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Begin Work On Building For Brunswick REA

New Headquarters Building
Now Under Construction
On Cooperative's Property
In Shallotte

AWARD CONTRACT TO
WILMINGTON BUILDER

Building Is Part Of Corpora-
tion's Steady Growth
To 7,400 Customers
Since December
Of 1939

Construction of a modern de-
signed headquarters for the
Brunswick Electric Membership
Corporation at Shallotte is now
in progress. Manager E. D. Bish-
op said on a visit here during
the week end.

R. E. Hayes, general contrac-
tor with headquarters at Wil-
mington, has been awarded the
contract. His bid of \$79,212 in-
cludes construction of the build-
ing, together with heating plant,
air conditioning, and grading and
paving of site and driveways.

The Rural Electrification Au-
thority approved a loan and plans
for the new headquarters several
months ago, but initial bids were
unsatisfactory and work was de-
layed.

The new headquarters facili-
ties will be constructed in Shall-
lotte, on the REA cooperative's
property, in front of the gunset
but now being used for both of-
fice space and warehouse pur-
poses.

Bishop says the present quar-
ters are so crowded that employ-
ees have had difficulty in
finding working space for doing
an efficient job. The new build-
ing will remedy that condition.

Bishop explained that the new
office is to be a one-story build-
ing of brick construction. The
proposed plans of the building
were approved by the co-op's board
of directors at its regular
meeting on June 24, 1950.

Harry E. Ross, Jr., of Southern
Engineering Company, Atlanta,
Ga. is the architect and will su-
pervise construction. The floor
plans call for an area of 3,300
square feet.

Construction is to be financed
by a special loan from the Rural
Electrification Authority. The in-
terest rate will be two per cent,
with principal and interest being
paid from the cooperative's operat-
ing funds over a period of 35
years.

"When the building is finished,
it will provide the facilities so
desperately needed in recent
years," Bishop commented. "It
should serve the purpose of pro-
ductivity and efficiency."

The Brunswick Electric Mem-
bership Corporation energized its
first lines in December of 1939
and has since expanded its serv-
ices to take in approximately 7,400
customers in Brunswick, Colum-
bus, Robeson and Bladen Count-
ies most of these are in Colum-
bus and Brunswick.
waits the winner.

Brief News Flashes

LOW SCORES

Herman Jordan of Southport
and John K. Snipes of Dunn set
the pace for low scores at the
Carpet Golf Course at Long Beach
last week with a mark of 31.
Mrs. Amaretta Burr is now scor-
er for ladies with a score of 33.

IN ANSON COUNTY

Attorney and Mrs. James Bow-
man are spending several days
at his father's farm in Anson
county, where Attorney Bowman
is seeing to the harvesting of
his peach crop. He has some
60 acres in peach trees and six
or seven hundred acres of farm
land.

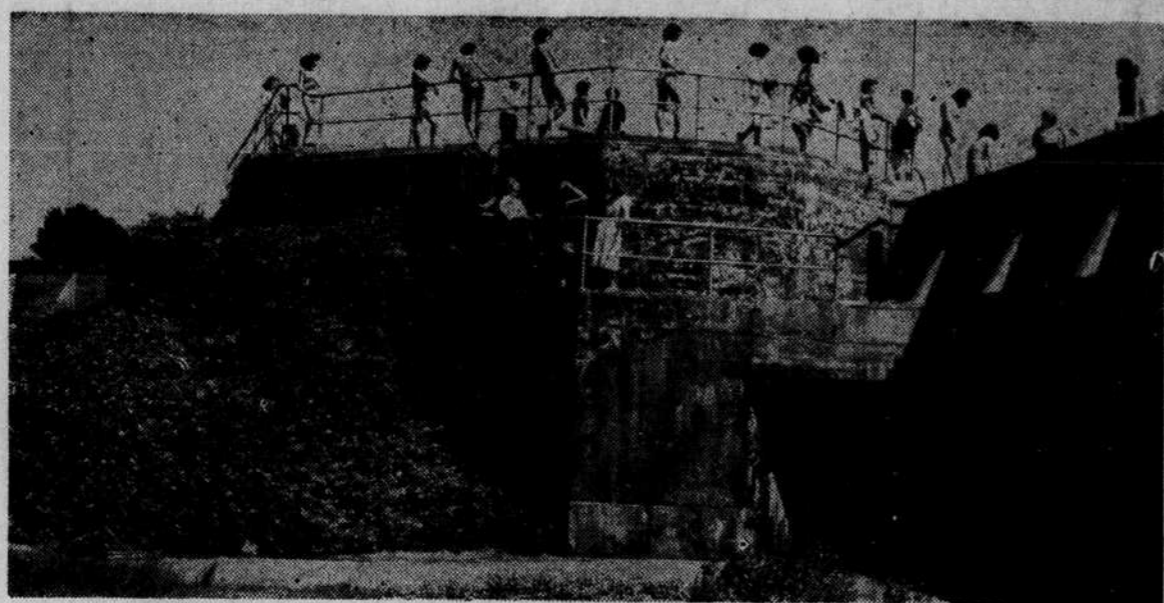
RED CROSS OFFICIAL

Due to be in Southport today
for a meeting with officials of
the County Chapter, Mrs. Susie
C. Edgerton wired County Chap-
ter Chairman J. T. Denning that
she was unable to come, because
of illness. She will meet with
the local officials next Wednes-
day, July 30, at 10 a. m.

BEACH VISITORS

Mr. and Mrs. William T. Ot-
taway of Brooklyn, N. Y., have
returned home following a vaca-
tion at their cottage at Long
Beach. Last week they had as
their guests Mr. and Mrs. George
License and son, George, Jr., of
Brooklyn; and Mr. and Mrs. How-
ard Reynolds and children of
Daytona Beach, Fla. Mrs. Reyn-
olds is a sister of Mrs. Ottaway.

Recreation At Caswell



PLAYING—During recreation periods at the Caswell Assembly the young peo-
ple enjoy looking over the old fortifications. The most popular of these, however, is
the one on which the outdoor swimming pools are located, and visitors to the assembly
enjoy bathing in these waters which come from a deep-water artesian well.

First Payments Received From Sale Of Farms

Thompson McRacken First
Local Resident Reported
To Have Been Paid For
Land Being Taken By
Government

By W. B. KEZIAH

The first actual purchase of
Sunny Point land was made this
past week with Thompson Mc-
Racken receiving payment for a
small area he owned on Walden
Creek. Since that initial pur-
chase a number of other tracts
have been bought. Now the ac-
quiring of the 22,200 acre area
can be said to be well underway.

The real estate board has been
given options on a large num-
ber of tracts, according to ad-
missions from owners of the land.
The board itself is not author-
ized to announce purchase of
those nor the prices paid there-
for.

However, it is understood from
an option given by the owner of
a tract of more than a thousand
acres and a comparison of this
option price with the amount
paid for the land two years ago,
the land owners may expect a
fair price, figures based on the
actual worth of the property as
discovered through land values.
The fact that the government
wants and needs their land is not
leading any Sunny Point prop-
erty owners to believe they own a
gold mine.

On all the options obtained the
overall date line for payments to
be made and the property vacat-
ed is December 1 of this
year.

This December 1st date for
vacating the property should not
lead to the impression that it
will be that long before construc-
tion work actually starts. Much
of the work will actually begin
in September but this will about
all be in the non-farming or
residential areas. It will not im-
mediately disturb any of the res-
idents.

The officials feel that from
now until December 1st will be
ample time to harvest any and
all crops growing on the lands.
It is said to be unwise for any
farmer planting, unless it be a
crop that can and will be har-
vested before December 1st. To
plant from now on will be at the
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Baby Show Will Be Held Here

Southport Parent - Teacher
Association Will Spon-
sor Event To Raise Funds
For Home Economics De-
partment

The Southport Parent-Teacher
Association is sponsoring a Baby
Show tomorrow (Thursday)
afternoon with the parade and
costume judging scheduled to
take place in the area in front
of the high school building.

This week voting has been in
progress on the popularity con-
test, with more than 100 entrants.
A booth has been maintained in
the business district each day
and voters have backed the can-
didates of their choice with a
constant flow on one-cent bal-
lots.

Already it is assured that there
will be many entrants in the
float and costume contests to-
morrow, and a liberal list of
prizes is being offered the win-
ners.

The Baby Show is being direct-
ed by Mrs. H. W. Hood and all
proceeds will go to the PTA for
the purpose of outfitting the
home economics room at the
high school.

Officials Anxious To Begin Project

High Army Officials Have
Visited Area Within Past
Few Days And Hope To
Speed Up Plans For Con-
struction

COLONEL PHILLIPS
RETURNS TO AREA

He Is Original "Man With
The Little Black Satchel"
Whose Investigation
Led To Decision To
Locate Here

By W. B. KEZIAH

Indications are that top sur-
ces in Washington and other of-
ficials down the line are now
pushing for speedy action with
regard to the Sunny Point con-
struction work.

With the Army Engineers in
Wilmington yesterday were Col.
John R. Noyes, head of the port of
Embarkation in New York, who was
here some weeks ago. Col.
Noyes and others are now work-
ing out details looking to Sunny
Point being under the jurisdic-
tion of the New York Port of
Embarkation.

With Col. Noyes on this trip
is Capt. Peter Augustinos, whose
official capacity has not been
stated; Murray H. Stevens of the
New York Planning Board, and
Carnig Kay of the New York
Port of Embarkation Facilities
Branch.

They made no commitments
relative to the present visit other
than the trip was entirely relat-
ive to Sunny Point. Inference
is that they were largely inter-
ested in having all plans speeded
up, so that actual work could be
started in the immediate future.
The plans for everything except
dredging and allied waterway fa-
cilities are being drawn by Robert
& Company, widely known
engineering firm of Atlanta which
designed and built the North
Carolina State Ports. Harry Robert,
head of this company, was in a
conference last week with other
officials in Washington and it
is understood they asked for
speedy action on the huge plan-
ning task.

Several months ago this paper
carried a brief story relative to
"The man with the satchel." He
has also been conferring with
the engineers during the past week.
To properly identify him, the
man with the satchel is Colonel
Raymond Phillips of the military
construction branch of the office
of Chief of the Army Engineers
in Washington. On this trip he
was asked briefly, "How does it
look?" He was equally brief in
his reply of "Good." With that
he rushed off to hop a plane for
Washington.

Preceding the first visit of
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First Contingent Of Air Force

Seven - Man Detail From
Shaw Field Arrives To
Prepare For Coming Of
Larger Group And Boats

A 7-man detail from Shaw
Air Base at Columbia, S. C., ar-
rived Monday and is now engag-
ed in repairing, painting and
generally getting ready for the
Air-Sea rescue group which will
arrive with their boats inside of
30 days.

Four crash boats and 70 men
will form the initial contingent
here. They will be here perman-
ently with perhaps more boats
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James O. Garner Loses Left Arm

His left hand caught in the
steel screw conveyor that feeds
the fish meal mill, James O. Gar-
ner, floor superintendent at the
plant of the Brunswick Naviga-
tion Company for many years,
lost his arm Friday up to the
elbow.

Mr. Garner is left handed. He
was alone at the conveyor and is
understood to have found it
clogged. In an attempt to clear
it his hand was caught and drawn
in, getting torn to shreds and
wrapping around the revolving
screws.

The screw was stopped by some
one and Mr. Garner, with his
hand and arm mangled, is said
to have secured his own pocket
knife and to have cut himself
free of the shredded flesh. Am-
putation at the hospital took in
the elbow.

Regular Session Of County Court

All Matters Disposed Of In
Recorder's Court Monday
Grew Out Of Violation Of
Traffic Regulations

All cases disposed of here in
Recorder's Court Monday grew
out of violation of traffic regu-
lations, and were settled as fol-
lows:

Thomas R. Manning, drunken
driving, fined \$100 and costs;
license recommended revoked.

William B. Kellan, public drun-
kenness and resisting officer,
fined \$10 and costs.

Harry Pigott, failing to report
accident, costs.

George C. Bullard, speeding,
fined \$10 and costs.

Jack A. Inman, speeding, \$10
and costs.

Charles Leroy Hearst, speed-
ing, fined \$10 and costs.

Aubrey J. Nichols, speeding,
fined \$10 and costs.

Raleigh Jackson Bell, speeding,
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W. B. KEZIAH

Practically all white and col-
ored schools in the county will
find that they have a heavy
surge in the way of increased
attendance this fall and winter.
This will be especially true in
the case of the Southport white
and colored schools, but it will
apply all over the county, where-
ever homes will be available for
workers. At present there does
not seem that there is anything
that can be done about it, but
something will have to be done.
During the coming season, the
schools will become the greatest
headache they have ever been to
those who have charge of them.
One fairly certain source of relief
is that there will be a critical
defense area at Southport. The
government will help the schools
that overflow as a result of the
installation on the Cape Fear

River.

We notice that there is being
an inspection of various North
Carolina ports with Southport not
being among those noticed by
the State. That is not strange.
The State Port Authority has
never made an official visit of
any sort to see the adaptability
of things here for a State Port
or any sort of development.

North Carolina officials have al-
ways and still are religiously keep-
ing hands off in the matter of
showing any attention to South-
port.

Alderman O. D. Hyatt, who is
the horticulturist at Orton,
tells us that the gardens and
nursery have the finest crop of
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Reduction In Student Load Adds Teachers

Six New Teachers Added To
Facilities In Brunswick
County Schools As Result
Of New Regulations By
State

FACULTY COMPLETE
AT THREE SCHOOLS

Southport, Leland And Bo-
livia, Plus All Colored
Schools, Have Complet-
ed Getting Teachers

All teachers have been secured
for the Southport, Bolivia and
Leland white schools, and for all
of the Negro schools. The Shall-
otte and Waccamaw white school
facilities are, still incomplete for
the year.

Six new teachers have been
secured as a result of the in-
creased enrollment and the need
to reduce teacher load. Three
of these additional teachers are
for white schools and three for
colored. The Shallotte school gets
one extra high school and one
elementary teacher. Leland gets
one elementary teacher. The Union
colored school at Shallotte
gained one high school and one
elementary teacher and the sixth
extra teacher goes to the Lincoln
colored school at Leland.

The Brunswick County Training
School at Southport lost one
high school teacher, due to changes
in the bus routes and the
transfer of students. At the
same time this colored school
gained an elementary teacher.

Construction activities in the
Southport area beginning about
the first of September, are ex-
pected to bring in quite a num-
ber of additional students. The
white and colored schools at
Southport may find themselves
very much in need of school help
during the coming year.

Speaking of needs, the schools
of the county are already badly
in need of two additional buses,
and the classroom shortage is
serious with the worst condition
prevailing at the colored Union
School between Shallotte and
Longwood. There they have stu-
dents enough for 17 teachers and
only have 12 classrooms. Other
schools also need classrooms and
repairs, two are badly in need of
water and sewerage systems.
For all of these needs little or
no money is in sight. The county
commissioners promised this week
that funds would be provided as
they became available.

County Farmers Vote For Quota

Brunswick County Farmers
Join Other Growers In
Endorsing The Continua-
tion Of Tobacco Program

With both the realization and
appreciation of what organization
has accomplished, Brunswick
growers turned out well and vot-
ed almost solidly in favor of
continuation of the program in
the referendum Saturday.

For the tobacco marketing quota
the county-wide vote was 1,406
for and 38 against.

For the tobacco assessments
the vote in approval again ran
high, 1,378 voting for and only
42 against.

One of the Town Creek town-
ship voting places turned in the
remarkable vote of 119 for and
not a single vote against the
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General Bennett Day Being Planned

Leaders Of Various Organizations Of County Being In-
vited To Participate In Celebration

Plans are being made to have
a meeting of representative lead-
ers of various organizations in
the county in Supply on Saturday
August 2, to lay plans for the
Ivan L. Bennett Day to be held
in early September.

A committee has been appoint-
ed and will have notices sent
out to heads of the various
groups, such as the American Leg-
ion, the Lions Club presidents,
PTA presidents, high school prin-
cipals, county board of educa-
tion, the Woman's Club presi-
dents, church of every denomina-
tion in the county, board of com-
missioners, heads of each busi-
ness establishment, and other lead-
ers in the different phases of
the community life of the coun-
ty.

It is hoped that Hubert E. Olive,
who ran as a candidate for
governor in the last primary,
can be obtained as the principal
speaker as he was a classmate
of General Bennett and Cornelius
Thomas at Wake Forest College

Youngster Lands First Sailfish

Capture Large Cache Of Liquor

Three hundred and sixteen 1/2-
gallon fruit jars containing 158
gallons of non-tax-paid whiskey,
better known as moonshine, were
smashed on Moore's Creek by
ATU officers and State Highway
Patrolmen Friday.

Some freshwater fisherman is
reported to have discovered the
whiskey hidden under a tarpaulin
in the woods on the creek.
Moore's Creek is a little more
than three miles from Southport
and the finder of the cache came
to town and called the ATU
from Wilmington. Corporal C.
H. Lynch of Southport, Patrol-
man R. H. Constante of Bolivia
and Patrolman J. S. Jones of Leland
teamed up with the ATU
boys for the jar smashing party.

No still was found in the nei-
ghborhood. The place was evi-
dently just being used as a store
room or base of supplies. From
the amount in storage the officers
feel that it must be the pro-
duct of a pretty big still some-
where in Brunswick county.

Grand Dragon Local Visitor

Thomas L. Hamilton Here
Thursday To Confer With
S. B. Frink, One Of Mem-
bers Of Defense Counsel

Thomas L. Hamilton of Lees-
ville, S. C., Grand Dragon of the
Ku Klux Klan, spent Thursday
afternoon in Southport. The pur-
pose of his visit was a confer-
ence with S. Bunn Frink, who is
representing him in the conspir-
acy trial that is being heard in
Whiteville this week.

Grand Dragon Hamilton is
charged with conspiracy in hav-
ing ordered at least one of the
several Ku Klux Klan whippings
in Columbus County last year, an
offense for which several Colum-
bus County men are now serving
prison terms. At his trial he is
being represented by Frink and
George W. Keels, Florence, S. C.,
attorney.

Approached by a representative
of this paper while he was sit-
ting in his parked car near the
bank, he had a "no comment" in
response to questions regarding
his pending appearance in court.
He has never been credited with
liking newspapermen and some
other things, but in this instance
he unburied after several minutes,
laughed heartily at jokes and ap-
peared to be in entire good hu-
mor, without a worry in the
world.

Following this "interview" he
sought out the newsmen of his
own accord some time later. This
time he talked freely, saying that
he was not guilty of the charges,
that he came to Southport to
consult with Frink, and that with
Attorneys Frink and Keels he
would be there in court at White-
ville, fighting for justice. He did
not exhibit any ill will towards
anyone and aside from his law-
yers he did not refer to anyone
by name.

Seen by the full light of day
and without anything symbolic
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during their college days.
The general meeting will be
held at Supply Baptist Church in
Supply on the evening of the
first Saturday in August, and
will include all the leaders men-
tioned.

It is the hope of the commit-
tee that a fine program can be
rendered by the citizens of the
county. The exact date for the
special "Ivan Bennett Day" pro-
gram will not be set definitely
until after the meeting of the
various groups at Supply at which
time a complete program com-
mittee, arrangements committee,
reception committee and social
committee will be selected.

All persons who head any
group or organization in the
county are asked to be at the
Supply meeting on the evening
of August 2 at 8 o'clock, as the
committees must be selected from
those present for this meeting.

Further announcements and de-
tails of the special day will be
made later.

Jimmie Singleton Of Red Springs Lands Nice Prize While Fishing Aboard Idle-On Tuesday

ANOTHER YOUTH
GETS BARRACUDA

Parties During Past Week
Have Been Enjoying Good
Luck, Especially On
Trips To Vicinity
Of Lightship

Young fishermen took the spot-
light this week at Southport,
headed by young Jimmy Single-
ton, 15-year-old Red Springs
youngster, who caught the sea-
son's first sailfish yesterday while
fishing aboard the Idle-On with
Capt. Basil Watts.

The sail measured 6 ft., 11 1/2
inches in length and had a girth
of 23 inches. The fish weighed
41 pounds.

On Monday a 13 year old young-
ster aboard the Margrace with
Capt. James Arnold landed at 25
pound barracuda. The name of
the youthful angler was not learned,
but he was a member
of a party which had an all-
round good day aboard this ves-
sel.

Otherwise the news of the
week is that bluefish are striking
well on the shoals and various
kinds of tropical fish are being
caught by parties who go out in
the vicinity of the lightship.

The Thursday and Sunday trip
for the Idle-On were typical. On
Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Pat Du-
gan and Lawrence Miller of Fay-
etteville and H. E. Jackson of
Asheville caught 11 amberjack,
3 king mackerel, 2 barracuda, 2
dolphin and 2 large Spanish mac-
kerel. The Sunday trip was R.
E. L. Brown, Dewey Bell, Harold
Selamy, Ernest Williams and
Charles Singleton of Myrtle
Beach and Dr. S. T. Bryan of
Lumberton. They had 2 bonita,
4 barracuda, 1 dolphin and 15
amberjack.

As a rule all boats have more
parties than they can handle on
Saturday and Sunday, and good
boats are available during the
mid-week period. This situation
has improved some recently with
more and more parties trying
the mid-week dates.

Churches Asked To Aid Hospital

Next Sunday Has Been Set
Aside For Contributions
To Be Made By All Churches
To Baptist Hospital
In Winston-Salem

Rev. W. R. Morehead of Leland
calls attention to the fact that
Sunday, July 27, has been set
aside by all churches of the Sou-
thern Baptist Convention as Vic-
tory Day for the contributions
to the new wing in the Baptist
Hospital at Winston-Salem.

It is recalled that the Baptists
of North Carolina met in a spe-
cial session at Charlotte and vot-
ed against receiving any help
for the hospital from the Feder-
al Government because this would
cross with their viewpoint on
church and state control.

The Baptists in Brunswick,
says Rev. Morehead, have never
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Pastors School Being Held At Fort Caswell

Three-Weeks School For
Pastors Got Underway
Monday At Caswell Sea-
side Assembly; Other
Programs

GENERAL BOARD
HERE NEXT WEEK

Good Attendance At Cas-
well This Week With An-
other Big Conference
In Prospect Next
Week

Attendance at the Pastors Con-
ference and other scheduled
groups at the Caswell Baptist
Assembly last week went well
over 600 according to Dr. R. K.
Redwine, director of the assem-
bly. Seen here Saturday Dr. Red-
wine was highly pleased at the
success of the week-long confer-
ence. He stated that a large
percent of the attendance was
composed of ministers. The rest
of the gathering was made up
of attendants on the GA and RA
Camps, Rocky Mount Division.

This week offers one of the
most notable series of confer-
ences of any for the two months
series. The three-weeks school
for pastors got underway Mon-
day with a flattering attend-
ance and indications were that
there would be a big enrollment
by today.

The Woman's Missionary Soci-
ety is also having its conference
this week with a starting attend-
ance of about 130. The Business
Woman's Circle and Young Wo-
man's Auxiliary were to have
about 175 delegates for their
conference. Some 150 Girl Auxiliary
and Royal Ambassadors of the
Wilmington Division are present
for their week of camp.

Of outstanding interest for next
week is that the general board
is scheduled to meet Monday and
Tuesday. This board has some
70 members and including their
families some 200 are expected.
Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of the
First Baptist Church of Char-
lotte, is president of the Board.
H. Foster Mintz of Bolivia is a
member from the Brunswick As-
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Commissioners In Session Monday

Hear Discussion Of Prob-
lems Pertaining To Oper-
ation Of The Brunswick
County Schools And Pro-
mise Aid If Possible To
Secure Funds

The board of county commis-
sioners was in regular session
Monday with most of the day's
proceedings occupied by joint dis-
cussion with County Superintend-
ent J. T. Denning and members
of the board of education relat-
ive to school needs.

Water and sewerage systems
at both the Bolivia and Waccam-
aw schools were described as
an urgent need. Needs at other
schools were also pointed out.
The board took the matter under
advisement after promising to
meet the needs as funds became
available.

On motion of Commissioner
R. L. Rabon, seconded by Com-
missioner H.