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## Boarding Home Expected To Be Big Improvement

Welfare Officials Believe  
Change In Status For  
Care Of Aged And Infirm  
Will Be Beneficial To  
Everyone

### INMATES WILL GAIN RESPECT

Being Able To Pay Own  
Way Under New Program  
Expected To Improve  
Moral Of Residents  
Of The Home

When the Brunswick County Home became a licensed boarding home for the aged on June 1, the county took a long step forward in the care of its aged and indigent citizens, according to Edward Sexton, county superintendent of public welfare.

In leasing the home to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watts for use as a boarding home, Brunswick became the 51st of the North Carolina's 100 counties to change its county home to a system of boarding home care, now considered by welfare officials generally, to be a better and more wholesome way of fulfilling the public responsibility for oldsters in need of county care.

Furthermore, states Mr. Sexton, the county expects to effect a considerable saving of public funds with the step. In the old county home system, in use for many years in Brunswick before the recent change, county tax funds had to pay the entire cost of support for each indigent person who resided at the county home, including food and clothing and all other necessities, as well as the not inconsiderable fixed overhead cost of maintaining the physical plant of the home.

The oldsters who were once residents of the county home are now to be located there as paying guests of the new boarding home. They also now become eligible for Old Age Assistance in the form of monthly money grants from the county welfare department, Mr. Sexton points out. Under this plan the grants which they receive are obtained on a Federal-state-county matching basis, with the federal government putting up six dollars for each one dollar put up by the county, and each dollar furnished by the state, up to \$20. Above that amount the government pays \$2 for each dollar of state and county money. Persons living in county homes or state institutions.

## Brief News Flashes

**ACCEPTS CALL**  
The Rev. Jennings McLamb has accepted a call as pastor at Cedar Grove Baptist Church in Columbus county.

**GRADUATES AT BOONE**  
Hyton Babson of Ash was graduated last week from the Applege at Boone. He received the Bachelor of Science degree in mathematics and social studies.

**HONOR PASTOR**  
The members of the Southport Baptist Church are invited to a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Baker on Saturday, June 9, at 8 o'clock, in the basement of the Baptist church.

**GRADUATES AT FURMAN**  
Marcellus Cox, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. M. Cox of Southport, graduated from Furman University at Greenville, S. C., Monday. He has the degree of Bachelor of Arts.

**ATTENDED MEETING**  
Crawford L. Rourke, veterans service officer for Brunswick, attended the school held by the North Carolina Veterans Commission in Asheville Thursday and Friday. Mr. Rourke also went as a delegate to the American Legion Convention which was held at the Vanderbilt Hotel at the same time as the veterans meeting. Both meetings were well attended.

**FINE MINIATURE GARDEN**  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard St. George have one of the smallest and at the same time one of the best gardens in Southport. Using a plot of ground only about 12 by 35, they are growing bush beans, butter beans, cucumbers and tomatoes. They have been picking beans for some time and their tomato vines have large and well developed tomatoes that will be ripening in another week or two.

## Stevens Purchases Empire State Bldg.

Grandson Of Late E. B. Stevens Of Southport Heads  
Syndicate To Purchase Tallest Building

Announcement was made last week of sale of the Empire State Building in New York City to a syndicate headed by Roger L. Stevens, who is a grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Stevens of Southport.

The young real estate operator is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Stevens of New York, who visited here last Summer.

The Empire State, the world's tallest building, was completed in 1931 at a cost of \$50,000,000. During recent years all of the 102 stories have been occupied by tenants, with a long waiting list. The controlling interest was owned by heirs of the late John J. Raskob, from whom the purchase was made by the Detroit syndicate.

While this is the most spectacular deal in which Stevens has figured, it is by no means his first venture as a real estate broker. The Realty Associates Securities Corporation owns a substantial part of the stock in Hotel Taft in New York City, and in Chicago it has substantial interest in the Boston Store Building.

Stevens himself owns one-half interest in Hotel Boston Square in Cleveland and in the Bellevue Biltmore at Belleair, Florida.

The late E. B. Stevens came to Southport in 1888 as representative of a Chicago syndicate, whose object was to construct the Southport, Atlantic and Western Railroad. The plan was to provide direct rail connections from this natural deep water harbor to Chicago, and there were dreams of making Southport the principal port on the Atlantic Seaboard.

## Mackerel And Blues Show Up Off-Shore

Fishing Parties Going Out  
Yesterday Had Good Luck  
With Several Varieties Of Fish

AMBERJACK CAUGHT  
ON GULF STREAM

Southport Charter Boat  
Skippers Believe The  
Fishing Has Settled  
Down For Few  
Weeks Now

Bluefish and Spanish mackerel are now providing sportsmen with plenty of action off Southport. These two species, regarded by many as being the best salt-water game fish for the table on the Atlantic coast, are off-shore in great numbers. This year the mackerel are unusually large. The blues are also of good size.

Competing with the close inshore fishing for blues and mackerel, the Gulf Stream is becoming increasingly attractive for the folks who like to wrestle with the big ones.

Amberjack, a gulf resident, holds a poor rating for food, but they provide quite a thrill, as well as the exercise of a lot of muscle to bring them in and boat them. They are now off-shore in great numbers. Tuesday the Idle-On with Captain Donnie Watts and Jimmie Smith brought in 35 of the jacks, weighing all the way from 4 pounds up to 30. Twelve big king mackerel were also taken by the party, composed of J. A. Elmore, Foster Mintz, Mrs. Sadie Spence, Mrs. Lloyd Moore, Mrs. F. H. Elmore, Miss Jean Williams.

## Brunswick Boys Volunteering

Navy Appears To Be Getting  
Most Of Local Boys  
Who Are Joining One Of  
The Armed Services

One reason for no draft calls by the selective service board during May and June is probably found in the great number of young Brunswick men enlisting in the Army, Navy, Marines or Air Corps. The Navy has been getting slightly more than the other branches of the service, as eight Southport boys have enlisted in that branch of the service during the past week or two.

The Army and Air Corps have been getting their share, according to a report just received from Master Sergeant Emery G. Murray, station commander of the recruiting office in Wilmington. He reports 38 men as enlisting in his area during the month of May. Of these 38, eleven were from Brunswick county, all enlisting for a period of four years. They are as follows:

Wilbert Evans, Freeland; Marvin M. Johnson, Bolivia; John O. Milligan, Freeland; Norman E. Stanley, Ash; John R. Sullivan, Winnabow; James L. Walton, Bolivia; Joe V. Callahan, Ash; Samuel B. Piver, Ash; James W. Continued on page 4

## Crippled Children Seal Sales For County Reported

Total Of \$539.59 Received  
During Campaign For  
Funds Under Direction Of  
Southport Woman's Club

ONE-HALF AMOUNT  
STAYS IN COUNTY

Funds Available For Help  
To Children In Need Of  
Medical Or Surgical  
Assistance

A final report has been sent to State Headquarters for the Eastern Seal sales which is sponsored in Brunswick county by the Southport Woman's Club for the N. C. League for Crippled Children. A total of \$539.59 was raised, largely through direct mail appeals as there was no personal solicitation.

Of this amount \$251.40 will stay in Brunswick county to be used for the handicapped. It has been the custom of the Woman's Club to leave the spending of the funds largely in the hands of the county health and welfare departments.

The drive was accomplished through the fine cooperation of the members of the club who helped prepare the letters and seals for mailing. Under the direction of Mrs. James J. Harper, Jr., a number of the members gathered to perform the necessary duties and the drive went off with a minimum of worry for those who helped.

In thanking the workers, Mrs. Harper wishes to call attention to the splendid work of Mrs. R. C. Daniel, who served as treasurer, and to the teachers in each school who served as local chairmen for distributing the bunnies seals to the children. These were Mrs. Guy McKeithan at Shallotte, Mrs. Martin Baker at Waccamaw, Mrs. Holland Manning at Leland, Mrs. Charlie Rourke at Bolivia and Mrs. Ray Walton at Southport.

Mrs. Harper hopes that the money raised will be a great deal of help to the handicapped. Continued on Page Four

## Shrimp Showing Up At Southport

The First Catches Of Season  
Made By Boats Working  
During Past Week; Catch  
Is Of Unusually Good  
Quality

About ten of the Southport shrimp boats have been bringing in a daily average of 7 or 8 bushels of shrimp to the boat during the past week. The product is unusually good for this season of the year, hard and large. The count is said to run between 25 and 30 to the pound.

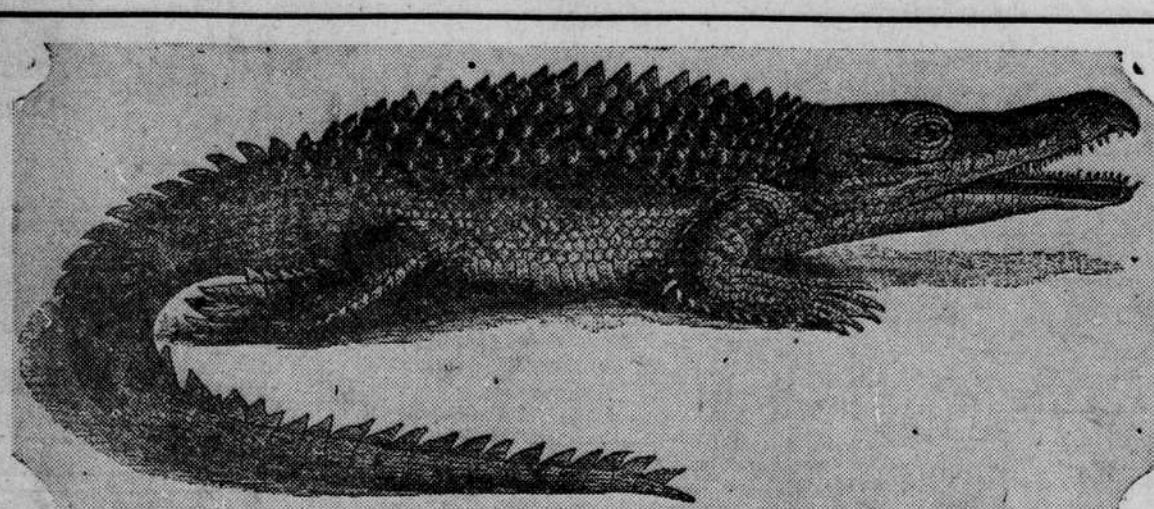
Usually at the start of the season the crews of the boats head their catches. Pickers of the houses are not called out for three or four weeks after the boats begin work. The catches of the past week have resulted in the packing houses getting filled with pickers.

Only the Wells house has been picking. Continued on Page Four

## Our ROVING Reporter

For a good many years the North Carolina Press Association has been expressing an interest in holding one of its meetings at Southport. Often when they have been in session in nearby towns a considerable number have slipped away and came here for a day. The lack of a hotel or auditorium has prevented the holding of any regular meeting here, as the gatherings usually include around 500 people. This year as the meeting best thing to do is to hold a meeting here, they are officially arranging for a side trip for one day. They will come down from Wrightsville in a body, have lunch here and then visit points of interest, such as Bald Head Island, Fort Caswell, the beaches and Orton and Clarendon plantations. This side trip, if the visitors are greeted and entertained as they should be, will result in as much or more publicity than would accrue from holding a full meeting here. The visit should be made a community matter with everybody in and around Southport doing his

## Gator Comes Ashore



AMPHIBIAN—Residents of Bowery Hill of Southport were alarmed Tuesday when a 7-foot alligator came up out of the marsh and was making his way inland. The gator was lassoed by Chief of Police Jack Hickman and City Engineer Dick Brendle and was tethered to a tree until the city truck could cart him away to a safe place of execution.

## Gym Contract Is Signed Tuesday

Southport Girl  
Young Graduate

One of the youngest members of the graduating class at the University of North Carolina this week is Miss Patricia Arrington, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Arrington. The young Southport girl, granddaughter of the late Judge E. H. Cramer, will receive her Bachelor of Arts degree before she reaches her twentieth birthday.

Getting an early degree runs in the Arrington family, for her father graduated from Georgia Tech when he was only 19. At that time he was the second youngest man who ever received a degree from that institution.

## Brief Session Of Court Held

Cases On Recorder's Court  
Docket Disposed Of Before  
Noon Monday By  
Judge W. J. McLamb

Only a very small docket awaited Judge W. J. McLamb and Solicitor Kirby Sullivan when this week's session of the Recorder's Court convened Monday. The business was finished before noon. The minute book shows the following entries for the day:

Herbert George Coughenor, improper turn, resulting in property damage, ordered to pay cost and make restitution for property damage.

Markus E. Allen, damage to personal property, not pressed at request of prosecuting attorney.

Fred Debegui, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Henri Dean Oliver, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

George A. Ludlum, drunken driving, not guilty.

Parham - Darr Construction  
Company Of High Point  
To Erect Building At Total  
Cost Of \$26,414.85

BUILDING TO BE  
READY THIS YEAR

Gymnasium Will Be Of  
Minimum Dimensions But  
With Possibility Of Being  
Expanded Later

A contract for the erection of the Southport high school gymnasium was signed yesterday by J. L. Darr of Parham-Darr Construction Company of High Point. The gross cost will be \$26,414.85.

Mr. Darr stated that he believes that he will be able to get delivery of the necessary steel for erecting the roof by August 1, and that he will be able to complete the building by October. Workmen will be able to do much of the work while awaiting delivery of the steel.

The building will be 50 by 50 feet, and will have a basketball playing court 42 by 42 feet. The steel girders will run the long way, so that if the future there is need for expansion, one wall may be removed and the building may be extended in length. This means that even though the present gymnasium will be of minimum size, it will be possible at any time in the future when funds are available to make the structure 80 feet in width and as long as may be desired.

Of the total price \$24,457 is for the general contract; \$1,222.85 is for athletics fees; and \$735.00 for wiring.

Of this amount about \$24,000.00 is available from the state building program and \$1,000.00 from the board of education. This leaves a deficit of \$1,414.85 to be raised from local sources.

While the contract is being let for a complete job on the building, no provision has been made for seating, heating nor for dressing rooms. These must come later and from local funds.

## Local Minister Receives Honor

Rev. H. M. Baker Who  
Leaves Southport Baptist  
Church After Sermon  
Sunday, Honored By The  
County Citizens

Rev. H. M. Parker, pastor of the Southport Baptist Church, and a recognized leader in church and civic work throughout the county, was honored with a farewell banquet by other Baptist leaders, in the Bolivia high school cafeteria Thursday night.

This energetic young minister will deliver the last sermon of his five-year pastorate of the Southport Baptist Church on Sunday morning, June 10. A few days later he will leave for a short vacation with relatives in California before going to Rutherville county, where he has been called as pastor of the Round Hill Baptist Church.

At the Thursday night banquet Rev. W. R. Morehead, Associational Missionary for the Baptists of the county, served as master of ceremonies. Among the speakers were Rev. G. W. Phelps, representing the pastors of Brunswick county; A. S. Knowles, representing the Sunday Schools of the Brunswick Association; Lindgren Clemmons, speaking in behalf of the executive committee. Continued on Page Four

## Boat Sinks But Whiteville Party Escapes Dunking

Moja Strikes Submerged  
Confederate Craft And  
Gives Thrill To W. F.  
Dyer Fishing Group

A Whiteville party got an unexpected thrill and almost got a dunking near Southport at noon Sunday when Captain Vic Lance's 38-foot fishing boat, the Moja, struck an old submerged Confederate craft and sank.

The submerged ship, which Captain Lance described as a menace to navigation in the waters at Frying Pan Shoals, ripped a large hole in the Moja.

On the boat with Captain Lance were Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dyer, Frances Dyer, Jr., James Hammonds and Mrs. Lester Bowers, all of Whiteville, and Claude R. Griffin of Elizabethtown.

The stricken Moja's passengers quickly put aboard the Kaibab, another party boat that was close by.

None of the passengers even got their feet wet, but they got an unwanted thrill out of the experience.

The Coast Guard answered Lance's distress call rapidly and towed the ship to shore late in the afternoon. Captain Lance said the boat would be given a temporary patch job and then rebuilt. He believed the Moja would be ready for service within a month.

The Moja, which has two motors, is regarded as one of the best fishing boats of its type in the State.

Captain Lance, who is going about the business of repairing the Moja, said Tuesday that he desired to express his appreciation to all of his Southport neighbors who have been so kind in giving him every sort of assistance since Sunday's mishap. Mrs. Lance joins me in expressing our deepest appreciation. Continued on Page Five

## Blue Baby Girl Writes Letter

Shirley Ray Hewett Is  
Deeply Appreciative For  
Everything Done To Help  
Her Receive Benefit Of  
Operation

A matter of general interest in Brunswick county early in the year was the task of raising funds that would enable little Shirley Ray Hewett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hewett of Lockwoods Folly Township, to go to the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore.

Shirley Ray was a blue baby and her only hope lay in the operation and care that Johns Hopkins could give. Such operations as she needed performed on her heart are costly. Her family did not have the money.

A blue baby fund committee was formed at Shallotte. Henry Stone, principal of the school, headed it and Dr. R. H. Holden was made treasurer. Money came in from all sections of the county, especially from Shallotte and Lockwoods Folly townships. Shirley Ray got her operation and is completely recovering.

## Welfare Matters At Conference Here June 12th

Dr. Ellen Winston, State  
Commissioner Of Public  
Welfare, To Discuss Two  
Changes

REPRESENTATIVES OF  
10 COUNTIES COMING

Administrative Problems  
And Developments In Program  
To Be Studied At  
Legion Hut

Two important changes in North Carolina's public program, providing for recovery of some Old Age Assistance payments and for additional funds for hospitalization for the indigent, will be explained to officials from 10 counties in a meeting to be held in Whiteville on Tuesday, June 12, it has been announced.

Dr. Ellen Winston, State Commissioner of Public Welfare; R. Eugene Brown, Director of Public Assistance for the State Board of Public Welfare; and Miss Fannie Memory Farmer, administrative assistant to Dr. Winston, will attend the meeting to explain the new programs. Similar meetings are being held throughout the state. Invited to attend will be county attorneys, commissioners, managers, clerks of court, welfare board members, auditors, superintendents of public welfare, and the general public.

The 1951 General Assembly passed a law requiring that general liens be taken by the county on the real property of all recipients of Old Age Assistance grants after October 1, 1951. After the death of the recipient, the lien may be enforced to recover the amount paid to him in assistance. Additional funds for hospitalization of indigents was provided for by the General Assembly when it appropriated enough money for the purpose to take advantage of available matching funds. The administrative changes and developments made necessary by the programs, both new departures in public welfare in North Carolina, will be the chief topic discussion at the meeting here.

The Whiteville meeting will be held at the American Legion Hut at 10 a. m. with representatives attending from Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson and Sampson counties.

## Picking Berries Near Southport

Work Of Harvesting Big  
Blueberry Crop Now Under  
Way At Graham-Key  
Farm Near Beach Road

With between 75 and 100 pickers and packers working, 300 crates of berries were picked and shipped from the Key and Graham blueberry farm Monday. About the same quantity will be moved each day this week, it is said.

Reports indicate that it will take about three weeks to harvest the crop, a little longer if good rains come this week. H. B. Graham of Decora, Iowa, and Palmyra, N. J., said this week that the crop was a very good one.

Following the harvesting of this year's crop the acreage decreased. Continued on Page Four

## 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
Wednesday, June 13	
9:29 a. m.	3:38 a. m.
9:44 p. m.	3:30 p. m.
Friday, June 8	
10:06 a. m.	4:16 a. m.
10:20 p. m.	4:08 p. m.
Saturday, June 9	
10:47 a. m.	4:33 a. m.
10:58 p. m.	4:50 p. m.
Sunday, June 10	
11:31 a. m.	5:33 a. m.
11:42 p. m.	5:37 p. m.
Monday, June 11	
0:00 a. m.	6:16 a. m.
12:21 p. m.	6:31 p. m.
Tuesday, June 12	
0:30 a. m.	7:04 a. m.
1:16 p. m.	7:33 p. m.
Thursday, June 7	
1:24 a. m.	7:57 a. m.
2:15 p. m.	8:38 p. m.