

### Believes That Cruises Would Prove Popular

George W. Rappleyea Recalls Days When Principal Contact Of Southport People With Outside World Was By Boat

#### REPORTS FATE OF OLD VESSELS

Several Famous Old Craft Later Were Pressed Into Various Types Of Service In Other Ports

George W. Rappleyea, who has been far afield, mostly in salt water areas, since he left Southport almost 30 years ago, is now just as keenly interested in the prospects at Southport as he was long ago.

The water has always been one of his first loves. For a long time boat designing was a profession with him. Anything with relation to salt water has a special appeal.

In this office a day or two ago he talked at length on the things he formerly knew at Southport and some of the things he hopes to see. In relation to boats and boating, he said:

"You should promote motor boat cruising between Southport and Wilmington. By cruisers I mean a displacement boat, not a hydroplane racing job or an air propeller job. A cruiser is not a cruiser unless it has two berths, a galley, sink and toilet.

"The old Steamer Wilmington made the run regularly in two hours," he continued, "I believe the fastest time ever made was by the Revenue Cutter Apache in 1912 when she brought President Taft to Southport and Fort Caswell. I do not remember the exact time the Apache made but I think it was one hour and fifteen minutes. While he was in office President Taft held the record for travel by a president.

He kept it for a good many years thereafter until the airplane came into general use.

"After being stationed in Wilmington for a good many years the Apache was sent to Baltimore. She was broken up sometime during the 1930's. After leaving Southport and knowing about all of the old river boats, I met them again in various parts of the world, just as one meets people they formerly knew.

"The old Steamer Wilmington, formerly here and commanded by Captain Harper, is now a ferry boat for automobiles and passengers in Tampa Bay. I last saw the old Steamer Southport in Washington, D. C. While here she was owned by Captain Letta Potter and he chartered her to some Washington people and they had so many debts against her she was sold at auction in 1935. The new owners replaced her vertical steam boiler and engine with a diesel and the last I saw of her in the late 1930's she was still running excursionists out of Washington.

"Another old boat we all knew was the Steamer Susquanne. Originally a very fine steam yacht. She was purchased by the late Captain Bussells for his fish factory on the river. Many Southporters took a trip or two on her

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### Brief News Flashes

**STORE REPAIR**  
A new roof is being placed on the R. Galloway store building at Supply.

**NEW RESIDENTS**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Ramsaur have moved from Pleasant Oaks Plantation to their new home on Moore street in Southport.

**SUFFERS STROKE**  
A. R. Boatwright, well known resident of Troy and Long Beach, sustained a partial stroke of paralysis at his home at Troy this week. It was reported here yesterday. His condition is said to be serious.

**BARBECUE SUPPER**  
There will be a pit barbecue supper at the Baptist church basement on Friday between 5:30 o'clock and 8 o'clock, sponsor by Circle No. 2. Proceeds will go to the building funds.

**BOARD MEETS**  
The board of commissioners met here Monday as a Board of Equalization and Review. This wound up their work in this connection for the year, as they had spent the previous Monday session for the same purpose.

### Brunswick County Attraction



CAMP PRETTY POND GIRL SCOUTS CAPE FEAR AREA, INC. FOUNDED 1949

### Pretty Pond Is Site Of Scout Camping Area

Present Buildings With New Additions Will Take Care Of Needs Of Many Campers This Summer

#### OUTLINE GIVEN ON ACTIVITIES

Girl Scout Program Is Designed To Take Care Of Camping Needs Of Girls Of All Age Groups

Camp Pretty Pond, owned by the Girl Scout Council of the Cape Fear Area, is not so well known as it should be. This may be partly due to the fact that the land and beautiful 60-acre lake was acquired by the girls only a couple of years ago.

Previously the lake, something very much like White Lake in Bladen county, had been generally known as just "Pretty Pond."

In reality it is a lake. There is no outlet or inlet. With its pure, clear water, coming from springs deep in the center, the lake has gradually sloping sandy bottoms. It is safe and is every way ideal for bathing and a playground for children.

The camp site is now being developed. Relative to its operation and various matters some interesting information was received this week by W. B. Keziah, from Mrs. John H. Wilson, commissioner. Mrs. Wilson may have intended her letter only for information. However, it is of such an informative and interesting nature that it is being published in full below. Mrs. Wilson wrote:

"Three phases of Girl Scout camping are being emphasized in this council.

"Day Camp: Held the past few years on Greenville Sound, four days a week, 10 A. M. to 4 P. M. Volunteer counselors and specialists in various fields. Directed by Mrs. Jones, Executive Director, assisted by Miss Southerland, our field director, and Mrs. Russell, office secretary. Fee is held to small amount, girls bring their own lunch except one day a week when they are given an outdoor cookout, and given their milk at lunch with a snack in the afternoon. Attended by Brownies, age

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### Rivers And Harbors Group Favors Work

Meeting Last Week In Washington Gave Approval To Holden Beach Basin For Mooring Boats

#### INLET WORK ALSO GETS GREEN LIGHT

Waccamaw River Drainage Project Once More Is Listed As Worthy Of U. S. Engineer Attention

The National Rivers and Harbors Congress in session in Washington last week took notice of badly needed waterway projects in Brunswick by giving its approval to the construction of a boat basin at Holden Beach; for flood control of the Waccamaw River and for improvement of the Little River inlet, between North and South Carolina.

Funds will have to be obtained through acts of Congress before any of the above projects can be carried out. The boat basin at Holden Beach is needed for the numerous shrimp boats that now have to tie up in the waterway. With recommendations from the Rivers and Harbors Congress it will be up to Congressman Carlyle to secure an appropriation for the various works in this county.

It was also approved that an adequate survey be made of lock-woods Folly Inlet, between Holden Beach and Long Beach. It is understood that this survey can be made by the Wilmington District Army Engineers without awaiting for a congressional appropriation with which to carry on the work. If the survey by the engineers shows the need of the

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### Little River Doctor Passes

Dr. J. A. Stone Died Friday At His Home Following Extended Illness Brought On By Stroke

Dr. James Albert Stone, a practicing physician at Little River for the past 45-years, died at his home there Friday afternoon in his seventy-first year. His fatal illness had its beginning with a stroke of paralysis the first of this year.

Dr. Stone, was a native of Brunswick county, held extensive property interests in the county at the time of his death. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina and of the University of Maryland. After receiving his physicians license he made his home at Little River and practiced extensively in upper South Carolina and lower North Carolina.

A brother, J. H. Stone of Wilmington, died just a month preceding the passing of Dr. Stone. Surviving Dr. Stone is his widow, the former Miss Nell Miles of Marion, S. C.; two brothers, W. H. Stone of Little River and R. R. Stone of Wilmington, one sister, Mrs. J. E. Bryan of Myrtle Beach, also survives, along with

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### New Patrolman Now At Bolivia

State Highway Patrolman Bob Constante has moved his family to Bolivia and is now serving the same area worked by Patrolman C. M. Cummings, before he resigned to enter private business at Sanford.

Patrolman Constante is probably the youngest highway officer in the State. He is from Waynesville and came to this area following his graduation from the Patrolman's Training School. He is 22 years of age, is married and has a small daughter. The family is living in the same home that was occupied by Patrolman Cummings and his family.

Following the resignation of Cummings Patrolman J. R. Rape supplied for him for two weeks until the arrival of Patrolman Constante.

### Anderson Named Board Chairman

New Board Of Elections Met Here Saturday And Organized With Dewey Anderson Elected To Serve As Chairman

Members of the Brunswick county Board of Elections met Saturday in Southport and Dewey Anderson, the newly appointed member, was elected chairman. He succeeds Guy C. McKeithan, who recently resigned.

Robert Milliken, who is the oldest member of the board in point of service, was named secretary. The third member is Lester Babson.

The next meeting of the board has been scheduled for April 8 for the purpose of appointing registrars and judges for the various precincts.

### Bomberger New Legion Leader

Installation Ceremony For New Officers Will Be Held Thursday Night In Legion Hall

Lt. Commander W. R. Bomberger, retired Coast Guard officer, has been elected Commander of the Brunswick County Post No. 192, American Legion, and he and other new officers will be inducted at the regular meeting on Friday night in the Legion hall.

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### Candidates Continue With Announcements

April Term Of Court Convenes

A one week term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of civil cases will convene here Monday, with Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill presiding.

Although no cases in which there is a great amount of public interest are slated for trial, this term is expected to go far toward clearing the civil docket for Brunswick county. As usual, divorce actions are expected to consume a good part of the time.

### Cancer Fund Drive Begins

Mrs. E. G. Goodman Of Leland Will Head Brunswick County Organization Of American Cancer Society

Mrs. Elizabeth Goodman of Leland has been named County Commander for the American Cancer Society and will launch the drive for funds this week. She is the wife of Dr. E. G. Goodman, Jr., Wilmington physician, who resides at the family home place in this county.

Mrs. Goodman has set up her

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### Our ROVING Reporter

Summing up a bit with regard to the marathon outboard race, sponsored by the Myrtle Beach Outboard Motor club and ran from Southport to Myrtle Beach, the event appears to have been a big success, although only about 38 boats actually appeared for the start. There were reasons for this small number. This was the first marathon outboard race in this area, sixty miles is a long and grueling distance for the small boats. For two or three weeks the weather had been continuously bad and it was raining on the scheduled day. The middle of the week and the month of March does not appear to be an auspicious time for such a race. We believe that if the event is repeated a couple of months from now, that if it is held on Saturday or Sunday there will be a huge entry list of the fast little boats and that the waterway between Southport and Myrtle Beach will be lined with spectators.

nett started out on the marathon boat race last week with plenty of provender for his outboard engine. The tank held one gallon; a 5 gallon can was also filled with gas and hooked up with a gravity line to the tank of the motor. Stowed forward in the boat was nine 1-gallon glass jugs filled with gas as a reserve supply. Before the start John Hemmer, cameraman for the State News Bureau, got a good shot or two of Sam and his rig. After the 7 1/2 h. p. and 10 h. p. boats had left Southport John and your columnist raced down to the waterway bridge to get pictures of the 16 h. p. and 22 h. p. boats. Arriving at the bridge, we found Sam's boat moored under some grass in a small ditch. Bridge tender L. W. Frink reported that Sam had lost sight of all of the other boats in his class while he was passing the yacht basin and that he had moored up and returned to Southport through the woods, rather than race in a class

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### Brief Session Of Court Held

For The Second Consecutive Monday Business In Recorder's Court Has Been Light

Judge W. J. McLamb and Recorder's court officials had their second consecutive light session here Monday with only a few minor cases being disposed of. The following entries were made: Elton Lorie Stephens, hit and run, no pros.

Joseph Raymond Pearson, recklessness operation, possession, \$40.00 fine and costs.

Bernard Silverman, speeding, bond condemned.

Frank Brown, reckless operation, bond condemned.

William Lewis McMillan, public drunkenness, bond condemned.

Joseph E. Sommersett, speeding, bond condemned.

Howard A. Smith, speeding, bond condemned.

Last Monday the following cases were tried: Durham Wilmington Mercer, speeding, taxed with costs. Paul Cleland, speeding, fined \$25.00 and taxed with costs.

### Marathon Motorboat Races Attracted Big Crowd Wednesday

Weather Conditions Were Favorable Both For Contestants And For Large Crowd Of Spectators Who Crowded Waterfront

#### WILMINGTON BOATS WERE PRIZE WINNERS

Large Field Of Entries And Officials In Charge Of Race Unanimous In Enthusiasm Over Racing Event

Six Wilmington drivers were among the winners in the First Annual Marathon Outboard Motorboat Races from Southport to Myrtle Beach Wednesday. A total of 344 boats made the 58-mile course from her to Socastee bridge, near the beach resort.

Boats began showing up about daylight on the morning of the race, and long before the first race was scheduled to start many of the craft were in the water for warm-up trials.

The water in the river was a trifle rough flood tide at 10:15 but with the wind blowing fresh northeast, the water was about as smooth as it gets on a Mid-March day. This meant that it was possible to start all events from the government dock and that hundreds of spectators had a splendid point of vantage from which to view the contest.

Perhaps the most spectacular start was when the 16hp racers got underway at 12:30. There were 12 boats off in this event, and they made one false start. This gave the spectators a good show.

On bridges and along the inland waterway all along the route spectators crowded to the bank to see the speedy craft flash past. It was one sporting event whose thrills were scattered along a 58-mile stretch.

No major mishaps were reported, and officials of the Outboard Motorboat Club of Myrtle Beach joined with citizens of Southport in expressing the hope that this will be made an annual event.

The top three drivers in each of the four classes were as follows:

7 1/2 horsepower—(1) J. L. Collins, of Charleston, S. C.; (2) Clyde Bell, of Fayetteville; and (3) A. K. Otey, of Wilmington.

10 horsepower—(1) H. C. Pennington, of Wilmington; (2) W. G. Hunter, of Wilmington; (3) Bate Mauney, of Wilmington.

16 horsepower—(1) Ernie Shinn, of Wilmington; (2) D. A. Winter, of Fayetteville; (3) Davis H. Pigott, of Charleston, S. C.

22 horsepower—(1) W. G. Carter, Georgetown, S. C.; (2) J. G. Pickard, of Wilmington; (3) C. V. Griffin, of Charleston, S. C.

**Hurricane Motor**  
W. G. Carter, who won in the 22 horsepower class, used a 10 horse power "Hurricane" motor, which is considered equivalent to a 22-horse power. Carter received a beautiful gold-plated trophy plus 50 dollars in cash.

J. G. Pickard of Wilmington, runnerup in the 22 horsepower class, was awarded a trophy and 25 dollars; and C. V. Griffin of Charleston received a trophy only.

In the 16 horsepower class, Ernie Shinn of Wilmington was

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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 30	
4:45 A. M.	11:16 A. M.
5:15 P. M.	11:35 P. M.
Friday, March 31	
5:40 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:09 P. M.	12:00 P. M.
Saturday, April 1	
6:31 A. M.	0:30 A. M.
7:00 P. M.	12:51 P. M.
Sunday, April 2	
7:22 A. M.	1:20 A. M.
7:50 P. M.	1:37 P. M.
Monday, April 3	
8:11 A. M.	2:10 A. M.
8:41 P. M.	2:22 P. M.
Tuesday, April 4	
9:01 A. M.	3:00 A. M.
9:32 P. M.	3:08 P. M.
Wednesday, April 5	
9:52 A. M.	3:51 A. M.
10:27 P. M.	3:56 P. M.

### Propose Power Boat Cruise

Race Event Would Follow Same Route Followed By Vanderbilt Boats Before Civil War

Before the Civil War and the building of the Wilmington, Florence and Columbia railroad, old Commodore Vanderbilt ran a line of fast passenger boats between Wilmington and Charleston. The boats ran up and down the coast, close inshore and touching at Georgetown. Some of the craft are said to have been very fast. Many of the skippers became Confederate Blockade runners during the Civil War.

Recently a suggestion was made to stage a power boat cruise

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