

Preliminary Work For Band Day Is Now In Progress

Saturday, February 28, Set As Date For Mammoth Music Event To Which Thousands Of Music Lovers Are Expected

EIGHT BANDS ASKED TO PARTICIPATE

Organizations From Both North And South Carolina Expected To Help Make This Year's Band Day An Outstanding Success

Plans are now underway for the annual Shallotte Band Festival, the second event of its kind and expected to be the biggest musical program ever held in Brunswick County.

This is an annual event and will be staged on Saturday, February 28, under the sponsorship of the Shallotte High School Band.

A colorful parade will start off the day's activities with several high school bands from North and South Carolina participating. This parade will be followed by a high school band marching competition in the stadium with trophies being awarded to the top three competitors.

After this marching competition a formal military retreat will be staged on the field. That night the day's events will conclude with a huge dance for which a 10-piece orchestra from Florence, S. C., has been engaged to furnish music.

Preceding the event a "Band Day Queen" will be chosen from the high school to reign over the day's festivities.

The first annual event of this kind was held during the past year and it was said to be the largest musical gathering ever held in Brunswick. It was attended by over 3000 people from North and South Carolina. The outlook for the coming event is that last year's attendance will be more than doubled. High schools bands from both states will participate.

Several dignitaries from both States as well as from New Jersey will review the event this year.

Wallace Kinschner of Newark, N. J., has already completed his plane reservation to fly down to view the event. Mr. Kinschner is the president of the Dorn & Kinschner Music Company in New Jersey. This organization helped to sponsor the trip of the Shallotte High School Band students to New Jersey last year.

The proceeds from this year's event will go toward the band trip that is planned for New York or Chicago during the coming spring.

Lester Roach, member of the junior class and bass drummer, has been selected as student chairman for the festival. Eight invitations have been mailed to high school bands in both states.

Tickets will go on sale January 10 with the advance price for adults \$1.00 and 50 cents for children. Plans are now being made for the printed programs, which will list all of the day's (Continued on Page 4)

Our Best Wishes



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May the new year surround you with everlasting joy and success crown your worthiest efforts.

Babson Takes Look At 1953 Prospects

Noted Economist Predicts Relatively High Business Level During Incoming Year; Demand For Capital Goods To Be Strong

Business and Financial Outlook For 1953

By ROGER W. BABSON
1. Business will start the year 1953 in high gear. The pace will slacken, however, as the year unfolds, with total business volume for 1953 smaller than for 1952. The powerful supports of the Great Boom — construction and automobiles — will lose strength as the year advances.

2. Barring World War III, 1953 will find business operating under less government control than any year since outbreak of the Korean War. But don't expect removal of price controls to help profit margins.

3. Salient economic feature is the fact that our productive capacity has now been expanded to the point where, barring World War III, output can take care of both arms and civilian needs.

4. The handwriting is on the wall against inefficient operators. Their days are numbered. The successful businessman next year will be the one who can control his costs and stay out front in his market.

5. I strongly urge my business friends to get out and sell, and sell hard next year; but hire the best cost accountants you can for the back office. "Order takers" will find fewer jobs as 1953 moves along.

6. My forecasts for 1953 are made on the assumption that World War III will not strike during the year. However, I want to make it clear that "all bets" (Continued on Page 2)

H. W. Hood Dies Suddenly Here Monday Morning

Former Southport Mayor Died At Home Following Heart Attack; Funeral Being Conducted This Morning

H. W. Hood, prominent Southport citizen, died Monday morning at his home in Southport following a heart attack. He was 60 years of age.

He had been considered to be in a precarious state of health since 1949, when he retired from his job as State Inspector of the Bureau of Weights and Measures, a post he had held for 12 years. In 1951 he deviated from his doctor's orders to take things easy and made a successful race for Mayor of Southport. He filled this position for one year, but in May, upon the advice of his doctor, he asked to be relieved of his official duties.

Since that time he had been in apparent good health and only on Saturday returned from a Christmas trip to Greenville, where he spent the holiday period with his daughter, Mrs. Roy McKeithan and her family.

Mr. Hood was born in Southport and spent his life here. He served for many years as a member of the Board of Aldermen, served one term as member of the Brunswick County Board of (Continued on Page 4)

Big Hopper Dredge Is Coming Here

Information received this morning from Col. R. C. Brown's office in Wilmington confirmed the report that the U. S. E. Dredge Gerig has been assigned to work at Southport for the Army Engineers on the bar and channel. The boat loads 3000 cubic yards of mud in about 40 minutes. That is rated over four times as much as the Lyman carried. The Lyman, according to Capt. John Swan, carries a crew of 60 men, and the Gerig has 82. She is a regular sea going dredge and has a cruising speed of 17 knots per hour when moving from point to point. She will be at Southport in an indefinite period and will probably arrive here this month.

Southern Bell Interested Here

Manager Of Wilmington Office Says His Company Is Keeping In Close Contact With Sunny Point Development

The Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company has been manifesting a keen interest in the Southport area for many years and this interest is now apparently increasing greatly as a result of the Sunny Point project.

In this office yesterday Paul B. Woodson, manager of the Wilmington office of the Bell Company, said:

"Our company is keenly interested in the Sunny Point project and is keeping in touch with that and everything that is coming to Southport and this area. We are keeping in touch with the government to ascertain just when they will need phones at Sunny Point and also what will be needed in the rest of the Southport area. We are deeply interested in the undoubted future growth and we will do everything possible to meet developing needs for communications here and around here."

Mr. Woodson's visit yesterday was in accord with the usual policy of the Bell Telephone Company. They keep their ears to the ground for anything affecting a section in which they may be directly concerned. Their (Continued on Page 4)

N. C. Employment Officers Plan To Serve Southport

Following Conference Here Tuesday Agreement Reached To Open Employment Office In Southport Two Days Each Week

THURSDAYS AND MONDAYS NAMED

This Will Serve Until Later When Full Time Service Will Be Available In Southport

Coming here yesterday on short notice to make an investigation of the employment situation in accordance with a request from the State Employment office, William H. Powell of the State Employment office in Wilmington assured a number of Southport citizens that the State Employment Commission will take care of the local situation.

Pointing out that the engineers charts do not call for anything like the peak of employment until March, Mr. Powell agreed that for the present and until demands showed further need the State will have an employment office open here two days each week.

The days agreed on were Monday and Thursday, since the latter is already a day of call for a worker to Southport. Hereafter he will put in more time on Thursday and also be here for the full day each Monday, beginning next week.

By the first of March, Mr. Powell said, they would open the office full time here, the town or county or both providing the office space. County Welfare Officer Edward Sexton, who was present, offered office space in one of the rooms that his office now uses to a small extent.

Mr. Powell stated his belief that the office will be a permanent one to serve Sunny Point and other construction activities and labor needs in this area. He stated that its services will be available to all private and public builders or agencies needing skilled or unskilled labor.

They will get in touch with various contractors in this area right away, ascertain the need for employees and at the same time list all who apply to be listed for various work.

Present to meet with Mr. Powell here Tuesday were Sam T. Bennett, S. Bunn Frink, Hubert Livingston, Davis Herring, J. C. Bowman, Walter Aldridge, Edward C. Sexton, Amos J. Walton, Charles Trott and W. B. Keziah.

Pedestrian Hit By Car Saturday

Carl M. Waddell, Leland Negro, Hit By Automobile After It Had Gone Out Of Control Following Blowout

Pedestrians are supposed to walk on the left hand side of highways, or to meet oncoming traffic. His failure to do this, coupled with an accident to a car, led to a broken leg for Carl M. Waddell of Leland late Saturday evening.

According to Patrolman R. H. (Continued on Page 4)

Quarterboat Goes Down Enroute Here

Crew Members Of Dredge Vantor Manage To Escape But Some Lost Many Of Their Personal Belongings

A quarterboat, two-decker, used by the Vantor of the Hill Dredging Company for sleeping quarters and as a mess hall, struck a stump or other obstruction near the intracoastal waterway bridge at Coinjock last week while en route to Southport.

Some 25 or 30 of the crewmen were asleep on the boat at the time. They say that the water poured in on them at such a rate that the ship sank completely in 15 feet of water, five minutes after she struck.

The men had a made scramble to get what possessions they could lay hands on and get out on top of the quarter boat from where the towing tug took them off. One of the crewmen stated to this paper that he saved all of his personal belongings except his shoes. A lady member

of the big delegations of members of the families that drove overland from Cape May, N. J., reports that Capt. J. W. Wells saved all of his belongings except his pants.

The pipeline pontoons and the dredge were being towed separate from the quarterboat and was not affected by the sinking. A note received this week from Col. R. C. Brown, Chief of the Wilmington District Army Engineers, advised that other accommodations were being obtained for the Vantor's crewmen and that the ship will get to work this week, despite the loss of the quarterboat.

Previous to this accident to the Vantor the ship had been storm bound in Maryland for several days, waiting until she could cross to Norfolk on her way to Southport and Sunny Point.

Officers Recover Stolen Property

Highway Patrolmen And Sheriff Officers Join In Manhunt For Two Heavily Armed Fugitives Tuesday

MEN TAKE TO WOODS AFTER WRECKING CAR

Officers Seek Two White Men In Connection With Auto Theft And For Other Robberies

State Highway Patrolmen and Sheriff E. W. Leonard and his officials had something of a man hunt on their hands on Monday night and Tuesday. The men wanted got away, but the officers recovered a brand new Hudson automobile, stolen from a show room in Laurinburg.

The two men wanted for this theft are J. B. and Jackie Hogan, both from Laurinburg. Jackie Hogan is said to be a deserter from the Army. They are believed to be heavily armed and at large in the woods of Brunswick County. After committing the robbery in Laurinburg early Monday night they were fleeing in this direction in the stolen automobile and near Ash the car struck a mule, resulting in the wrecking of the car. Both men fled into the woods on foot.

Corporal C. H. Lunch of the State Highway Patrol brought in a neat, small acetylene cutting burner and tank small enough to be carried in one hand and weighing only 4 or 5 pounds. The burner was used to cut locks from safe and other doors. A heavy marlinspike hammer, used for breaking into steel doors, was also recovered.

Since the identity of both of the men is known it is believed that it will be a question of only a short time until they are captured.

More Property Owners Paid Off

Nine Residents Of Sunny Point Area Receive Payment For Land In Transactions Here Tuesday

Nine Brunswick County property owners were paid off for their lands in full yesterday by the government, and inquiry at the office of the Savannah Real Estate Board brought the information that the expectations are for an early closing up of all real estate transactions for Sunny Point.

From the start the Real Estate Board has found obstacles in the way. In many cases property was simply handed down from father to son, wife or daughter, all without any papers. This put such property owners in the position of being unable to give a clear title and the government could not pay and take over until it could obtain such.

There have been few instances in which owners protested the prices offered for their lands. It is understood that such cases have now narrowed down until only one or two landowners are holdouts. It is said that such cases will in nowise delay or otherwise effect construction operations. The real estate office is supposed to and plans to have all of its deals cleared by the time all of the lands are needed.

Safety Measures To Feature Work At Sunny Point

Nothing Will Be Overlooked In Effort To Make Operation Of This Facility As Safe As Humanly Possible

MODERN SAFETY DEVICES EMPLOYED

Decision To Create Activity Similar To Sunny Point Came From Realization That Greater Safety Was Necessary

By W. B. KEZIAH
A few days ago Col. Rowland C. Brown, Chief of the Wilmington District, Army Engineers, made the remark that the public needed to be better informed regarding the safety measures for Sunny Point.

Owing to the huge lard area in which the installation will be located and the extensive precautions being taken, there will be absolutely no danger to either personnel or property around the boundaries as a result of explosions, it is said.

The combining of a lot of ammunition depots and moving them to Southport and Sunny Point is a part of the government's decentralization plans, intended for the general safety. Most of the present depots are located right in the heart of cities along the Atlantic Coast. They lack safety features for the protection of the population of the thickly settled surrounding areas and for their own protection.

At Sunny Point every type of protective measure known to man will be used, both to prevent explosions and to minimize the effect should they occur. For example, it is said, should a car load of hot stuff explode within the reservation, the result in this nearby Southport will be little more than a rumble.

The so-called hot stuff will be kept in box cars on sidings until it is loaded on ships. The sidings holding this live material will be flanked by earth walls 19 feet high and of proportionate thickness. Should an explosion occur these earth walls will confine the effects to a very limited area.

Depots a thousand times more dangerous, by reason of the congested human life in the immediate surroundings, are now at various points in big cities in New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and South Carolina. Thousands of people now spend their lives within a comparatively few yards of these centers, many without being even aware of the munitions activities in their front or back yards. The existing depots have given them little or no alarm.

The move by the government to decentralize things by moving to Southport will permit the exercising of every modern safeguard to human life. In addition to that it will give the facilities of what government agencies say is one of the greatest harbors along the Atlantic Coast to the handling of ammunition in times of need. This even during the present mere or less cold war in Korea there has been rather much complaint at the way the government back home has been passing the ammunition. Sunny Point should be the answer to that.

The claims of safety with regard to Sunny Point workers and nearby residents brings to mind that just a few weeks ago the (Continued on Page 4)

Good Catch Of Speckled Trout

Speckled trout are really biting at Holden's Beach and probably at many other places along the intracoastal waterway, according to reports reaching this office this week.

Sunday, Attorney Jim Bowman who is living at Holden Beach pending the building of his new home at Southport, caught 5 that averaged 3 1/2 pounds each. After finishing his work here Monday he went back, caught 4 more of about the same weight. Mrs. Bowman bettered him by catching a 5-lb., 2-oz. beauty.

Fishing at the same place at Holden Beach another man caught 10 of the beautiful fish the top one weighing 6 pounds and 2 ounces.

January Term May Prove Dull

Clerk Of Court Declares That Something Of Interest Must Develop From Now On If Court Is To Do Much Business

Should nothing occur between now and January 19, the January term of Superior Court will be about the smallest within the memory of present officials, so far as criminal cases go.

Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett states that thus far there are no murder cases scheduled and nothing in the way of manslaughter except the case of John Rouse, Negro, who is said to have accidentally struck and killed a 12-year-old white boy on Route 17, some months ago. The boy was riding his bicycle and allegedly swerved out into the path of the car driven by Rouse.

Judge Nimocks is to preside at the term. A grand jury for the 12 months will be selected from the 66-man venire drawn by the county commissioners in December.

Continues Work On New Building

Owner Lewis J. Hardee Has Gone To Florida For Few Months Work Shrimping, But Apartments Going Up

Although he will be at Key West, Fla., for the next few months, Lewis J. Hardee will continue work on his apartment buildings here. He now has nine 4-room apartments under construction and has recently bought a large lot across the street from where he is now building.

He stated this past week that it is his plan to construct additional apartments on this newly purchased property. The building of the apartments is in charge of Roy Swain. Three of them will soon be ready for occupancy, and material progress has been made on the other six. They are of attractive gray cinderblock construction, three apiece (Continued on Page 4)

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, December 25	
2:48 a. m.	9:08 a. m.
3:11 p. m.	9:24 p. m.
Friday, December 26	
3:50 a. m.	10:11 a. m.
4:10 p. m.	10:19 p. m.
Saturday, December 27	
4:47 a. m.	11:08 a. m.
5:04 p. m.	11:10 p. m.
Sunday, December 28	
5:41 a. m.	12:02 a. m.
5:58 p. m.	12:01 p. m.
Monday, December 29	
6:31 a. m.	0:00 a. m.
6:48 p. m.	12:50 a. m.
Tuesday, December 30	
7:17 a. m.	0:48 a. m.
7:34 p. m.	1:35 p. m.
Wednesday, December 31	
8:00 a. m.	1:32 a. m.
8:17 p. m.	2:16 p. m.

Brief News Flashes

TO TAKE HOLIDAY
All city and county offices, the post office and the bank, will be closed tomorrow (Thursday) in observance of New Years Day.

MAKE APPLICATION
Korean veterans are now eligible for benefits under the G. I. Bill and they are urged to visit their veterans service officer at once and fill out an application for educational training where this benefit is desired.

P. T. A. MEETING
The regular meeting of the Southport Parent-Teacher Association will be held tomorrow, (Thursday) evening, 7:30 o'clock. The program will feature Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lawrence of Atlanta, Ga., where Mr. Lawrence is director of the Fulton High School.

CHRISTMAS DINNER
Inmates of the Brunswick county jail were well fed at Christmas. Anticipating a large turnout of guests over the holidays, an occurrence that did not materialize, Jailer and Mrs. Mrs. H. G. Ratcliffe prepared a sumptuous layout, consisting of fried chicken, potato salad, candied yams, bags of fruit. The inmates did not lack for good things for several days.

Brief Session Of Court Held

Only Four Cases Disposed Of Here On Monday In Brunswick County Recorder's Court

Only four cases were disposed of here in Brunswick County Recorder's Court Monday as an abbreviated session was held. The following judgments were handed down:

Wilbur Knight, drunken driving, amended to reckless operation, fined \$50 and costs.
Herschell Clayton Sharpe, improper turn, fined \$10 and costs.
Arnold Clyde Hadcock, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of costs.
Henry Clarion Hooper, improper equipment, judgment suspended on payment of costs.



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Our ROVING Reporter

Sick for the whole month of December, it made us still sicker in another way Thursday when we looked at the table dotted with Christmas cards from everywhere. With the look came the reminder of conscience that we had been all on the receiving end. We had not mailed a single card and they had come to us from everywhere, some even from people we did not know. Oh, well, Christmas is over now. We suppose that nearly all of the folks who sent us cards are readers of this paper. It will do no harm to try and let them know at this late day that we sincerely appreciate, even if we were not physically able to show in the same way that we remembered them.

In addition to being invited for two Christmas dinners here at home — that being more than

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