

Receive Reports That Publicity Spreads Abroad

Letter From Mrs. Mae Bamber Reports General Usage Of Pictures And Publicity Resulting From Her Trip To Southport

MORE COVERAGE COMING LATER

Recent Visitor Will Return Home Early Next Month And Will Bear Messages From Local Organizations

Mrs. Mae Bamber, Councilor of Southport, England, will leave Tarrytown, N. Y., for her home in England on February 9. She reports that she has had a wonderful visit to the United States and, apparently, Southport, North Carolina, gave her one of the most wonderful welcomes of any of the various Southports she visited.

English newspapers are still short on newsprint, which is still more or less rationed. Still, clippings from the Southport, England, visitor, sent to W. B. Keziah by Mrs. Bamber, indicate that the English newspapers have been and are still devoting a lot of space to Southport, North Carolina.

One of the clippings showed a big three-column cut, showing the Southport school and the stately oaks in front of it. The caption said that the picture looked a bit like Churchtown (England) but it was really Southport, North Carolina, U. S. A. The same paper and others carried the picture of Mrs. Bamber presenting the greetings of Mayor Fleetwood-Hesketh of Southport, England, to Mayor Hubert Livingston and the Southport, North Carolina city aldermen.

Mrs. Bamber says that the London Daily Dispatch, Manchester Guardian, Liverpool Echo and all of the biggest and best papers in England have had stories about her visit to Southport, North Carolina, and the United States. Some of them have also carried the full story that appeared in the State Port Pilot about her visit to North Carolina and this Southport. On her return to England she will assemble as many of these stories as she can and send them here.

This paper and Mr. Keziah have received many letters and messages about the wonderful publicity that came to Southport as the result of the visit of this fine English city official here. This publicity is far from being over. On her return to England the English papers will really get into full swing about the Southport, England, Councilwoman's visit to the United States and the various Southports. In this connection it should be remembered that school officials, ministers, city officials and organizations were to have written letters of greeting to similar organizations for Mrs. Bamber to carry back with her and deliver. Such letters should be written now and mailed to Mrs. Bamber at 200, South Broadway, Tarrytown, N. Y., if she is to carry them home with her they must reach her before she leaves on February 9th.

Brief News Flashes

ASH BOY MISSING
Monday's dispatches listing the war casualties in Korea placed Cop. Daniel H. Smith of Ash as being missing in action by the army. The young serviceman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Smith of Route 1, Ash. He is understood to have been in the army over a year.

WITNESS IN SUIT
Dr. F. M. Burdette is in Bur-gaw today as a witness in a damage suit brought by Graham Smith against Stirling Hewett, both of Brunswick county. The Smith boy and a companion were injured several months ago when the motor scooter on which they were riding was struck by a truck said to have been owned by Mr. Hewett.

GOOD FISH CATCH
The Shoestring of Swan and Downing brought in 22 boxes of nice fish Monday morning. They were taken in the waters off Frying Pan lightship. It is understood that the whole price was eight cents per pound. The Shoestring is a 76-foot converted Coast Guard patrol boat. Another 110 footer is now being converted by Swan and Downing and both she and the Shoestring will leave for the Florida shrimping sometime this month.

Bishop Peele Leaves Position February 15

Methodist Church Official Taking This Step Due To Poor Health

Bishop William Walter Peele, administrative head of 465,000 Methodists in Virginia and North Carolina, announced today he will relinquish his duties February 15 because of ill health.

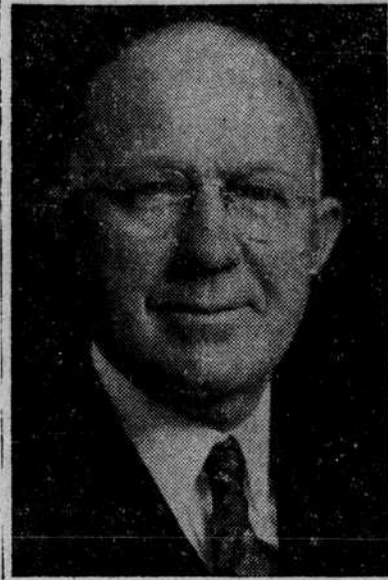
Taking full Episcopal supervision of the two-state Richmond area will be Bishop Paul Neff Garber, Virginia-born head of the Geneva, Switzerland, area, and former dean of the Duke University Divinity School.

Writing in the Virginia Methodist Advocate, Bishop Peele said he would remain on the active list of bishops but would perform no official duties in connection with the Richmond area. The 69-year-old bishop suffered a third heart attack last Thanksgiving Day. He is due for compulsory retirement because of age when the Southeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the Methodist Church meets in Roanoke in July, 1952.

The same conference will select a permanent successor in the Richmond area, which embraces the Virginia and North Carolina Conferences.

Bishop Peele, a native of Gibson, was assigned to the Richmond area when he first was elected a bishop in 1938.

An old associate of Bishop Peele's in Durham, Bishop Garber has spent most of the past six



years in turbulent post-war Europe as chief of the 13-nation Geneva area.

He was honored by the pro-Communist Polish government for his fostering of Polish-American

Blue Baby Fund Is At Half-Way Mark

To Date Practically All Response To This Financial Need Has Come From The Immediate Shallotte Section

Arrangements Have Been Made For Admission Of Shallotte Girl To Baltimore Hospital

The half-way mark of the needed sum for the Blue Baby operation for Shirley Ray Hewett, 10-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hewett of Lockwoods Folly township, was almost reached Sunday, according to Dr. R. H. Holden of Shallotte, treasurer for the fund.

Almost the entire response to this case of urgent need has been coming from the immediate Shallotte area. The case is one for county-wide interest and help. It is pointed out that the responses in the way of donations coming in this week may mean the life or death of the little ten year old white girl, whose parents are unable to help her.

Following is a list of all donations to date:

Norman Bellamy for Sabbath Home Baptist Sunday school \$53.87.

The Shallotte high school, teachers and students, raised and turned in \$80.00 towards the fund and it is stated they have not concluded their efforts.

Henry Hickman turned in \$30.00 donated by individuals of the Hickman's Cross Roads and Cal-abash sections.

Previously reported in this paper has been the \$250.00 from the Woman's Club of the Chapel Hill Baptist church at Shallotte; the \$21.01 from the Cedar Grove, Negro, Baptist church; \$3.00 from E. G. Lewis of Winnabow; \$2.00 from an anonymous donor in Wil- Continued On Page Four

Twin Stills Are Captured Friday

Sheriff E. V. Leonard And Deputies Found Two 600-Gallon Outfits And 1200 Gallons Of Mash

Twin whiskey stills, set up side by side, were seized Friday by Sheriff E. V. Leonard and Deputy Charlie Skipper. Each of the outfits was of 600-gallon capacity and 1200 gallons of mash was taken and destroyed at the same time.

The outfits were found on the farm of former deputy sheriff Gus Bland, according to Sheriff Leonard. The farm is located in lower Shallotte township.

The still had been watched by the officers for some time in the hope of getting the operators along with it. The operators appear to have been doing some watching on their own and remained away until the patience of the officers was exhausted and they decided to move in and take the outfits.

Farm Population Increases During Past Two Years

The Census Shows 1,471,048 North Carolinians Now Living On Farm Tracts Of Three Acres Or More

48,000 GAIN SHOWN BY STATE SUMMARY

Six And One-Half Million Acres Now Devoted To Harvested Crops And Haying Purposes

North Carolina's farm population, including all persons living on farm tracts of three or more acres, is listed at 1,471,048 in a summary of the 1950 Farm Census now being distributed by the State Department of Agriculture.

This represents a gain of 48,000 during the past two years. The state's total land area in farms also showed an increase— from 20,932,229 acres in 1948 to 21,231,935 acres in 1950.

The Farm Census summary gives county and state totals on a wide range of agricultural statistics, including land utilization, livestock inventories and acreage figures for the principal crops. The livestock figures represent listings as of January 1, 1950, while crop acreages are reported on the basis of 1949 plantings.

The information was collected by tax lists in the various counties and compiled by the Statistics Division of the State Department of Agriculture under the supervision of Frank Parker, chief statistician, and John Richardson, State Farm Census Director.

Copies of the 1950 Farm Census summary may be obtained from the Statistics Division, N. C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C. Separate tabulations of statistics for most of the individual counties have previously been published.

Tax lists now are collecting information for the 1951 Farm

Southport Will Use Gymnasium

Examination By Competent Officials Results In Decision To Use Building For Limited Crowds

For the balance of this winter and spring and with the hope that the new Southport high school gymnasium can be constructed and ready for use by next fall, the school board has again leased from the Pythagoras Lodge the old gymnasium and it will be used for the balance of this year with certain restrictions.

At the December 20th meeting, the Board of Education accompanied by Leslie N. Boney, architect of Wilmington, inspected the gymnasium to determine its condition with respect to further use. Following a thorough inspection, Mr. Boney pronounced the building o. k. for all spectators who could find room around the playing floor and with not more than 150 spectators to be allowed even- ly distributed in the balcony.

This will permit normal attendance of spectators at the basketball games, but the building, especially the balcony, cannot be Continued On Page Two



W. B. KEZIAH

A little more of the same sort of mild weather that has prevailed during the past week and building beach homes will really get underway. In fact, such operations are already underway. Two or three nice homes are now under construction at Long Beach and at Holden Beach the remodeling of several homes is underway. December was a bad month for any beach property owner to be building. That month, the coldest of any December on record, just did not inspire thoughts of bathing beaches. Now with the advent of normal weather for the season of the year the thought of beach homes is again coming to the forefront. We look a lot of construction to start along the Brunswick beach in the near future.

Tobacco canvas is also a problem for growers at the season of the year. This year it seems to be worse than usual. Dealers say that it is scarce and

Four Buddies Still Together

Four Shallotte boys who enlisted in the Coast Guard and left on December 27 are still as a unit at the same place, according to messages received by parents at Shallotte during the past week.

The four boys are James Keilian Bessent, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Andrews, Carl Edgar Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pink Wilson, Eldridge Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Stanley, and Manion Nelson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Webb Nelson.

The boys are now all at Alameda, California, in training with the Coast Guard. The parents of all are said to have heard from them during the past week.

Southport Man Made Chairman On Wild Life

S. B. Frink Heads This Important Senate Committee In Addition To Holding Other Important Assignments

The State's Tenth Senatorial District fared exceptionally well in committee assignments last week as Senator Julius K. Powell of Columbus was named chairman of the Public Roads Committee and Senator S. Bunn Frink of Brunswick was appointed chairman of the Wild Life Committee.

Senator Frink's assignments, in addition to the Wild Life chairmanship, include Roads, Public Roads, Judiciary I, Manufacturing, Labor and Commerce, Finance, Election Laws, and Commercial Fisheries. He is vice chairman of the Election Laws Committee.

Senator Powell, now serving his second term in the Senate after serving an in-between term in the House, was assigned to eight other important committees in addition to his Public Roads chairmanship. These include the all-important Appropriations, Education and Rules. The others are Conservation and Development, Judiciary II, Employment Security, University Trustees, and Public Utilities.

The score of the State Senators from the Tenth District in committee assignments is believed to be among the best ever chalked up by sons from this area.

Wilmington Man Dies Saturday

M. G. Newcomer Accidentally Killed Saturday When He Slipped And His Head Struck Sawmill Planer

M. G. Newcomer, 43-year old white resident of Wilmington, who has been employed by the Bolivia Lumber Company at Bolivia for a short time, was accidentally killed Saturday when he slipped and fell, striking his head against a planer at the mill.

He was alone at the time of the accident, his body being found 45 minutes later. Coroner John G. Caison made an investigation of the circumstances but did not Continued On Page Two



Cecil Besdan and George Henry Davis were charged with escape from the State Prison Camp at Shallotte. Their escape was of short duration. Guards recaptured both within an hour after they got away. Tried Monday, each of them drew a four months sentence on the roads, to be served when their present time is out.

Alfred Otis Parker, a white man who is said to be a resident of Clinton, was tried for drunkenness and disorderly conduct and given 30 days in jail, suspended on condition that he leave Brunswick in 24-hours.

Other cases disposed of Monday were as follows: Elmer Lewis, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs. H. F. Memory, public drunkness, fined \$10.00 and costs. Riley Ashley Powell, Jr., improper equipment, costs. Tilman Davis, assault with deadly weapon, not pressed at request of prosecuting attorney. An adjourned session of court was held on Wednesday, January 3, to clear up some cases left over the preceding day. At this session the following cases were disposed of: Charles W. Snapp, reckless operation, 60 days on roads, sus- Continued On Page Four

Southport Youngster Gets Television Job

Jimmie Moore Sterving As Model In Television Commercial For Candy Company

Some of these Southport people who are spending the winter in Florida while the men of the families are engaged in the shrimping business may have to be away from their hometown, but not young Jimmie Moore.

From last reports this young man was earning ten dollars per day performing in a television commercial for the Brock Candy Co., and Jimmie figures that's pretty good pay for a boy just to eat and enjoy candy.

This Southport youngster left home during the holidays with his family and after Christmas began school at Ft. Myers, Fla., from which point his father is operating his shrimp trawler. The first day of school a representative of the candy company came around looking for a typical American boy who could show just the proper enthusiasm for his product. Jimmie Moore tried out and got the job.

He is the son of Capt. and Mrs. Meritt Moore, and this is not his first experience serving as a model for photographs for publicity and advertising. Two years ago he and other members of his family were the subject of an illustrated story in the Better Health Magazine, and at that time 6-year-old, freckled Jimmie stole the spotlight from his elders.

Expects Permission To Begin Gymnasiums

Visit To Washington, D. C., Last Week By County Superintendent J. T. Denning Expected To Result In Favorable Action

Two Projects Await Decision Waccamaw High School Is Ready To Begin Work On 50 x 80 - Foot Structure; Southport Needs Funds

Returning from Washington last week, County Superintendent J. T. Denning who went to the capital with reference to construction of the Waccamaw and Southport high school gymnasiums, reported that everything was being cleared. Reamy Burton, head of N. P. A. building division, was almost certain that approval for the construction at both places would be given immediately.

The Waccamaw gymnasium plans call for a brick and cinder block structure 50 x 80-ft. For this structure \$25,500.00 is in hand and \$635.55 will be raised by the residents of the school district.

For Southport the building will be 70 x 90-ft of brick and cinder block. For the local building \$25,500.00 is in hand with \$9,000.00 to be raised locally. It is understood that the Southport fund raising committee has already had donations of \$5,000.00 towards the \$9,000.00 that must be raised locally.

Insurance laws prohibit the building of a wooden structure of the size needed at Southport for public use and this fact forces the Southport school district patrons to dig down in their pockets for nine thousand dollars of the sum needed here.

Recorder Judge Has Busy Time

Extra Session Held On Last Wednesday Followed By Full Term Here On Monday In Effort To Clear Docket

Given a hearing Monday in the Recorder's court, probable cause was found against Leamon LeHue and Keefer LeHue and they were held for Superior court under bonds of \$500.00 each. They were charged with assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. Operators of a small store on Route 17 near Shallotte, the young men were charged with shooting and seriously wounding Henry Woodard of the same community. Woodward was struck in the stomach by a 22-rifle bullet. He is recovering.

Drunken drivers got mixed treatment at the Monday session. Two appeared before Judge McLamb. W. H. Foxworts, who was charged on one warrant with drunken driving, got the charge amended to reckless operation and he was fined \$50.00 and cost. Luther Stanley, on the same charge, was not so fortunate. He was convicted and fined \$100.00 and costs, and it was recommended his license be revoked for a year.

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Chairman Gets Ready For Polio Drive In County

Effort Will Be Concentrated In Period From January 15 To January 31, Says Mrs. Eli Kravitz

BRUNSWICK COUNTY DEFICIT IN FINANCES

Campaign To Be Directed Toward Obtaining Contributions From All Families In County

The 1951 March of Dimes campaign will begin on Monday, January 15, and will continue through the month of January, according to Mrs. Eli Kravitz, campaign chairman for the 1951 drive. The 1951 campaign will follow the pattern used in Brunswick county in the March of Dimes drives the past few years with the major emphasis being placed in the schools.

Mrs. Kravitz has cards for the use of all the school children and the principals are cooperating with the various community leaders to insure the success of this drive.

The goal of the 1951 March of Dimes campaign for Brunswick county is \$2500.00, and if there is no improvement in the polio situation this amount and more will be needed in this county this year to take care of patients still receiving treatment and any new cases that may develop during the coming year.

Assisting Mrs. Kravitz in this campaign are the following leaders in several different sections: Bruce Edwards, Freeland; W. C. Stevenson, Ash; Mrs. M. H. Raurk, Shallotte; Foster Mintz, Bolivia; Mrs. R. L. Sullivan and Mrs. A. P. Henry, Winnabow; Mrs. Mac Jones, Leland; H. M. Baker, Southport; Linden Clemmons, Supply; A. S. Knowles, Supply; Mrs. Sidney Hewett, Holden's Beach. A. C. Caviness, will lead the campaign among the colored people through the schools and churches.

According to the Rev. Mr. Baker, Chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, there have been only two new cases of polio in Brunswick county reported in 1950, but the expenditures for these two new cases and the patients still receiving treatment who were stricken in years gone by have again exceeded the amount raised in last year's campaign so that the local chapter has found it necessary to seek additional funds from the National Foundation.

Mrs. Kravitz states that the campaign plans call for special efforts to be made by all the churches and civic organizations in the county to aid in this important matter, and that there will be iron lung containers placed in strategic stores in every section of the county for the use of citizens in making contributions to this drive. It is hoped that the citizens of Brunswick will not wait to be called upon for a contribution but will follow the example set by the men of the Oak Island Coast Guard station who have already set up a special container for the March of Dimes and are carrying out their part of this effort in advance of the official campaign dates.

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.