

Driving Piling For Town Creek Railroad Bridge

This Is First Actual Permanent Construction Work On Approach Railroad To Sunny Point

OTHER WORK WILL START ON MAY 5th

Following This Work On Project Expected To Proceed On Accelerated Schedule Of Operations

By W. B. KEZIAH
The first actual steps in construction of the Sunny Point railroad are taking place this week with the Port Construction Company now driving permanent pilings for the bridge that will span Town Creek at a point something over two miles below the State Highway Route 17 bridge at Winnabow.

Crossing the stream there, the railroad will come on, passing southwest of Battery Pond and crossing Allen Creek about two miles below the small bridge that spans the stream on State Highway 303. Moore's Creek will also be crossed by the railroad at a point about two miles below 303. Moore's Creek is the headwaters of Orton Pond and the road will cross above the upper end of the pond.

The army engineers today sent W. B. Keziah some pictures of the first actual railroad construction work. They arrived too late to be used today but they clearly show the first pilings for the trestle being driven.

It is believed that the start of this bridge building work is preceding the clearing of the right of way and grading operations by not more than 10 days. Delayed by excessive rains that prevented the use of their heavy equipment on the Savannah River project, the Green Construction Company of Indiana notified engineers three weeks ago that they would not be able to get here until May 5th. Dry weather permitting them to make good time since the notification, they are said to have stated last week that they will arrive by May 2nd. It is not considered altogether unlikely that they may arrive during the middle of the coming week.

It has been said that an entire freight train will be required to transport the Green Construction Company's heavy equipment. The W. A. Smith Construction Company of Houston, Texas, will also arrive in a couple of weeks or so after Green. Smith will also bring much equipment, it is said.

It is a matter of local interest that a Brunswick County boy, Gene Tomlinson of Long Beach, is looking after the railroad angle for the Army engineers. Tomlinson is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy.

BENEFIT SUPPER
Members of the American Legion Auxiliary will serve a smorgasbord tomorrow (Thursday) evening at the home of Mrs. Christine Frink. Funds will go to help outfit the Masonic building as a community center.

ON DRAFT BOARD
Crawford L. Rourke has been appointed a member of the Brunswick County Selective Service Board. He succeeds Dan Warrington, who resigned on account of pressure of other work. The other two members of the board are Hubert Livingston of Southport and V. B. King of Freeland.

TO PRESENT PLAY
Members of the freshman class of Southport high school will present a three-act comedy, "The Groom Said No", Tuesday night in the high school auditorium. The play had been scheduled for Friday night, but was postponed in order to avoid a conflict with the United Evangelistic Mission in progress at the Methodist Church.

BAPTIST FILM
Southport Baptist Church will show the film "Bible on the Table" Sunday night following the regular evening service. This is the story of an average Christian family and how they come to realize the importance of family worship in the home. The film was produced by the Baptist Sunday School board, but has been widely circulated among all denominations. It is 30 minutes in length.

Historic Landmark



RUINS—St. Phillips Church, the walls of which are still standing at the site of old Brunswick, will be one of the points visited Sunday by members of the North Carolina Society of County and Local Historians, who have planned a tour of the Cape Fear river area in Brunswick county.

Draw Jury List For May Term Superior Court

Other Matters Of Routine Importance Disposed Of By Board Of Commissioners In Session Here Monday

The Board of County Commissioners was in regular session Monday, and the minutes show the following business as having been transacted:
A road in Lockwoods Folly Township running from Shell Point to the landing known as Tar Landing, approximately one mile in length, was approved for the State to grade and drain.

Dalton Simmons appeared before the board and asked that the clerk be instructed to write the Highway Commission concerning some drainage that should be done along the highway near his home at Ash.

For the May 11th term of Superior Court the following men and women were ordered summoned to serve as jurors:
W. B. Roach, Garland Simmons, Supply; W. G. Gurganus, J. S. Purvis, Sam J. Frink, J. D. Meares, Thomas L. Ballard, Shallotte.

J. W. Flowers, Arthur Sue, G. R. Innis, Jr., T. T. Roper, William E. Wessell, H. B. Williams, J. H. Croom, Leland; Mrs. Winifred Lesh, Homer Holden, Garfield Clemmons, Bolivia.

B. H. Evans, James C. Evans, Freeland; Arthur E. Newton, Maxie Coker, Harry Sell, John R. Swain, Ben W. Swain, Herman B. Sellers, Neils Jorgensen, Geo. W. Rappleya, G. W. McGlamery, Ivan Ludlum, Southport.

Paul N. Hammond, Rex J. Main, George Walter Harper, Ash; A. L. Atkinson, Howard W. Lewis, Russell G. Coovie, Winnabow.

Another Section Of Beach Opens

Streets Will Be Cut Out And Blocks Of Lots Offered For Sale Between Two Developments

A bulldozer was set to work yesterday building roads adjoining the Yaupon Village property of Barbee's, Inc., from the Long Beach Road to the ocean strand. This area has some beautiful wooded property, valuable alike for summer and winter residence.

It has not been learned how much in the way of new road building is contemplated at the present time, but reports indicate that several blocks will be laid out and offered for sale with provisions that only buildings of a desirable type shall be erected.
It seems probable that the sale of this property will only be made by full blocks instead of lots. This course, if followed, will enable buyers to have some say as to the type of neighboring residents.

Historical Tour Of Brunswick Planned

N. C. Society Of County And Local Historians Will Visit Points Of Interest On Cape Fear River

SKETCH IS MADE OF PROPOSED TOUR

Large Number Of Visitors Expected To Make Trip To Clarendon, Oaks, Orton And Site Of Brunswick

The North Carolina Society of County and Local Historians will make a tour of points of historic interest in Brunswick County Sunday.

Dr. W. P. Jacobs is president of this group and Mrs. Seth L. Smith of Whiteville is vice president representing the Cape Fear area. The tour manager is Malcolm Fowler of Lillington.

Next Sunday members are to meet at the ship-lay-up basin in Brunswick County and drive down Route 130, sometimes known as the river road to Southport.

So far it is not known just how many will be in the party, but it will probably have some 75 visitors representing most of the North Carolina counties.

The following information regarding points of interest has been compiled by Lawrence Lee, University of North Carolina historian who has been doing considerable research in connection with early events in this area, particularly at Brunswick:

Clarendon Plantation
Clarendon is one of the few of the fine old Cape Fear plantations which has retained its identity. Although the beautiful main house is of relatively modern construction, the original grant dates from the early years of the Cape Fear settlement. The adjacent smoke houses appear to date from the early years also, while the greenhouse is of 19th century origin. It was in the immediate vicinity of Clarendon that the first Charlestown, later referred to as Old Town, was founded in an unsuccessful attempt to settle the Cape Fear during the 17th century.

Clarendon is now the private residence of the family of Mr. Cornelius Thomas.

Old Town (Charlestown)
That corner of land lying to the north of Town Creek, and to the west of Cape Fear River, is the site of one of the early unsuccessful attempts to establish settlements on the Cape Fear River. In 1664 a group of settlers from Barbados established (Continued on Page 2)

Elderly Freeland Man Hit By Auto

Henry Lee Simmons Killed Instantly Sunday Night When Struck By Car On Way To Church

FREELAND, April 20. — Henry Lee Simmons, 71-year-old Freeland farmer, died early today in Doshier Memorial Hospital at Southport from injuries received Sunday night when he was struck by an automobile as he walked along the highway on his way to evening church services.
Miss Olive Evans, a young girl enroute to the same church, was identified as driver of the car. He was reported as walking on the wrong side of the road for (Continued on Page 2)

Name Members Of Committees In Flower Show

Attempts Being Made To Make Annual Woman's Club Flower Show County-Wide Attraction

INVITATIONS GO OUT TO GROUPS

The Show This Year Will Be Held On Friday, May 8, With Southport Garden Club Co-Sponsor

FLOWER SHOW
Efforts are being made to make the annual Southport flower show a county-wide event. Sponsored each year by the Southport Woman's Club, the show this year will be co-sponsored by the Southport Garden Club with Mrs. W. S. Styron and Mrs. Phil King as co-chairmen. It will be held in the Southport gymnasium Friday, May 1.

Invitations have been extended to the Shallotte Woman's Club, Shallotte Business and Professional Woman's Club and to all Home Demonstration Clubs in the county to participate. It is hoped that other clubs, groups and individuals throughout Brunswick County will enter in the show.

Entries may be registered between the hours of 9 and 12 o'clock, noon. The doors will be closed for judging from 12 to 3 and the show will be open to the public from 3 to 6. Tea will be served from 4 to 6.

Mrs. F. M. Burdette is to serve as secretary for the show. Committee chairmen assisting in arranging the show are: House Committee, Mrs. Davis Herring; decorations, Mrs. Robert L. Thompson; publicity, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr.; judge luncheon, Mrs. E. H. Arrington; tea, Mrs. Bryant Potter; prizes, Mrs. A. D. Harrelson and Mrs. George Whaley, co-chairman; hospitality and silver offering, Mrs. T. R. Bussells; registration, Mrs. Doshier Ruark; placement, Mrs. Fred Wil (Continued on Page Five)

Shallotte Man Dies Suddenly

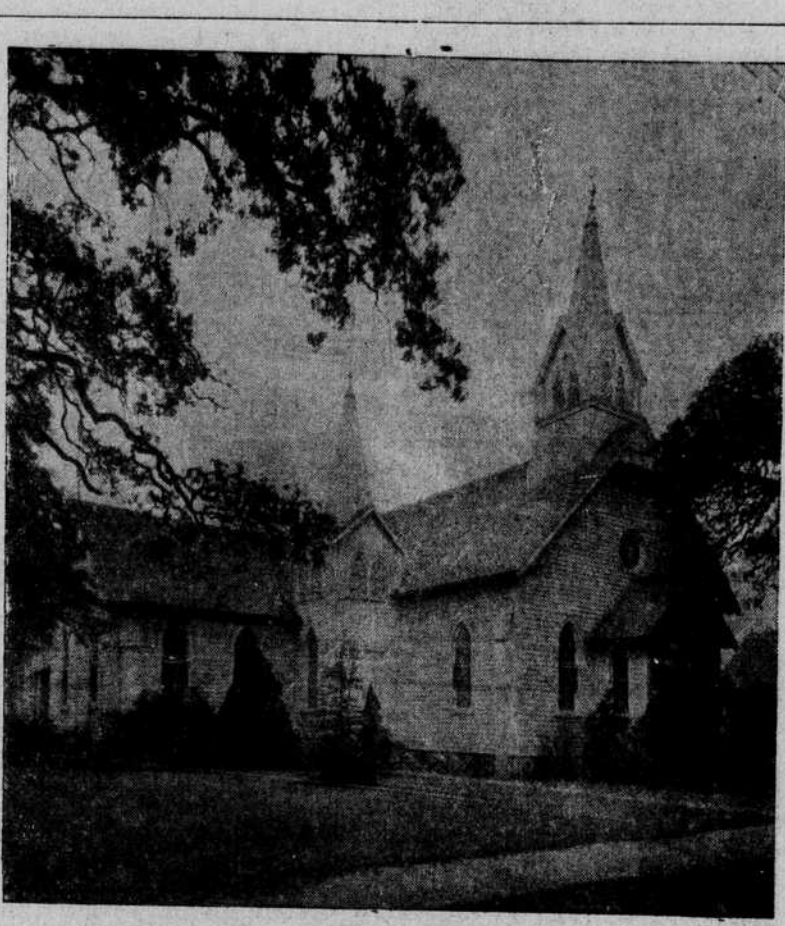
L. B. White, Proprietor Of Shallotte Laundry, Was Stricken Wednesday And Died In Columbus County Hospital

A resident of Shallotte, where he owned and operated the Shallotte Laundry for the past several years, Livingston Brooks White, 49, died in the Columbus County Hospital Wednesday afternoon. He was carried there following a stroke earlier in the day.

A native of Columbus County, Mr. White purchased the Shallotte Laundry soon after it was established by other interests. Moving to Shallotte he built up a thriving business and had just recently built and moved into a nice new business building.

Funeral services were held at New Hope Baptist Church near Whiteville Friday afternoon with Rev. W. S. Caudie officiating. Burial was in the New Hope Church cemetery. The deceased is survived by his widow, Mrs. Allie Hall White; two sons, Harry and Gene White; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. White of Columbus County, a sister and several brothers.

Scene Of Mission



REVIVAL—Trinity Methodist Church in Southport is the scene this week of the United Evangelistic Mission, with the Rev. John Cooley of Cameron, South Carolina, bringing the message. Other Methodist charges in Brunswick county are cooperating in this mission.

Gilbert Opposed By Livingston

First Bluefish Of Season Caught

The bluefish are off Southport but the weather that arrived with them has not yet brought about the many sport fishermen to meet them, with too much wind and too much cold, so far.

One boat out on the gulf on Sunday, despite the bad weather, brought in three large amberjack. However, the interest was centered on the bluefish. The Bessie Ray of Ray Stubbs brought in thirty-two 2-pounders, despite the fact that weather forced an early return to port. The boatmen all feel sure of big catches of blues from right now on.

This week-end should see both sport fishermen and fish here in full force. Many of the boatmen report they are already lined up with parties from up state. Some boats are out today for the first time since Sunday.

Little Damage From Cold Spell

Growers Report Little Serious Permanent Damage Resulted To Crops As Result Of The Week-End Weather

The excessive cold which prevailed over the week-end and reached its peak Monday night did no damage to tomato plants, beans and other tender crops in the Southport area, according to E. H. Sheppard, local tomato plant grower. Mr. Sheppard said last night that they would begin shipping tomato plants from the Shepherd and Cochran plant farm between the 5th and 10th of May.

In some parts of the State the damage to plants and crops by the cold is rather heavy, according to reports received by Mr. Sheppard. Here, not even a 12-acre field of young beans owned by Sheppard and Cochran was damaged.

The local tomato plant producers see their acreage at a time when they calculate they will produce mature plants ready for the time when New Jersey and Pennsylvania climate will permit growers to set them out in the open fields. The plants are pulled and packed here in the morning and early in the afternoon. Moving vans rush them North that night and they arrive in ready to be set out the next morning.

Mr. Sheppard and Tony Matts, representative of the Hunt Food Company, left this morning to inspect plant conditions in Georgia. Both think that the Southport area has it over the more southern states in the production of plants, owing to the much shorter and less expensive transportation.

Membership Of School Boards Named Monday

Shallotte Board Changed From 5 To Seven Members; Two Ladies Added To Increase Southport Board To Five

BOARD ASKS CHAPEL PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Emphasis Also Placed Upon Importance Of Having All First Grade Students Furnish Birth Certificates

Members of local school boards to serve during the coming two years were named at a special meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday night. At Shallotte the board has been increased from five to seven members and in the Southport district two ladies were added to the membership to bring the number to five. Following is the list of board members:

Waccamaw — L. L. Ward, W. D. Evans, Ash; E. L. Vereen, W. E. Wilson, Freeland; Sinclair, Gore, Longwood.

Shallotte school — R. H. Holden, Frederick Mintz, H. C. Bellamy, Boyd Lott, James Bellamy, Tom L. Ballard, Shallotte; V. E. Galloway, Supply.

Bolivia school — Taylor Albright, Homer Holden, Bolivia; W. L. Clark, Winnabow.

Southport school — James M. Harper, Davis Herring, Joe T. Rameyer, Mrs. Lewis Hardee, Mrs. F. M. Burdette, Southport.

Leland school — Robert McDougal, F. D. Williams, Lloyd Bordeaux, W. H. Benton, Robert Bordeaux, Leland.

Colored District No. 1—Brunswick County Training, Charles W. Lee, Harry Price, Cicero McCracken, Southport; Rudolph Bryant, Bolivia; Richard H. Davis, Winnabow.

Piney Grove — Julius Randolph, Earl Johnson, William K. Johnson, Bolivia.

District No. 2 Union—Sandy Stanley, Longwood; H. C. Stanley, Shallotte; James Brown, H. J. Hardee, Ash; Otis Bryant, Supply.

Cedar Grove — Elijah Gore, J. H. Johnson, T. R. Hankins, Supply.

Royal Oak — George Frink, Wheeler Bellamy, Maceo Galloway, Supply. Royal Oak, Georgia Frink, Maceo Galloway, Supply. Longwood—Sandy Stanley, Rev. Bennie Stevenson, Rev. Dave Flowers, Longwood.

District No. 3 — Lincoln, Dixie Mapson, L. C. McCoy, George Beatty, Leland; Oliver Bellamy, Winnabow; John Thomas, Navassa. Navassa—Eddie Davis James Graham, Walter Moore, Navassa. Phoenix—George Beatty, Arie Ballard, Josh Hooper, Leland. Chapel Road—John Mellette, Oliver Bellamy, Pressilene Bell Leland.

The matter of complying with the law requiring all first grade students to furnish a copy of their birth certificate was discussed, and plans were worked out to insure observance of this regulation.

Attention also was given to the matter of holding regular fire drills, and plans are to provide a report form for keeping a record of compliance with this regulation of public school safety.

The board gave attention to the matter of regular chapel programs, and gave their endorsement to encouraging this function in the schools.

The board considered the matter (Continued on Page 2)

Early Crop Of Berries Seen

T. P. Key, Sr., Says That Picking Should Get Underway At Farms Near Southport By The Second Week In May

T. P. Key, Sr., was here this week looking after his blueberry farm. He stated Monday that the expectations are to begin harvesting the crop by May 8. The bushes now are loaded with both berries and blooms and the crop will be the largest ever produced in Brunswick County, provided nothing happens between now and harvesting.
Mr. Key, his son, T. P., Jr., and B. M. Graham have 65 acres of especially fine bushes that will be in bearing this year. Each year they have a considerable acreage increase. At the same time the yearly increase of the established bushes stands for greatly increased production.
The picking and packing will give employment to a large force of women workers and a few men this year.

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, April 23	
3:36 a. m.	10:00 a. m.
4:17 p. m.	10:22 p. m.
Friday, April 24	
4:26 a. m.	10:45 a. m.
5:03 p. m.	11:12 p. m.
Saturday, April 25	
5:12 a. m.	11:30 a. m.
5:47 p. m.	12:00 p. m.
Sunday, April 26	
5:56 a. m.	0:00 a. m.
6:28 p. m.	12:10 p. m.
Monday, April 27	
7:07 p. m.	0:43 a. m.
Tuesday, April 28	
7:14 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
7:44 a. m.	1:25 p. m.
Wednesday, April 29	
7:50 a. m.	2:06 a. m.
8:20 p. m.	2:02 p. m.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

The North Fulton High School choral group of Atlanta, which appeared here Wednesday night, gave a splendid performance according to the big audience that turned out to hear them. Our own private opinion is that they made a mighty fine appearance. They were bang-up young people and it was a distinction to have them here at Southport. The matter of distinction is more easily recognized from the fact that they came from Atlanta for only three appearances in North Carolina, Southport; the Woman's College at Greensboro and Charlotte high school. The group was composed of 40 young people, traveling in a Trailways bus. After the performance here they went over to Long Beach and spent the night. Next day, Director Robert S. Lorance said to us, "My boys and girls say that this is the finest beach they have ever been to—better than Daytona—this is a lovely town and I am sure lots of our folks, including the Lorances, will be back here."

A little later in the year Coast Guard Security Cards will be necessary for crewmen and officers of boats on the harbor and river. This need will extend to others frequenting the water front or engaged in various labor. They are evidence of citizenship. To aid the public in obtaining these security cards officials will be at three locations in Southport at the designated hours on Saturday, May 2. All applicants should take some evidence of citizenship with them. (Continued on Page 4)