

## Sprunts Donate Part Of Orton For Park Use

Owners Of Orton Plantation In Brunswick County Make Donation To State Parks Commission For Purpose Of Historic Interest

### ST. PHILLIPS IS WITHIN BOUNDARY

This Locality Was Scene Of Significant Early Development Of North Carolina And Some Signs Are Still Standing

Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt and their sons have donated 100 acres of their Orton Plantation to the State Parks Commission to be used as a State park. The land lies just south of the Orton Nursery grounds and includes the site of the historic old town of Brunswick.

The Park Commission has not yet announced plans for development further than that it will be used as a historical park.

It was here that the first tea party in the United States was held, the action predating the famed Boston Tea Party. A band of Cape Fear settlers, headed by Cornelius Harnett, defeated the unloading of a cargo of tea from a British ship. The action like the later action in Boston was inspired by resentment of the British tax on tea.

Fort Anderson is also in the area given to the State, as are the famed ruins of St. Phillips Church, the burial place of two governors.

The marker and ruins of Governor Tryon's palace are also in the area.

Old Brunswick was once a seaport town, and hundreds of ships loaded and unloaded there at the mouth of Moore's Creek, which stream now flows through Orton Pond or Lake.

The population of Old Brunswick is said to have been 1,700 at one time. This was almost as large as Southport. The residents of the town had trouble with Indians and pirates, the latter at that time infested the Bald Head Island area. To get away from them the Old Brunswick residents decided to move further up and across the river to found a new town. This new settlement later became Wilmington.

## Brief News Flashes

**AT DEALERS MEETING**  
Sherman Register of the Shallotte Hardware Company attended the meeting of General Electric Dealers in Charlotte last week.

**CHRISTMAS HOUSE**  
The Southport Garden Club will sponsor their Christmas House on Sunday, December 7, at the Presbyterian Youth Center. It will be open from 2 until 6 o'clock in the afternoon and from 8:30 to 9:30 o'clock in the evening.

**NO COURT MONDIAL**  
There was no session of the Brunswick County Recorder's Court Monday. Judge W. J. McLamb was in Whiteville attending a superior court hearing in the matter of the election contest brought against him by Cecil Robinson who opposed him in the November election.

**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**  
There will be a Thanksgiving service tomorrow (Thursday) morning at 10 o'clock at St. Phillips Episcopal Church with the sermon by the Rev. Dan Allen, rector. The congregations of other churches in the community are joining in this observance.

**LIONS SPEAKER**  
Dr. R. K. Redwine was speaker at the Thursday meeting of the Southport Lions Club. He told of some of the accomplishments and future plans for the Caswell Baptist Assembly, an activity which attracted more than 6,000 people into this section for at least one week's stay last summer.

**CHURCH MOVIE**  
Southport Baptist Church will show a film "Kenji Comes Home" following the evening service on Sunday, November 30. The film will be open to the public and no charge will be made. Kenji is a Japanese soldier who returns home belatedly following World War II. The difficulties he faces and the troubles that Communists give him make an interesting story.

## Timber Survey



CHECKING—District Forester Joe Herlich is shown on the left working with visiting State Foresters on a spot check of a timber area in Brunswick county. Experiments and technical advice from these specialists help keep the forests of this county among its most valuable cash crops.

## Receive Offer To Buy Power Plant

Officials Of Carolina Power And Light Company Confer With Members Of Board Of Aldermen Monday

WILL PAY \$104,000 FOR CITY PROPERTY

City Officials Seeking Proprietary For Wholesale Supply Of Electric Current

Several officials of the Carolina Power & Light Company met Monday evening with members of the Board of Aldermen and submitted an offer of \$104,000 for the local "power plant" and all existing distribution lines and the franchise.

Although the power company representatives had been asked to submit at the same time a proposal for furnishing the City of Southport current at wholesale rates, no such proposal was made.

The discussion Monday night was based upon a complete brief which had been prepared following a detailed description of existing physical properties and a digest of figures governing the financial operation of the city for the past several years.

Facts as set out in the power company brief tend to show that there will be a great benefit to the city if a change is made from the present plan of furnishing electric current from the municipal electric power plant, but it fails to show how the city will be able to operate its other services, pay interest and principal when due on bonded indebtedness if revenue from the power plant is lost.

The aldermen considered the proposal at considerable length, but declined to sign a contract with the power company officials. They asked for more time to consider the proposition, then asked again for a proposal for furnishing electric current at wholesale, in order that they may explore the possibility of using this as a source of power for resale.

It appears likely that the negotiations will continue.

## Achievement Day For 4-H Members

First Annual County - Wide Event Of This Nature Will Be Held In Shallotte School Gymnasium Next Wednesday

The first annual 4-H county achievement program will be held at the Shallotte school gymnasium on Wednesday, December 3, from 7 to 9 p. m., according to an announcement by Miss Thelma Hinson, home agent, and A. S. Knowles, county agent.

The announcement says, "This first 4-H Club achievement program will, no doubt, be small in scope, but is designed to create more enthusiasm and interest in development of rural boys and girls on the part of parents, of friends, and the club members themselves."

All 4-H club members completing satisfactory project work will receive medals of awards, and other prizes will be awarded for outstanding performances. Continued on Page Five

## Big Land Deal Completed Here For Development

Wake County Firm Purchases Four Hundred Building Lots In Wooded Area Adjoining Long Beach From E. F. Middleton

### HOPE TO BEGIN WORK IMMEDIATELY

Purchasers Have Plans For Some Building In Immediate Future On Recent Purchase Of Property

One of the largest real estate transfers in recent months was recorded here this past week when E. F. Middleton of Charleston and Maj. E. F. Middleton, Jr., of the Air Force in Japan, sold to Barbee's Incorporated some 400 residential building lots at Long Beach.

The property lies half a mile or more west of the intersection of the Long Beach road with the Caswell road. Fronting on the ocean it crosses the Long Beach road and extends to the Elizabeth River. It is a part of the property bought from the Middletons about eight years ago.

Realizing that the whole big tract of several hundred acres holds possibilities of development on a large scale, the Middletons have thus far refused to put any of the tract on the market.

The sale of the 400 residential lots to Barbee's Incorporated, with the office to be at Long Beach, was made with the understanding that the corporation will immediately begin the construction of homes, roads and sidewalks. The area sold goes almost through the center of the Middleton owned tract and in addition to the development by Barbee's Incorporated, it is more than likely that the Middletons are planning future action with regard to the development of their lands lying on both sides.

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## Bears Causing Much Trouble

Former County Commissioner M. B. Chinnis Reports That He Has Suffered Serious Loss Of Bee Hives And Honey

Former County Commissioner M. B. Chinnis of Northwest township stated Monday that the bears are destroying his bees, and he wishes that some bear hunters would come around and see what they can do with the varmints.

So far this fall he has had five visits from the marauding animals, with from one to seven colonies of the bees being destroyed on each visit.

The bears, he said, simply pick up a hive of bees and walk off with it, shaking the bees out as they go. When they think the bees are about all out they put the hive down and proceed to eat the honey. Sometimes a hive is carried as far as 150 yards from where it originated.

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## Visitor



CARL GOERCH, Raleigh publisher, was in Southport Tuesday afternoon for a flying visit with friends. He still professes to have an interest in this area.

## New Automobile Agency Locates In This County

Crisp Motor Company Has Elaborate Layout Located At Brunswick River Intersection

Probably the outstanding addition to the business life of Brunswick County during the current year has been the locating of the Crisp Motor Company at the intersection of Route 17 with 74-76.

The company has the Willys agency for cars, station wagons and jeeps. In addition to carrying a large stock of these vehicles they are also dealing extensively in used cars and junked parts.

The main building would be a credit to any city, housing commodious offices and show rooms. It is about 70 by 100 feet and apart from it is a much longer building used for the storage of cars. A big used car lot is in the rear.

The company is owned by R. E. Crisp. He opened the business in Wilmington six years ago. The first of this year, in need of more space and impressed with the growing possibilities in Brunswick County, he purchased 7 1/2 acres at the intersection of the two roads. The property has a long frontage on the two highways and extends back for several hundred yards.

Following the purchase of the land, Mr. Crisp set about designing a building best suited for his needs. Construction was started immediately and on June 24 of this year the company was able to move into the unusually attractive quarters.

In an interview Monday Mr. Crisp stated that he believed that all of Brunswick County is set for progress. He had acted in accord with that belief when he purchased land and moved his company into the county. So far, he said, he is very much pleased at the results and is looking forward to much greater development of the area in the near future.

## No Blackout For Gause Landing

This Community Was Only One Along North Carolina Coast That Was Not Affected By Restrictions

Gause Landing, about five miles from Shallotte and the same distance from Seaside and Shallotte Point is credited by Mrs. F. L. Pigott with having been the only place on the Atlantic Coast that had no war-time blackout or even a dimout.

"We kept our lights on at all times and we were acting in accord with instructions as to what we could do," said Mrs. Pigott, who lives at Gause Landing. She further stated that Seaside, west of Gause Landing, had a complete blackout. The same condition existed at Shallotte Point village on the east, this despite the fact that a great many more people live at Gause Landing than at Seaside.

When asked how Gause landing came to be the only favored point on the entire Atlantic Coast, Mrs. Pigott said:

The Coast Guard told us that the high sand dunes on Hale Beach across the waterway and in front of us gave us ample protection. There was no need for us to blackout."

During the war the shore patrol of the Coast Guard had a station there along with stables for horses used in the patrol. The station is still there but is said to be unusable because of the drifting sand. At times, says Mrs. Pigott, the sand has almost completely covered the building. At other times the wind has come from another way and blown the sand all off again.

Despite the unpleasant feature of the big shifting sand dunes is insisting on one point. Gause Landing is the only place on the Atlantic Coast that didn't have a blackout during the war.

## Election Board Refuses Appeal

Mrs. Whately Is County Auditor

Mrs. Ressie Whately has been appointed to the position of Brunswick County Auditor by State Treasurer Brandon Hodges and received her official notification this morning. The appointment is for four years from the first Monday in December.

Through a special act of the 1943 General Assembly this appointment is made by the State Treasurer, who is guided in his selection by the recommendation of local officials, particularly the board of county commissioners. Mrs. Whately had the unanimous endorsement of the present board and since two of the three members are members of the incoming board, she also had the endorsement of a majority of the new group.

## County Officers To Be Sworn In

Leo Medlin, Newly Elected Member Of Board Of County Commissioners, Will Be Only New Official Sworn In Here

When the board of county commissioners meets next Monday to be sworn in for the term one new face will be in the gathering. Commissioner Leo Medlin will be sworn in for his term. Commissioner R. L. Rabon and Chairman LeRoy King will be succeeding themselves. The first business will be to elect a chairman.

Register of Deeds Amos Walton will also be sworn in during the morning to succeed him. (Continued on Page Five)

## Nothing New On Dredging Work

No Word Received As To When McWilliams Company Will Have Equipment Here To Begin Operations For Sunny Point

Information from the Engineers' office in Wilmington yesterday was to the effect that nothing definite was in hand regarding the starting time for the dredging work at Sunny Point.

The bid of the McWilliams Dredging Company of New Orleans was accepted on November 7. In such contracts 30 days are allowed for the moving in of equipment and in some cases a short additional time is allowed if the contractor needs it in order to get in his equipment from distant points.

Such allowances of time for starting must, however, be made up for, to permit the contract being finished within the stipulated time. Failure of a contractor to start on time will call for the use of additional equipment to finish within the limits of time. The contract given the McWilliams Company calls for the removal of the 18 million cubic yards by November 1, 1953.

## State Board Turns Down Appeal Made By W. A. Kopp Because Case Is Already In Superior Court

LONG DISCUSSION OF ROBBINS CASE

All-Afternoon Session Ends With Decision From Attorney General Showing No Jurisdiction

The State Board of Elections yesterday refused to order a recount of ballots cast in Brunswick County during the General Election.

Two appeals were before that body, one brought by W. A. Kopp, Republican candidate for House of Representatives, the other by Cecil Robbins, Republican candidate for Judge of Recorder's Court.

The State Board quickly dismissed the Kopp appeal when it was advised that he already had filed a mandamus action in Superior Court. Kopp trailed Odell Williamson by 57 votes and has called for a recount under a special act of the 1951 Legislature which provides that a recount may be requested where the lead is not greater than 1 per cent of the total vote.

Kopp comes under this provision, but the Brunswick County Board of Elections denied his appeal because they claimed that it was not filed prior to the time that the official returns had been certified. This still is pending in court.

The State board had a more difficult time with the Robbins appeal, which was based upon alleged irregularities in Hoods Creek precinct. There were heated arguments between John A. Wilkinson, Washington lawyer, who represented both Kopp and Robbins, and County Attorney S. B. Frink. The board deliberated at length, then went to the office of Attorney General Harry McMullen for advice. That official was of the opinion that the special act of the 1951 Legislature has removed the matter of a recount from the jurisdiction of the State Board.

Wilkinson declared that he will continue to press the Kopp case in the courts.

## Supply Citizen Dies Suddenly

Robert Lee Clemmons, Prominent Citizen And Religious And Civic Leader Of Community, Died On Wednesday

Robert Lee Clemmons, farmer and saw mill man of the Supply and Boone's Neck communities in Lockwoods Folly township, died suddenly at his home early Wednesday morning. Mr. Clemmons was 50 years of age and had suffered from heart trouble for some years. This was given as the cause of his death.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the Prospect Baptist Church, near Supply. Officiating were the Rev. E. C. Reaves and Rev. W. R. Morehead. Burial was in the prospect cemetery. Serving as pallbearers were (Continued on Page Five)

## Education Leader Is Speaker Here In County Meet

Dr. Amos Abrams Discusses Five Major Points In Education Program Which Will Be Before General Assembly

### SHOWS PROGRESS IN SCHOOL WORK

Address Made Before Session Of Brunswick County School Board Association Last Night

Dr. Amos Abrams, associate editor of the North Carolina Education Magazine, spoke here last night before a meeting of the Brunswick County School Board Association on "Our Children and Our Schools."

The meeting was held in the luncheon room of Southport High School and was attended by a good representation of citizens from every section of Brunswick County.

Describing the public schools as "Our Cradle of Democracy" Dr. Abrams declared his belief that "the world is a better place in which to live today than it was a generation ago when grandfather told father that everything is going to the dogs. I believe that we are doing a better job than ever before of training our boys and girls to solve problems from which they cannot escape."

Having thus taken a stand in favor of progress that is being made in the matter of educational advancement, Dr. Adams showed that while the picture is improving it still is by no means perfect; and the latter portion of his talk was devoted to a discussion of a 5-point program which will go before the coming session of the State Legislature to bring about greater progress in the school program.

He pointed out the need for making the present temporary 30-pupil teacher load a permanent relief of making provision for an adequate number of attendance enforcement personnel; for making financial provision for supplying cleaning and maintenance materials from State funds; for making provision for adequate classrooms for the school children; and for a salary scale which will attract and hold the best young men and women in the teaching profession.

## Shallotte Band Will Stay Busy

Participation In Various Christmas Parades And Other Functions Promises Busy Season For Musicians

Director W. W. Jacobus of the Shallotte High School Band states that his boys and girls are now all set to lead Santa Claus in various Christmas festivals. Invitations have been accepted from Lumberton for December 2, Wilmington, December 4, and Loris, S. C., on December 10.

Three other invitations have been received but had to be declined because of conflict with the above dates.

For Shallotte's own Christmas party and parade, the date for which has not yet been announced, both the A and B bands will proudly put forth. This means that approximately 100 of the (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 27	
4:08 a. m.	10:29 a. m.
4:33 p. m.	10:44 p. m.
Friday, November 28	
5:05 a. m.	11:26 a. m.
5:27 p. m.	11:35 p. m.
Saturday, November 29	
5:59 a. m.	0:00 a. m.
6:19 p. m.	12:19 p. m.
Sunday, November 30	
6:49 a. m.	0:22 a. m.
7:07 p. m.	1:08 p. m.
Monday, December 1	
7:37 a. m.	1:08 a. m.
1:53 p. m.	1:54 p. m.
Tuesday, December 2	
8:21 a. m.	1:53 a. m.
8:37 p. m.	2:38 p. m.
Wednesday, December 3	
9:01 a. m.	2:35 a. m.
9:20 p. m.	3:20 p. m.

W. B. KEZIAH

## Our ROVING Reporter

Serving in Iran during the war, Dan E. Walker, son of Mrs. Ruth Walker and the late William H. Walker of Southport, came home, finished his college education, married and began work with Larimore's in Wilmington as a certified public accountant. He has been with that firm some five years and has made good. The friends of the Walker family are interested in the fact that he is now setting up his own office for public accounting in the Murchison Building in Wilmington. It understood he plans to do business in New Hanover and surrounding counties.

## Elderly Lady Dies Thursday

Mrs. Clara Estelle Drew Laid To Rest In Bethel Cemetery Friday Afternoon

Miss Clara Estelle Drew, 75-year-old resident, died here in the Brunswick County Boarding Home Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Drew had been in poor health for some time.

Funeral services were held at Bethel Baptist Church at 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Rev. Bennie Price officiating. Burial was in the Bethel Cemetery. Mrs. Drew is survived by one (Continued on Page Five)

was coming to play Southport. What we did not know, however, that the band was coming along. The inquiry about our missing seeing the band came from Mrs. Delmas Hewett and her sister, Mrs. Arnold, and it was the first we knew of the band being at Southport. We certainly did miss seeing that outfit and we certainly would have stayed at home if we had known they were coming with the team.

After this week the talk will all be about basketball instead of football. In fact, the talk has already changed. By way of Jackye Larsen and Janice Trunell, we get the information that the Southport girls intend to have a real team this year. The girls seem to be more interested in the sport than we have ever before known them to be. This may be largely due to the fact that they have some really fine material from which to form a

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