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Legal Barrier May Stop Cape Fear Project

Attorney General Harry McMullan Expresses Opinion That A Bill Authorizing Work Is Unconstitutional

ADVISES COURT ACTION IN CASE

Proposal Said To Be Covered By Law Ruling Out Special Or Local Legislation On Ferries

The Southport-Carolina Beach ferry bill ran into a legal snag last week when Attorney General Harry McMullan advised R. Brooks Peterson, general counsel for the State Highway Commission, that there is good reason to believe that the Brunswick County Ferry Bill is in conflict with one section of the State Constitution.

The 1951 General Assembly adopted the ferry act largely through the insistence of Brunswick county's Senator R. Bun Frink.

In brief, the act directed the State Highway Commission to install and operate a ferry across Cape Fear River between Fort Fisher and Southport. It also provided the commission should issue \$200,000 worth of bonds to buy and launch the new service on a toll basis. The tolls collected would be used to pay operating costs, and to pay off the bonds.

Highway engineers recently made a study of the proposed ferry route. From their own observations and from information drawn from veteran watermen, they came to the conclusion the route was impractical. A sea-going vessel would be needed, they reported, to ply the mouth of the Cape Fear in stormy and choppy weather. The only safe route, they claimed, would be farther up the river.

Peters expressed his doubts to McMullan by formal letter. "The question arises in our minds," he wrote, "as to whether (the ferry act) is not such local, private or special legislation as is prohibited by Article II, Section 29, of the Constitution of North Carolina."

The points involved, he noted, look very similar to the points raised in a recent State Supreme Court decision.

"We would like to have an opinion from your office," Peters added, "as to whether you consider (the act) unconstitutional."

Article II, Section 29 provides in part: "The General Assembly shall not pass any local, private or special act or resolution . . . authorizing the laying out, operating, altering, maintaining or discontinuing of highways, streets or alleys; relating to ferries or bridges . . ."

McMullan replied, also by formal letter, the ferry act "is very definitely a special act of the General Assembly relating to a ferry across the Cape Fear River (Continued On Page Two)

Southport Youth Receives Degree

Claude Ford, Jr., Graduated From State College With Degree In Mechanical Engineering

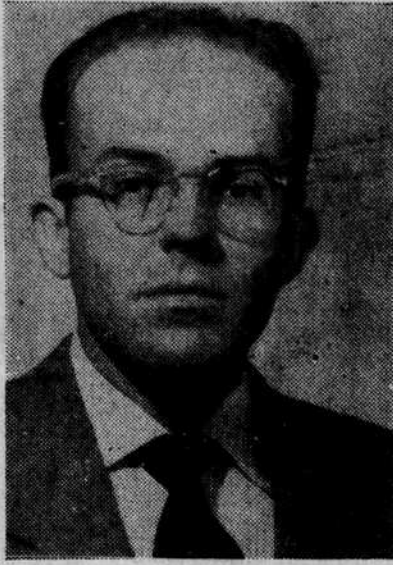
Claude Ford, Jr., who graduated this summer from N. C. State College in Raleigh with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, has accepted a position with the Chet Adams Co., sales engineers, in Greensboro.

The duties of his new job call for making bids on major building projects, and his firm represents several leading manufacturers.

During his undergraduate days at State College Ford was active in various student activities and served as president of the Baptist Student Union. He recently completed graduate work at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

Ford is a veteran of World War II, and continued his education following his discharge from service.

He is the son of Mrs. Grace P. Ford of Southport.



Baptists Close Assembly After Successful Year

Larger Crowds Attended Weekly Programs During Abbreviated Season Which Came To Close Sunday

TRAINING UNION CROWDS LARGEST

Accommodations Found To Be Inadequate During At Least Two Weeks During Summer

Caswell Baptist Assembly has just closed a most successful season, the success of which has been a source of embarrassment at times. For four of the eight weeks some of the facilities have been taxed to the limit and beyond.

During the two Training Union weeks the Assembly accommodations were over-crowded. The auditorium was inadequate, the store was too crowded, class rooms were lacking and other facilities were not sufficient for the crowds. The Training Union crowds could not be seated in the auditorium and other groups just about filled it.

Total attendance this year was 5062 as compared with 4708 last year, an increase of 354, and the season was two weeks shorter than last year. Paid registrations this year were 3731, which is an increase over last year of 1371.

The average weekly attendance this year was 630 as compared with 471 last year, an increase of 162. Following is the attendance by weeks: First week, 1030; second week, 402; third week, 719; fourth week, 698; fifth week, 363; sixth week, 487; seventh week 890, and eighth week, 475.

The average stay of guests this year has been more than twice as long as last year. Delegates came for the conference and a big percent of them stayed through to the end.

"The programs have been exceptionally good and the spirit of the assembly has been remarkably good," said Dr. Richard K. Redwine, director.

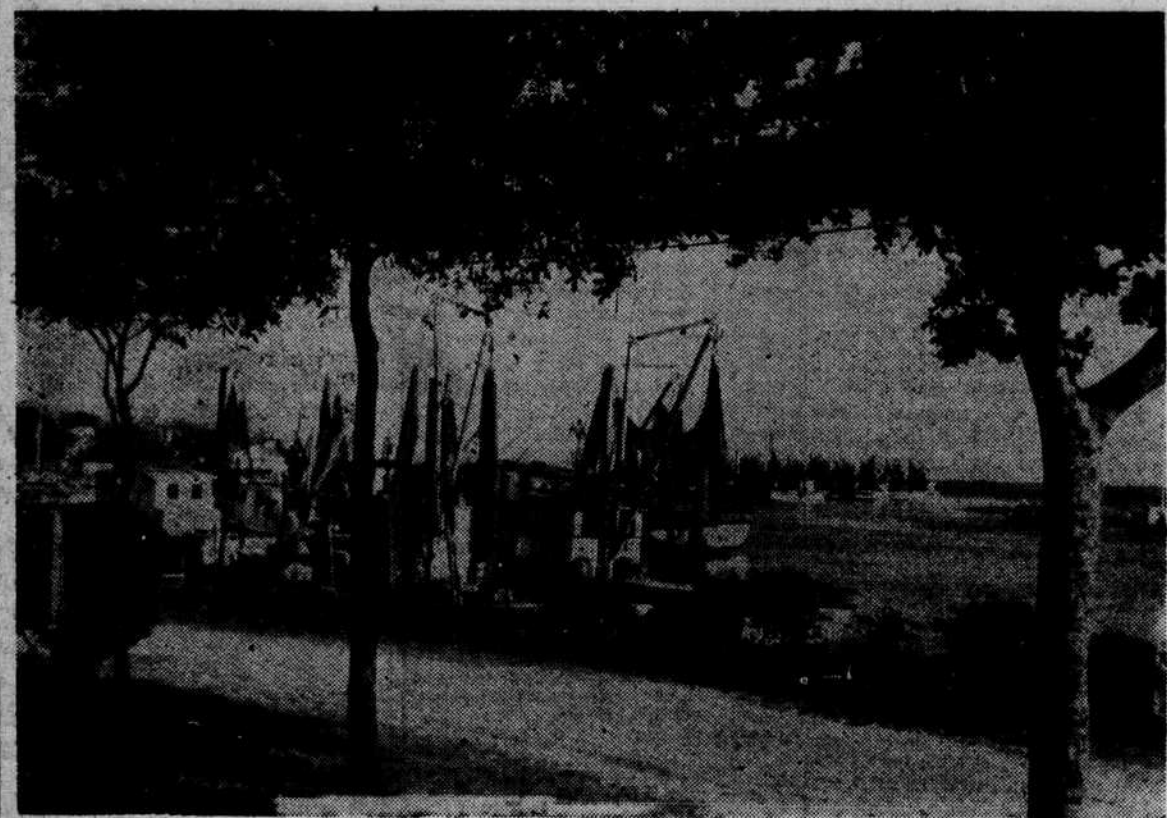
Eddie Spencer Is Found Guilty

Southport Man Tried For Drunk Driving And Reckless Operation In Case Growing Out Of Injury To Three Local Boys

In Recorder's Court Monday Eddie Spencer, Southport white man, was found guilty of charges of driving drunk and reckless operation. He was given 90 days on the roads with the alternative of paying a fine of \$100 and the costs. He gave notice of appeal to Superior Court. The case grew out of three white boys being seriously injured, three weeks ago when their bicycle was struck by a car said to have been operated by Spencer. This case took most of the day.

Other cases heard during the day were as follows: Richard Raymond Murrell, (Continued On Page 2)

Southport Boats Back To Work



SHRIMPING—Southport shrimping boats are back at work following a temporary tie-up while owners were engaged in controversy with the Board of Conservation and Development over license rates.

Shrimp Boats Go Back In Operation

Asking Bids On Funston Roads

Brunswick county will share in road work specified by the State Highway Commission for letting on August 28, Chairman Henry W. Jordan announced this week.

The project will be financed under the bond issue program and involves the hard surfacing of 12.9 miles from Funston to the river road near Town Creek bridge, front NC 303 to Funston, from US 17 at Merritt's saw mill to Mill Creek Church, and Bolivia to NC 303.

Low bids involved at the letting will be canvassed by the commission at its next regular meeting on September 1.

Last-Minute Appeal To Governor Kerr Scott Fails To Relieve The Inequalities Against Which Protest Is Aimed

BOATS GO BACK TO WORK TUESDAY

New License Fee Based Upon Gross Tonnage Places Penalty Upon Southport Shrimping Fleet

Southport shrimping boats were back at work Tuesday after paying their state license under protest.

This followed a stormy week-end during which there were threats by the enforcement division of the Fisheries Commission to confiscate the Southport boats unless they paid their license; a counter movement on the part of the boat owners to tie up their boats rather than to pay what they have termed an unfair tax; and a last minute conference on Sunday evening with Governor W. Kerr Scott at the mansion in Raleigh.

Basis of the next tax is \$1.50 per gross ton, and since this amounts to very little more than the old fee of \$5.00 per boat and \$5.00 per net for small boats, the most of the owners along the coast had gone ahead and paid.

The Southport shrimping boat owners have gone in for much larger and more substantial vessels in recent years in order to be able to carry on operations in Southport waters during late fall and winter months. This not only means that on the gross ton basis they will be required to pay a tax from five to ten times greater than their old figure, but it means there is grave danger of upsetting the ticklish reciprocal agreement which has been in existence between North Carolina and Southport.

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Churches Have Good Records

Rev. W. R. Moorehead Reports One-Hundred Percent Participation In Vacation Bible School Program

The Brunswick Baptist Association has the enviable record of every church having held a Vacation Bible School this year. The highest grade reached was A.A. and reached by Jennie's Branch with total points of nine hundred and ninety. Mill Creek church followed with over nine hundred and (Continued On Page 2)

Brief News Flashes

SISTER DIES
A. L. Lind has received news of the death of his sister, Mrs. John J. Engstrand, of Bridgeport, Conn., on August 19.

OFFICE TO CLOSE
The Selective Service Office in Southport will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week and also will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day.

LEGION DANCE
The Shallotte Post of the American Legion will begin their regular series of fall at the hut at Shallotte, Saturday night. These events are staged each fall and winter and are largely attended.

NEW STORE
Work began Monday on a new store building at Long Beach. It is being constructed for Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cromer on a second row lot just west of the pavilion, and will be of masonry construction.

TRASH CANS
The city has purchased new trash containers which will be placed at strategic points in the business district. "I hope that our citizens will cooperate with us by making use of these facilities," said Mayor H. W. Hood today. "We are anxious to keep our streets looking as neat as possible, and the people certainly can help us by placing paper and trash in these containers."

Brunswick Schools Open Fall Term

County - Wide Teachers Meetings Held Tuesday In Southport With Final Program Being Outlined

EXPECT ENROLLMENT NEAR 5,000 MARK

Failure To Complete Union Colored School Has Created Some Difficulty, But Classes Are Held

Brunswick county schools opened this morning for the fall term, and Superintendent J. T. Denning estimates that total enrollment should reach 5,100.

The vacancies in the high school faculty at Shallotte are the only missing places in a full strength teaching corps. These are for social subjects and for 8th grade, and one of the vacancies was caused by a last minute resignation.

A meeting of principals of the five consolidated schools Tuesday morning was followed by a county-wide teachers' meeting. In the afternoon Superintendent Denning met with the colored principals, then with the teachers.

The only serious problem in connection with starting school in a normal manner is presented by failure to complete the Union School building for colored students near Shallotte. At the present time it is one-half ready for occupancy, which will make it necessary for LaSavannah school to continue in operation.

In use for the first time this session will be three new rooms at Leland school, 3 new rooms at Bolivia, two new rooms at Southport, 5 new rooms at Shallotte and 3 new rooms at Waccamaw. The Leland colored school also is ready for use, as is the new building at Brunswick County Training School in Southport.

Schedule Given For Farm Meets

Series Of Meetings Scheduled For Various Points In The County For Purpose Of Stream-Lining Farm Activities

The schedule of meetings to be held in Brunswick county in the U. S. Department of Agriculture's family farm policy review has been announced by Leo F. Medline, Chairman of the County Agricultural Mobilization Committee.

The review meetings, which all farmers, farm organization representatives and others interested in Brunswick county agriculture are invited to attend, will be held at the following times and places:

Bolivia School, Tuesday, September 4.
Shallotte School, Wednesday, September 5.
Southport Courthouse, Tuesday, September 11.
Leland School, Friday, September 14.

Supply, Agriculture building, September 18.

The meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:30 p. m.

Suggestions on farm programs and service which should be eliminated, changed or strengthened or enlarged are sought from all individual farmers and from all (Continued On Page 2)

Mrs. Livingston Acting-Postmaster

Mrs. Marjorie Livingston, recently sworn in as acting postmaster at Southport during the period while Postmaster J. E. Russ is on active duty with the Navy, has announced the appointment of Miss Lula Marie Swan as a clerk in the office.

Miss Swan has been deputy register of deeds in the office of Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton for several years. She will be on her duties at the post office on Saturday, September 1. Mr. Walton has not announced who will replace her in his office.

Mrs. Edna Bell continues as chief clerk, a position she has held with the post office for many years. Mrs. Arthur Weeks will also continue as a substitute clerk and for regular duty during rush periods. The office has been rather short handed during the past month.

Walton Named FHA Committee

Young Farmer Of Hickmans Cross Roads Replaces D. B. Frink As Member Of County Committee

The Farmers Home Administration act provides for the establishment of a County committee in each county in which the Farmers Home Administration program is carried on, and Amos J. Walton, Jr., of the Hickman's Crossroads section has been appointed for a three-year term to the Brunswick County FHA committee by the Secretary of Agriculture to replace D. Bert Frink of Shallotte whose three year term of service expired as of June 30. Other members serving on this committee are Paul Brown Leland, and G. Floyd Kirby of the Supply section. The term of office of committeemen are arranged so that one appointment expires each year. It is required that at least two members of this committee be farmers who live on farms and derive the principal part of their income from farming.

The duties of this committee are to advise with County Supervisor on matters concerning the operation of the County FHA program. They have a definite responsibility in (1) Determining eligibility of applicants, for all types of assistance; (2) Passing upon farms being considered for purchase, enlargement, development or Farm Housing assistance; (3) Reviewing applications for compromises and adjustments.

Farmers living in Brunswick county, who need financial assistance in making adjustments on their farm, and are unable to get it at reasonable rates and terms from other credit agencies should file their application with the Farmers Home Administration, which is located in the Old REA building in Shallotte. These applications will be reviewed by the County Committee as rapidly as possible and applicants will be advised as to whether they are eligible for the type of as- (Continued On Page 2)

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

In some sections of Brunswick there are a great many families named Bennett. In Southport there are only two white families that have that name so far as we know. By some quirk both given and surnames are identical. Sam T. Bennett is Clerk of the Superior Court and is now building a tourist court here. The other Sam T. Bennett is employed as an engineer on a tug in Wilmington. The two S. T. Bennetts live just across the street from each other. To sort of tell which one is being referred to the Clerk of Court is called Sam T. Bennett and his neighbor answers to Tommy Bennett.

With the 1951-52 session of school starting today the paper will miss one of its school reporters, Miss Kathleen Clemmons, who has been keeping folks advised as to the happenings of the Shallotte school for the past three years. Miss Clemmons graduated this past spring and is now preparing to enter Meredith college. It is hoped that someone else will take up where she left (Continued On Page Four)

Large Mackerel Provide Sport

The Fishing Parties Visiting Southport During Recent Days Have Had Good Luck With These Fish

Among the visiting sport fishermen the Spanish mackerel are now holding the spotlight. They provide real sport and at the same time they are about the most choice food fish that can be taken for the table. They bite in about any sort of weather in which a boat can go out.

Only Captain Howard Victor of the Cadet has taken the trouble to report on his party catches this week. In one or two other cases reports have come in from the fishing parties.

Saturday with a heavy north-east wind blowing a party of four went out with Captain Victor and brought in 250 fine mackerel, 28 big bluefish and 2 barracuda. Composing this party were Palmer Hudson, Kings Mountain; Lewis Garner, Lynchburg, Va.; Thad Henson and M. E. Molomson, Shelby.

Sunday the Cadet brought in 225 mackerel and one king mackerel. (Continued On Page Two)

School Accident Insurance Policy Will Be Offered

Insurance Program Has Been Expanded To Provide More Complete Coverage For Children This Year

PROTECTION TO COST 75 CENTS FOR YEAR

Each Student Will Have Opportunity To Make His Payment At Beginning Of New Term

It was announced today by Superintendent J. T. Denning of the Brunswick county school system that a school child accident insurance program similar to that carried last year will be offered to the students of the county schools this coming term.

Last year's program proved to be an outstanding success, which exceeded all expectations. The insurance company in payment of claims arising from injuries sustained in connection with school accidents, issued 140 checks, totaling approximately \$2,250, to pay for the cost of 140 treatments rendered.

Mr. Denning explained that while the board of education and the schools themselves have no legal liability in connection with accidental injuries received by children in the performance of their school activities, this has always been a matter of serious concern to school authorities. The accident insurance program greatly relieves an unfortunate situation for it assures every child who pays the small premium involved of adequate and complete medical care and hospitalization.

A master policy will be issued and held in the office of the superintendent. The cost of the insurance is \$1.25 per year per child, each student will be given the opportunity to bring his payment to school. When the payment is received the student's name will be placed upon a list of insureds that is attached to the policy. The program has the support of the PTA, the school board, the principals and the teachers but the most enthusiastic praise comes from those who were unfortunate enough to sustain injuries during the past school year.

Mr. Denning further stated that the coverage of the policy goes into force one hour before school takes in and insures the students against any type of accident that occurs while on the way to school. The coverage remains in force throughout the course of the regular school day and goes out of force one hour after being dismissed. This gives complete coverage for injuries sustained on the way to school, in the school building, on the school grounds and on the way home from school.

Even though the general coverage of the policy terminates one hour after the student is dismissed, special provisions are made for those who participate in the school athletic program. Any injury sustained while practicing for or playing in a school sponsored athletic contest (high school football excluded) is fully insured. Also the athlete is protected while traveling as a member of an athletic team if the vehicle in which he is riding is under school supervision.

While none of the school child accident insurance programs will cover social events such as school parties, dances and picnics, this particular one does have special (Continued On Page Two)

Burgaw Meeting Being Planned To Organize

Southeastern North Carolina Development Council Will Hold Meeting Friday, September 7

An organizational meeting of the proposed Southeastern N. C. Development Council, of which Columbus and Brunswick counties are a part, has been set for Friday, September 7, at 7:30 p. m., in Burgaw, according to Marion Shuffler of Raleigh, who has been assigned the task of helping organize the group by the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

The proposed group will be composed of eight Southeastern counties and representatives from each county is expected to attend. However, Mr. Shuffler said any and all citizens of each county are cordially invited.

Among those scheduled to appear in brief talks on the evening's program will be Brandon Hodges, State Treasurer of Raleigh. His talk will not be political, according to Mr. Shuffler, and should be interesting to all who attend.

Mr. Shuffler reported that he had recently completed a visit to each of the eight counties and that he found each one very enthusiastic in support of the proposed organization's plans. He expressed the hope that many leading citizens from this county would attend the organizational meeting in Burgaw next Friday evening.

County Native Passes Sunday

Thomas Stanland Died At Home In New Britain, Conn., Where He Has Been In Business For Many Years

Thomas Stanland died at his home in New Britain, Conn., early Sunday morning. He had been in failing health for a number of years.

Mr. Stanland was the eldest son of the late Sheriff and Mrs. Stanland of Brunswick county. While discharging his duty in attempting to arrest a man named Walker near Shallotte, Sheriff Stanland was shot and killed about 32 years ago. Thomas, the eldest son, took over the task of heading the family of younger brothers and sisters. He never married.

Along with some of the younger members of the family he moved to New Britain about 19 years ago and was engaged in the automobile business there until failing health brought about his retirement.

Surviving are the following brothers and sisters, Herman Stanland of Charleston, S. C.; Chancey Stanland of the U. S. Coast Guard at Oak Island; Eddie Stanland of New Britain, Conn.; Mrs. Edwin Doshier of Southport; Mrs. Ben O'Brien, Old Saybrook, Conn.; Mrs. Cronlon M. Davis, Miami, Fla.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the graveside at the Chapel Hill cemetery near Shallotte. Rev. H. B. Bennett officiated.

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 30	
6:19 a. m.	0:22 a. m.
6:38 p. m.	12:24 p. m.
Friday, August 31	
7:00 a. m.	1:01 a. m.
7:17 p. m.	1:07 p. m.
Saturday, September 1	
7:38 a. m.	1:38 a. m.
7:54 p. m.	1:47 p. m.
Sunday, September 2	
8:15 a. m.	2:13 a. m.
8:28 p. m.	2:28 p. m.
Monday, September 3	
8:52 a. m.	2:48 a. m.
9:03 p. m.	3:08 p. m.
Tuesday, September 4	
9:32 a. m.	3:23 a. m.
9:40 p. m.	3:51 p. m.
Wednesday, September 5	
10:15 a. m.	4:01 a. m.
10:23 p. m.	4:36 p. m.