

## American Consul Represents City In Dedication

Commemorative Park Seat Presented Citizens Of Southport, Lancashire, England, With Appropriate Ceremony Last Week

### OFFICIAL EXPRESSES INTEREST IN CITY

Comments Southport For Friendly Spirit Shown By This Gesture And Hopes To Pay Visit To This City

American Consul General Sheldon Thomas of Liverpool, England, represented Mayor J. A. Gilbert of Southport at the dedication of a commemorative park bench last Tuesday in Southport, Lancashire, the gift of residents of this North Carolina community to citizens of their English namesake city. Following are the remarks made by the American Consul at the ceremony:

"It is with much pleasure that I accept your kind invitation to participate in this ceremony on behalf of the citizens of Southport, North Carolina. While the invitation itself came as a pleasant surprise, I was not at all surprised to learn that they were intending to mark this great year in the noble history of Britain by recalling their ties with this country. Those of you have visited the United States know the deep well of goodwill for this country which ever replenishes itself from one generation of Americans to the next.

"Southport, North Carolina, feels these ties closely, both because of its geographical location and because of the root stock of many of its inhabitants. Mayor or Gilbert, whom I have the honor and privilege of representing here, has reminded me of the fact that Southport is located on the banks of the Cape Fear River close to the Atlantic about 200 miles south of Roanoke Island, where the first English colony was founded by Sir Walter Raleigh; also that the early settlers of North Carolina in the region of Southport were predominant.

## Brief News Flashes

**GRADUATES**  
Lee Keister, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Keister, graduated Sunday from Georgia Military Academy where he was a student last year.

**AT PASTORS SCHOOL**  
The Rev. N. L. Jones, pastor of Trinity Methodist church in Southport, is attending Pastors School this week at Duke University in Durham.

**RESIGNS POSITION**  
Miss Ann McRacken has resigned as a member of the high school faculty at Southport to accept a position as secretary in the physics department at N. C. State College.

**BOARD TO MEET**  
The board of aldermen will meet on Thursday night, June 11 at 8 o'clock and at this meeting will consider the matter of levying a privilege tax on merchants and places of business in Southport during the coming fiscal year.

**HEADS MEREDITH CHORUS**  
Miss Joanne Brown has been elected president of the Meredith College Chorus for the next year. During the commencement exercises at Meredith the past week-end Miss Brown served as a marshal. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frink of Southport.

**RECEIVES DEGREE**  
William Lefris Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Bennett of Shallotte, received his B. D. degree Monday at Duke University. While a student at Duke he was a member of the Euzelian Literary Society, Pre-Law Fraternity, Student Political Union. He received his A. B. degree from Wake Forest and his M. A. degree from Duke University.

**HIKE BOX RENT**  
Effective July 1 box rent will advance to the following schedule: Small boxes, 90 cents; medium boxes, \$1.10; large boxes, \$1.50. Acting Postmaster Marjorie Livingston points to the fact that there has been no advance in the charge for box rent since 1907 and that this upward adjustment is being made to take care of increased costs of providing equipment.

## Elderly Boatman Makes Long Trip

Harvey H. Heckler Returning To Home In Sandusky, Ohio, From Florida In Small Boat With Outboard Motor

On a trip that is undoubtedly more interesting than was sailing around the Horn in the old days, Skipper Harvey H. Heckler, 75-year-old veteran of the Spanish-American war, put in at Southport Thursday afternoon spent the night here and departed Friday to continue his long way around to Sandusky, Ohio. Salient features of Mr. Heckler's journeying is his age and the fact that he is making a trip of several thousand miles in a small outboard powered boat. His boat is only 15 1/2 ft. in length and with a beam of 4 feet 8 inches. The outboard that enables him to putt merrily along on his long journey is only 10 horse power.

## 4th Of July Will Be Observed Here

Again This Year Members Of Southport Home Demonstration Take Leadership In Holding Celebration

The Southport Home Demonstration Club again this year is promoting plans for a gala celebration of the Fourth of July and tentative arrangements indicate that the celebration will be more than matched in color and interest.

One of the best pieces of information received is that the Pope Field Air Force Band, the organization which has been so well received here for each of the past two years, will return. This time they will arrive on Friday afternoon and will remain until Sunday. They will play for a dance, will participate in the parade and will play a concert in the afternoon on Saturday, July 4th.

Among the dignitaries expected here for this occasion is Congressman F. Ertle Carlyle, who says that he will be present. Other men of prominence have been invited and an interesting platform program is in prospect.

Mrs. B. J. Holden is serving again as general chairman for this occasion, and she has numerous committees working on other details which will guarantee an interesting program.

The club women usually manage to come up with a profit from these holiday activities, and this year proceeds from the various concessions will go to help defray the expenses of converting the old gymnasium into a community center.

## Stocking Game Fish In Rivers

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Furnishing Fingerlings To Restock Our Freshwater Streams

In its efforts to further improve the fresh water fishing conditions in Brunswick County, a procedure that is being carried on throughout the State, The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission last week released 4000 small bass in the waters of Waccamaw River and 6000 in Town Creek.

The restocking was done under the direction of Game Protectors Pawnee Duval, H. T. Bowmer and other Resource Commission officials. The fish were two inches in length and were brought to this county from the State Fish Hatchery at Fayetteville.

The legal size that the fish must attain before they are taken is 12 inches, and under good growing conditions it will be a little over a year before the stock of fish can be legally taken.

## Appoint



Billy Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Sanders of Southport, who graduates on May from Georgia Military Academy College Park, Ga. The young Southport cadet recently was awarded that he had won a NAVROTC Scholarship. This was based upon special aptitude tests, physical examination and personal interview. He will enroll in September in the unit at Tulane University, New Orleans, La.

## Vacation Bible School Closes Thursday Night

Preparations Being Made For Exercises Following Successful Two Weeks Program At The Baptist Church

ATTENDANCE HAS AVERAGED 84 PUPILS

Strong Faculty Has Been In Charge Of Diversified Program For Boys And Girls Of Southport

Commencement exercises for the Vacation Bible School of Southport Baptist Church will be held at the church Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Each department will give a demonstration of something learned during the school and there will be a display of handwork done by the children.

An additional feature of the program will be the showing of a film showing the school of the time of Jesus. One of a series entitled "Two Thousand Years Ago," shows school boys going to the synagogue for instruction while the girls are taught at home by their mothers.

Attendance at the school for the first week has averaged 84. The following are serving on the faculty: Rev. T. D. Tolar, Lew Hardee, Miss Gloria Lee Hewett, Mrs. Albert Bogie, Mrs. Robert Garner, Mrs. William Kincaide, Mrs. John Carl Davis Mrs. Earl Hancock Mrs. W. L. Aldridge, Miss Carol Ann Smith, Miss Norma Ann Harrelson, Miss Lattitia Hickman, Mrs. T. D. Tolar, Mrs. Joe Wilmoth, Mrs. Dan Harrelson, Mrs. J. B. Warth, Miss Sue Williamson, Miss Janice Trunnell, Miss Karen Swan, Miss Patricia Adams.

## Farmers Suffer Loss From Hail Monday In Area

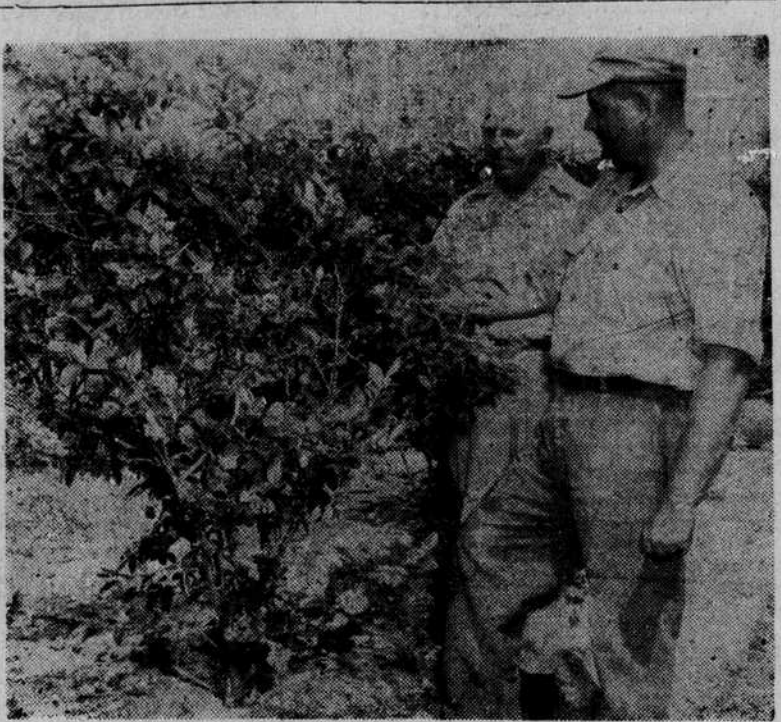
Winnabow Community Hit Twice During Same Afternoon By Hail; Hickman's Cross Roads Section Also Suffered Damage

A wind and hail storm which caused considerable crop damage in at least two sections of the county and brought the temperature tumbling down 30 degrees in the matter of a couple of hours hit Brunswick Monday. In some sections the hail was one section.

One section which was hit by hail was near Winnabow, the same area which suffered severe damage four years ago. Actually, there were two hail storms Monday, but only the first did much damage. Among the farms hit were those of G. T. Reid and Earl Earp, both of whom lost heavily in the storm of four years ago.

Half a dozen farmers in the area (Continued on Page Two)

## Survey Berry Crop



GROWERS—T. P. Key, Sr., and his son, Tom Key, are examining fruit-laden plants on their blueberry farm near Southport. Picking is now at its height, and a splendid crop is in prospect.

## Heavy Machinery Saved From Fire

Special School Tax Is Defeated

Voters of the Shallotte school district turned thumbs down Saturday upon a proposal to levy a special tax of 15 cents per hundred on property owned by white residents of the district to provide a special school fund.

The margin of defeat was about 7 to 1.

The largest school of the outstanding rural high schools in Eastern North Carolina, has a program which goes beyond the limits of State-financed operation. Officials interested in being able to continue the same type of school program had advanced the cause of the special school tax as an equitable means for spreading the cost. But the idea of added taxation was not acceptable to the majority and the special school tax failed to carry.

## Sentence Two In Sordid Case

Crowd Attends Court Here Monday To Hear Trial Of Negro Man And White Woman On Charge Of Fornication And Adultery

A record was established Monday in Brunswick County Recorder's Court for the time consumed in trying a single case, and for attendance at a session of this court. From the time that court opened at 10:30 until 5:30 not a seat was vacant and many spectators crowded the hallway.

Main cause of the overflow attendance was the scheduled trial of Mrs. A. C. Hewett, white woman of the Supply community, and Holly Johnson, a Negro, charged with fornication and adultery. Both had signed a confession of guilt to the charge while they were being held in jail in default of a \$1,500 bond in each case.

## Vacation Bible School Planned

Summer Session Will Begin Monday Morning At Trinity Methodist Church With Mrs. H. T. St. George Director

Mrs. H. T. St. George will be in charge of the Daily Vacation Bible School which will be in session for a 10-day period beginning Monday.

The school is for children from four to 14 years of age and will run from 9 to 11 o'clock each morning. A strong faculty has been assembled for the training period.

Mrs. E. B. Brunson and Mrs. W. R. Jenkins will be in charge of beginners; Mrs. Davis Harling and Mrs. John D. O'Daniel will have charge of the primary group; Mrs. J. T. Denning and Mrs. James M. Harper will direct the juniors; music will be in charge of Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Miss Ann Brooks Newton and Miss Jean Thompson.

## Brig. Gen. Holle To Visit Sunny Point Project

New Chief Of South Atlantic Division Of U. S. Army Engineers Will Inspect Work In Progress There

FIRST VISIT TO WILMINGTON AREA

Distinguished Visitor Will Include Southport On Itinerary If Time Permits

By W. B. KEZIAH

Brigadier General Charles G. Holle, Chief of the South Atlantic Division, Army Engineers in Atlanta, will visit Sunny Point next Monday morning in company with Col. R. C. Brown, chief of the Wilmington District, and other officials.

After an inspection of the dredging operations, they will come on to Southport, and be at the office of this newspaper for a short while. They will also make a courtesy call on Col. E. T. Brown, retired Army Engineer of Southport, who filled the post of engineer for many years in various districts.

Since both bear the same family names and both have filled the same executive posts with the Army engineers, it may be mentioned here that Col. Roland C. Brown, the present head of the Wilmington District, is not related to Col. E. T. Brown of Southport, a former head of the same office.

Brigadier General Holle, who took charge of the South Atlantic Division on April 15th will be making his first official visit to the Wilmington District and to Southport Monday. All of the Districts of the South Atlantic Division. He served at New Orleans as District Engineer from 1949 until recently, when he was promoted to Division Manager. His various tours of duty in the lower Mississippi Valley have given him a wide range of experience with civil works, in addition to his extensive military engineering experience.

On his own trip Monday, Col. R. C. Brown of the Wilmington District will probably be making one of his last official visits to Sunny Point and Southport. His three-year tour of duty at the Wilmington office will be finished on June 15th and in accordance with military procedure he will be assigned elsewhere. In the Sunny Point project together with many other engineering jobs assigned to his office, Col. Brown has seen his office the most remarkable list of achievements.

## Dies Suddenly Of Heart Attack

B. M. Graham, Prominent Iowa And New Jersey Farmer, Was Here Looking After Blueberry Farm Interests

B. M. Graham, prominent resident of Decorah, Iowa, and Palmyra, N. J., died here suddenly from a heart attack in his rooms at the Camellia Inn Sunday morning. Mr. Graham was 64 years old and was extensively engaged in farming in Decorah and at Palmyra. During the past several years he has also spent a good deal of his time at Southport looking after his extensive blueberry farm, owned jointly (Continued on Page 2)

## 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, June 4	
0:51 a. m.	3:17 a. m.
1:27 p. m.	7:41 p. m.
Friday, June 5	
1:50 a. m.	8:14 a. m.
2:29 p. m.	8:49 p. m.
Saturday, June 6	
2:51 a. m.	8:12 a. m.
3:32 p. m.	9:55 p. m.
Sunday, June 7	
3:52 a. m.	10:09 a. m.
4:32 p. m.	10:57 p. m.
Monday, June 8	
4:51 a. m.	11:04 a. m.
5:29 p. m.	11:55 p. m.
Tuesday, June 9	
5:58 a. m.	11:56 a. m.
6:24 p. m.	0:00 p. m.
Wednesday, June 10	
6:44 a. m.	0:48 a. m.
7:15 p. m.	12:46 p. m.

## Our ROVING Reporter

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During the recent session of schools at least three of them had regular school reports and of these three the Shallotte school with Miss Betty Gray DeWayne Tripp had the most consistent workers. Miss Gray probably bore the lion's share of the work, and it can be said that they never missed a day of school. In fact, Miss Gray had a column last week in the school paper from the school which was out. Without recall when any of the school reporters have ever followed up with a report. The final week of school, Shallotte school reporters were not only regular, they were good and their columns were read with interest. That about all of the school-

have graduated, it is hoped that an equally good group will take up next fall where the present ones left off.

The Brunswick County long range farming by growing blueberries is this year paying off and paying well to the New Jersey folks who came here several years ago and began to establish this crop. We call it long range farming by reason of the fact that much time is involved in the planting and then the planter must wait three years before he can hope for a crop. After that the crop is an annual one, calculated to grow bigger each year as the bushes become more mature. Once the crop is established the ground must be kept cultivated and free from (Continued on Page 4)