

Farm Bureau Is Now Conducting Drive For Funds

Annual Membership Drive For Organization Got Underway Friday Night At Kick-Off Dinner At Shallotte Point

LON EDWARDS WAS CHIEF SPEAKER

State Farm Bureau Leader Outlined Several Important Accomplishments Of This Organization

The Brunswick County Farm Bureau held its annual membership drive kick-off meeting Friday evening, at the Anchorage Hotel at Shallotte Point.

Some 27 Farm Bureau members were on hand for the meeting to hear County Farm Bureau President C. O. Bennett announce their quota of 500 members, and plan for the '51 drive. Mr. Bennett said that the county quota will go to make up the 80,000 State Farm Bureau membership, and the million and a half national membership goal.

Lon Edwards, ex-president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau and present State Chairman of the membership drive, spoke at length on what the Farm Bureau has done for the farmers of North Carolina and the nation. He mentioned several things the Farm Bureau has sponsored and proved to be of great benefit and service to the farmer. He said that tobacco selling for an average of 50c per pound is only 90 percent of parity. The tobacco program has not cost the farmer 1 cent. In 1950 the farmer received 69c per hour for his labor. Organized labor received twice that amount in many instances. Farm Bureau has meant more to farmers in the past few years than the labor unions have meant to labor, Mr. Edwards said.

He further stated that Farm Bureau sponsored a bill in the last State Legislature to exempt tax on fuel oil for curing tobacco.

Mr. Edwards said that each farmer cannot speak for himself and be heard by and through the Farm Bureau organization he can have someone to speak for him and represent his interest, and that every farmer should be a member of Farm Bureau.

Betty Reid Of Winnabow Tobacco Festival Queen

1951 Tobacco Festival Queen



Gordon Gray, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, is shown presenting a \$300 diamond ring from Reed's Jewelers to Miss Betty Reid, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Reid of Winnabow, Brunswick County, after she was crowned queen of the Whiteville Tobacco Festival in Whiteville on Thursday evening. The curvaceous Brunswick miss won the pageant crown in competition with 16 other beautiful young ladies.—(Photo by Baldwin Studio, Whiteville.)

Brunswick County Is Chosen To Succeed Miss Miriam Mitchell 13th Annual Event

FAIR BLUFF BEAUTY ADJUDGED RUNNER-UP

Gordon Gray Changes Nation To Give Thought To Moral And Spiritual Re-Awakening

Crowning of Miss Betty Reid, as 1951 queen climaxed 13th annual Whiteville Tobacco Festival in Whiteville on Thursday evening at the National and Armory.

The coronation ceremony was performed by Gordon Gray, president of the Greater University of North Carolina, who earlier in the evening had addressed the annual banquet of the festival organization at Hotel Whiteville.

Miss Reid, 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Reid of Winnabow, triumphed over 16 other candidates for the honor in the beauty pageant.

Runner-up was Miss Mary Waller, daughter of Postmaster and Mrs. A. E. Waller of Fair Bluff. Miss Waller was the representative of the American Legion Post at Fair Bluff.

In third place in the beauty pageant was Miss Jean Crumpler, representative of the City of Fayetteville.

The curvaceous Brunswick girl, who was sponsored by the Bowling Lions Club, received a \$300 diamond ring made for the queen by Joseph Burland, famous jeweler of New York, and presented (Continued on Page Four)

County Schools Open Wednesday For Fall Term

Superintendent J. T. Denning Calls Principals And Teachers Meeting Monday And Tuesday Of Next Week

OUTLINES RULES FOR 1ST GRADERS

Only Three Vacancies Exist In Faculties Of Consolidated Schools Of County Right Now

All Brunswick county schools will open for their fall term next Wednesday.

All children entering school for the first time should be vaccinated against small pox and inoculated against whooping cough, diphtheria and typhoid. A certificate stating that this has been done must be presented to the teacher before a child can be enrolled in school. If a certificate is not presented, a statement signed by the parents permitting the school nurse to provide the proper immunization will be accepted.

All children must be six years of age on or before October 2, in order to be able to enter the first grade.

School bus drivers will get their buses at the school garage August 27, at 9:30 a. m. Short talks on safety and proper bus operation will be made by the chief mechanic and the highway patrol representative.

The white teachers and principals will meet at the Southport school auditorium at 10 a. m., August 28, for the first county-wide teachers' meeting. The colored teachers and principals will meet at the Brunswick county training school at 2 o'clock August 28, for the first county-wide teachers' meeting.

A representative of the insurance division will give full instructions to the principals as to the operation of the school in the fall.

All schools have a full corps of teachers, except Waccamaw and Shallotte. Waccamaw needs a commercial teacher. Shallotte needs a 4th grade teacher, and a social science teacher for high school.

Teacher List For Shallotte

Principal Henry C. Stone Extends Invitation To Parents To Attend Opening Exercises Next Wednesday

The Shallotte School will open Wednesday morning, at 8:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited to attend the opening exercises.

All children who will enter school for the first time should bring their birth certificates with them the first day. The child must be six years old on or before the second day of October to enter the first grade.

The North Carolina School Law requires that each child be

Tarpon Caught In Cedar Creek

Capt. Howard Victor Used Experience In Fla. Waters To Good Advantage On Monday Trip

The first report of tarpon fishing this year came in yesterday with Captain Howard Victor and E. G. Mallison reported having hooked and brought three huge fish to their boat during about two hours of fishing near Bald Head Island.

All three of the fish were released unharmed after being brought to the boat. Captain Victor said, "Why should we kill them and bring them in. They are not fit to eat. Dead they are worth nothing. Released they will provide more fine sport for us or somebody else."

The larger of the three fish was estimated to weigh about 125 pounds. It made 14 huge jumps before it became tractable and could be brought to the boat and released. The other two fish were estimated to weigh about one hundred pounds each.

All three of the strikes were had by Captain Victor, who is experienced in all sorts of sport fishing in Florida and elsewhere. (Continued on page 4)

Quarantine Station Destroyed By Fire

Landmark In Cape Fear River One Mile Above Southport Had Four Buildings And Considerable Dock Burned

STATION ABANDONED SEVERAL YEARS AGO

Served For Many Years To Safeguard The Health Of North Carolina Residents Against Foreign Disease

More than two-thirds of the Quarantine Station dock and four of the largest and most substantial of the seven buildings were destroyed by fire Sunday night. The blaze is supposed to have resulted from some fisherman throwing a lighted cigarette down on the decking.

The flames were discovered at about 9 o'clock and brought out an alarm for the Southport volunteer fire department. The response was quick, but with the blaze in the middle of the river one mile above town, the firefighters could do nothing. The coast guard crash boat was better situated to handle things.

The crash boat has equipment that makes it a good fire fighter when the blaze happens to be on a boat or a structure close to the water. In short order it reached the Quarantine Station and was pouring streams on the burning buildings and docks. Aided by the fact that there was no wind, the boat was able to prevent the flames from spreading over the tar soaked decking to three of the smaller buildings. The other four and the decking surrounding and under them were completely destroyed.

A check at 11 o'clock, nearly four hours after the alarm, revealed that the crash boat was still industriously pumping water on the decking and burning pilings. All timber at the station was heavily charred. In addition a thick coating of tar was spread all over the decking, making the installations extremely vulnerable to fire, once it got started.

The station was constructed before the turn of the century and was in reality a small city on piling. It had its own utilities, including a splendid deep water well and water tower.

Players Asked To Park On Street

Mayor H. W. Hood has asked that those who drive their automobiles to the tennis courts park their cars on the street or on the drive going to the Community Building in order to leave the garrison grounds safe for children at play.

"With school opening next Wednesday, the garrison is the only playground available for them," said Mayor Hood. "We are placing four benches beside the courts for the convenience of players and operators, and we urge the sportsmen of the community to co-operate with us in making this a safe area for school children."

The work of installing lights for the courts is now underway.

Fishermen Go Back To Work

Members Of Crews Of Menhaden Vessels Are Back At Work After Being Off For Several Days

Striking menhaden fishermen at Southport returned to their vessels Tuesday and began the work of reloading nets in the purse boats. Most of the boats got out to their fishing this morning, while others are still getting ready to resume operations.

Only the six boats of the Brunswick Navigation Co. and some of the factory employees have been directly effected. However, other boats were effected indirectly and a large number of men have been without employment. The return to work is good news to Southport people and many throughout the county. A large number of the workers come from the Shallotte and Supply areas.

The fish are said to be very plentiful at the present time and the fishing prospects excellent. The Big Chief of the Saunders Continued On Page Four

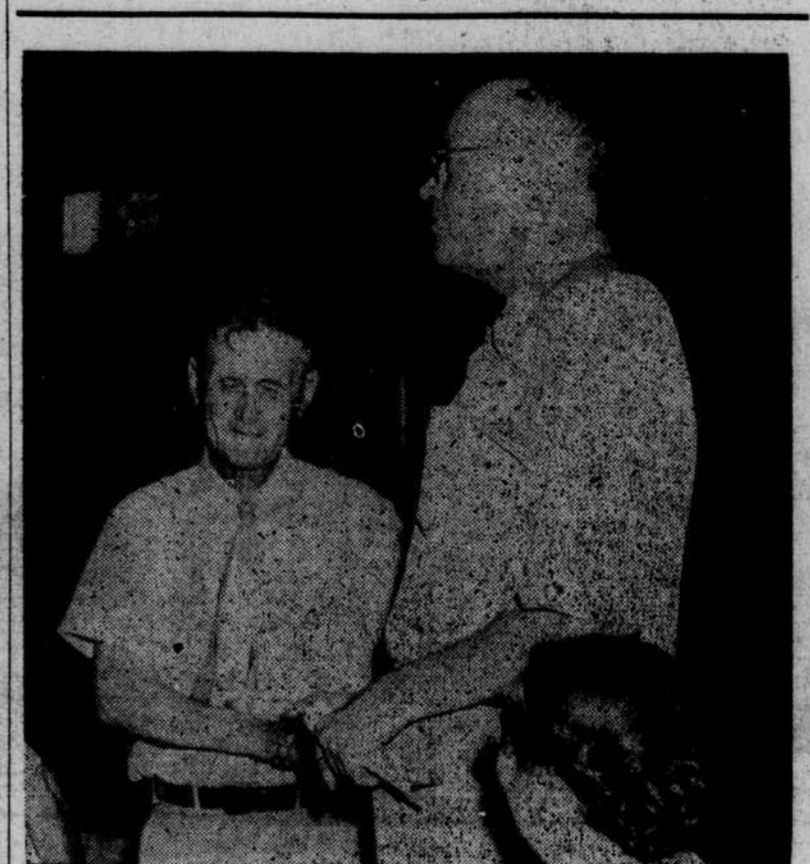
Our ROVING Reporter

W. R. KEZIAH

Newspapers are often referred to as the eyes of this nation. That looked so by the eyes of the State last week when between 175 and 200 North Carolina newspapermen and women spent the day here. They saw things with interest and, we believe a very favorable light. Some of them apparently learned something they had never known about this part of the State. To illustrate this point, at least half a dozen editors from the western and Piedmont part of the State asked us if the ships going to and from Wilmington passed through the Southport harbor. The answer, of course, was yes.

A remark made to us by President Henry Belk of the North Carolina Press Association at the luncheon here Friday should allude to the good ladies of all ages in Southport. They deserve all of the credit for the luncheon, serving and table decorations. Seated next to us, Mr. President Belk turned and said: "This is the most unusual

Old Friends



GREETINGS—W. B. Keziah, left, Southport newspaper man, welcomes President Henry Belk of the N. C. Press Association to the luncheon program given Friday by citizens of Southport to visiting members of the press. Both Keziah and President Belk are natives of Union county, and both got their start in the newspaper business with the Monroe Journal.—(Art Newton Photo.)

Press Association Enjoys Luncheon

Blow Up Wreck Out On Shoals

When the Moja on which she was a passenger for a fishing trip on Sunday, June 3, hit a partially submerged wreck and sank, Mrs. W. F. Dyer of Whiteville resolved that the same fate would not befall any other party if she could help it.

She wrote to Senator Willis Smith, urging that the wreck be removed as a hazard to navigation. She received an acknowledgement, together with assurance received by the Senator from the U. S. Engineers, that the wreck would be removed.

Friday the first phase of this job was performed by a crew from the Wilmington office. On Monday the work of dynamiting the protruding sections was completed. The only casualty of the operation were hundreds of fish, some of them giant sheep head and trout, for whom the wreck was a favorite haunt.

Jury List For September Term

Court Which Convenes Here On Monday, September 17, Will Feature Several Interesting Cases

The September term of Brunswick County Superior court will convene here on the 17th with Judge Walter J. Bone presiding. Indications are that this term will hold more interest than any held here in recent years.

In addition to about 35 important matters that are to come up there are two murder cases and one charging rape. J. G. "Pat" O'Quinn of the Calabash community is scheduled to be tried for the murder of his wife and Henry Wilson Davis, negro living between Southport and Supply, will also face a murder charge growing out of his alleged fatal stabbing of another negro several months ago.

Of equal interest with the two murder cases, R. C. Hewett, young white married man of the Supply community, is charged with raping a 12 year old white girl of the same community. Both Hewett and O'Quinn are in jail without the privilege of bond. The Negro was released on a \$5,000 bond.

At their regular meeting here Monday the board of county commissioners drew the names of 36 men who will serve as trial jurors at the term. The Brunswick grand jury is a 12-month body that begins serving the first of each year.

The September jurymen are as follows: S. C. Tripp, P. J. Marlowe, Neil Gupton, Cyrus Meares, Grover Floyd, Dewey Grissett, B. A. (Continued on page 4)

One-Hundred-Seventy-Five Press Visitors Attended Meeting At Community Building In Southport On Friday

VISITED POINTS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Bus And Boat Trips Preceded Visit To Orton Where Mrs Sprunt Entertained Members Of Press

Citizens of Southport were hosts Friday to about 175 members of the North Carolina Press Association at a seafood luncheon served in the community building.

The press group came to Southport from Wrightsville Beach following a morning business session, and the remainder of the day was dedicated to a period of fun and recreation.

The community building was appropriately decorated for the occasion, and arrangements were made to seat 200 guests. Colorful plates of seafood delicacies were already placed before the visitors entered the building, and only an informal program interrupted their luncheon.

President Henry Belk of Goldsboro called the group to order, and the invocation was by L. S. Thompson of Whiteville. Mayor H. W. Hood then spoke a brief welcome, and response was by Josh Horne, publisher of the Rocky Mount Telegram. Guests were delighted with the announcement that all table decorations, which included seashells, sea horses, drift wood and venus flytraps, were to be regarded as favors, and each began choosing the most likely booty within his reach.

A number of Art Newton watercolors were hung for the occasion, and the young Southport artist was introduced to the group. He responded by presenting to President Belk a painting which he recently completed of a typical Southport waterfront scene. (Continued on page 4)

Tour Arranged For Thursday

Representatives Of Various Wilmington Civic Organizations Will Join Brunswick Leaders For Trip

Wilmington business men will stage a goodwill trip to Brunswick county tomorrow (Thursday), the visit being in connection with the Junior Dairy Show that is to be held in Wilmington on September 27-28.

The group will leave Wilmington at 8 o'clock and should arrive at Supply shortly before 9 o'clock, meeting at the office of County Agent A. S. Knowles. From there they will be escorted to various farms, the major (Continued on page 4)

Baptist Assembly In Final Week Of Summer Program

Fellowship Week In Progress This Week, With Chief Emphasis Upon Congregational Music

YOUNG FOLKS ARE ALSO PRESENT

Representatives Of Several Youth Organizations From Various Sections Of The State At Caswell This Week

This is the 8th and closing week of conferences for the season, for the Baptist Seaside Assembly and has been designated as Fellowship Week. Beginning Monday it will last through Sunday, August 26. Prof. Thane McDonald of Wake Forest College is conducting classes and conferences in music. He will conclude his part of the program Friday evening with a program of music to which the public is invited.

All during this week inspirational messages are being delivered each day at noon and again in the evening. Some of the speakers are Dr. J. W. Angel, Campbell College; Rev. Chas. A. Maddrey, Durham; Dr. Owen Herring, Wake Forest and Rev. Carlton Mitchell of Zebulon.

In addition to Fellowship week activities, this week is featuring two camps for girls and boys and a state-wide camp for Junior G. A.'s and a camp for 4-H Club girls and boys.

The assembly has had a great summer, Dr. Redwine states. Each of the conference weeks have brought attendance beyond expectations.

The past week, credited with being one of the best of the year at the Baptist Assembly, brought approximately a thousand registrants to Fort Caswell. Dr. Richard K. Redwine, director of the assembly, states that the attendance this season has already exceeded 5,000.

The past week was on the program as Baptist Training Week. Some 40 speakers, conference leaders and teachers led in the activities. Among these leaders were Harvey Gibson of the Baptist Training Department, Nashville, Tenn., Rev. J. Winston Pearce and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce of Durham; Dr. Perry Langston of Campbell College; Dr. Ralph McLean, Meredith College; Rev. Stanley Howard and Mrs. Stanley Howard, Lake Waccamaw. (Continued on page 4)

County Board In Session Monday

Board Orders That Reports Of Electrical And Plumbing Inspection Shall Be Submitted To Them

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session Monday.

On a motion of Commissioner H. O. Peterson, seconded by Commissioner R. L. Rabon, it was ordered that electrical wiring and plumbing be inspected when installed and a report made to the commissioners on the conditions found.

A petition was presented and approved requesting the State Highway Commission to pave the streets on each side of the court (Continued on page 3)

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, August 23	
0:09 a. m.	6:15 a. m.
12:44 p. m.	6:55 p. m.
Friday, August 24	
0:56 a. m.	7:04 a. m.
1:36 p. m.	7:33 p. m.
Saturday, August 25	
1:48 a. m.	7:58 a. m.
2:30 p. m.	8:54 p. m.
Sunday, August 26	
2:48 a. m.	8:56 a. m.
3:26 p. m.	9:55 p. m.
Monday, August 27	
3:46 a. m.	9:54 a. m.
4:20 p. m.	10:50 p. m.
Tuesday, August 28	
4:42 a. m.	10:48 a. m.
5:10 p. m.	11:38 p. m.
Wednesday, August 29	
5:33 a. m.	11:38 a. m.
5:56 p. m.	0:00 p. m.