

## New Channel For Cape Fear River Proposed As Part Of Local Defense Development

Thirty-Five Foot Channel East Of Bald Head Island May Be Feature Of Sunny Point Defense Development

HAS IMPORTANT PEACETIME USE

Project Would Eliminate Necessity Of Southbound Ships To Pass Tip Of Frying Pan To Come Here

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Southport harbor and Sunny Point basin improvements that are reported to be on the immediate agenda will be of general shipping interest, both to coastwise traffic and shipping in the great lanes that lie off Frying Pans or Cape Fear Shoals.

According to present information it appears that within a year or so shipping will be able to come in from either the east or west and pass around the butt of the shoals instead of going far out to sea to avoid the rough and often impassable shoals.

This change will come about through the opening of a new 35-foot entrance just east of Bald Head Island, presumably through Corncake Inlet. The old channel or entrance between Bald Head Island and Southport will also be maintained at 35 feet, the information says.

Ships coming down the coast will not have to go around Frying Pan Shoals. They can turn in east of Bald Head Island to go to Wilmington, Sunny Point or Southport. If the weather is very bad around the shoals they can merely come in east of the island, pass Southport and out again between Bald Head and Fort Caswell. In effect, this will be an inside passage route when one is necessary.

Ships going east can turn in at Southport, taking an inside passage to escape the shoals, turning out after passing Southport and regain the ocean above the rough waters of the shoals. Likewise all shipping from the west with cargoes due at Southport, Sunny Point or Wilmington, will come in through the present channel.

In some instances nearly a hundred miles of travel will be saved. To illustrate this fact, a ship bound from the west to the east with a partial cargo for Southport, Wilmington or Sunny Point and with the rest of the load to go on east, can come in through the westward channel and go out through the eastern channel without the long trip around the shoals. The same thing holds good for west bound ships with

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### Brief News Flashes

#### BENEFIT BARBECUE

A barbecue supper for the benefit of the Shalotte high school band will be served in the lunchroom tomorrow (Thursday) evening, beginning at 6 o'clock.

#### CONFERENCE CONVENES

The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church convenes at Grace Methodist Church in Wilmington today and will continue through Sunday. Mrs. Elizabeth Brunson is a delegate from Trinity Methodist Church in Southport.

#### SHALLOTTE PTA

An organizational meeting of a Parent-Teacher Association for Shalotte high school will be held Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All patrons and friends of the school are urged to attend. Arrangements have been made to have a State official present for this meeting.

#### PAINFULLY HURT

Tommie Garner of the Bolivia Lumber Co., sustained painful injuries Friday when he was struck across the face with a limb which had been pushed back by a piece of logging machinery. On Saturday his eyes were swollen shut and there was some fear that vision might be impaired permanently. Later developments have indicated that he will completely recover.

### Prospective Channel Site



DAM—In 1885 work was commenced on a rock and concrete dam for the purpose of blocking the waters of the Atlantic Ocean from the Cape Fear river by way of New Inlet. The job required 18 years for completion. Now a project is under consideration to open a second channel from the Cape Fear to the ocean, and it is possible that the new entrance will be at or near the site of the inlet which was closed more than half-century ago.

### Brunswick Man Declines Life Out Of Prison

Woodrow Hart Voluntarily Returns To Central Prison To Complete Terms Of Sentence

Woodrow Hart, convicted of the knife slaying of Ed Wescott, is back in State prison after getting a 60-day parole in February of this year. Before he was given his parole his sentence was due to expire August 29, 1952. Now it will be May 3, 1953 before he gets out.

When he was given a 60-day parole in February it was in the nature of a 60-day leave to visit and work for a sister in Kentucky. He failed to make reports to the parole office. The parole office tried unsuccessfully to contact him or his sister and he was finally listed as an absconder and the Kentucky police were asked to pick him up.

It appears that the Kentucky police did not pick him up, but this week he reappeared at the prison with the statement that he would rather serve out his term than live on the outside under parole supervision. His request, of course, was granted, with some months extra tacked on the original sentence for his failure to comply with the parole conditions.

### Production Is Key Farm Need

PMA Chairman Leo Medlin Sees Need For Maximum Land Use On Part Of Brunswick Farmers

The production from every farm and the protection of every acre on every farm is needed if agriculture is to continue to provide for the Nation's needs, says Leo F. Medlin, Chairman of the Brunswick County PMA Committee.

To make sure there is enough food and fiber to meet the Nation's needs for a strong defense and to take care of a growing population in the years to come, in the chairman's opinion a sound program for maintaining farm production capacity is essential.

He points out that the general fertility level of our soils is still going down. Soil improvement has helped a great deal on many farms, but it has not yet reached the point where it balances the losses of soil and fertility on other farms.

Each year we are taking nearly twice as much plant nutrients out of the soil by cropping alone as we are returning, the chairman explains. It is not uncommon in some areas for erosion and leaching to take more than 20

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### Fishing Prospects Is Best Of Season

With Good Weather In Prospect And Plenty Of Game Fish Reported In This Area, Fishing Should Be Good

#### KING MACKEREL CATCH REPORTED

These Fine Fish And Plenty Of Bluefish Promise Good Sport For Visiting Parties For Next Few Weeks

Today brought the most favorable indication of good sport fishing weather that has been seen at any time this year, with spotted weather of the past week apparently broken. Bluefish are numerous on the shoals and out on the gulf the special attraction is king mackerel. An extra fine good fish, now averaging better than 10 pounds each in weight, the king mackerel are something for the sportsmen to hold in high regard.

With the nearer bluefish on the shoals some of the parties have a hard time resisting the temptation to stop and fill their tubs with blues instead of going to the gulf for the kingfish. Only two boats reported on gulf stream trips yesterday, and one of these parties slowed down on their way and hauled in 106 blues before going on to the gulf.

Some of the parties and catches of the past week were as follows:  
Claude Godwin, W. E. Godwin, Jr., Clyde Odum, David Godwin, John Wilson, all of Fayetteville, 35 king mackerel, 106 blues, 8 amberjacks, 5 bonita . . . J. M. . . .  
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### Albert S. Dixon Dies Thursday

Elderly Lockwoods Folly Resident Dies Following Period Of Poor Health

Albert Sidney Dixon, 83-year old resident of Lockwoods Folly township, died Thursday afternoon. He had been in failing health for a number of years.

Funeral services were held from the home Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. J. M. Carroll of the Methodist church officiating. Burial was held in the Dixon Chapel Methodist church cemetery.

Mr. Dixon is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cornelia Robinson Dixon; by two sons, A. L. Dixon and Raleigh Dixon, both of Supply.

### Shalotte Man Robbery Victim

Carl Andrews, Shalotte business man, was painfully beaten and robbed of an undisclosed sum of money Saturday night by unidentified assailants in South Carolina.

According to reports of the indictment, the Shalotte merchant had most of the receipts of the day's business on his person when he decided to visit an eating place across the State line for a late supper following the close of his store.

Sheriff E. V. Leonard, who received a report on the assault and robbery on Monday, contacted Sheriff C. E. Sasser of Horry county in an effort to apprehend the guilty party and to help recover some of the loss, particularly several checks.

#### PTA MEETING

The Southport Parent-Teacher Association will meet tomorrow (Thursday) p. m., at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium.



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The fact that residents of the defense area have not yet been asked or ordered to move out is not to be taken to mean that construction work will have to wait until they have time to move after the orders to vacate are given. For all knowledge to the contrary, construction work may begin before any of the residents of the area are ordered to vacate their homes. The dispatches from Washington have stated that as much as 18 months may be required to finish the construction. But the whole huge land area will not see immediate construction work. Home owners in some areas may not be required to move out for several weeks or months after the work starts. But they will have to move, that much is certain. Residents of the area may as well begin now making their future plans. Washington has classed the local project as "immediate." Meaning that it is to start at once. No one should be fooled or anticipate delay in construction because of the fact that home owners in the area

### Vote Saturday On Question Of Research Fund

Farmers Will Have Opportunity To Decide Whether To Contribute Five-Cents Per Ton For This Cause

#### NICKELS FOR KNOW HOW GOES TO TEST

Small Payment Believed Important To Finance Agricultural Research Program In State

Brunswick county farmers and all others that buy livestock feed or fertilizer are eligible to vote in Saturday's referendum. To decide whether to contribute 5 cents per ton on all feed and fertilizer they buy to the Agricultural Research Fund.

The ballot will be worded as follows: "For expanding agricultural research and making research information more available to the farmers by adding five cents per ton to the purchase price of feed, fertilizer and or their ingredients. . . . For. . . . Against."

Polling places in Brunswick County are: Waccamaw township at the Waccamaw school, Shallotte township at Russ Store in Grissetown; Lockwood Folly township at J. M. Parker in Supply; Smithfield township at Midway filling station on Supply and Southport highway; Town Creek township at A. P. Henry Store in Winnabow; and North-west township at Rourk Store in Leland.

The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m. on November 3. All persons voting will sign their names on a register at the time of voting.

### Lengthy Docket Heard In Court

Numerous Cases Disposed Of Before Judge W. J. McLamb Here In Recorder's Court Monday

A lengthy docket was disposed of before Judge W. J. McLamb in Brunswick County Recorder's Court here Monday, with the following cases being disposed of: Samuel Jackson, failure to stop at scene of accident, fined \$25 and costs.

Otis Johnson, overloading, no pros with leave.

George Smith, improper brakes, adjudged to pay costs.

Robert Henderson Williams, no operator's license, fined \$25 and costs.

Harry Winston Tharp, drunk driving, not guilty.

Velma Watts, drunken driving, fined \$100 and costs.

Johnny Lee McDowell, overloading, costs.

Luke Watkins, overloading, adjudged to pay half the costs.

Carl McCormick, no operator's license, fined \$25 and costs.

Holly Johnson, improper auto equipment, prayer for judgment continued.

Willie Greenhouse, overloading, adjudged to pay half the costs.

Grady Herring, public drunkenness, fined \$23.25 and costs.

Jessie Rhodes, public drunkenness, (Continued on page 4)

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have not yet been given notice.

In this, what you might call the beginning of the evolution of Southport the trouble is not in getting you to buy, it is in getting the other fellow to sell. There is plenty of vacant land that can be obtained for business purposes inside and outside the town. Getting places that have buildings is another matter. It seems that a great deal of the future of the town depends on getting people who will buy land for the purpose of constructing both residential and business buildings. Such folks will come alright in time, but the longer we delay in getting them the slower will be the economic progress.

Anything that provides a payroll is an industry. The sensible way of looking at things now will result in our citizens seeing that they have secured the second biggest military industry in Southeastern North Carolina as a result of the recent handouts by (Continued on page 4)

## Consideration Will Be Paid To Displacement Of Brunswick Citizens

### Tells How Sunny Point Got Name

Letter From Man Who Was Born There Gives Interesting Information Regarding Defense Site

From B. B. Sorensen of Apalachicola, Fla., comes the answer to a question put in this paper two or three weeks ago. The question was regarding how Sunny Point got its name, and when Mr. Sorensen, who lived here at Sunny Point until about 20 years ago, has all the answers. He writes:

"I am the son of the late Oscar Sorensen. My father purchased the land from Frank Hewett in 1865, just after the civil war. My father lived there for a year and then left. Returning two years later he got a small boat and freighted all kinds of things to Wilmington. I was born there at Sunny Point.

"When my father found he could not make a go of things freighting stuff to Wilmington he went on the Cutter Colfax in 1869. Later he was appointed keeper of the river lights and he held this job for 45 years." The family was living at Sunny Point

all of this time." "The place was not named until 1886. My dad had a party one day and among those present was a Doctor Nelson. It was a bright, sunny morning and just as the sun came up across the river Dr. Nelson said, "We will call this place Sunny Point." The place has gone by that name ever since and if you have ever been there on a clear morning I think you will agree that the name is an appropriate one."

It may be mentioned here that Sunny Point is a long inward curve of the Cape Fear river. It faces squarely towards Fort Fisher and Kure Beach in New Hanover county. The sun comes up over water and the name could not over two or three miles of glisten have been more aptly chosen.

The late C. Ed Taylor of Southport bought the land from B. B. Sorensen, who inherited it from his father, Oscar Sorensen, and (Continued On Page Five)

### Two Plans Under Consideration By Government, One Of Which Would Reduce Acreage To Be Acquired By Government

ST. PHILLIPS LIES WITHIN BOUNDARY

No Route For Railroad To Ammunition Depot Has Been Finally Decided, According To Statement

The proposed ammunition out-loading facility at Sunny Point on the Brunswick County side of the lower Cape Fear River would not include the historic Orton Plantation mansion and gardens, but famed St. Phillips Church and cemetery about one mile to the south would fall in the easement fringe of property involved.

This was the word today from Col. R. C. Brown, district engineer of the Wilmington District of the Corps of Engineers. The Wilmington District, he pointed out, has been charged with the drafting of plans and specifications for the project.

Col. Brown, who explained that the entire facility is in the planning stage only, had this to say about progress of the proposal so far:

The project embraces some 20, 200 acres of land fronting for better than seven miles on the Cape Fear river and reaching inland about five miles. Northern boundary of the area is located less than one mile south of Orton mansion while the southern boundary is just beyond Walden creek.

There are two plans currently under consideration. One recommends that the entire 20,200 acres to be purchased outright. This recommendation, it can be easily understood, would necessitate the removal of all people living within the area to other sites.

The other plan proposes that only 14,750 acres be acquired for operational purposes. The remaining 5,450 acres under this plan would be contracted for under an easement plan for a protective or buffer zone on the outer fringe. Resident of the easement area would not be required to vacate their homes and farms in contrast to those living in the operational area. There has been no decision on either plan so far because as Col. Brown advised, the project is in the planning stage and has yet to be acted upon by higher authority.

The government has expressly stated that changes in living conditions of people to be affected by the building of the facility be held to a minimum.

Col. Brown's announcement gave these additional details:

Twenty-one white families representing 85 people and 25 Negro families representing 170 inhabitants live within the operational area proposed in the second plan, while six families of 25 people occupy that area proposed for easement agreement.

Three churches are in the operational area, Bethel, St. Pauls and one near Reeves Point on (Continued on page five)

## Minister Accepts Call To Southport

### Proposals Asked For Postoffice

Post Office Inspector E. J. Kyle of Greensboro is inviting proposals for post office quarters at Southport for the period of five to 10 years, beginning on August 1, 1952.

The quarters must have floor space of about 1,500 square feet, must be in a good central location. Heat, light, power, water, toilet facilities, plumbing, heating and lighting fixtures, safe or vault and all necessary furniture must be in the lease.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. General information concerning the lease may be obtained from Postmaster Marjorie Livingston or from the inspector indicated above.

### Radcliff Will Fill Jail Job

Southport Man Has Been Working In Fayetteville For Several Months; Will Succeed Alex Williams As Deputy

Alex Williams, who for the past 11 months has served as deputy sheriff and jailer under Sheriff E. V. Leonard, has resigned and has accepted a position with the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Dredging Company. For Mr. Williams, this is a return to his lifelong occupation, for he has spent most of his life as an engineer on U. S. Government dredges.

In leaving his law enforcement position, Mr. Williams declared that he did so with regret, for he had thoroughly enjoyed his association with Sheriff Leonard and other law enforcement officers of the county. "I just got an offer that is too good to turn down," he explained. "I wish Ed and the boys the best of luck," he added.

While he served in the capacity of jailer Mr. Williams earned the commendation of the grand jury, who spoke favorably of the improvements in the condition of that building under his management.

Last week in an editorial this newspaper praised the record of Mr. Williams, but inadvertently referred to him as Bert Williams instead of his right name of Alex Williams. These two men are brothers, and the mix-up was due entirely to lapse of memory. Sheriff Leonard said Monday that he has named H. G. Radcliff of Southport to fill the position. (Continued on Page Five)

### Thomas D. Toler, Jr., Of Staunton, Va., Will Assume Pastorate Of Southport Baptist Church

TO ASSUME DUTIES ON NOVEMBER 18TH

### New Minister Succeeds The Rev. H. M. Baker Who Left Southport In June For Rutherford County

Thomas D. Toler, Jr., of Staunton, Va., has accepted a call as pastor of the Southport Baptist church and will assume his pastorate of the local church on Sunday, November 18.

The new minister succeeds the Rev. H. M. Baker, who resigned the pastorate of the Southport Baptist church in June to go to Round Hill Baptist church in Rutherford county.

The Rev. Mr. Turner is a graduate of Furman University and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville. He is an overseas veteran of World War II.

At present he is serving as assistant pastor of the First Baptist Church at Staunton and as pastor of two mission churches in that section. He has preached in the Southport church and has been back for another day of visiting in the community.

The new minister is married, his wife being the former Miss Ruth Hall of Wilmington. They have two children, one two years of age, the other two months old.

### Arrest Follows Truck Accident

Truck Loaded With Itinerant Workers Struck By Tractor - Trailer Thursday On U. S. No. 17

Wade Boss, 19-year-old Wilmington man, was arrested for reckless operation by Patrolman J. S. Jones Thursday. The officer states that the G. M. C. tractor-trailer, operated by Boss and traveling north, crashed into a one and a half ton Chevrolet, operated by Anthony J. Mores, 27-year old Negro, of Goulds, Florida. The accident occurred on Route 17, 2 miles south of Supply. The tractor-trailer was headed north and the Chevrolet was bound south, carrying a number of Negroes, five of whom were more or less seriously injured. The injured were: Niva Wilson, Baltimore, Md.; Anthony J. Mores, Junior Williams, Revine Williams and Pledge Williams, Goulds, Fla. (Continued on Page Five)

### 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, November 1	
8:58 A. M.	2:34 A. M.
9:09 P. M.	3:23 P. M.
Friday, November 2	
9:50 A. M.	3:22 A. M.
10:04 P. M.	4:14 P. M.
Saturday, November 3	
10:48 A. M.	4:13 A. M.
11:03 P. M.	5:08 P. M.
Sunday, November 4	
11:48 A. M.	5:10 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:07 P. M.
Monday, November 5	
0:08 A. M.	6:12 A. M.
12:51 P. M.	7:10 P. M.
Tuesday, November 6	
1:14 A. M.	7:21 A. M.
1:55 P. M.	8:12 P. M.
Wednesday, November 7	
2:21 A. M.	8:31 A. M.
2:56 P. M.	9:12 P. M.