

Committee Set Up To Help In Mass T. B. Work

County-Wide Advisory Committee Named To Assist Brunswick County Health Department In Mass X-Ray Survey During August

MEETING HELD HERE ON FRIDAY

Head Of Tuberculosis Section Of State Board Of Health Outlined Plans For Program

A countywide advisory committee to assist the Brunswick county health department in the mass X-ray survey which will be held from August 29 through Sept. 9 was appointed by representatives of both county and state health departments on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. James M. Haper, Jr., and Mrs. Ella Aldridge, Public Health Nurse, were appointed co-chairmen. The committee will consist of Dr. Floyd Johnson, health officer; Miss Lula Belle Highsmith, health educator; Miss Corinne Greene, home agent; A. S. Knowles, farm agent; Dr. Landis Brown, Dr. R. C. Daniel, Dr. F. M. Burdette, Dr. R. H. Holden, Dr. Wingate Swain, Dr. M. H. Rourke, and Dr. L. J. Toubenhouse, representing the doctors and dentists of the county; J. T. Denning, superintendent of schools; Miss Norma Oliver, supervisor; A. C. Caviness, principal Brunswick County Training School; Rev. H. M. Baker and Rev. R. H. Caudill, representing churches; Edward Sexton, welfare superintendent; Mrs. G. D. Robinson, representing tuberculosis committee; J. J. Loughlin, business manager, Doshier Memorial Hospital; Dr. E. D. Bishop, manager Brunswick REA, Mrs. Gilbert Reid, president County Home Demonstration Clubs; Mrs. Sam Russ of Shallotte, and Mrs. F. M. Burdette and Mrs. E. H. Arrington of Southport.

At a meeting of representative Brunswick County citizens on Friday morning at the Community Building in Southport Dr. William Smith, head of the tuberculosis section of the State Board of Health, explained the mass survey.

Miss Lula Belle Highsmith, senior educator with the State Board, was introduced, along with the technician who will be in charge of the mobile units which will be sent to Brunswick, and the nursing consultant who accompanies Dr. Smith.

Those who attended the meeting were: A. J. Walton, Register of Deeds; Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Holden of Shallotte; Edward C. Sexton, superintendent welfare department; Miss Dorothy Swain, clerk welfare department; A. S. Knowles, county agent; Leo Medlin of Leland, member Brunswick PMA committee; R. L. Rabon, chairman board of county commissioners; C. C. Edwards, sanitary health department; Miss Marian Williams, secretary, Shallotte office, health department; Miss Gloria Faye Moore, secretary, Southport office health department; Mrs. Esther Robinson and Mrs. Ella Aldridge, public health nurses, Dr. Floyd Johnson, Brunswick County Health officer, and Mrs. Davis Herring, Mrs. F. M. Burdette, Mrs. S. T. Bennett and Mrs. Harper, from the Southport Woman's Club.

Brief News Flashes

HONOR STUDENT Among the honor students at Furman University during the past semester was Marcellas Cox, Jr., of Southport, a member of the junior class.

ATTENDS FUNERAL Mrs. C. G. Ruark was notified last week of the death of her brother in Asheville, but before she left to attend his funeral, her brother-in-law, J. W. Ruark, died in Southport. She was in Asheville on the day of the Ruark funeral here.

WHEAT ALLOTMENT Producers on farms which wheat was not seeded for harvest in any of the years 1948, 1949, or 1950, but on which wheat will be seeded for harvest in 1951, must request, in terms of specific acreage, a 1951 wheat acreage allotment, if an allotment is subsequently to be established for such farms. Application may be filed at the County PMA Office. The closing date to file an application is July 15, 1950.

Indian Trail Tree



LANDMARK—A never failing source of tourist interest is the Indian Trail tree standing in the yard of Mrs. E. H. Cranmer. It is reported to be one of five still standing in the United States and several months ago appeared as a feature in the Ripley Believe It Or Not Column.

Sport Fishing At Its Best Offshore

Parties Going Out During Holiday Week-End Hit Large Catches Of Bluefish And Mackerel On Shoals

SUNDAY WEATHER WAS HINDERANCE

One Party Out On Gulf Aboard Idle-On Caught Twenty-Five Large Specimens On Monday Trip

A Raleigh party fishing aboard the Moja Sunday with Captain Victor Lance were treated to an extra thrill when they were caught outside in a 45-mile per hour squall which the skipper described as being a honey.

With a sturdy craft and a steady hand at the wheel there actually was no danger, and after a rough 30 minutes things were back to normal again.

The party was comprised of Ray Gregson, T. E. Benson, Fred Vanstulke, Jack Bryant and Joe Page, all of Raleigh.

They caught 65 nice bluefish and 10 mackerel.

The only other boat that managed to do much despite Sunday's changing weather was the Idle-On, whose party stayed out despite the squall and was rewarded with a nice catch of mackerel. The group was from Durham.

On Monday the Idle-On made a trip to the Gulf and came in with 25 nice fish, including amberjack, king mackerel and bonito. The party included Prof. E. W. Lentz, Rev. J. A. Fless, Carter Sherrerson, Donald Rentz, Bud Siff and Dearmond Sink, all of Lexington.

Also out on Monday was the Botfly, which caught 102 blues and mackerel on the shoals. Included in the group were Steve Gay, A. W. King and E. G. Paine of Norfolk, Va.

The Fourth of July saw fishing at its best. A party aboard the Idle-On, headed by Dr. George Johnson of Wilmington, made a bumper haul of 225 bluefish and mackerel. The Moja had a party headed by Kirk Bennett of Fayetteville and reported 102 mackerel and 62 blues. Two couples, Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Armentrout and Mr. and Mrs. Donalds Armentrout of Thomasville, caught 185 blues and mackerel.

Crowd Attends Benefit Dance

Holiday Crowd Enjoys Dance Monday Night At Long Beach Pavilion Sponsored By Woman's Club

The dance Monday night at Long Beach pavilion, sponsored by members of Southport Woman's Club for the purpose of raising a portion of the necessary funds for financing the mass chest x-ray for Brunswick county, turned out to be a success from every point of view.

Loop McGowan and his orchestra from Wilmington played, and while it hardly could be classed as chamber music, the band is versatile and sooner or later there was sure to be a number to bring out the best in both the youngest couple and the most elderly.

A large and congenial crowd attended, and the profit from the dance will go far toward paying the Woman's Club share of the cost of the survey.

Fourth Of July Holiday Period Unusually Quiet

Large Number Of Visitors Attracted To Southport And Brunswick Beaches During Extended Week-End

ACCOMMODATIONS AT ALL BEACHES TAKEN

County Business Expected To Be In High Gear Tomorrow With Special Meeting Of Boards

The Fourth of July week-end holiday was a quiet time in Brunswick county, particularly in Southport where the county offices remained closed from Saturday noon until Wednesday morning.

Added to the closed list on Tuesday were the city offices, the post office, the bank and many of the stores. However, in the interest of taking care of the needs of an unusually large crowd of visitors several places of business were open at least for a part of the day Tuesday.

For all practical purposes, tomorrow (Thursday) will become the first Monday. Included in the business on tap is a special joint meeting of the board of county commissioners and the board of education. The principal purpose will be to attempt to arrive at some figure which will adequately take care of the school needs in the Brunswick county budget during the coming fiscal year.

Southport and the nearby Brunswick county beaches were filled to capacity with Fourth of July visitors. At Long Beach, every available cottage was filled weeks in advance. There was a big crowd at the dance at the pavilion Monday night, and on Tuesday night there was a huge gathering at the square dance.

Many people, unable to secure overnight accommodations, made the trip to the beach for the day.

The W. B. & S. made several excursion trips to Atlantic Beach for colored citizens of the community.

China Provides Lesson In Soil

Brunswick County PMA Chairman Points To Necessity Of Protecting Every Acre Of Crop Land From Erosion

The vital necessity for this county to protect every acre of good farm land against erosion and depletion is underlined by conditions in China, says S. L. Purvis, Chairman of the Brunswick County Production and Marketing Administration Committee.

The average density of population in China on a cultivated land basis, he points out, is something over 1,500 persons per square mile—compared with 200 in this country. This terrific pressure of human denudes the soil of grass, trees and other vegetation, causing runoff, erosion, floods, famine and poverty. It is a vicious circle of "poor people make poor land—poor land makes poor people."

The need, for instance, of fuel is so urgent that most of the crop residues and manure are used for fuel and are therefore not returned to the soil. This means a constant loss of organic matter.

Eighty percent of the people are farmers leaving only 20 percent for the fashioning of finished products so essential to a high standard of living. As the chairman—Continued On Page Three

Fishing Flashes



When Capt. Bill Styron landed a 122-lb tarpon while fishing over in the bay last summer he opened a new chapter in sports fishing in this area. The other day the first report came in that the tarpon are back in the waters lying between Southport and Bald Head Island, and it is safe to predict that many anglers will be pitting their skill against these silver beauties.

Because of the unusual interest in tarpon at this season, the first in a new series of articles will be devoted to as much factual information as was readily available on these fish.

Dies Suddenly



Joseph W. Ruark Dies Following Brief Illness

Death Of Prominent Southport Attorney Thursday Evening Came As Shock To Friends Throughout This State

Joseph W. Ruark, 63, Southport attorney, died in Doshier Memorial Hospital Thursday evening after a short illness. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Grace Pridgeon Ruark, a son, J. C. Ruark of Dunn, a daughter, Mrs. K. P. McDonald of Fitzgerald, Ga., four brothers, Robert Ruark of Raleigh, C. G. Ruark of Southport, B. W. Ruark of Chicago, and Dr. W. T. Ruark of Beckley, West Virginia, two sisters, Mrs. J. H. Stone of Wilmington and Mrs. R. C. St. George of Southport, and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Trinity Methodist church. The pastor Rev. L. D. Hayman was in charge.

Pallbearers were Joel Moore, Rudolph Sanders, Thomas St. George, Lanier Purpless, James Carr, Dan Walker. The honorary pallbearers were members of the Board of Stewards of Trinity Methodist Church, Southport, members of the Brunswick County Bar Association, Brunswick county officials, members of Pythagoras Lodge No. 249, John H. Cook, W. S. Sanders, Bernice Russ, Paul Fodale, Warren Hood, Dr. L. G. Brown and Dr. F. M. Burdette, Jr.

The deceased was chairman of the Board of Stewards of Trinity Methodist Church; member and Past Master of Pythagoras Lodge No. 249, Southport; President of Brunswick County Bar Association; immediate past president of the 8th Judicial District Bar Association; member of the General Assembly of North Carolina for seven terms, serving as both—Continued On Page Three

Death Comes To Howard Sellers

Friends here learned last week of the death in Georgetown, S. C., of Howard Sellers, a native of Brunswick county and former resident of Southport. He had been engaged in business in the South Carolina town for several years.

According to report, his death followed a brief illness and news of his passing came as a great shock to friends throughout this community.

Sellers is survived by his wife, the former Norma Willis, and by one son, Paul Sellers.

Southport Man Master Of Big Engineer Dredge



Captain Jesse Doshier Is Skipper Of U.S.E. Dredge Longfitt In New Orleans District

Captain Jesse Doshier of Southport, now assigned the New Orleans District of U. S. Army Engineers, is Skipper of one of the largest and most powerful hopper or dump dredges owned by the Army Engineers.

The vessel is the Longfitt. She has a 60-foot beam and is 302 feet in length. Some idea of her size may be gained from the fact that her huge hold carries 3,060 cubic yards of mud at a load.

The hopper dredges do not have pipe lines to dispose of the mud they dig. Instead, the mud is directly into the huge hold or hopper. When they are loaded the dredges move out to disposal areas in the ocean or river bays out of channels. There the bottom of the hopper is opened and the load slides down into the water. The vessel, relieved of its—Continued On Page Two

Tobacco Markets To Open August 1

Border Belt Schedule Is Set By Board Of Governors At Bright Belt Warehouse Association Meeting

ONE-SALE MARKETS TO HAVE 28 DAYS

First Flue-Cured Leaf To Be Sold On Georgia-Florida Belt July 22; Dates Set In Other Belts

Border Belt tobacco markets will start auctioning bright golden leaf on Tuesday, August 1. The Board of Governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association fixed the date Friday at a meeting in Raleigh.

The announcement set the stage for warehousemen in Fair Bluff, Whiteville, Tabor City, Chadbourne, Clarkton and other markets in the Border Belt to prepare for the great annual opening event less than 30 days away.

Flue-cured sales will get underway in the Georgia-Florida Belt on July 22, only nine days ahead of local auctions.

Other opening dates are: Sandhill markets of the North Carolina Middle Belt, August 18; other Middle Belt Markets, August 31; Virginia and North Carolina Old Belt, September 11.

The schedule gives markets with one set of buyers the normal six-week sales period, minus one day on the opening week and the Labor Day holiday.

Border Belt markets had been hoping to obtain a spread of more than 28 days. They had asked for 33 days.

The opening announcement is expected to bring the usual hustle and bustle between now and August 1 as farmers and warehousemen hurry to get ready for the great gold rush of the year.

The Border Belt markets opened last year on August 2.

Cancer Drive Is Very Successful

Brunswick County Citizens Contributed \$482.43 To American Cancer Society During Recent Drive

A total of \$482.43 was collected during the recent drive for funds for the American Cancer Society, according to Mrs. E. G. Goodman, commander.

The organization carried the campaign into every community in Brunswick county with the result that every section had a part in this record of achievement.

In making her report by communities, Mrs. Goodman states that she desires to express her sincere appreciation to everyone who assisted in raising funds for the fight against cancer.

Following is a break-down of funds: Hickman's Cross Roads, \$29.93; Shallotte, \$74.08; Supply, \$86.12; Bolivia, \$54.57; Southport, \$174.91; Winnabow-Town Creek, \$42.09; Leland, \$29.75.

Two Conferences In Session This Week At Caswell

Conference On Christian Home Attracting Large Number Of Visitors At Baptist Assembly This Week

ALSO CONFERENCE ON CHURCH MUSIC

This Promises To Be One Of Most Helpful Features Of Summer With Sacred Concert Friday Night

This is the fourth week of operation of the Baptist Assembly at Ft. Caswell, and a large group of visitors are attending a conference on plans for building a sound Christian home. This program is under the direction of Dr. W. Perry Crouch, pastor of First Baptist church, Asheville.

Assisting during the week will be Mrs. Crouch, Mrs. Clyde Baucum, Mrs. George Pennell, Dr. Joe Burton, secretary of the department of Home Life, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, Rev. Nathan Brooks Jr., Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville, S. C., Rev. Louis S. Gaines, First Church, Fayetteville, and Dr. C. C. Warren, First Baptist Church, Charlotte.

This phase of the weekly program is being widely attended since a general announcement went out inviting widespread participation. It has been pointed out that this is an unusually timely subject, since one out of each four homes in America is broken by divorce.

Also on the program this week at Caswell is a conference on church music, under the direction of Grady Miller, minister of music of the First Baptist church, Winston-Salem. One of the outstanding attractions of the summer season will be the concert of sacred music which will be presented on Friday night by a choir organized and rehearsed during the week by the director.

Winnabow Man Dies Wednesday

Funeral Services Held Thursday Afternoon For James W. Sellers, Retired Farmer Of This County

James W. Sellers, retired farmer of the Winnabow section, died at his home last Wednesday. He was 67 years old and his death followed a long illness.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Mill Creek Baptist church, the Rev. Fred Gore officiating. Burial followed in the Mill Creek Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were Ellis Sellers, Dalton Sellers, Dan Johnson, Ronnie Mintz, Ben McDowell, Decie Mintz. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Fred M. Burdette, H. L. Willetts, Martin Robbin, W. C. Savage, Joe Loughlin, George Danford, Jim Hickman, Robert Sellers.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Delta Mintz Sellers; three sons, Houston Sellers, Bolivia; Elmer Sellers, Tocco Falls, Ga.; Thaxton Sellers, Wilmington; five daughters, Mrs. Royce Rabon, Winnabow, Mrs. Ellis Ganey, Leland, Mrs. J. D. Price, Jr., St. Louis, Mo., Miss Katie Lou Sellers—Continued On Page Three

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.

Table with 3 columns: High Tide, Low Tide, and Day/Time. Rows include Thursday, July 6, Friday, July 7, Saturday, July 8, Sunday, July 9, Monday, July 10, Tuesday, July 11, Wednesday, July 12.