

Judges Have Bad Time Reaching Their Decision

General Excellence Of Decorations In Commercial Establishments And Homes Of Southport Make Judging Difficult Job

DECORATIONS WERE UNUSUALLY GOOD

Numerous Prizes Available Made It Possible To Give Recognition To Larger Group Than Usual

Judges of the annual Woman's Club outdoor decoration contest made their rounds on Christmas Eve and found that their task this year was a hard one because of the large number of attractive decorations displayed by the citizens of Southport.

Though winners were decided upon for the purpose of awarding the prizes which had been donated by the business firms of the town, the judges were eager to give honorable mention to a large number of persons whose decorations were outstanding.

Winners and their prizes were as follows:

Living tree: Miss Lettie Hickman, first, who received a cake plate donated by the Southport Trading Company for her attractive all blue tree; Mrs. Albert Russ, second, who received a mixing bowl set from Leggett's as prize for her twin trees; and Mrs. H. B. Smith, third, who received a subscription to the State Port Pilot for her living tree. Honorable mention was made of the white tree in the yard of the Baptist Church.

Doorways: Mrs. R. C. Daniel, first, whose front door wreath won for her a box of candy from Watson's; Mrs. L. J. Hardee, second, who won a box of note paper with local scenes drawn by Art Newton, and given by his studio; and Mrs. Dan Harrelson, third, whose Santa Claus, stocking and greens around her doorway won for her a baking dish from Ruark's. Honorable mention was made in this group of Mrs. C. G. Ruark's doorway decorated like a huge Christmas package, the McGlamery's blue and white doorway, the Basil Watts' doorway decorated with greenery, Mrs. Tom Hickman's all-green doorway, Mrs. W. F. Jones' greenery doorway and the James Wolfe's snowman doorway.

House Decorations: Mrs. Floyd Dilavayer won first prize, a fruit cake from Dan Harrelson's; the Roy Robinson's won second prize, a platter and sugar and cream set from Harry Robinson's; and the L. T. Garners won third place, with a box of candy from Creech's as their prize. Honorable mention was made of the house decorations at the homes of the Dallas Pigotts, the Kilpatrick's, the Walter Lewis' and the Harry Sells.

In the commercial division the judges hesitated to judge the large window display at Southport Trading Company in the same class as the attractive miniature scenes at the Elm Gift Shop and Art Newton Studios. They resolved their dilemma by awarding the Southport Trading Co. first place, with a vinegar jar from the Gift Shop as prize, for window display with merchandise. They awarded another first prize to Art Newton Studio, for their miniature church scene, which was without merchandise. Honorable mention was made of the miniature scene in the window of the Elm Gift Shop.

Brief News Flashes

NEW YEARS DANCE

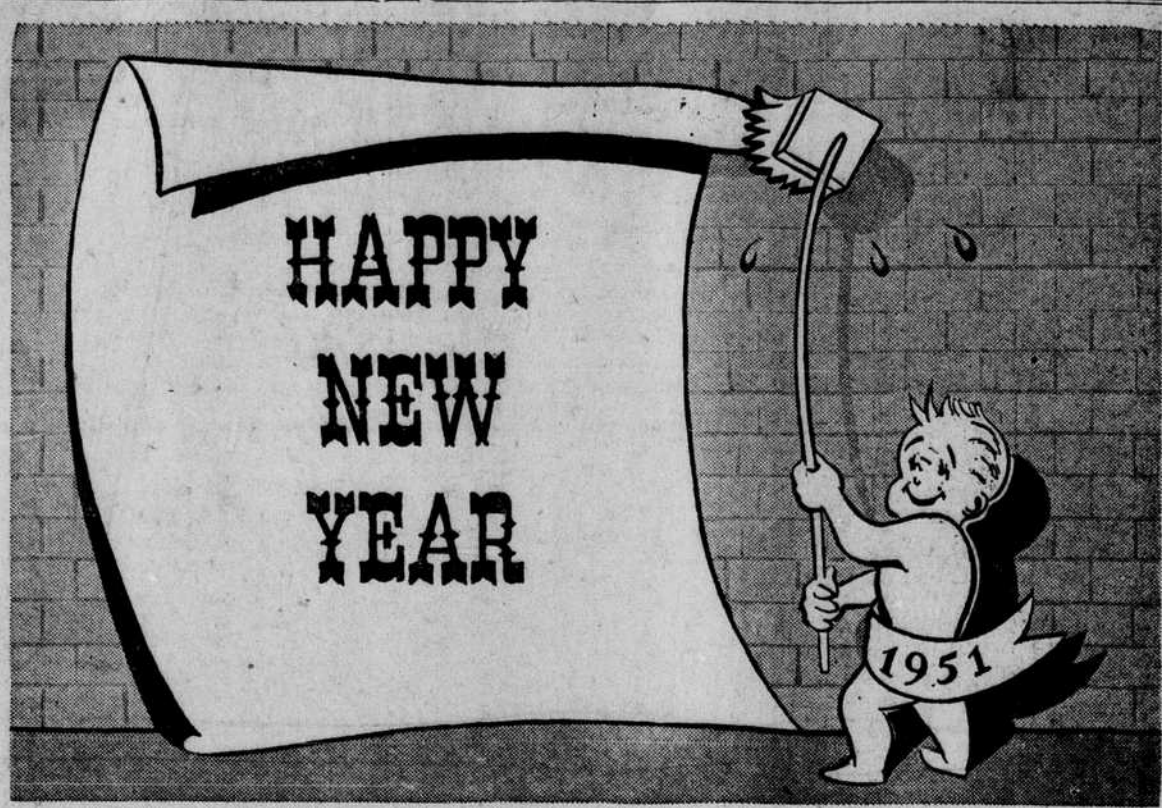
Virgil West will play for a New Years dance sponsored by the Southport Lions Club Saturday night at the Community Building.

BENEFIT DANCE

Members of Shallotte Lions Club will sponsor a dance Monday night at the Shallotte high school gymnasium. All funds from this event will go to the Blue Baby fund.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

All city and county offices resumed regular business activities here today following a long week-end. Next Monday will be observed as a holiday, with the commissioners meeting being postponed until Tuesday, January 2.



Advices Farmers Concerning Their PMA Obligations

Chairman Leo Medlin Advises Farmers To Keep Their Eye On Deadline For Various Practices

"A successful farming operation is a continuous process," said Brunswick County PMA Chairman Leo Medlin this week as he reminded farmers to keep an eye on deadlines which affect the farm program.

"January 15 is the final date for accepting performance reports as a basis for making cash payments under the 1950 ACP," said Chairman Medlin.

"Another January deadline falls on the last day of the month, the final date for making application for new grower allotments," he continued.

"March 1 is the closing date for making applications for new grower peanut allotment," advises the PMA chairman.

"There will be no quota this year on cotton production," says Mr. Medlin, "and all farmers not only have permission, but are being urged, to plant this crop during 1951."

The Brunswick PMA Chairman reminds farmers that storage loans on corn and soybeans are now available. Full information regarding participation in this program is available at the office in Supply.

Southport Man Dies Saturday

William Edwin Doshier, Respected Citizen Of This Community, Laid To Rest Following Funeral Services Sunday

William Edwin Doshier, retired Southport business man and one of the better known residents of the city, died here in the Doshier Memorial Hospital Saturday following an illness of three weeks. Mr. Doshier was 79 years old.

For a time Mr. Doshier owned and operated the Watson Pharmacy, having to dispose of this business when his son, Rufus Doshier, was forced to retire from active management owing to ill health. Prior to that time Mr. Doshier had owned and operated a mercantile business. He served Southport as a city alderman and in various other capacities in civic and fraternal organizations. For many years he was a faithful member of Trinity Methodist church.

Surviving him is his widow, Mrs. Nellie Galloway Doshier; one son, Dr. William E. Doshier of Wilmington, and one daughter, Mrs. S. H. Veazey of Wilmington.

Funeral services were conducted from Trinity Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Burial followed in the Northwood cemetery. Rev. Norwood Jones, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, was assisted with the services by Bishop Thomas H. Wright of Wilmington.

Active pallbearers were Arthur Doshier, W. L. Styron, R. T. Woodside, Walter Thompson, John Erikson, Harold Aldredge. Honorary pallbearers were, Price Furbess, H. T. St. George, J. B. Church, Thomas Fullwood, Edwin Doshier, Robert Thompson, W. S. Wells, Dr. Landis Brown, Dr. F. M. Burdette, C. N. Swan, C. R. Livingston, H. B. Smith, Col. Earl I. Brown, Paul Fodale, Roy Robinson, E. H. Arrington, J. M. Harper, Dr. Roy C. Daniel, G. W. McGlamery.

Shallotte Lions Club Have Christmas Party

Organization Helps Spread Christmas Cheer Over A Wide Area With Gifts For Needy Families

ANNUAL EVENT IS GROWING ANNUALLY

Santa Claus Made Trip Through Several Communities Friday Afternoon Giving Out His Presents

The Shallotte Lions Club gave a wonderful Christmas to white and colored children of Shallotte and Lockwoods Folly township as far as they could reach Friday afternoon. Three hundred and fifty bags of fruit, nuts and candy were distributed, along with many bushels of lose apples, oranges, candy, bubble gum, etc.

Saturday morning the organization concluded its generous activities by sending out 24 nice baskets to needy families.

LeRoy Mintz is president of the Lions Club and A. S. Knowles is chairman of the program committee. Dr. R. H. Holden was chairman of the basket committee and he was assisted by Dr. M. H. Rourke and Clyde Lassiter. Elliott Tripp served as chairman of the tree committee and his assistants were M. L. Galloway and James Bellamy.

The event started in the early afternoon, with James Bellamy providing a truck to carry Santa Claus and his gifts for the children. The truck went up Route 17 to Supply, Santa handing out something in the way of candy, fruit or nuts to all whom he saw. From Supply the truck went down through the Mt. Pisgah section, coming back into Route 17 at the Woodrow Russ place.

Going on down through Shallotte on No. 17 the truck went all of the way to the South Carolina line, Santa handing out something right and left. Tourists travelling Route 17 were much amused and pleased at Santa's antics and his throwing them apples and oranges as they passed the truck. They waved, yelled and blew their horns at the old fellow. The return to Shallotte was made through sections mostly populated by colored people.

At 7:30 o'clock the committee in charge of the Christmas tree at the Camp Church yard found Santa an able assistant. He did the major part of the passing out of the 350 big bags of fruit. Continued On Page Four

Christmas Party Held At Orton

Employees Join In Annual Holiday Event At Orton Plantation, Recalling Old Southern Traditions

Orton Plantation had its regular old time Plantation Christmas Party for employees Friday afternoon. Owing to lowering temperatures in the evening the event was staged early and throughout the afternoon.

As usual Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Sprunt were hosts, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hyatt, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Bogie and others. The employees, white and colored, had the usual fine program of games and outdoor sports. All of the more than a hundred employees and their families received presents and a big, cafeteria style, dinner was served during the late afternoon. Continued On Page Four

Dairy Project Near Southport

Seafood Blalock, who purchased the Thompson McRackan farm on Walden Creek last summer, is ready to start construction on a modern milking barn that will take care of up to 30 cows.

Mr. Blalock has a herd of 18 milkers on his farm at Thomasville. Since his removal to Brunswick county the milking and looking after the Thomasville farm has been done by one of his brothers. It is understood that Mr. Blalock will bring the entire herd here after his milking barn is completed.

The new dairyman for this section has been devoting much of his time to pasturage, etc., since he moved here from Thomasville in the late summer.

Shrimpers Head Back To Florida

Southport Fishermen Not Very Enthusiastic Over Prospect Of Spending The Winter Away From Home

From interviews with a number of Southport shrimpers while they are home for Christmas, it appears that they are not in as big a hurry to get to Key West as they were at about this time last year.

Leaving here a month ago or longer, the Southport boats are now strung out from Bernandia to St. Augustine, Fla. They have done fairly well, but nothing much to acclaim. The general idea seems to be that the shrimping at the above points is about over for the present.

Original plans were for about all of the boats to go on and reach Key West early in January. They will probably all go on, but the boatmen wish they (Continued on page 4)



W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

In the court proceedings published on December 13, it was stated that James B. Purvis was fined \$100.00 and costs for drunk driving. James B. Purvis of Ash writes us and wants it known that he is not the man referred to in the item. Matters like this sometimes happen. The minutes of the court do not give the address of defendants, merely the names. It often happens that one person gets community credit for something done by someone of the same name living in another community.

It is becoming rather difficult to get announcements of engagements in this paper and for a very good reason. Along with the bonafide announcements that are sent in, it often happens that others are sent in as a joke. Sometimes the jokers go so far as to sign the name of some other person. There are laws against the forging of names and also against the use of the mails to damage or injure anyone. The

Construction To Begin Next Week On New Factory

Southport Fisheries, Inc., Will Begin Construction Work On New Plant Located On Inland Waterway Near Bridge

WILL BE READY FOR SPRING FISHING

Surplus Navy Minesweepers Will Be Used As Trawlers And Two Are Ready To Start This Spring

With much of the material now on the ground, actual construction will begin Tuesday, January 2, on the menhaden factory of the Southport Fisheries, Inc. The plant is on the Intracoastal Waterway just west of the State Highway drawbridge leading to Caswell Beach and Long Beach.

Sam S. Tolar of Rocky Mount is president of the corporation. W. R. McAuley, a former resident of Southport, now of Rocky Mount, is vice-president with W. S. Wells of Southport as a second vice-president. L. W. Keister of Albany, N. Y., is secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Wells said this morning that the building would be completed, the machinery installed and the boats working with the beginning of the spring fishing season. Two 138-foot surplus Navy mine sweepers have been purchased by the corporation and they are now being converted into fishing craft. The Brunswick Navigation Company, in business here for many years, has three of this type of fishing vessels and they have been found to be ideal for the work.

Announcement Of Carrier Position

Vacancy In Rural Mail Carrier Job At Shallotte Will Be Filled By Competitive Examination

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination to fill the position of rural carrier at Shallotte, the date of examination to be stated on admission cards mailed to applicants after the closing date for receipt of applications. The examination will be held at Wilmington.

Receipt of applications will close on January 4, 1951.

On a standard daily route of 30 miles, the salary of a rural carrier is \$2,758, with \$20.00 per year additional for each mile or major fraction in excess thereof. Salaries on shorter routes or routes with less frequent service are proportionately less.

Rural carriers whose services are satisfactory receive regular promotions.

All rural carriers must furnish and maintain, at their own expense, sufficient vehicle equipment for the prompt handling of the mails. They are allowed an equipment maintenance of the daily mile on the basis of the daily mileage scheduled (this amounts to \$732.00 per year for a 30-mile route).

The examination will be open Continued On Page Four

Radio System Has Helped REA Service

Installation Of Two-Way Communications During 1950 Has Helped Overcome Lack Of Telephone Service

During 1950, the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation installed a Motorola two-way radio system at their Shallotte office. This system operates on a frequency of 153.71 megacycles on the FM band.

Immediately the time on all service interruptions was cut more than fifty percent. During the short period of service since installation the system has saved many hours of line outage, many miles of truck travel, as well as a great saving in man-hours.

The installation of the two-radio system, receiving and sending sets, in the manager's car and the maintenance trucks enables them to keep in constant touch with the office.

Advantages of the system in-

clude the ability of the manager or his assistant to move crews from one location to another without personally contacting the crew; communication from truck to truck during actual maintenance work; ability to get on the scene faster after report of trouble; an dthe decrease in the operating expense of the trucks by cutting their mileage by fifty percent.

The radio system, completely installed, represents an investment of \$9000.

The radio tower and antenna reach toward the sky for a total of 235 feet. The tower and transmitter were installed on the high ground behind the cooperative's office building in Shallotte and can be seen for several miles around Brunswick County.

Fund Being Raised To Help Blue Baby

Coach Sanders Receives Gift

Coach H. T. Sanders, who doubles in the role of principal of Southport high school, received a surprise Christmas present last week when he was handed a check for fifty dollars as an expression of appreciation from parents and patrons in appreciation of his work with the football squad this fall.

"I would like to express my sincere thanks to my friends for this gift," said Coach Sanders. "Aside from the practical value of their present, I am doubly grateful for their thoughtfulness."

An undermanned squad in its second season of football made a good showing for Southport high school this year against several larger schools. The team held victories over Hallsboro and Shallotte and managed to get a draw with the Wilmington JV's. It lost to Elizabethtown, Burgaw, Shallotte and Wilmington JV's.

Advices Farmers On Pest Control

County Agent A. S. Knowles Gives Information On How To Control Insects Which Destroy Grain

County Agent A. S. Knowles states that a number of farmers are interested in controlling insects in their stored grain. This can be done, he says, by the use of Dowfume 75. This treating material consists of three parts of Ethylene Dichloride and one part of Carbon Tetrachloride by volume.

The dosage required for an effective insect kill will vary with the tightness of the bin, the type of grain, the volume of grain involved, and the temperature. Corn requires a slightly higher dosage than wheat. The temperature of grain should be above 60-degrees. In general bins with 500 to 1500 bushels require 6 gallons of Dowfume 75 per 1000 bushels of grain.

Bins with 1500 to 3000 bushels use 5 gallons of the mixture to the thousand bushels. Where there are more than 3000 bushels the mixture should be used at the rate of four and a half Continued on page four

Three Tobacco Meets Scheduled

Tobacco Extension Specialist Will Spend Next Thursday In This County To Help Farmers

For January 4, 1951, three important tobacco production meetings will be held in the county, reports County Agent A. S. Knowles. These meetings will be held at Bolivia, Shallotte and Waccamaw. Mr. Knowles points out that these three meeting points do not cover the entire county, but it was necessary to schedule these places as Extension Tobacco Specialist S. N. Hawks is able to spend only one day in the county.

Mr. Hawks will show slides and discuss production practices. To Continued On Page Four

Conference Held With Chairman Regarding Ferry

Group Meeting Last Week With Division Highway Commissioner Is Assured That Survey Will Be Made Of Needs

TO SERVE AS BASIS FOR FUTURE ACTION

Commissioner Clark Says That Appropriate Action Will Follow Preliminary Survey Of Project

Apparently the much sought ferry to connect lower New Hanover with eastern Brunswick county came a step nearer reality last Friday when at a meeting at his office in Fayetteville Wilbur A. Clark, highway commissioner for this division told of Brunswick and New Hanover officials that a survey will be made to determine if it is feasible and practical to establish a ferry.

The meeting was held in Fayetteville on the invitation of the commissioner. Commissioner Clark pointed out that the authorization for the survey was the first step towards obtaining the service. Future developments, he pointed out, will be governed by the results of the survey. He advised the gathering that it might require from three to four weeks before any developments from the study can be reported.

Expressing his gratification at the promptness of Mr. Clark in authorizing the survey, one of the delegation said, "We were highly pleased at the cordial manner in which we were received. I think that his promptness in authorizing a survey is ample evidence that he is in full sympathy with what we are trying to do."

If the survey results in determining officially the need of communications between the two counties, a ferry will undoubtedly be established to operate from a point near Ft. Fisher to the Brunswick side, supposedly at or about Walden Creek.

Bolivia Citizen Passes Monday

David T. Bullard Died At Doshier Memorial Hospital Christmas Day; Funeral Services Tuesday

David T. Bullard, 51, resident of Bolivia, died here Christmas Day in the Doshier Memorial Hospital. He had been ill for about a week. Funeral and burial services were held Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the Antioch Baptist church, Rev. Taft Hewett officiating.

Mr. Bullard is survived by his widow, Mrs. Bertha Ward Bullard, Bolivia; three sons, Jesse Bullard, Wilmington; Elmer Bullard, Leland, Cedie Bullard, Bolivia, and one daughter, Miss Gladys Esther Bullard of Bolivia. His mother, Mrs. Richard Bullard of Bolivia also survives along with one brother, Shade Bullard of Little River, S. C.

Active pallbearers were Horace Johnson, Billie Moon, Foster Mintz, Charles Knox, Delmas Reynolds and Douglas Hawes. Honorary pallbearers were Dr. Landis G. Brown, Dr. Wingate Swain, John A. Elmore, Mercer Cox, H. O. Reynolds, Manos Bowling, Arthur Reynolds and Lloyd McDonald.

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, December 28	
10:17 A. M.	4:06 A. M.
10:38 P. M.	4:44 P. M.
Friday, December 29	
10:58 A. M.	4:49 A. M.
11:25 P. M.	5:23 P. M.
Saturday, December 30	
11:43 A. M.	5:38 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:08 P. M.
Sunday, December 31	
0:16 A. M.	6:34 A. M.
12:34 P. M.	6:59 P. M.