

Red Cross Drive Begins With Ray Walton Chairman

Southport Attorney Will Head The Annual Drive For Funds With Which To Continue Operation Of Organization

COUNTY CHAPTER HAS GOOD RECORD

Services Have Been Rendered By Volunteer Committee In Absence Of Paid Worker For Job

The annual membership campaign for the Red Cross is underway in Brunswick County with Ray Walton, Southport attorney, in charge of the campaign. He is being assisted by capable helpers throughout the county.

Holland Manning is chairman for the Leland community; John C. Johnson, Bolivia; Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Southport; G. C. McKeithan, Shallotte; Lester Babson and Odell Bennett, Waccamaw.

J. T. Denning, chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter, reports that since the chapter was reorganized on March 10, 1952, more than 120 Brunswick County service men and their families have been helped by the Home Service Committee.

In the absence of a paid Red Cross worker in this county, the task of assisting men in service and their families with personal problems has been handled by a volunteer committee, covering the county on a geographical basis. The committee is composed of Mrs. Philip King, chairman, Long Beach; Paul Pittinger, vice chairman, Southport; Mrs. Joe Ramseur, Orton; Mrs. Gilbert Reid, Winnabow; Mrs. William C. Smith, Leland; Robert H. Sellers, Shallotte and Lester C. Babson, Freeland.

On the average of 10 persons a month, which this committee has helped, the majority have been white, the ratio running about 75 per cent white to 25 per cent Negro servicemen. While assistance has been given to servicemen from England to Korea and from Germany to ships at sea, the majority of these have involved men stationed in the United States.

Since men in service are not given emergency leave to come home because of death or illness until the need for their presence is verified by the Red Cross, this has been the largest request for Red Cross help. Other services have been: notification of death, birth or funeral plans; assistance with family allotments; hardship discharges; requests for reassignment; help in obtaining emergency leave and extension of leave; transmittal of funds; providing medical-social histories; home conditions reports; health and welfare reports; assistance with death benefit papers; financial assistance and locator service.

Mr. Denning says that members of the Home Economics Committee have been asked to assist in just about every kind of personal problem imaginable, from effecting a reconciliation between a service man and his estranged wife to having a serviceman released from jail. Although most

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Brief News Flashes

LIONS TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 12:30 o'clock at the Masonic Building.

PTA MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Southport Parent-Teachers Association will be held tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:30, in the high school auditorium.

ENTER TOURNAMENT

The Southport all-stars have entered the Burgaw Invitational Tournament which begins next Wednesday at the Pender County town.

GOOD PLANTS

V. J. Smith, tobacco grower of the Supply community, stated yesterday that his tobacco plants were large enough for the leaves to cover a silver dollar. Mr. Smith plants eight acres in the weed in addition to his general farming.

EPISCOPAL SERVICES

Lenten services are continuing at St. Phillips Episcopal Church each Wednesday night through April 2nd. The preaching is being done by Rev. D. W. Allen, and the public is cordially invited to worship with the congregation.

Southport Men Own Small Dredge

Willis Brothers Plan To Use Own Equipment To Dredge Yacht Basin On River Near Fiddlers Grain

Robert M. Willis and sons, all of Southport, have been at work for some time building a small dredge at Charleston. Now about completed except for minor details, the machine was brought here this week and will be put to work in about six weeks, dredging a yacht basin on Fiddlers Drain, or Bonnett Creek, about four blocks from the court house.

The dredge has an eight-inch pipeline, just half the size of the two that are now dredging in the Wilmington harbor. It is not expected to move earth very fast, but it will serve. The Willis say they will dredge their yacht basin to the same depth as the intracoastal waterway, and they propose to use it for yachts exclusively.

Gas, water and other servicing facilities will be provided and

Beach Association Expands Services

John H. Farrell Will Serve As Executive Secretary Of Organization This Year And Will Work On Broad Program

SECRETARY HAS GOOD EXPERIENCE

New Head Of Organization Hopes To Work On Industrial Expansion For Southeastern North Carolina Area

Spending Saturday here John H. Farrell, executive secretary of the southeastern North Carolina Beach Association and formerly executive secretary of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, showed a very broad minded viewpoint of what he feels should be the aims of the association.

Mr. Farrell was accompanied to Southport by his young son, Jimmy Farrell. About 12 years old, Jimmy confided to a representative this paper while returning from Sunny Point, that he was going to talk about Southport and Sunny Point to his schoolmates and teacher.

As executive secretary of the SNCEA Mr. Farrell stated that it was really his intention to get about among all of the counties that the association will serve—and he means that the association will really serve them from an economic angle as well as from the promoting of sport fishing and beach development.

In other words, the association will try and do its best by inter-county in Eastern North Carolina, such as Columbus, Bladen and others that do not have a coast line, along with those counties that do have a coast line.

Serving the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce for a decade, not including his four-year leave of absence in the service, it would be hard to find a better man than John Farrell for the wider field of Executive Secretary of the Beach Association. His ability to meet and mix with the public to mix with the know how of getting results in what he undertakes. He should be able to cement the counties of SEN-CBA with the unity that they have not heretofore felt.

Extending Beach Road One Mile

Developers Are Footing Bill For Paving Extension Which Will Reach Almost To Lockwoods Folly Inlet

The road down North Carolina's straightest and longest unbroken beach strand at Long Beach, is growing longer and longer. Charles Trott, Davis Herring and John E. Ward, owners and developers of the lower two miles of beach frontage, are building a new road almost all the way down to Lockwoods Folly Inlet. Ultimately both Long Beach and Holden Beach hope to see the inlet spanned by a bridge that will contribute greatly by still faster expansion by two of North Carolina's fastest growing beach areas.

Last year the above interests built about a mile of new road extending the old Long Beach road. A good foundation was

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Test Piling Bids Being Opened By Engineers Today

Necessary To Drive Test Shaft In Each Location In Order To Determine Proper Depth For Permanent Piling

CAN USE SAME ONES OVER AND OVER

Other Operations In Connection With Sunny Point Project Progressing According To Plan

By W. B. KEZIAH

The only development during the week with regard to the Sunny Point construction is that bids were opened by the Army Engineers Monday for the driving of test piling for the docks at Sunny Point. It has not yet been announced who was the successful bidder for this work.

As a matter of public information, it may be said that the driving of the test piling is to determine how long each of the permanent pilings will have to be for bearing and strength capacity. Solid bottoms are at different levels and each piling will be constructed of a length in accordance with the depth to which it will have to be driven.

The permanent pilings will be of concrete, similar to those of the State Port dock in Wilmington. The fact that three docks are to be built, each more than 1500 feet in length, points to the fact that an enormous number of test pilings will have to be driven. It is understood that the same test pilings will be used over and over, as long as they are usable, the measurements at each point of driving being used to ascertain the length of the permanent piling to be used at that spot.

Washington usually gives the nod to the successful bidder for contracts such as the driving of the test pilings, especially on such large jobs as the above. In his case they will probably do so in a few days and following the work Engineers will be able to figure out specifications for the dock itself and call for bids for

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Numerous Cases Tried In Court

Variety Of Offenses Disposed Of Monday With Traffic Offenses Being Most Numerous

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

James Conrad Pigott, allowing unlicensed person to operate car, no pros.

Loris Stephen Pigott, no operators license, \$25 fine and costs.

Claude Norris, Jr., reckless operation and no operators license, fined \$25 and costs, 10 days stay.

Richard E. Owens, overloading, costs.

Livingston Pat Hunt, overloading, costs.

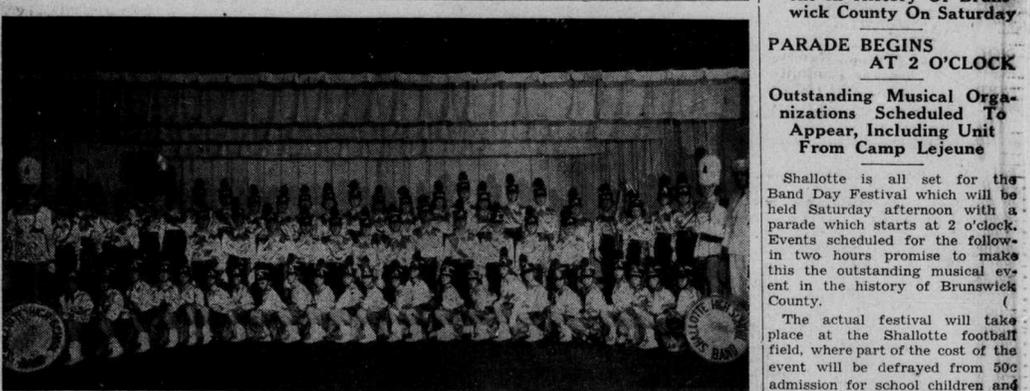
Edward Earl Carroll, overloading, fined \$20 and costs.

Earl Ernest Collins, overloading, costs.

Daisy Moody, possession, 90 days in jail, suspended on payment of a fine of \$25 and costs (Continued on Page Four)

Everything Ready For Band Day Festival At Shallotte

Host Organization



READY.—This is the Shallotte High School Band, which will compete against several of the outstanding musical organizations of this area at the Band Day Festival Saturday afternoon. The parade will begin at 2 o'clock. Incidentally, the Shallotte band is one of two North Carolina high school bands who have been invited to go to the Lions Club International Convention in Chicago in July.

Williamson Bill Aimed At Movies

Measure Would Prohibit Showing Non-Educational Movies With Admission Charge During School Hours

BILL DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN EQUALITY

Reports Indicate That This Entertainment Has Not Been Made Available To Ones Who Can Not Pay

A bill introduced in the legislature yesterday by Representative Odell Williamson provides that no motion pictures be shown in the schools of Brunswick County, during school hours, unless for educational or instructional purposes. If shown for that purpose no admission can be charged.

Representative Williamson stated that the folks in Brunswick are getting tired of movies every week and the children having to pay 15 cents each to go. Those without money have to stay in classes, he said.

One teacher, whose pupils often have to remain in classes because they are unable to dig up the 15 cents each, is credited with saying that her pupils might as well stay at home on Fridays, the days on which the pictures are shown.

The bill is obviously aimed at the monetary angle in the use of the picture and at eliminating the discontent on the part of the pupils who have to remain in classes because they do not have the money to pay for admission to see the pictures.

If the act passes the board of education will have the authority to dismiss school officials who violate it.

Commissioners In Session Monday

Matters Of Routine Importance Disposed Of At Regular Meeting Of County Board

The board of county commissioners were in session Monday with roads and tax matters the only things to come up.

By motion of R. L. Rabon, seconded by Leo F. Medlin, it was ordered that the clerk write a letter to Commissioner Wilbur Clark, asking that the State Highway Commission investigate a section of road, intersecting the Soldiers Bay and Grissetown roads, near the James Long home and running easterly for about one mile and known as the Russtown Road. The request is that this road be graded and drained.

It was ordered that W. C. Gore of Town Creek Township be allowed to pay his taxes, \$100.00 down now and \$50.00 on January, 1954. Thereafter \$100.00 annual until the full amount of \$425. (Continued on Page Four)

Shallotte Will Be Host To Outstanding Musical Event In History Of Brunswick County On Saturday

PARADE BEGINS AT 2 O'CLOCK

Outstanding Musical Organizations Scheduled To Appear, Including Unit From Camp Lejeune

Shallotte is all set for the Band Day Festival which will be held Saturday afternoon with a parade which starts at 2 o'clock. Events scheduled for the following two hours promise to make this the outstanding musical event in the history of Brunswick County.

The actual festival will take place at the Shallotte football field, where part of the cost of the event will be defrayed from 50c admission for school children and \$1 per person for adults. Programs will carry pictures of the different bands and the names of the students composing them will be on sale. A complete outline of the day's events will also be found in the programs, as will be a score sheet on which the holders of the program can list the results of the events.

The field events will be headed by Ben MacDonald, master of ceremonies. The Shallotte Band will put on a 15-minute show of their own. Following this there will be a band competition between the Edwards Military Band and the Mullins, S. C. Band. Five judges will do the scoring on this competition.

Next in order the Edwards Military Institute Drill unit will present a close order drill exhibition.

Following the above the Formal Retreat Drill will take place with the Camp Lejeune Drum Corps leading the music Lt. David Carmichael of the Shallotte National Guard will act as Commander in Charge. All of the bands will line up, side by side, with the drum corps, while an address is being made by Wally Kirschner, who has proven himself a very special friend of the Shallotte Band. Mr. Kirschner helped sponsor the Shallotte Band trip to New Jersey and New York last year, and he stayed with the organization all of the time while it was in New Jersey.

Crowning of the Queen will be next on the program and this feature will also be handled by Mr. Kirschner. The awarding of first and second prizes to bands will follow in order.

The spectacular Passing-in-Review will close the afternoon events.

During the evening a semi-formal dance at the gymnasium will wind up the festival. Indications are that this colorful affair will be a highlight of the day's events. Only couples will be admitted and they must be in semi-formal dress. Tom Boyd and his orchestra will supply the music from 8 p. m. until midnight. The gym is being beautifully decorated with colored lights and moss and tables and chairs will be placed advantageously on the floor and refreshments will be served during the evening.

During the dance the Queen (Continued on page four)

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, March 5	
10:23 a. m.	4:43 a. m.
10:56 p. m.	4:44 p. m.
Friday, March 6	
11:01 a. m.	5:26 a. m.
11:43 p. m.	5:23 p. m.
Saturday, March 7	
11:48 a. m.	6:16 a. m.
0:00 p. m.	6:13 p. m.
Sunday, March 8	
0:39 a. m.	7:16 a. m.
12:48 p. m.	7:15 p. m.
Monday, March 9	
1:45 a. m.	8:25 a. m.
1:58 p. m.	8:26 p. m.
Tuesday, March 10	
2:55 a. m.	9:32 a. m.
3:12 p. m.	9:40 p. m.
Wednesday, March 11	
4:03 a. m.	10:34 a. m.
4:22 p. m.	10:47 p. m.

Our ROVING Reporter

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Our stage of development is such that we only have to shave every other day. Lately we have been noticing that some bunch of girls will show up on the other day, to be taken to Sunny Point. Likewise that applies to more important visitors. Plain bums show up when we are fresh out of whiskers. It all seems to be one of the contraries of life and apparently there is no help for it unless we get around to shaving every day. Something we do not aim to do.

Hundreds of free copies of the Raleigh News and Observer were delivered here to house throughout Southport Sunday morning at 6:30. The work was preliminary to regular house to house distribution daily to all subscribers by carrier boys. Payments

to them can be made on a weekly, monthly or yearly basis and assurance is given that deliveries will be made at the homes or designated places at approximately 6:30 each morning. The News and Observer is the first of the big dailies to recognize the rapid development of Brunswick County and its beaches by giving this early house to house service. It also extends to Shallotte and Supply, and will later include Long Beach and other points.

The visit here last week of Herman Leder from Whiteville may and may not have a significance for future development in the Southport area. Mr. Leder owns a chain of widely known and progressive Dept. Stores. He came to Southport of his own (Continued on page four)