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Three Drowned As Boat Turns Over In Sound

Two Men And Small Boy Are Drowned In Tragedy Which Occurred Saturday Afternoon Near Shallotte

FATHER OF BOY IS ONLY SURVIVOR

Party Of Four Was Returning To Shore From "Oystering" Trip; Double Funeral Held Near Shallotte

Three persons were drowned Saturday afternoon near Shallotte when a small boat in which they were riding capsized. A fourth occupant of the boat narrowly escaped.

The survivor was H. B. Rabon, Sr. who was picked up by a fisherman who at first mistook him for a porpoise as he bobbed up and down in the water.

The drowning victims were: H. B. Rabon, Jr., four-year-old son of the lone survivor; Woodrow Evans Barefoot, 37, of Supply; Harold Fields, 35, of Wilmington.

The body of Fields had not been recovered yesterday afternoon.

Barefoot was an uncle of the four-year-old drowning victim.

The two Rabons, Barefoot and Fields had been "oystering" and were on their way to shore at the time of the accident. The elder Rabon was unable to tell his rescuers or his family just what caused the boat to turn over and plunge the quartet into the water.

The former Hallsboro man was picked up by Johnny Williams who came by in his boat and was preparing to ram him when he noticed that the water occupant was a human instead of a porpoise. He carried him to shore and sent for medical help.

The body of Barefoot, also a former Hallsboro resident, was found a short time later. There was some sign of life when he was taken to shore, but resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful. The Rabon boy was not located until about 9 o'clock Saturday night.

The body of the Wilmington man was recovered Sunday about 11:30 a. m.

Rabon told his family he managed to hold himself and his son up in the water long enough to take off his boots. He said exhaustion forced him to relinquish his grip on the boy. He related that he grabbed an oar and held on to it until he reached an oyster rock. It was there that Williams found him.

Double funeral services for Barefoot and his nephew were conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Cape Hill Church one mile east of Shallotte by Rev. Ira Britt and Rev. James Carroll.

Young Rabon is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Rabon; his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Barefoot of Hallsboro; and his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Annie

Brief News Flashes

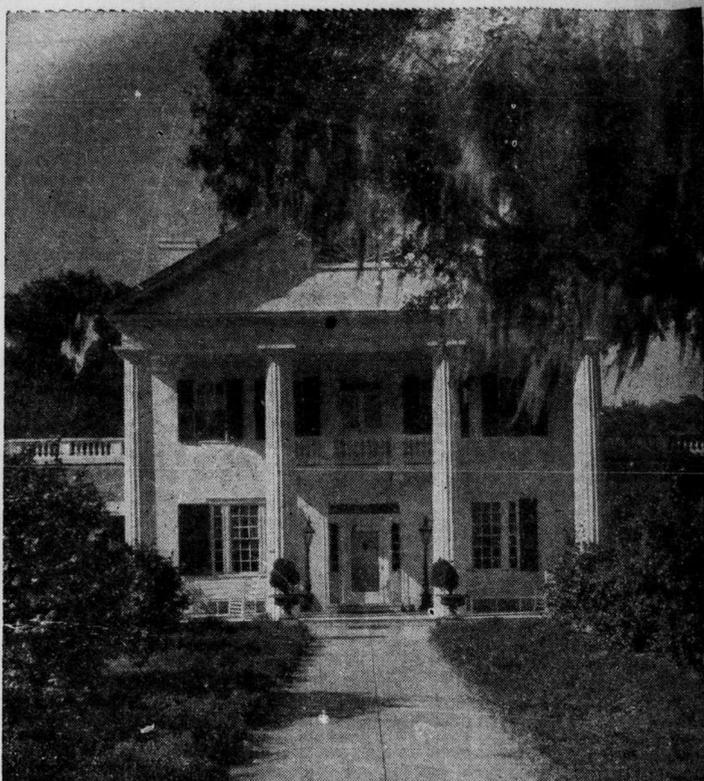
METHODIST MEETING
A meeting of all adult workers in the various church schools and youth programs of the Methodist churches of Brunswick county will be held Wednesday, March 29, at Trinity Methodist church in Southport.

DEPUTY JAILER
Members of the board of county commissioners in session here Monday named Forney Hickman deputy-jailer at a salary of \$75.00 per month.

CHURCH MEETING
A congregational meeting will be held Friday night at 7:30 o'clock at Antioch Baptist church. Members and friends of the church are urged to attend.

SCHEDULE HEARING
S. B. Frink has been advised that a hearing has been scheduled in Washington, D. C., Thursday morning at 10 o'clock for a discussion of plans for the construction of a mooring basin at Holden Beach to accommodate boats owned by residents of that area of Brunswick county. Congressman F. Eitel Carlyle plans to attend.

Life Photographers Here



BEAUTIFUL—Orton Plantation gardens, located on the River Road 10 miles from Southport, are at the height of their season's beauty. Photographers from Life Magazine are there today (Wednesday) working on a color photo story to be used next Spring.

Orton Gardens Now At Season's Height

Indica Azaleas Now In Full Bloom And These With Other Flowers Make Orton Showplace For Visitors

THRONGS EXPECTED ON SUNDAY VISIT

Present Blooming Has Come Following Cold Spell And Beauty Of Gardens Is At Its Best

The gardens at Orton Plantation have reached the height of their season's beauty and visitors this week will see a panorama of brilliant color. The Indica azaleas, a late-blooming variety which was unhurt by recent cold weather, are now in their glory.

Added to the beauty of the azaleas is an unusual show of color from late-blooming varieties of camellias. These flowers, plus the natural beauty of Orton gardens, create a veritable fairyland for flower lovers who can visit there within the next few days.

Reports from Orton indicate that around 500 visitors saw the gardens Sunday. If the weather is good, this coming week-end should bring the largest number of guests of the Spring season.

Friskish weather this year has made it difficult to predict just when the azaleas would be at their best. A few weeks ago it appeared that this date would be late in February, then came freezing temperatures which ruined early blossoms.

Now nature is all set for her second big effort of the season, and the folks at Orton are preparing for the peak rush of visitors.

Photographer Is Here For Races

John Hemmer, Photographer For The State Advertising Bureau, Is In Southport For Pictures Of Motorboat Races

With John Hemmer, photographer for the State News Bureau, here today (Wednesday) for the outboard races, it is planned to also get some other pictures that will have news value and which will afford publicity for this section of North Carolina.

Last summer while the sale of Fort Caswell to the North Carolina Baptists was still pending, a picture made by Hemmer during war-time, seven years previous.

Mullet Goes On One-Way Ride

A two-pound, 3-ounce roe mullet took a one-way trip on the Holden Beach ferry Wednesday and paid high for the ride. Bill Grady, store keeper at Holden Beach, says that Ferryman R. B. Hewitt took the fish home to his family and that they ate it.

Although the ferry is not such a large one, the fish made the mistake of thinking that it could jump across, or that it would just go along for the ride. Whichever was the reason the fish jumped high, wide and handsome and landed squarely on deck. The ferryman lost no time in extending it a welcome.

Follows Up On Inspection Tour

Owner Of Clarendon Plantation Interested In Having Historical Marker Placed In That Locality

Following a story in this paper two weeks ago relative to Wm. Powell of the Department of Archives investigating here to ascertain how many historical markers were justified for Route 130 between Wilmington and Southport, Mrs. Cornelius Thomas of Clarendon was in Raleigh last week and conferred with Mr. Powell relative to a proposed marker at Clarendon Plantation.

Among new spots to be marked, according to the tentative plan, are: Mr. Powell and W. B. Keziah, were Clarendon, Old Charleston, one or two additional markers at Orton, Battery Lamb, Prices Creek Lighthouse, Deepwater Point, the Old Indian Trail Tree in Southport and Fort Caswell. The Fort Caswell marker will be at the junction of the Caswell road with 130, northwest of Southport.

In addition to the above planned new markers, seven established markers that are now at the junction of 130 with 74 and 76 will be moved down 130 to their proper locations, as soon as the remaining stretch of highway is finished.

Mr. Powell is now examining historical records with a view of working out proper inscriptions for the new markers. Mrs. Thomas is also working on the matter.

Enumerators In Exam Session Here Wednesday

Forty-Three Persons Took Examinations For Twenty Places On Corps Of Census Staff For This County

Forty-three Brunswick county people appeared here last Wednesday to take the examination for census enumerators. Most of these were men. District Census Supervisor Arthur W. Williamson stated that there will be about 20 jobs, all for one month, through April.

All of the papers turned in Wednesday will have to be graded before the selection of the enumerators can be made. Supervisor Williamson stated. After the papers are graded and the appointment of the workers made, all who are selected will have to take a five-day course of training here at the court house.

This training will begin on March 27 and the workers will take the field immediately at the conclusion. The job must be completed between April 1st and May 1st.



The following is lifted from Bill Sharpe's "From Manteo to Murphy" column in the Greensboro Daily News and other papers. He wrote: "Down in extreme Southeastern North Carolina, the mainland and beach communities got together in a modest promotional campaign, chipping in for the development of the area. Bill Keziah, who for many years has labored in that faraway vineyard, often with no compensation except his unremitting enthusiasm and the gratifying of his suspicion that there was nothing west of Cape Fear, will do the actual work. They didn't organize a Chamber of Commerce. They're just going to call it Bill Keziah, and let it go at that."

The outboard motor boat race next Wednesday should result in a lot of mutual good will and interest between inhabitants of Horry County, S. C., on the one side and Brunswick on the other. With a coast line that offers much

Committee Named To Inaugurate Cemetery Work

Committee Report Is Filed And Recommendations For Setting Up Permanent Organization Have Been Followed

PLAN TO RAISE FUNDS IMMEDIATELY

However, Long Range Plan Is To Set Up Program Of Perpetual Care For Two Cemeteries

A report has been received from the committee appointed by Southport Lions Club to study the matter of providing a way to care for and to keep in good order the two cemeteries of Southport for the white population.

The committee after thorough investigation of the way other towns provide for this cause, and after conferences with local citizens, arrived at the decision to propose the organization of a group of people from the several churches and civic clubs of Southport. This matter was presented to these organizations, and met with hearty cooperation. Pastors and club presidents were requested to appoint a competent representative from each of these groups, and in the case of the city government and the Lions Club to appoint two members.

This was done, and the following were certified: Baptist church, Mrs. George Whately; Methodist church, Capt. J. I. Davis; Presbyterian church James Wolfe; Episcopal church, Mrs. F. M. Niernsee; Holiness church, Homer McKeithan; Catholic church, Mrs. Wiley Wells; City of Southport, C. E. Hubbard and J. A. Gilbert; Woman's Club, Mrs. Louis Hardee; Lions Club, L. J. Hardee and L. D. Hayman; legal counsel, Davis Herring.

This group met on March 15th and formerly organized with the following officers: L. D. Hayman, president; G. E. Hubbard, vice-

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Election Board Upset Reported

Dewey Anderson Named To Brunswick County Board And David Ross Left Off By State Group

Dewey Anderson, farmer and lumberman of the Hickmans Crossroads community, was named Saturday as a member of the Brunswick county Board of Elections along with Robert Milliken and L. C. Babson.

This action by the State Board of Elections ignored the recommendation of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee which had placed the name of David Ross at the top of the list. Both Milliken and Anderson were included on the list, but in that order. Babson

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is common by reason of the southward facing beach strands, not bothered by either storms or gales, Brunswick and Horry have much in common, even if they are in different states. For a good many years hundreds of Horry county folks have been coming to Brunswick for the big game sport fishing that Frying Pan Shoals offers in the spring and fall. The boat race will help further to stimulate interest.

Five flags have flown over this area, according to George Rappleyea of Southport. Settled variously by the Spanish and British, it was claimed by both countries. Then the Pirates took over and they knew no flag but the Skull and Bones. Then came the American Flag to reign forever except for the one interlude when the flag of the Confederacy waved supreme.

We have not been keeping up with the highway grading in

Outboard Motorboat Races Begin This Morning From Southport - Myrtle Beach

Yacht Puts In Here After Stormy Time

Three Young New Englanders Happy To Be In Fort Following Battle With Stormy Seas

The little 50-foot schooner Hibegger put in at Southport Monday afternoon after a stormy two-weeks passage up from Miami. Bound for their home port at Providence, Rhode Island, the crew of three were unhesitating in declaring that there has been some bad weather down south. In fact, they believe it is still down there, but none of them wish to go back right now to make sure.

The Hibegger is owned by Edwin J. Butler of Providence and Bryce Hall of Riverside, R. I. Bill Rosenholm of Providence is on the trip as cook and crew. The three men left Miami early in March and elected to take the sea route instead of following the waterway.

March 6 they were two days off the coast of Florida and ran into a blow. The wind took away their mainsail, jib and staysail; their little auxiliary engine went out of commission through a broken rod that could not be re-

paired. For all of a day and night the Hibegger drifted, the men too seasick to go topside. "Besides," said Butler, the captain, "we would have been swept overboard in those seas of we had gone on deck."

"We were out so far and seas as they were, there was nothing we could do but remain below, nurse our seasickness and let the boat take care of herself, a job for which she proved equal."

The seasickness finally eased up after 24 hours. The seas also calmed down temporarily. During the lull the boys broke out their second set of sails and rigged up. They had hardly done so before the winds came up again and for four days the little boat and boys fought their way in towards the Georgia coast. They finally made it at Darby Sound, Ga.

Visitors at the office of this paper Monday night, the three men said they had plenty of food

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Three County Roads Included In Letting

Pays Taxes With Roosevelt Dimes

Eight hundred Roosevelt dimes, all neatly wrapped in packages of \$5.00 each, went to pay the taxes of R. P. Robinson of Lockwoods Folly township this year. Counting the 800 dimes formed quite a task for Tax Collector Edward Redwine and his assistant, Mrs. Ressie Whatley.

There were nothing but Roosevelt dimes in the whole lot. Mr. Robinson, who runs a store near Holden Beach, had not bothered about dimes of other issues that he received in trade, but when a Roosevelt dime came in he dropped it into a special box for use in paying his taxes.

Scout Camp In Need Of Houses

Girl Scouts Of Cape Fear Area Now Have Facilities Of Winter Lodge For Use As Dining Hall In Summer

The Girl Scouts of the Cape Fear Area hope to begin their summer encampment at Camp Pretty Pond on June 18th, but they are badly in need of additional small buildings for sleeping quarters if they are to accommodate more than 50 girls each week.

To take care of the several hundred Girl Scouts in the area, and give each of them a week's vacation, considerable more than 50 will have to be taken care of each week. The winter lodge will serve as a dining room, kitchen and office. The large room in this building is now used both as a hall and for sleeping quarters.

The pressing need seems to be for small buildings that will sleep from four to ten girls. Two such buildings are now being built with volunteer labor and with most of the material having been donated. The girls could easily use the material with which to construct eight or ten of the small buildings for the camp. They are badly needed and donations of all kinds are very much welcomed, whether it be money, lumber or building material.

Working for several years in all ways that they could, the Girl Scouts of the Cape Fear Area through a succession of trading managed to buy the 60-acre Pretty Pond and about that much more surrounding land. Acquiring the land exhausted about all of their resources except that of friendship.

Wilmington people and a few

Biggest Project Is Letting Surfacing Of Road From Grissetown To Seaside, Part Of Bond Program

NO. 17 RESURFACING ALSO UP FOR LETTING

Third Portion Of Work Is Located In Northwest Township And Is In Conjunction With Columbus

Three Brunswick county projects are among those being advertised by the State Highway and Public Works Commission for contract letting early in April. Bids will be opened in Raleigh on March 30 and 31.

One project calls for the paving of 10 miles from the junction of US 74 and 76 near Brunswick River to the junction of NC 303 at Bell Swamp.

A second project is part of the \$200,000,000 secondary road program which will reach top speed during the late spring and summer. It involves the hard-surfacing of 11.8 miles from Grissetown to Seaside, from Village Point Road toward Gause Landing and from Seaside to Jenny's Branch church.

A third project is also a bond one and is combined with Columbus county. It involves the hard-surfacing of 5-7 miles from the Columbus county Line toward Phoenix via Northwest and from Acme east to the Brunswick county line.

Specifications were also advertised on 59 other highway projects covering 696 miles of roadway improvement throughout the state. The commission at its monthly meeting to be held in Greensboro on April 4 will review low bids after which contracts will be awarded.

Residents May See Boats Pass

Races Starting Today (Wednesday) In Southport Will Send Boats Down Inland Waterway

Most Brunswick people will receive this issue of The Pilot before noon today. As many of them may want to see the boats racing from Southport to Myrtle Beach along the inland waterway, something as to the probable time may interest them.

With the 7 1/2 hp. class leaving Southport at 11:00 they should be passing Howell's Point and Holden Beach between 11:30 and 12 o'clock. Folks at Shallotte Point will see them just a few minutes later and they will be making like time at Gause Landing, Seaside

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First Event Begins At 11:00 O'Clock When 7 1/2-hp. Class Leaves For 60-Mile Trip Down Inland Waterway

MANY ENTRIES IN ALL CLASSES

Arrangements Completed To Take Care Of Large Crowd Of Spectators Expected Here For Start Of Racing Event

Everything is in readiness for the First Annual Marathon Outboard Motorboat Races from Southport to Myrtle Beach, the first event of which is scheduled to start at 11 o'clock this morning.

The Community Building will serve as a club house for entrants and other guests. An information booth has been set up there and drivers will find the registration booth also located in this building. There is plenty of parking area about the building, and law enforcement officers and club members will be on hand to assist with parking problems.

The drivers will find several points on the Southport waterfront designated as launching areas. Natural obstacles may make it difficult to put the boats in the water in the area immediately in front of the Community Building. However, there is one particularly good place for launching on Bay street west of the club house. There will be guides on hand to show visitors where this launching spot is located.

It is planned to start each of the four classes in separate groups. The first will be the 7 1/2-hp class, getting underway at 11 o'clock. This starting time was originally set at 10 o'clock, but was delayed in order to make it possible for all classes to finish at closer to the same time.

Contestants are urged to listen to the public address system for times for starting the other classes.

The races are sponsored by the Outboard Motorboat Club of

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PMA Committee Holds Meetings

Schedule Of Meetings Being Planned To Explain Services Of This Phase Of Farm Program

A series of meetings will be held in Brunswick county next week the object being to discuss better production practices in growing tobacco. Slides will be used to illustrate the talks on tobacco, corn and other crops. All meetings will be held at 7:30 p. m.

Among others who will speak at these meetings S. L. Purvis, chairman of the AAA committee, will discuss how farmers can take full advantage of the Production

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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, March 23	
10:39 A. M.	4:49 A. M.
11:06 P. M.	4:52 P. M.
Friday, March 24	
11:17 A. M.	5:32 A. M.
11:50 P. M.	5:33 P. M.
Saturday, March 25	
12:04 A. M.	6:20 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:23 P. M.
Sunday, March 26	
0:42 A. M.	7:17 A. M.
1:04 P. M.	7:22 P. M.
Monday, March 27	
1:42 A. M.	8:21 A. M.
2:11 P. M.	8:29 P. M.
Tuesday, March 28	
2:45 A. M.	9:24 A. M.
3:18 P. M.	9:37 P. M.
Wednesday, March 29	
3:47 A. M.	10:22 A. M.
4:19 P. M.	10:39 P. M.