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## Making Check To Determine Need For Housing

Officials From Raleigh And Wilmington Here Last Week To Gather Facts As Basis For Recommendation

### CRITICAL DEFENSE ZONE IS OBJECTIVE

If This Area Can Become Thus Designated Then Improvements May Be Available Through Federal Funds

The North Carolina Labor Department is taking active steps towards having the Southport area declared a critical defense zone by the Federal Government. Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson of the State Department was here two days last week securing information which was to be presented in Washington Monday of this week. Informed sources provided Mrs. Johnson with information that led to her conclusion that around 1000 additional homes will be needed in the area in addition to school facilities and other utilities. It is not the plan to make an effort for government housing. Instead such things will be left to private enterprise.

The designation of the area as a critical defense zone will simply provide money for utilities to take care of the expected increase in population due to the Sunny Point installation. It will also make easy the securing of money at a low rate of interest for the building of homes.

The first of the present year sources in Washington advised a representative of this paper that while publicity was not advisable at that time he could be assured that a critical defense area was in the government's plan for Sunny Point. There was only the matter of a request for it in due time. It is thought that the time is now here.

As the matter of adequate school facilities is giving him much concern, County Superintendent of Schools J. T. Denning is taking an active lead towards securing the defense area. His office secured the information that was supplied to Mrs. Johnson for presentation in Washington Monday.

While she was here accompanied by Mr. Powell of the Wilmington Labor office, Mrs. Johnson stated to Supt. Denning and W. B. Keziah that she was confident of the early establishment of the area. She stated she was thoroughly convinced of the need and felt assured that Washington had already had the matter under consideration.

Recently Col. R. C. Brown, corps of engineers, Wilmington district, commented on the proposed facility being permanent. It would be desirable, he said, to have good homes in the area as this would attract the better class of labor. Private enterprise, he thought, could build these homes and sell or rent them to the Sunny Point employees.

The wage scale that they will receive will be high and they will be able to buy homes or rent them at good rentals. Good, small homes, he thought, would be very important to the success of the project.

## Brief News Flashes

### HOLDING REVIVAL

The Rev. N. L. Jones is conducting a revival this week at the Methodist Church at Burgaw.

### BENNETT SUPPER

The Southport Parent-Teachers Association will sponsor a smorgasbord supper Friday evening from 6 o'clock to 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. S. H. Arrington. Funds will go to the Southport High School Band.

### HERE FOR WEEK-END

Lt. (jg) Bernice Russ, serving in the Navy at Norfolk, spent the week-end at home with relatives. As post master at Southport Lt. Russ was given a leave of absence when he was called to Navy duty. He has one more year to serve.

### ECC GRADUATES

Among the students who graduated from East Carolina College, Greenville, on August 15, were two from Brunswick County. They were Mrs. Mary Evangeline Long of Ash who received the Bachelor of Science Degree and Hubert Bellamy from Shalotte who also received the Bachelor of Science Degree.

## Chats With Eisenhower



REPUBLICANS—D. R. Johnson, Brunswick county man who attended the Republican National Convention in Chicago and who was an enthusiastic supporter of General Dwight Eisenhower for the Republican nomination for president, is shown here as he chatted informally with him during the convention. The gentleman on the right is another member of the North Carolina delegation but is unidentified.

## Northeast Winds Stop Sailfishing

### A Party Aboard Cadet Brought In Two Of These Big Fellows Friday To Run Total Take For The Week To Six

SATURDAY BROUGHT END TO OPERATIONS

### Twin Catch Friday Followed Single Sail By Same Boat Thursday; Joan Parties Caught One Tuesday And Wednesday

Southport sports fishing boats brought in a total of six sailfish last week before northeast winds put a temporary end to their operations. The climax came on Friday when a party headed by F. W. Warrington of Charlotte brought in two of these fish from a trip with Capt. Howard Victor aboard the Cadet.

One was a 7-ft., 6-in. beauty which weighed 57 pounds. It was caught by Dr. P. R. Rankin of Mt. Gilead. The other lucky angler was S. M. Butler, Jr., of Charlotte, whose sailfish weighed 32 pounds and was 6 ft. 6 in. in length.

On the previous day another sail was brought in by Captain Victor, this one weighing 28 lbs. and measuring 6 ft., 10 in. long. On last Wednesday Capt. Geo. Gregory brought in a sail from a trip off shore from aboard the Joan. This was the second for him in two days, another party having landed the first on Tuesday of last week.

A sail taken aboard the Idle-On last Monday started off this (Continued on Page 4)

## Alderman Will Move From Here

### O. D. Hyatt Resigns Position As Member Of Board Of Aldermen; Will Leave Friday For Louisiana

Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hyatt have sold their home here to Otto Hart and are preparing to leave Friday for Lake Charles, La., where they will make their future home.

Mr. Hyatt is a native of Louisiana and has been horticulturalist at Orton Gardens since the war. He was recently offered a position on the faculty of McNeese State College and with much reluctance the family decided to leave Southport for the position in Mr. Hyatt's home State.

Mrs. Hyatt, a registered nurse, has been on the nursing staff at the Doshier Memorial Hospital much of the time since the couple were married and established their home here. Mr. Hyatt has been a member of the Southport board of aldermen, resigning that position two weeks ago owing to his pending departure for Louisiana. The couple have a small son, Mims Hyatt.

## Education Board Endorses Move To Get Armory

Board Of Education At Last Meeting Gave Endorsement To Efforts To Obtain Building At Shalotte

### WOULD SERVE AS GUARD HEADQUARTERS

Shalotte Unit Now Using Second Floor Of Brunswick County Garage For Offices

At the meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education last week, that body went on record as recognizing the need of an armory at Shalotte for the Shalotte National Guard organization, which now has a total strength of 7 officers and 150 enlisted men.

The building now occupied by the unit is not suitable for an armory and there is no other building in the area suitable for that purpose. It was pointed out that a new building is essential for use one day each week for maintenance and drill purposes and such social activities as may arise. In the event of construction Shalotte, Bolivia, Waccamaw and other communities will be served by the armory.

A suitable site is available and will be provided without cost to the State of North Carolina. It will be decided when funds for the construction are available.

With the above understanding of the situation the board of education went on record, following a motion by Hubert Long and seconded by J. D. Stanaland, as requesting the Adjutant General to make funds available for a project to take care of the needs as outlined.

## Suit Brought In Loss Of Ear

Lt. Kemp Holden Seeks Damages Totaling \$15,000 From John G. Wise For Attack Upon His Person

A damage suit in the amount of \$15,000.00 was filed here Friday in the office of Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett. The plaintiff, Kemp Holden, son of Luther Holden of Holden Beach, is asking damages and hospital costs from John G. Wise of Lenoir for alleged permanent and disfiguring injuries.

The complaint states that Holden went to the home of the defendant for the purpose of paying the rent on a house he was occupying. Without cause or warning the defendant is said to have set upon him, striking him and while he was on the ground to have bitten one of his ears almost completely off.

The complaint states that doctors took 110 stitches in an effort to sew the ear back on and save it and that the operation was unsuccessful. The plaintiff was employed by the Air Force as an instructor in flying at a salary of \$475 per month. As a result of the attack made upon him it is alleged that he lost much time from his work. As a result of the painful disfiguring injuries, loss of time and hospital costs he asks the stated sum and \$90.00 for hospital bills and costs of the suit.

As a part of the suit arrest and bail papers were also taken (Continued on page four)

## Offices Close On Labor Day

No session of Brunswick county Recorder's Court will be held next week since Labor Day falls on Monday, and members of the board of county commissioners have postponed their meeting until Tuesday. All county offices will be closed on that day, as will the offices at city hall, the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., and the post office.

## Frink Receives Complaint From Washington Man

Letter Purported To Be From Editor Of "Protestant News Service And Trans Radio Agency" Upholds Hamilton

S. Bunn Frink, attorney for Thomas L. Hamilton, Imperial Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan in the recent trial at Whiteville, has received what may be termed a very nasty letter from the Protestant News Service and Trans Radio Agency in Washington, D. C.

The letter was signed by Edward James Smythe, editor, and was evidently written under the stress of a brainstorm of some sort.

The chief complaint was a demand to know why Frink took a plea of guilty for Hamilton. This was coupled with a demand to know if Frink was a court appointed attorney or if he was retained by Hamilton?

The letter wound up with the poorly disguised threat that they were making up a case there in Washington and would bring their own lawyers to Carolina if they could not get justice done here. Apparently Mr. Smythe knows a great deal about the Ku Klux for he declared Hamilton was not guilty and was otherwise very rambling in his epistle.

For the general information it may be said that the Columbus county grand jury found quite a number of true bills against Hamilton. Realizing that if he was tried and found guilty on all of them he would spend a good many (Continued on Page 4)

## Southport Man Head Of YDC

Ernest Parker Elected To Succeed Ray Walton As Head Of Young Democrats; Meeting Planned At Shalotte Tuesday

At a meeting of the Brunswick County Young Democrats Club held at Bolivia High School on Wednesday, the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Ernest E. Parker, Jr.; vice president, Tommy Thomas; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Irma Carr.

The new president, a Southport attorney, has issued a statement asking members to participate in a membership drive and urging as many as possible to attend the State Convention to be held in Greensboro on September 4, 5, 6. Dues of the club are \$1 per year and membership cards will be mailed to all members in the near future.

The next meeting has been set at Shalotte High School for Tuesday evening, September 2, at (Continued on Page 4)

## Travels Round The World To School

Miss Mary Sue Fulcher Returns Here From Thailand In Order To Be Able To Attend New Hanover High

To finish 12th grade in high school Miss Mary Sue Fulcher probably had to come farther than any Brunswick County girl ever before travelled for the purpose of attending school. Miss Fulcher spent 10 days in getting home from Bangkok, Thailand. All of that time, except the journey from New York to Southport was spent traveling by air. Miss Fulcher's parents are both natives of Southport but she has spent practically all of her life in Wilmington, her father being connected with the Army Engineers there. Last fall Mr. Fulcher was sent to Bangkok for work with the government, the family accompanying him. Miss Fulcher still had one year in high school and several weeks ago it was decided that she should come to Southport and spend the winter with her grandmother, Mrs. Susie Carr. She will commute to school in Wilmington by bus.

Her younger brother, in Thailand with the parents, has to spend 12 hours making the round trip from the home to where he is attending school in India.

For the benefit of Brunswick folks who howl if their copy of this paper reaches them an hour or two late, it may be said here that it takes the State Port Pilot two and sometimes three months to reach the Fulcher family in Thailand.

Then, often as not, several copies will all come in on the same mail. It all depends on the sailing of ships carrying mail from the United States to that far distant point. So far neither Mr. or Mrs. Fulcher have written about the paper being late. They are glad to get it whenever it comes.

Sometime next November Mr. and Mrs. Fulcher will be reading this copy of The State Port Pilot and will note that we were talking to their daughter on August 23.

## Acquiring Land For Sunny Point Makes Progress

Acting-Project Manager Reports That Eight More Owners Due To Be Paid Off For Land This Week

### GREAT PRECAUTION TAKEN IN TITLES

### Slow Pace Of Purchasing Property Will Not Be Permitted To Stop Construction If Necessary

Eight more property owners will receive payment for their Sunny Point lands and the government will get deeds to the same during the coming week, according to Esteeen Cromartie, acting project manager for the Savannah Real Estate Board.

Titles to each tract have been examined all of the way back and guaranteed by a guarantee company before the government will pay over and take deeds. This results in a slow but sure procedure. The government does not plan to go into the permanent and costly construction and then find itself in disputes over titles to any of the tracts.

The slowness in which the real estate board finds itself entangled in relation to some tracts does not necessarily mean that this department is in any way delaying the start of construction. It has been said that the entire huge land area could be taken over on short notice, just as was done at the atomic bomb project in South Carolina and Georgia. Consideration of the land owners is foremost, however. So long as the construction plans will move leisurely, giving consideration in all cases where possible, to the people who are facing the enforced loss of their lands.

Some of those who have sold their lands have already moved out. It was stated a short time ago that all residents of the area were expected to be out by December 1.

The three huge docks, each to be built to handle three big freighters at one time, in addition to tugs, fire boats and sanitary boats, will be located about a mile apart on the river. All of the land in the area of the central or middle dock has already been bought and paid for, along with other tracts in the reservation.

## ATU Officers Get Big Haul

One Of Biggest Hauls In Recent Years Made Last Week When Four Stills And Three Men Were Captured

In what they term their largest liquor raid in years, ATU Agents Lon Howe and J. L. Nifong got three men and four 100-gallon stills in the New Hope section near Winnabow, last Wednesday. Three thousand gallons of mash was also seized and destroyed.

The three men taken were Louis Garland Cox of Shalotte, Route 1; Murray Brown, whose address is Little River but who is said to reside in Brunswick County, and Jeff Marshall of Buckboro, S. C. Marshall is a Negro and the other two are (Continued on Page 4)

## Verdict Upheld In Damage Suit

The law firm of Frink & Herring has received official notice from the State Supreme Court that no error was found in the case of Mintz vs Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, the verdict from which awarded the sum of \$39,000 to the plaintiff.

This is one of the largest judgments ever allowed in a suit brought in the Superior Court in Brunswick County. It was reached several months ago following a trial presided over by Judge Susie Sharpe of Reidsville. The plaintiff was a young Wilmington who claimed that she had suffered permanent injuries while employed by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad. The trial before Judge Sharpe was the second lengthy hearing in the courts of Brunswick County, an error having been found following an appeal from a previous verdict.

## Carlyle Here On Brief Visit

Seventh District Congressman Expresses The Belief That Everything Running On Schedule For Sunny Point

Here yesterday from Lumberport for the day at Long Beach and saying he expected to return this week-end for more of a stay, Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle visited this office and was very optimistic as to the future of Brunswick County.

Speaking specifically of Sunny Point Congressman Carlyle said: "The eyes of the government are now on this area. They recognize the potentialities and they will never stop in bringing them to light and use. The facility, as now planned, will not only help Southport, it will bring about an economic upheaval that will spread all over Brunswick County. And the plans as now known are not all. I confidently believe there will be much more besides the Sunny Point ammunition outloading depot."

"Everything as to the plans are going well," he continued. "I have not heard of a single hitch in the project. And if I do hear of one, I will take the next plane or train to Washington to do something about it."

Other remarks of the Congressman, made without his being questioned, will also be of interest in Brunswick: He said: "I am doing everything I can to have Lockwoods Folly inlet dredged for the shrimpers and other work boats. I have used my best efforts, but during the past year or more, with everything allocated only to projects bearing on National Defense, it has been virtually impossible to get anything for work of this nature."

I am hoping that things will loosen up soon and we shall be able to obtain the necessary funds. Colonel Brown of the Army Engineers is also very anxious to get in a position to (Continued on Page 4)

## W. C. Raines Tells Board Of Commissioners In Special Session Friday That All Known Collections Of Clerk Accounted For

### BENNETT OFFERS HIS EXPLANATION

Clerk Of Court Says That Procedure For Establishing Accounts Receivable Started Rumor Mill

At a special meeting of the board of county commissioners here Friday W. C. Raines, contract auditor for Brunswick county, when asked about the condition of the office of the Clerk of Superior Court stated that all known collections had been fully accounted for.

This special meeting of the commissioners with the auditor, a certified public accountant who has audited the books for Brunswick county for the past 17 years, was for the purpose of getting to the bottom of rumors which have been making the rounds that there is a shortage in the accounts of Sam T. Bennett, clerk of court for Brunswick county.

On the previous Monday the commissioners had discussed this matter with Mr. Raines and had been assured that a full and thorough check is being made of all accounts. The auditor asked for and received an extension in his contract for the purpose of completing a detailed investigation of long pending accounts of court fees and fines.

Clerk of Court Bennett said today that this probably is the source of many of the rumors which have come up to plague him and other county officials during recent weeks. "There is no denying that collection of court fines and costs have never been pushed to the limit by our office," he said. "This year in making his audit Mr. Raines sent out letters to persons whose (Continued on Page 4)

## Negro Ordered Held For Death

John F. Rouse, Driver Of Bus Which Struck And Fatally Injured Robinson Child Sunday Being Held For Grand Jury

John F. Rouse, LaGrange Negro, said to be the owner of a bus line and operator of the vehicle that struck and instantly killed Dill James Robinson, 12 year old lad of the Supply community Sunday, was held for the grand jury at the inquest held at the court house here Thursday night.

The Robinson boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Robinson of Supply. He was riding his bicycle on R. 17 when the bus, loaded with Negroes enroute to a beach in South Carolina, approached from the rear and started to pass. The boy apparently swerved or was riding too far from the edge of the pavement. After striking and carrying his body for a distance of 108 feet, the bus ran into the ditch on the left side of the road.

## 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 28	
0:11 a. m.	6:37 a. m.
1:13 p. m.	7:46 p. m.
Friday, August 29	
1:17 a. m.	7:45 a. m.
2:24 p. m.	8:58 p. m.
Saturday, August 30	
2:32 a. m.	8:59 a. m.
3:35 p. m.	10:06 p. m.
Sunday, August 31	
3:47 a. m.	10:12 a. m.
4:41 p. m.	11:07 p. m.
Monday, September 1	
4:56 a. m.	11:17 a. m.
5:41 p. m.	12:02 p. m.
Tuesday, September 2	
5:57 a. m.	0:00 a. m.
6:38 p. m.	12:16 p. m.
Wednesday, September 3	
6:55 a. m.	0:54 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	1:10 p. m.

## Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Recent duties of the Air Force have included giving the Garrison grounds about the most thorough cleaning that it has had in half a century or more. Among other things unearthed has been what was probably the first paved street in Southport. At a depth of four or five inches under the soil they have cleaned off a nice brick walk from the Garrison building to the river. It is probable that there are many other paved walks about the grounds with the bricks still in fine condition.

With the most of them unacquainted with sandspurs, the boys of the Air Force have found a pastime, pleasing to some and painful to others. When a fellow is stooping over and whack-

ing away at the grass it is rather startling to find a cluster of sandspurs thrown or otherwise planted in the small of his back. Thrown by the stem on which they grow, the sandspur will stick and stick painfully. No one has ever explained the purpose for which sand spurs were created.

Although the extent of the area has not been defined, the survey made last week relative to a critical defense area in Brunswick County, led to the conclusion that 1000 complete new homes will be needed in addition to many single rooming units. It is not expected that all persons employed at Sunny Point will live in the immediate area. Many will commute. The survey took into (Continued on page four)