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Technical Men Arrive To Get Data On Area

Core-Drilling Crew Is Obtaining Samples To Determine Proper Location Of Docks For Sunny Point

WHARVES MAY BE EXTENDED TO RIVER

Land Acquisition Operations Will Begin As Soon As Office Is Opened In Garrison Building In Southport

By W. B. KEZIAH
A core-drilling crew with special machines designed for the purpose began operations in the lower Cape Fear River today to take samples of soil and rock at proposed locations of the three wharves for the Sunny Point Ammunition Outloading Terminal. Coupled with this announcement the Wilmington District Office of Army Engineers also disclosed that the firm of Moore, Gardner and McMillan, consulting engineers of Asheboro, N. C., also started making contour surveys today to show topographic features of the area where various types of construction will take place.

The objective of core-drilling work, the office said, is to determine the type of soil and rock so that definite locations of the wharves can be ascertained.

If it is found that there is a preponderance of hard rock near the river's shore, rock that would make dredging impractical, then the wharves would be moved farther out in the river and trestles built to connect the wharves with the land. This idea, engineers say, is to set the piers at places which will require a minimum of dredging and a consequent minimum expense.

The crew was sent here by Atlanta headquarters of the South Atlantic Division, Corps of Engineers, and while in this vicinity, it is understood that samples will be taken of soil, and rock if any, in areas where it is proposed to dredge three basins 48 feet deep for sinking burning vessels. It has been tentatively agreed to locate the first pier about midway between Sunny Point and Reeves Point. The second and third will be about six tenths of a mile apart between Reeves Point and Andersons Landing, the latter point is commonly known as the old fish factory area.

Meanwhile, it was announced that land acquisition operations are proceeding at a satisfactory

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Brief News Flashes

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

The Doshier Memorial Auxiliary will meet Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the home of the president, Mrs. H. B. Smith.

TO MANAGE LAUNDRY

Gene Tomlinson of Fayetteville has acquired the Southport Laundry and is now doing a thorough job of getting the place and machinery in shape for first-class operations. He is not a stranger here. His people were among the first builders at Long Beach and one summer Gene had an active part in the management of the Long Beach pavilion.

FINE SUCCESS

The three-day Deacon's Schools held at Antioch and Mt. Olive Baptist churches last week, were a great success according to Rev. W. R. Morehead, associational Baptist Missionary in Brunswick county. A total of 117 deacons, 21 pastors and 180 laymen were present. These with visitors made a gathering of 334 persons. Rev. Mr. Morehead and other officials are highly pleased with the success of the school.

BENEFIT DANCE

With all of the proceeds to go to the March of Dimes campaign, the Shallotte Post of the American Legion is scheduling a big dance at the Legion Hut Saturday night of this week. Edward Redwine, adjutant of the post and who is also chairman of the Polo Drive in Brunswick county, says that the Legion members were of one accord in voting that the entire proceeds be given to the March of Dimes. It is hoped a large crowd will attend.

Strange Tales Of Cattle Roundup

Thompson McCracken, Bill Maxwell And Staff Discovered Domestic Animals Can Go Wild Quickly

The roundup of five fractious yearling heifers which deserted the confines of Caswell Assembly grounds for the freedom of Holden Beach and points South, was completed last week, but only after Owners Thompson McCracken and Bill Maxwell had put in five hectic days of hard work.

For one thing, in order to reach the cows it was necessary to drive down to Supply and cross to the beach at the Holden Beach ferry. Only then did the chase begin. Some of the animals went as far down the coast as Shallotte Inlet, and frequently they would swim well out into the ocean to by-pass a beach block which threatened their capture. In fact, one animal took off on a bee-line for Europe, and actually swam out of sight.

Field glasses were brought into play and still she could not be seen. It was at this point that McCracken wanted to know, "Who wants to buy that one for a dollar?" There were no takers and three hours later the heifer came ashore a mile and one-half down the beach, full of flight and ready to run.

A bull dog was finally brought into play and wound up the job by his skillful handling of the swimming animals. One last stray was lassooed by Maxwell while the animal was standing in four feet of water. As he approached for his rope throw, the animal lunged and was caught by her front foot.

And that's good cow-boying in any league—catching a cow standing in water up to her horns by her front leg!

County To Vote On Beer And Wine

Board Of Elections Sets Date Of Election On This Issue For Saturday, March 22nd

SALES LEGAL IN SOUTHPORT NOW

Election Officials Who Served During Past General Election Asked To Fill Jobs Again

An election for the purpose of determining whether beer and wine may be legally sold in Brunswick county will be held throughout the county on March 29.

This election was called Saturday by members of the Brunswick County Board of Elections, who met to determine the validity of petitions received by the board on January 14 asking for the election. After checking against the registration books of the various precincts the board found that the petitions were in order.

Registration books will be open on March 1, March 8 and March 15. Challenge day will be on March 22. M. D. Anderson, chairman of the election board, said that the same election machinery which served during the last general election would be asked to take charge of this election. He has asked that any election official who served at that time who finds that he or she will be unable to help on March 29 notify him immediately in order that a suitable replacement may be secured.

The sale of beer and wine in Brunswick county has been illegal since February, 1949 following a county wide referendum. The vote at that time was 1813 to 970.

In August, 1949, a special election was held for the City of Southport where the sale of beer was made legal once more by a vote of 359 to 63.

If in the coming election the sale of beer and wine should again be outlawed in the county, this action would affect Southport to the extent that no sales could be made until after a new special election has been held for that area lying inside the city limits.

Road Grading Is Planned At Beach

New Owners Of Long Beach Extension Will Have Work Done In Time To Offer Lots For Sale This Summer

Davis Herring, John B. Ward and Chas. M. Trotter, recent purchasers of two miles of ocean beach frontage on the lower end of Long Beach states that they are employing a private contractor and hope to have a road built out of the way to Lockwoods Folly Inlet in time to be offering building lots for sale by the first of May.

The road will begin where the present westward road leaves off (Continued on page five)

Gain In Deposits Is Recorded By Waccamaw Bank

Stockholders Told That Deposits Increased Three And One-Half Million During 1951

MORGANTON HUMORIST IS BANQUET SPEAKER

C. L. Tate Reports Establishment Of Beaulville Branch As Major Development Of Year

The Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company gained more than three and one-half million in deposits during 1951, Executive Vice President C. L. Tate reported to stockholders at the institution at their 28th annual meeting Wednesday evening at Hotel Whiteville.

"Your bank is now serving over 25,000 depositors, which is an increase of over 100 percent in the last decade," Tate said in his annual report.

The bank's capital stock was increased from \$200,000 to \$300,000 during the year by the transfer of \$50,000 from surplus account and the sale of \$50,000 in new stock to present stockholders. The capitalization increased the number of shares from 20,000 to 30,000.

One of the major developments of the year was the opening of the new branch bank at Beaulville. Vice President Tate said Aubrey C. Johnson, formerly of the Clarkton bank had been elected cashier of the new unit and that "the people of that community have justified their request for banking service by the volume of deposits placed in the Beaulville office." He added that "each of the other nine offices enjoyed a successful and profitable year."

Stockholders authorized the board of directors to increase the size of their board by three directors if in their discretion such an increase would be necessary. Re-elected directors were Dr. H. C. Sadler, W. T. Tate, C. L. Tate, Chadbourn; J. S. Bowers, Whiteville and Raleigh; W. R. Lennon, Fairmont; B. L. Nesmith, Taber City; and Glenn F. Strode, Chadbourn.

No meeting of the board of directors was held following the meeting of the stockholders. It is expected, however, that the board will meet tomorrow, and elect officers.

Tate's report to the stockholders included a tribute to the late president of the institution which read as follows: "It is with profound sorrow that I record the passing on June 24, 1951, of our former valued director and president, Mr. K. Clyde Council. He had served as president and chairman of the board of directors of the bank since its organization in 1926. Through his able leadership, guidance, constant attention and loyalty, Mr. Council contributed greatly to the success your institution has attained. The loss of this able officer and director was genuinely mourned by his associates as well as by your entire organization."

He expressed his thanks and appreciation to "all who have contributed to the bank's fine record of service and growth and (Continued on Page 4)

Pepper Plants To Be Produced

Sheppard And Cochran Have Proposition Under Construction To Produce For Northern Growers This Spring

Their plans for growing tomato plants not yet fully mature until it is decided how much of the Sheppard's Sunny Point land the government will let them use, Everett H. Sheppard of Shiloh, N. J., and Joe Cochran of Southport will embark on commercial pepper plant growing here this year. This will be the first time that such plants have been grown here on a commercial scale.

Mr. Sheppard who has been here for several days, says that canning houses in New York want millions of pepper plants grown down here under cello glass. In addition to buying the plants the canning factories say that they will stand part of the expense by providing the glass, etc.

Mr. Sheppard says that the companies wanting the plants are anxious to get away from the present method of growing them in hot houses in the North.

For their own use Sheppard and Cochran are definitely set on sowing 200 sashets in pepper seed this year and doing it immediately. They will use the plants thus produced in growing the peppers here. The amount of seed sown for the New York interests will be decided when Mr. Sheppard returns to New Jersey and New York and consults with them.

The pepper plant growing activities he says will not interfere with tomato plant production. The scope of this year's operations is rather dependent on how much of the 80 acres of cleared land at Sunny Point the (Continued on page four)

Last week Al G. Dickson, edi-

Banquet Speaker



ADDRESS—Dr. J. D. Messick, president of East Carolina College in Greenville, is shown as he spoke to members of the Brunswick County School Board Association and their guests at a meeting in the luncheon room of Southport high school Monday evening. Seated on the speaker's left is Dr. M. H. Rourke, president of the county group. —(Art Newton Photo.)

Hospital Building Fund Over \$9,300

Camellias Now Bloom At Orton

The most remarkable display of camellias ever witnessed in North Carolina is now in bloom at Orton Garden, and unless a cold snap comes along to hurt the flowers, this week-end will be an excellent time for camellia lovers to visit the plantation.

It should be pointed out that the present profusion of camellias is not to be compared in over-all color with the gardens during the height of the azalea season. However, never before in its history has Orton had such a gorgeous showing of the more exotic camellias.

J. Lawrence Sprunt, owner of this beautiful Cape Fear country estate, said Sunday that weather conditions have been ideal for the development of perfect bloom. Many of the plants now in flower are of a rare variety.

Install Pews In Baptist Church

New Church Furniture Used First Time Sunday By Congregation Of Southport Baptist Church

New furniture for Southport Baptist Church has been placed in the sanctuary and will be dedicated at a special service on (Continued On Page Five)

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Did you note in last week's paper that the search to find the great Army Ammunition Arsenal outloading depot began 16 months ago, in October 1950, to be exact? And this search extended over thousands of miles of coast? If you noticed that, you probably noticed where a group of high ranking officials, at a meeting 10 days ago generally agreed that Sunny point and Southport came nearer to filling the needs than any other point on the entire Atlantic Coast. That fact, plus an Army Engineer who took his orders from the government, instead of Tom, Dick and Harry, resulted in Brunswick getting one of the big domestic military installations of the year.

The woods crop is still the top ranking product in value of all things grown in Brunswick (Continued on page four)

School Board Members Hear College Head

Dr. J. D. Messick Was Speaker Before Brunswick County School Association Monday Evening

The Brunswick County School Board Association held a most enjoyable meeting in the lunchroom at Southport high school Monday evening with Dr. J. D. Messick, president of East Carolina College at Greenville as principal speaker.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. H. M. Rourke of Shallotte, president of the association. A highlight of the session was presentation of courtesy certificates by County Superintendent J. T. Denning to members of the board of education, former members of the board, former county superintendents of schools, present members of school boards and former members.

Among the former members of the county board present to receive this honor were G. T. Reid, R. T. Woods and J. L. Stone. Present members of this body were Thomas St. George, Dr. Rourke, Herbert Long and G. K. Lewis.

In discussing the problems confronting school board members, Dr. Messick pointed out the fact that there is the temptation to elect teachers of inferior ability and to keep them in the school (Continued on Page 4)

Menhaden Still Off Southport

Big Mass Of These Fish Are In Waters East Of Shoals But Weather Makes Fishing Almost Impossible

Southport menhaden fishermen are still marveling at the great mass of fish in the waters from Frying Pan Shoals northward to above Wrightsville Beach, but despite the absence of the fish, the boats have made very little headway in bringing in catches. At this season of the year the waters north of the Shoals are very rough, making it dangerous to lower and handle boats in making the catches. However, several of the boats have brought in catches running around two hundred thousand fish and all of the boatmen united in agreeing that if they can only get a bit of favorable weather they will be making heavy catches before the fish pass out of this area.

Illustrating the numerosness of the fish, Frank, Potter, employed on one of the boats, stated Sunday that they were almost thick enough to be scooped out of the ocean by the boat's bailer, without the need of a net to encompass them. The entire trouble, he said, is that the winds are always from the wrong direction.

Some few of the fish were getting west of the shoals the first of this week. Should a sizeable amount come below that point the boats will be able to work at any time, except when very strong winds are prevailing.

Judge Chester Morris Holding Superior Court

Illness Of Jurist Caused One Day Delay In Opening Of This Week's Term Which Is For Criminal Cases

BLAKE FOREMAN OF GRAND JURY

Several Cases Involving Capital Offenses On Docket Which Is Up For Trial During This Year

Judge Chester Morris is presiding over a one-week term of Brunswick county Superior Court for trial of criminal cases here this week, and an unusually heavy docket awaits disposition.

Because of the illness of the judge, court convened a day late on Tuesday. Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett had been notified that Judge Morris would be unable to open court Monday, and every possible effort was made to get word to jurors and witnesses in time to save them needless trip.

This morning a jury deliberations in a case in which Harry Daniels is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill. Getting this case shortly before 5 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon and failing to agree by 6 o'clock, the matter was carried over until today.

A large number of drunken driving cases were continued Tuesday. Some of them have been on the docket for more than one year. These continued drunken driving cases were as follows:

Frank Malloy Jackson, Joseph Carson Brooks, Joe John Bowling, Willie Albert Johnson, James Alexander Dean, Willie Henry Best. Cases charging Billy Wells and Willie Boyd Robinson with speeding were also continued.

Edward and Annie May Grady, charged with F & A, found the cases against them no prosed Both are now serving terms for a previous like offense.

S. J. Pervatte, charged with assault and non support was found not guilty. Charles R. Milliken, facing a possession charge, had his case continued.

Only one road sentence was imposed, that in the case of Emmanuel Roderick, who drew six months for assault with deadly weapon.

One divorce was granted, Athena Mangum Poisson from Louisa J. Poisson, Jr., on the grounds of two years separation.

E. C. Blake of Southport heads the new Grand Jury. This body was unusually active during its first day's session.

The following true bills were returned: Coley Caison, larceny; Bernice D. Fulford, larceny; Curdick Caison, larceny; R. C. Caison, larceny; Ed Watson, breaking and entering, assault with deadly weapon, and attempt to rape; Horace White, reckless operation; Alonzo White, murder; McKinley Ballard, assault with deadly weapon; Joe Jackson, assault with deadly weapon.

In his address to the jury Tuesday Judge Morris dealt mainly with the reckless operation problem throughout the state, and the killing of too many school children through reckless operation and drunken driving, as well as carelessness on the part of the children themselves.

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, January 24	
5:30 a. m.	11:57 a. m.
5:42 p. m.	12:01 p. m.
Friday, January 25	
6:30 a. m.	0:00 a. m.
6:43 p. m.	12:52 p. m.
Saturday, January 26	
7:27 a. m.	0:58 a. m.
7:48 p. m.	1:43 p. m.
Sunday, January 27	
8:19 a. m.	1:52 a. m.
8:35 p. m.	2:33 p. m.
Monday, January 28	
9:11 a. m.	2:45 a. m.
9:28 p. m.	3:20 p. m.
Tuesday, January 29	
10:00 a. m.	3:36 a. m.
10:19 p. m.	4:07 p. m.
Wednesday, January 30	
10:47 a. m.	4:24 a. m.
11:11 p. m.	4:57 p. m.

Hospital Building Fund Now Totals \$9,309.50