Reporter

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dren or grown-up anything for a chance in a raffle.

The State Advertising Division held one of its meetings in Wilmington last week, the object being to explain the advertising program for the next 18 months and to invite suggestions and cooperation. Following that meeting we received a brief but interesting letter from Charles Parker, the director. He said: "Dear Bill: You all in Brunswick are the most hospitable people on earth, and I always look forward to visiting you." It may be mentioned here that Charlie and John Hemmer both plan to come for the March 22 start of the outboard race and afterward cover the beaches and other interesting places that will afford story and picture material. The Brunswick party attending the Wilmington meeting was composed of John W. Garner, Hobson Kirby, J. E. Cooke and Dr. R. H. Holden of Shallotte; E. F. Middleton, E. F. Middleton, Jr., and Col. Frederick McDonald, Charleston; Davis Herping, Charles Trotter, J. M. Harper and ourself.

Chief Adrain Sellers, serving aboard the big aircraft carrier Valley Forge at San Diego, has been spending the past ten days here and at Supply with relatives. He has been in the Navy something over nine years and plans to remain until he is able to take service retirement. The Valley Forge is one of the largest carriers, having a crew of 2,300 men. Recently at the air base in California Adrain met up with Franto Molycheck, another Southport boy who is in the air service. Talking over things, Franto remarked to Adrain that if he ever got back to Southport the air corps would have a hard time getting him to go back to California. Both boys take this paper and Adrain claims he reads every word in this copy about three times, just as soon as the paper reaches him.

With several outstanding residents of the county backing the undertaking and determined that Brunswick county shall come to be recognized as a part of North Carolina—and a mighty good part at that—plans are now pretty well outlined for county-wide publicity efforts during the year. Several thousands folders will be printed and be distributed among the travel agencies and through the State News Bureau and other sources. These folders will illustrate the main farming and seashore attractions of Brunswick county, where to go and how to get there. In addition to the folders it is intended that up-state and out of state daily newspapers shall get good news and feature coverage from throughout the county. Much of the needed funds are already being underwritten.

At the Ennis Long station and tourist court on 17 near Supply, D. T. Long was showing us his garden Saturday. Strawberries were in bloom, radishes have been abundant for some time and other garden stuff was coming along. The garden plot is in a rather low and damp area and has perhaps felt the effects of cold weather more than other garden plots on high and dry ground.

The big rush for farm crop seed is now really on. When we happened into the store of the Shallotte Trading Company this week the biggest run of customers was around the seed department. The getting of seed corn was one of the main objects.

A couple of weeks ago Tax Collector Edward Redwine was complaining he had blistered both his heels plowing his garden plot at Shallotte on his Saturday afternoon off from the tax collectors duties. The garden was so big, he said. We looked up that garden plot Saturday and our reactions were that the fellow who could not plow it without getting his heels blistered was not cut out to be either a farmer or gardener.

Weather is unpredictable, but supposing there is no radical immediate change, we feel safe in advising folks who want to see the Southport and Orton flowers at their loveliest for this year, should make their visit between now and this time next week. Usually the camellia blooms are about all gone by the time the first azaleas come forth. This year there seems to be the likelihood that many of the beautiful camellias will be blooming after the azaleas are gone.

S. Bunn Frink has started his new residence on Cape Fear River Heights. G. L. Bennett, manager of the Atlantic Oil company in Wilmington, will start construction this week or next. Clerk of Court S. T. Bennett and others are also making plans for building in the same area immediately.

Reports from Florida and the shrimping in the gulf off Fort Myers and Dry Tortugas are to the effect that Southport boats are doing well when they are able to get out. Almost daily, however, they are kept at their docks by bad weather and the rough waters that prevail in the fishing area. Even when they do get out they have to keep their sounding lines in constant operation for the purposes of finding bad bottom before the nets are dragged over them and damaged or destroyed. Between 400 and 500 boats are down there fishing when they can.

We always have sense enough to know when the weather is not good for fresh water fishing. Sunday was not one of those good days, but G. Butler Thompson and Frank Morrison of Lumberton came down and tried their luck. They really did pretty well for country boys. For our inspection they brought around a nice large bass, seven or eight large perch and a couple of good sized jacks—one for each of them.

Must be ten times as many building contractors and workers in Brunswick county now as there was just a few years ago. Lots of them have moved up from beginners into the skilled class from the county's own residents. A lot more have moved in from other points. All are getting busy of construction work to go. Mr. Inman of the Shallotte Builders Supply company was telling us Saturday that he had just been talking to two contractors from Charlotte who are planning to construct some buildings at Long Beach right soon.

The road down through Holden Beach is now being extended for a mile and a half below the present end. This will give access to the Robeson Beach and also bring the road nearer to permitting access to the Bellamy Beach. In view of the number of fine homes already along through Holden Beach and those along the stretch now being constructed, it seems reasonable that the State Highway Commission should take over the entire Holden Beach road and make it an all-weather road as soon as possible.

Brunswick county got none of the seven million dollars appropriated by the State for ports at Wilmington and Morehead City. Yet the ports authority was established for helping just as much at Southport as at Morehead City and Wilmington. The plank in the platform of S. Bunn Frink, candidate for State Senator, pledging his efforts to get money for the Southport harbor and for the inlets at Lockwoods Folly and Shallotte Rivers, has a right pleasing sound to a lot of Brunswick citizens who are

When he renewed his subscription to The Pilot the other day we promised Hiram Long, Supply resident and widely known well-digger, that we would tell our readers that he was not the Hiram Long who recently was brought into Recorders court on charges of drunkenness . . . Two pelicans who have been playing about in the river at Southport during the past few days are the first we have ever seen around here. However, it is not too uncommon to see these birds with the big beak capacity flopping their lazy way along the beach.

Residents in the immediate vicinity of the George Rappleyea home on Moore street have been a trifle uneasy since he had a storage tank of several thousand gallons capacity erected in his garage. Knowing his penchant for things scientific they fear that he is planning H-bomb experiments . . . M. W. Lindner, Long Island resident who does a little truck growing down here each winter, came in just in time for Monday's cold snap. Makes him want to go way back up north where it's warm!

County Agent A. S. Knowles is giving a convincing demonstration of home beautification and gardening in his lot near the junction at Supply . . . "Fountainhead," starring Gary Cooper and Patricia Neal, is the feature tonight and tomorrow at Shallotte theatre . . . The Thursday - Friday feature at the Amuzu is Southport is "Everybody Does It," with Linda Darnell and Paul Douglas . . . We heartily endorse the idea of holding a junior-varsity tournament at Shallotte this week. Not only will it give the younger boys and girls a chance

corner of seeing Brunswick not recognized as a part of the State of North Carolina.

We are now redoubling all efforts to get out news matter relative to Brunswick county and the country at large, through the State News Bureau in Raleigh. Also by sending out all possible interesting matter to North Carolina daily papers. By "all possible" is meant all interesting stories we can get hold of. There is not a post office community in the county where some sort of an interesting story does not break every week, sometimes every day. If the folks who get the break of seeing or hearing of these interesting matters will pass the information on to us we will see that it will go to the up state papers with the date line of their post office.

Mention was made in last week's paper of the huge tooth of some prehistoric animal having been found at Holden Beach. We saw the tooth this week for the first time in the office of Dr. R. H. Holden at Shallotte. Owing to the tips of the roots having been broken off, the tooth was not quite as long as first reports indicated. However, the three and a half pound molar is plenty big. The open palm of a mans hand will barely cover its surface. We expect that sometime this summer there may be organized digging at Holden Beach for other bones of the animal to which this tooth belonged.

Gauses Landing and Seaside folks are greatly pleased at the grading having been done on the roads they have always needed. The same can be said with regards to the folks on various other short stretches that have been recently graded. W. R. Bomberger of the Bethel church community asked us to do the same thing with regard to the one mile out to the factory. We understand that all of the short stretches about the county recently graded or now being graded by the State forces will be paved in the early spring.

The new home of Kings Electrical Sales Company in Shallotte is probably the best lighted building in Brunswick county. The system is of the most modern type available and renders every

# Not Exactly News

to get into the sports spotlight, but it will give the coaches a good line on what to expect in the future.

Ten years in the U. S. Navy have taken toll from Adrian (Hooper) Sellers, who still uses an infectious smile to get things done as a chief . . . When Southport lost Friday night to Camp LeJeune the big difference between the two teams was Floyd Propst one of the smoothest high school players we have seen. He was good for 22 points against Southport, hit for 26 the next night against Magnolia. Incidentally, he is the catcher on the baseball team . . . Chas. M. Trotter is greatly upset over the disappearance of a huge iron frying pan from the runis of his Long Beach office. The big skillet is the property of the American Legion, he says, and has served nobly for many a good fish fry. He is mighty anxious to have whoever 'borrowed' the utensil return it.

Sign of the weather: John Erikson hauling two boxes of coal around in the back seat of his Cadillac sedan Monday afternoon . . . Reports of shrimp catches off the tip of Florida indicate that we will lose more of our boats to that area for Spring and Summer fishing . . . The Kings Electrical Sales Company building recently completed at Shallotte is a credit to the business of that community . . . W. B. Keziah thinks that it is going to take a mighty good basketball team to eliminate the Brunswick County Training School boys from any post season tournament in which they participate.

Through some misunderstanding it was stated in last week's paper that the American Legion Post at Shallotte was sponsoring a big dance for Wednesday, March 1st. The object being to donate all funds to paying for the dressing rooms recently installed at the Shallotte high school. The above event is to be on Wednesday, March 8th and tickets are now available. The Legion is trying to help out in the very worthy undertaking that the patrons of the school started and finished, but lacked sufficient funds to completely pay for.

Elbert H. Gray, a clerk for the FBI in Washington, spent part of the past week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gray, at Shallotte. Talking with him Saturday he stated he had been getting The State Port Pilot for the past 10 years. During the war the paper followed him for 6 years in the Marines, chasing him all around in the Pacific and into North China. Now that he has settled down in Washington Mrs. Jack Hickman, who looks after the correcting of The Pilots mailing list, is getting a rest from changing his address.

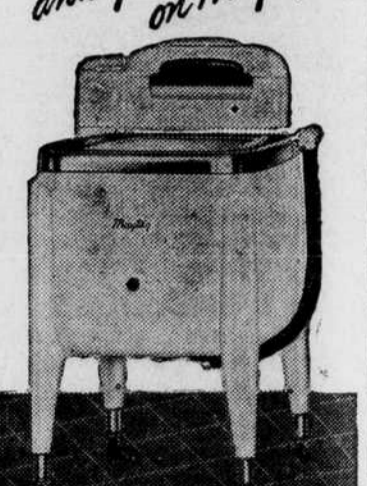
Working from New York to Miami in the interest of the Florida newspaper man, spent two days here last week. After he had finished his work we found the following note on our typewriter: "Dear Bill: Folks here in Brunswick may not realize what a good weekly paper they've got. Compared to other weeklies I have seen it is a standout. It is not only clear and concise, but personal in flavor. It has an advantage over many in that it carries editorials by its own editor, rather than by some out of town director. And from what I have seen it doesn't carry clip sheet material which every newspaper is bombarded with and which could make the editor's job a lot simpler—if he cared to lower his standards."

MISS PARKHILL Continued From Page One She liked things here and just stayed on. About 20 years ago Mrs. Robinson sold the Robbins Nest and Miss Parkhill bought a home in Southport. The two continued to live together until the death of Mrs. Robinson and thereafter Miss Parkhill lived alone for more than a decade. She is understood to have only distant relatives in Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were held at St. Phillips Episcopal church Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Following this the body was shipped by train to Brownsville, where burial is being held at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Miss Annie Mae get more and of becoming designated as the most historical to Brownsville.

Already having a stack of historical marker points, Route 130 from Southport is bidding fair to get more and of becoming designated as the most historical to Brownsville.

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7:00 A. M.	7:30 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.
*1:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
	10:20 P. M.
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7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
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