

## Background Painting



MURAL—Art Newton, Southport artist, is shown as he surveys a recent painting which he was commissioned to do for use as scenic background for the Baptistery at Antioch Baptist Church. This is one of the most ambitious assignments ever undertaken by the local man and the picture was the largest in size that he has ever put on canvas. And who takes the pictures when the photographer makes like an artist?—Why, Mrs. Art Newton.

## Pairings Listed For "A" Tourney

**Bolivia Meets Fair Bluff In 6 O'Clock Opener At Williams; Dates February 26, 27 28**

WILLIAMS.—Pairings for the North Carolina High School Athletic Association's District Two Section One Class A Basketball Tournament, to be held here on Feb. 26-27-28, were announced on Sunday afternoon.

M. E. Brown of Chadburn, chairman of Section One in NCHSAA cage activity, released the pairings. He will have charge of the Williams event, along with Host Principal Vince Colombo of this school.

Bolivia — seeded Number One in the tourney — will face Fair Bluff's Bulldogs in the opener of all-boys' event at 6 o'clock on Thursday, February 26. Four games will be played on that night.

At 7:15, Chadburn's Number Two Panthers will tangle with Evergreen; Leland (3) will play Ac-Me-Delco at 8:30; and Williams (4) is charted to go against Cerro Gordo at 9:45 o'clock.

The semi-finals will find the Bolivia-FB winner pitted against the victor in the Chadburn-Evergreen tilt at 7:30 p. m. on Friday night, February 27; and the Leland-AD winner scheduled to face the victor of the Williams-CG clash at 8:45.

The finals will be played on Saturday night, February 28 at 8:30. The winners and runners-up in the tourney will advance to the District 2 event to be held in Kennesville the following week.

## In Air Force



Lt. KENNETH E. Swain, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Swain of Long Beach and Miami, Fla., Lt. Swain attended school at Bolivia until 1936 when the family moved to Myrtle Beach, S. C., where he graduated from high school in the Class of 1945. He received a B. S. degree in pharmacy from the University of South Carolina in June, 1950. He entered the U. S. Army Air Force January 1951 and is now taking specialized training at Lowery Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado.

## Routine Session Of County Court

Variety Of Cases Disposed Of Here Monday With Most Defendants Charged With Minor Offenses

A variety of cases were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday, with the following judgments being handed down:

John Brinson, illegal parking, fined \$10.00 an costs.

John Franklin Baldwin, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Bernice Hill, public drunkenness, carrying concealed weapon, guilty of public drunkenness and assault, 6 months on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs and placed on good behavior for two years.

Claude McLellan, public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs.

O. D. Mishoe, failure to yield right of way, judgment suspended on payment of costs and restitution to Luther Hogge.

Leroy Everette Simmons, failure to report accident, not prosessed with leave.

Harold Linberg Bellamy, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Grover Lane Hickman, registration, not prosessed at instance of prosecuting attorney.

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## Statewide Bills Are Introduced By Williamson

**Brunswick County Man Proposes Popular Change In Matter Of Responsibility For Furnishing School Buses**

Two bills of statewide interest were introduced in the lower house of the North Carolina General Assembly last week by Representative Odell Williamson of Brunswick county.

The first of these measures was designed to place the burden of responsibility for furnishing original school buses on the State and relieve the counties of this obligation. This measure has the support of the State Board of Education and Williamson was joined in this bill by 53 colleagues who signed the proposal.

At present the State will replace all wornout vehicles, but it is up to the various county units to provide the first bus to be used on any given route.

The second statewide measure would require the State Highway Commission to do grading and paving work for towns under 1,000 population at actual cost of operation. This bill is designed to make it possible for these small municipalities to get maximum benefit from their Powell Bill money and would relieve them of the necessity of purchasing expensive equipment if they are permitted to rent it from the State.

## Bolivia Citizens Want Teacherage

Propose Plan For Selling Bonds For Purpose Of Constructing Home For Teachers Of Community

Twenty-five representative citizens of Bolivia petitioned the Brunswick County Board of Education last week for permission to hold a bond election for the purpose of building a teacherage for that school.

The present building is inadequate and in addition is said to be in very bad condition. It is said that it will be a waste of money to attempt repairs and enlarge the structure to conform with present needs.

The board of education promptly approved the request for an election and at the Monday meeting of the board of county commissioners the request was also approved by that body.

The present status of the movement is that Representative Odell Williamson is being asked to enact legislation that will permit an election to determine whether or not the patrons of the school are in favor of the bond issue.

The date for the election and amount of bonds to be voted on will be determined in the legislation that will permit the election.

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## Must Register Before Voting

Walter Aldridge, auditor for the City of Southport, calls attention to the fact that Saturday is the final day on which the registration books will be open prior to the beer and wine election on Tuesday, March 3.

All persons who are registered to vote in a city election are already qualified to vote in this special election. The only exception is where a person has moved from one ward to another. In that event it will be necessary to request that his name be transferred to the proper registration book.

The city official warns against being confused by registration for voting in a county election. "This is different," he points out, "and in order to qualify as a voter each person must register on the city books."

## Canceled Now In Full Bloom

Unless Severe Freeze Comes Along To Clip Them These Flowers Should Provide Color Until Azaleas Bloom

The folks who would see camellias at their best and greatest profusion should visit Orton gardens now.

Continuous mild weather has brought all of the seasonal varieties of bushes into full bloom and has speeded up some others that should normally come later in the season. So far there has

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W. E. KEZIAH

Sending this reporter his renewal to The State Port Pilot, J. A. (Jake) Ramsaur of Lumberton, took occasion to write: "The Pilot is my favorite newspaper. Sure, it is not full of national news, I am interested in that too, but it is refreshing to get a paper full of local news." We believe Mr. Ramsaur has the right viewpoint of how this paper has to be conducted. It is a country weekly. Folks everywhere take daily papers and a weekly cannot compete with dailies in national news. A good way of describing the policy of The State Port Pilot is to say that it tries to serve the people of Brunswick county and people living outside the county who are interested in the Brunswick area.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam J. Frink of

## Arrangement For Shallotte Band Day Progressing

Student Committees Are Set Up To Take Care Of Every Phase Of Program Scheduled For March 7

**BEN McDONALD TO SERVE AGAIN AS M.C.**

This Year's Band Day Expected To Be One Of Outstanding Events Of The Year For Brunswick County

Director W. W. Jacobus of the Shallotte High School Band stated Saturday that plans for the Band Day Festival at Shallotte on March 7 are now complete and final touches are now being put to make the occasion a big event for Brunswick county.

The band now in its second year of training and with more than a hundred students in the two units, put on an impressive program last year. With the knowledge that came with the previous experience and the added band training, the students have received, a really big event can be looked forward to this year.

The committee to complete arrangements met this past Thursday and organized to handle all final details. Lanier Roach was appointed general chairman and he is being assisted by the following other units:

Marion Galloway and Carol Sellers, tickets; Jacky Leonard and Marion Ballard, programs; Marie Rourk, trophies; Ida Ruth Galloway, refreshments for the dance; DeWayne Tripp, parade; Betty Ann Hewett, dance chairman; Nina Bell Sellers, dance reservations; Marion Galloway and DeWayne Tripp, dance supervisors; Carol Sellers and Betty Hewett, hostesses; Lanier Roach, master of ceremonies.

The above arrangements are for the semi-formal dance on the evening of the 7th. For the parade the several bands and other events quite a number of outstanding guest have signified their acceptance of invitations. Ben McDonald, master of ceremonies for the band activities last Spring, will again serve this year. Mr. McDonald, a well known radio commentator, made quite

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## Whammy Seen As Aid To Patrolmen

Demonstration Here Last Week Convinces Rovin Reporter That Mechanical Eye Sees All, Knows All

By W. B. KEZIAH

The Whammy is undoubtedly in North Carolina to stay, judging by the general press comment and the enthusiastic manner in which it is being received by law enforcement officers.

For several weeks six of the machines have been under test or demonstration throughout the State. Thus far there has been no dispute as to their reliability in correctly gauging the speed of all passing cars. It is a form of radar and its unfailing eye picks you out and tells the watching officer just how fast you are going.

When it comes into general use one patrol car will have the whammy and will be somewhere beside the road. You will pass at somewhere above the speed limit

of 55-miles per hour and the whammy will pick you out. The whammy car will have a waltie talkie and when your speed has been clocked the officer at the machine will call to another car 300-feet down the road. You will be picked up by this second car and told just how fast you were going.

In other words, the whammy will get you if you don't watch out and govern your speed according to the state law.

Out on Route 17 this past week Corporal O. H. Lynch, Patrolman Horace S. Wilkins and Patrolman Edward Worrell tried out a whammy. The speed limit is 55-miles per hour. Out of each 3 cars that passed one was exceeding 60 miles per hour and more.

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## Cage Tournament Starts Tonight

### Monday Holiday In County Offices

Sunday, February 22, Washington's Birthday is a national holiday, and as the date falls on Sunday it will be observed in most places on Monday.

Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton, clerk ex-officio to the Board of County Commissioners, stated last night that while the order was not on that week's minutes of the board meeting, all county offices will be closed Monday.

## Freak Accident Causes Death

**Daniel Elwood Sellers, Resident Of Winnabow Community, Killed Instantly By Falling Tree**

Daniel Elwood Sellers, 44-year old resident of the Winnabow community was instantly killed by a falling pine tree that was blown over by the wind Thursday.

There was no storm, just high winds. Mr. Sellers, according to Coroner John Caison, and his uncle, 82-year old Hubert Sellers, were at the potato house on the Sellers farm and about a hundred yards from the home. A sudden gust of wind snapped off the pine tree at a height of about 4 feet from the ground. The younger man was struck on the back of the head and was instantly killed. He was endeavoring to get out of the way when struck. The tree was about 12 or 14 inches thick at the point where it broke.

Hubert Sellers, the older man, is said to have been in feeble health and could not move quickly. This is believed to have saved his life. The tree fell directly at his feet and he would have been struck if he had been able to get to his feet quicker than he did.

The deceased was buried Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock with services at the Mill Creek Baptist church, Rev. Fred Gore officiating.

Surviving are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Sellers of Winnabow; a sister, Mrs. Jewell Danford of Bolivia; three brothers, L. O. Sellers of Bolivia and W. R. and R. E. Sellers of Belmont.

## Commissioners In Session Monday

Major Business Disposed Of Before Board In Regular Session Here This Week

Considerable more business than usual came up Monday at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners.

A petition was presented by County Supt. of Schools J. T. Denning, asking for an election for a bond issue for the construction of a teacherage for the Bolivia school, amount to be specified when the election is called. Motion of approval was made by Commissioner R. L. Rabon, seconded by Chairman Elroy King.

A request was received from the Shallotte and Waccamaw

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## Complication Is Holding Up Work On New Railroad

Seaboard Refused Permission To Cross Atlantic Coast Line Tracks; Change May Result In Track-Laying Plans

**CONTRACTOR READY TO BEGYN WORK**

Next Major Development Expected To Be Awarding Contracts For Work On Docks

By W. B. Keziah

Although some right of way clearing for the railroad has been done and the track contractors have also done some work, the matter of earth efforts towards building the railroad to Sunny Point is said to still be meeting obstacles. The contract was awarded late last year to the W. A. Smith Construction Company of Houston, Texas. Mr. Smith is said to be ready to move in in full force on short notice. But it appears that so far he has not been able to get the go ahead signal and will not get these orders until some technicalities are ironed out.

Last fall the ICC failed to grant a permit for the Seaboard Air Line to run its tracks across these of the Atlantic Coast Line at Leland. This is said to have forced a change of plans for the railroad at the set-off and pick-up point near Leland.

As a result, considerable time is involved in getting plans righted again.

There are some reports to the effect that the Seaboard has filed an appeal on the decision of the I.C.C. and that this appeal is to come up right away. If it results in a decision in favor of the Seaboard, work may begin in the near future.

However, it has been pointed out that titles to a small area of the required land have not yet been cleared. That it will have to be cleared through court procedure. This may cause a slight delay, but it is believed that both of the present hurdles will be cleared in a short time.

It is not known definitely what progress is being made towards asking for bids for the 3 fifteen hundred foot docks on the river. Progress is said to be being made

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## Former Citizens Hurt In Wreck

**Mrs. Masie Hyatt Reported In Critical Condition Following Accident In Louisiana**

On their way to Tuesday morning of last week Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Hyatt of Lake Charles, La., were in an automobile wreck that resulted in serious head injuries to Mrs. Hyatt. Sunday night she was still unconscious in a Lake Charles hospital but had begun to move a little in her bed and it was thought she was improving.

The report received here indicated that Mr. and Mrs. Hyatt were on their way to work Tuesday morning. Mrs. Hyatt is a registered nurse and Mr. Hyatt teaches at Lake Charles College. Complete details have not been received here but it is understood their car was in collision with another machine. Mr. Hyatt was

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## Good Progress On Road Work

Most Of Grading Completed And Preparations Being Made To Lay Additional Har Surface

Most of the grading has been completed on highway No. 130 between Southport and midway and the matter of laying a foundation for the new paving has been started this week by the contractors.

Not only will the new roadbed be much wider, but a 4-foot strip is to be added to the width of paving. A trench has been dug next to the present paving and is being filled with clay as a solid base for the additional hard-surface.

The matter of widening the bridge over Bever Dam creek has been accomplished without the necessity of erecting a by-pass, but at Dutchman's Creek near Southport a temporary bridge has been erected to take the place of the old concrete structure, which will be completely rebuilt.

Most of the heavy equipment, including four big draglines, have been moved off this project. These machines dug deep canals parallel to the highway, using the dirt to widen the shoulders and providing adequate drainage for the entire roadbed. This operation was accomplished with a remarkably small amount of interruption to traffic.

## 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, February 19	
0:00 a. m.	6:15 a. m.
12:25 p. m.	6:29 p. m.
Friday, February 20	
0:57 a. m.	7:17 a. m.
1:23 p. m.	7:27 p. m.
Saturday, February 21	
1:57 a. m.	8:22 a. m.
2:25 p. m.	8:29 p. m.
Sunday, February 22	
3:80 a. m.	9:27 a. m.
3:29 p. m.	9:32 p. m.
Monday, February 23	
4:01 a. m.	10:27 a. m.
4:29 p. m.	10:31 p. m.
Tuesday, February 24	
4:55 a. m.	11:19 a. m.
5:24 p. m.	11:24 p. m.
Wednesday, February 25	
5:48 a. m.	0:00 a. m.
6:12 p. m.	12:05 p. m.

## Brief News Flashes

### OYSTER ROAST

Members of Sharon Methodist church, in Lockwoods Folly township will sponsor an oyster roast at Boone's Neck on Saturday afternoon, February 28. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### DAY OF PRAYER

Churches of Southport will unite in a union service observing World Day of Prayer Friday. The services will be held at the Baptist church at 4 p. m. World Day of Prayer is an annual observance sponsored by the General Department of United Women of the National Council of Churches.

### LEWIS CHAIRMAN

G. K. Lewis of the Bolivia school district and member of the board of education for several years, has been appointed chairman of the board. Mr. Lewis succeeds Thomas St. George as chairman. Mr. St. George resigned two weeks ago and was succeeded as the Smithville township member by Ray H. Walton of Southport.