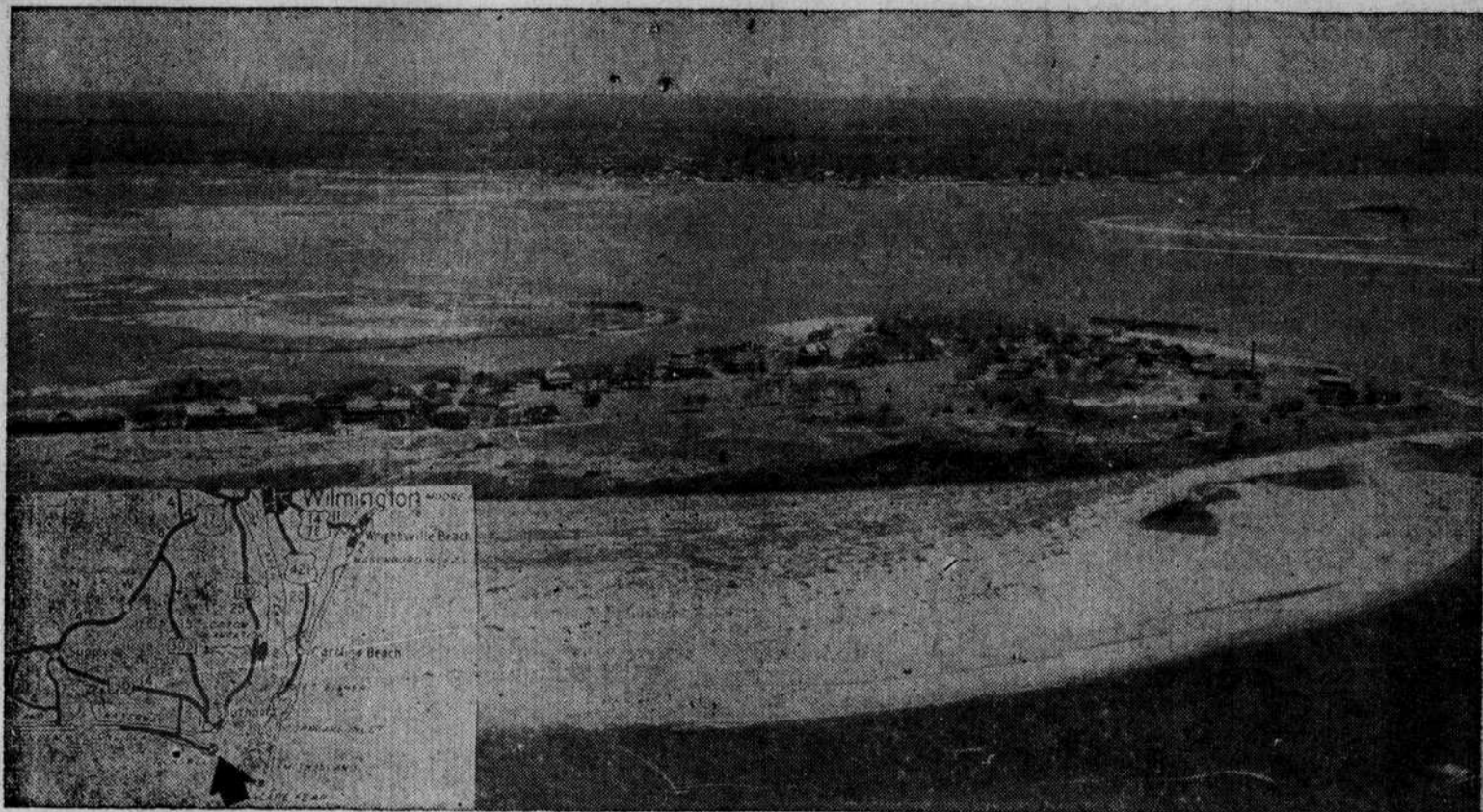


## Baptist Seaside Assembly



FT. CASWELL—Above is shown a view of the Baptist Seaside Assembly looking at from an aerial view from over the ocean. In the foreground is the broad, sandy beach at the mouth of the Cape Fear river. Next is shown the Ft. Caswell area proper, and above that is shown the open water of the Cape Fear. In the background is the City of Southport. At the lower left is a map showing the various highway approaches to the assembly grounds.—(Star-News Cut.)

## Opening Bids On Big Sunny Point Contracts Today

Delay Came At Last Minute Last Week When U. S. Labor Board Announced Granting Of New Pay Scale

**BIG FIRMS ARE BIDDING ON WORK**  
This is Major Construction Job in Connection With Present Plans For Development Of Sunny Point

By W. B. KEZIAH  
Word was received this week that the date for opening bids for the wharf construction work at the U. S. Army Outloading Ammunition Depot has been changed again, this time to July 28.

The opening of the bids was originally scheduled for last Wednesday. At what might be called the last moment the Labor Board issued a ruling for a 10 per cent increase in the labor pay rate and as the construction involves a big sum for labor and the 10 per cent in labor costs might have put the successful bidder in for a loss.

With the situation as it was Colonel R. C. Brown, District Army Engineer, felt that there was nothing that could be done except to postpone the opening of the bids for one week to allow the bidders to rework their bids on the basis of the new labor rate.

Some of the bidders or prospective bidders are requested to be the largest firms of their kind in the United States. Thirteen states and the District of Columbia are represented among bidders. Following is a complete list from the engineers' office:

Blythe Brothers, Charlotte; Carpenter Construction Company, Norfolk, Va.; Dixie Construction Company, Savannah, Ga.; Erave Corporation, Pittsburg, Pa.; Farnsworth and Chambers Company, (Continued on Page 4)

## Employees Take Pride In Work

Men Of Green Construction Company Now At Work In Brunswick County Say They Have The Equipment

In the Green Construction Company now building the Sunny Point railroad, the 4th or 5th largest construction company of its kind is now working in Brunswick county. The employee of the company interviewed this week could not say definitely whether the rating was 4th or 5th.

For the average construction company working in North Carolina the turnpull used in moving dirt is a big piece of equipment if it can handle 4 cubic yards of earth at a load. The turnpulls used here by the construction company have a capacity of 16 cubic yards, and they move from loading point to dump at a speed of 35 miles per hour, provided the haul is not such a short one that they cannot get underway.

After loading, the turnpull whisks into position, heading in the direction the load is to go. A giant pusher bulldozer swings up behind it and adds its power to the tractor that moves the load. There is no stopping of the turnpull at the loading, it is filled and away again without

its pulling tractor having to leave and return.

The company has half a dozen construction outfits and to each job equipment to fit the task is sent in. Compared to the 16 cubic yards turnpulls used here, Green has 44 cubic yard turnpulls for use in building air fields and other huge construction jobs. If the company gets the 50 mile installation railroad contract at Sunny Point it is not likely that something much larger turnpulls will be sent in, according to one of the employees interviewed this week.

For the building of the 25 miles of access railroad the W. A. Smith Company of Houston, Texas, got the contract. Green took a sub-contract for grading and clearing the right of way. With his equipment in here the Indiana man is said to be a bidder for the big installation railroad job. If he gets it he has plenty more of heavy equipment ready to be brought in and finish the whole job in short order.

Bob Green, the guiding spirit in the company, was a school (Continued on Page 4)

## Another Large Crowd Attends Group Meetings

Baptist Seaside Assembly At Fort Caswell Has Another Crowd Of About 600 Persons In Attendance This Week

THREE ATTRACTIONS ARE IN SESSION

Outstanding Religious Leaders Head Staff For Various Training Programs Now In Progress

Programs at Caswell Baptist Assembly this week are expected to draw a group equal to the 600 who attended last week.

Events this week are the Woman's Missionary Society Week, the first week of a three-week Preachers' School and the Junior Girls' Auxiliary-Royal Ambassadors camp for the Wilmington Division. Conferences of the Business Woman's Circles and Young Woman's Auxiliary will be held this week-end.

The WMS conference is under the direction of Miss Ruth Province, Raleigh, state executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union. Featured on the program are four missionaries, who take turns speaking at noon and evening hours: Mrs. Rose Pool of Cuba, Miss Stella Austin of Nigeria, Miss Helen Meredith of Colombia and Mrs. Andrew H. Foster, missionary to migrant workers. Other speakers are Dr. Phil Elliott, president of Gardner-Webb Junior College, who brings a Bible lesson each morning; Mrs. Frank Burney of Georgia, who speaks at vesper services at 7:10 each evening; Miss Lorraine Landry, who works with French speaking people; and Miss Lillian Lu of China, a student at Carver School of Missions and School Work, Louisville.

One feature of the program is a missionary chat each morning. Those attending divide into two groups for informal conversations with the various missionaries. A class in WMU methods is held each morning and a picture is shown after the night services. A feature expected to draw interest is the missionary book fair to be held Wednesday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. This was originally planned by Mrs. R. K. Redwine, but due to her health she had to turn it over to Miss Ruth Province.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary, under the direction of Miss Marie Epley, State Young People's leader, and the Business Woman's Circles under the leadership of Mrs. Hugh W. Page, Greensboro, chairman of the State Federation of Baptist Business Women, will hold their conferences from Friday night to Sunday morning. They will arrive Friday as the WMS conferences leave. Speakers for these conferences will be the same as for the WMS with the addition of Dr. Olin T. Binkley, professor of Christian Ethics at Southern Baptist Seminary, who will preach at the worship service Sunday morning.

By Monday night 151 had registered for the Wilmington division G. A. R. A. camp. Mrs. L. H. Reynolds, Division 1 Young People's Leader, and the Rev. John C. Searcy, divisional R. A. Leader arranged the program for the camp. Turman Smith, assistant to the R. A. Leader, is camp director. Dr. Eugene Poston of Wallace is camp pastor. Mrs. E. M. Johnson of Lumberton is camp mother. Also among the (Continued on Page 4)

## Linesman Killed By Power Line Near Shallotte

Electrocution Occurred On REA Project Which Was Being Handled By South Carolina Firms

Robert Roger Land, 23-year-old linesman for a South Carolina contracting firm, was electrocuted Tuesday when he came in contact with a 7,000-volt power line on an REA project about five miles south of Shallotte.

Early reports that several other electrical workers were either shocked or killed in the accident proved false. No other person was involved in any way.

Employed by Sumter Builders, Land had lived in Whiteville for the past three months while working for the construction company. Brunswick Coroner John G. Cason ruled that Land came to his death when he "accidentally came in contact with a high voltage power line."

An error in judgment apparently led to the electrocution. Supposed to be working on a "dead" line, Land had reportedly moved inside the point where the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation had placed a danger sign warning of high voltage.

The line which the linesman touched was scheduled to be cut and the high voltage sign removed in a matter of minutes after the accident occurred about 9 a. m., according to reports received here.

Land's fellow workers said the linesman was near the top of the pole carrying the power lines and was talking to them on the ground when they suddenly heard him say: "I've burned my hand off."

Seconds later he fell taut against his safety belt and was suspended in mid-air.

The other men climbed the pole, lowered him to the ground, and summoned help. Artificial respiration was started when they found his pulse beating. This was continued until an ambulance, es- (Continued on page 7)

## Seeking School Insurance Aid

Superintendent Henry C. Stone And Representatives Of Brunswick Board Of Education Going To Raleigh

SEEKING DAMAGES FOR SCHOOL LOSS

School Officials Attempting To Clarify Situation In Order To Get Repairs Made In Time For School

County Supt. of Schools Henry C. Stone and representatives from the Brunswick County Board of Education have an appointment in Raleigh Friday with the head of the State School Insurance program to work out a settlement on the damage sustained several weeks ago to the Shallotte high school building.

The first representative of the insurance organization made an inspection and made a tentative commitment that the State would accept liability for the loss, which is estimated at about \$35,000. Lark other officials of the State Insurance plan refused to go along with plans for settlement, contending U. S. Weatherproofing Co., who was engaged in waterproofing the basement had contributed to the loss and were therefore responsible.

School officials are taking the position that primary responsibility for replacing the loss rests with the School Insurance group, and they are after a settlement which will make it possible to get the building safe for opening early in September.

## Big Bulldozer Works On Field

New Athletic Field And Playground Will Be Situated At Foot Of Nash Street Near Old Cemetery

A big bulldozer of the Lincoln Construction Company of Wilmington started work Monday morning clearing and grading for the new Southport recreation field. Donald Sneed, manager of the company, donated \$150 towards the construction cost, and the remainder is coming from various interested citizens of Southport.

Three or four days may be required to put the field in tip-top shape, but minus clay surfacing. This will be necessary later owing to the light nature of the soil. There is little sand and the soil might be described as light, dry dust.

Charlie Trott of Long Beach helped arrange for securing the bulldozer and it was also partly through him that \$150 donation from Mr. Sneed came. Other local citizens are taking a very active personal interest in the playground and are spending what time they can spare there. It is said that although the response for funds for clearing and (Continued on Page 7)

## Walton Is Ch'mn. Of Red Cross For This County

Re-Organization Meeting Held Here Last Week With Field Director Present For Consultation

Ray H. Walton, Southport attorney, has been elected chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter, American Red Cross, replacing J. T. Deming.

This action occurred at a meeting here last week, attended by Field Representative Hallowell of Goldsboro.

The following officers were elected to serve with Chairman Walton: Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., vice-chairman in charge of information; L. C. Babson, vice- (Continued on Page 4)

## Commissioners In Monday Meet

County Auditor Ressie Whately Reports Payment Of \$96,343.47 In Debt Service Bonds

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners Monday the county auditor, Ressie Whately, submitted a list of Brunswick County bonds, totaling \$96,343.47 which have been purchased and cancelled. With the numbers having been filed with the clerk to the board, the audit was ordered to burn said bonds.

The board approved the taking over of a road in Northwest Township, running from the Leland-Acme road to the Hooper Town road, a distance of two miles. A request is being made that the State take over and maintain this road. (Continued on page 7)

## Jailer Suffers Heart Attack

H. G. Ratcliff, office deputy and jailer for Sheriff E. V. Leonard, suffered a serious heart attack Wednesday night, and this was followed by another light attack Thursday morning. He is a patient at the Doshier Memorial Hospital, and his condition is such that only Mrs. Ratcliff has been permitted to be with him.

A former resident of Cumberland County, Deputy Ratcliff has been a resident of Southport for the past several years. He has been a deputy sheriff for the past two years with his main duties in the office and at the jail.

## Two Shallotte Boys Injured

Michael and Harvey Russ, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russ, seriously injured As Result Of Truck Accident

Michael and Harvey Russ, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russ living on Route 17, two miles south of Shallotte, are in the James Walker Hospital in Wilmington with serious injuries as the result of the linen company truck wreck Friday.

Harvey, 15 years old, is reported to have suffered a broken left leg, broken ribs, a broken ankle and cuts about the head. The head injuries resulted in his being unconscious for several hours.

His 15 year old brother, Michael, sustained a broke right leg and one of his lungs was probably punctured. His injuries are regarded the less serious of the two.

Delmas Autry of Wilmington, driver of a truck for the Wilmington Linen Company, was arrested, charged with careless and reckless operation. Following a trial before Roney Cheers, J. P., he (Continued on page 7)

## Mrs. Brown Now Heading Nurses

Mrs. J. E. Brown Of Southport Has Been Named Superintendent Of Nurses At Doshier Memorial Hospital

Mrs. J. E. Brown began her duties as Superintendent of Nurses at the Doshier Memorial Hospital Wednesday. Mrs. Brown replaces Mrs. Inez Shannon, who has been with the hospital several years and who wished to be relieved of the responsibility of superintending in order to devote more time to her home at Long Beach. Mrs. Shannon will (Continued on Page 7)

## Reduction Made In Forest Fires

District Forester Reports Sharp Reduction In Number Of Forest Fires During Past Three Years

Forest fires in District 8 of the North Carolina Forest Service have been reduced approximately 50 per cent during the past four years, according to a report of District Forester Joe Herlevich of Whiteville.

The report presented figures comparing the record of 689 fires during the spring of 1950 to the 368 fires reported for the spring of 1953.

Herlevich said the 1950 fires burned over 100,000 acres, while the loss was held to 53,000 acres in 1953. The progress, he said, has been gradual and is attributed to the use of fire line plows and good communications. Both radio and telephone facilities have increased the effectiveness of the field personnel, he said.

"We have also received splendid cooperation from individual citizens throughout the district," the district forester added. The district is made up of Bladen. (Continued on Page 7)

## Sport Fishing Is Good For Week

Menhaden Boats Have Good Catch

Fishing off Georgetown, S. C., yesterday, eight of the Southport menhaden boats returned with an average catch of 250,000 fish to the boat. All unloaded, took on fuel and provisions and were headed for the same area at around midnight last night.

Capt. J. B. Church said this morning that a good show of the fish were off Georgetown and were headed up the coast, but not as fast as other schools that have passed here this spring and summer. Hot weather thus far, sometimes backed by winds, have sent most of the fish through Southport area at a fast clip.

The fishermen hope that with the summer now well advanced the fish they are now operating on will move eastward a little more leisurely.

## Traffic Cases Tried In Court

Majority Of Cases Heard In Brunswick County Recorder's Court Here Monday Grew Out Of Traffic Violations

Most of the cases tried in Brunswick county Recorder's court here Monday grew out of traffic violations. The following judgements were handed down: Frank Rindoni, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Robert Lewis Scoggins, improper equipment, fined \$10.00 and costs. Charles M. Hefelfinger, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Shelly Monroe, improper brakes, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Eugene Stephen Mace, speeding, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Walter Lafayette Simmons, speeding, fined \$15.00 and costs. Ezekiel Robinson, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs. Joseph M. Laughinghouse, failure to keep proper lookout, fined \$10.00 and costs.

John Holden, improper registration, fined \$10.00 and costs. Leon Cameron Norris, speeding, not guilty.

Hadley Watson, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs. H. P. Richards, speeding, no operators license, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Ernestine Johnson and Era Gore Walker, larceny, nol pros with leave. Willie David Wise, public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs. Tyler T. Roper, drunk driving, fined \$100.00 and costs.

Albert C. Lewis, public drunkenness, jail sentence suspended on payment of costs. J. E. Blake, public drunkenness, (Continued On Page Four)

Varied Catches Being Reported By Sportsmen During Past Few Days With Shoal Parties Leading Way

LADY LOU HAS BIG CATCH OF TROUT

All Boats Able To Get Out Both Saturday And Sunday; Weather Has Been Good First Of This Week

Sport fishing off Southport struck a happy balance during the week-end, with parties on offshore trips having good catches of amberjack, dolphin and barracuda and with shoal parties handling catches that ran around 100 bluefish and mackerel.

On the shoals Capt. David Adams had a party aboard the Patricia that came in with 135 blues and mackerel. Capt. Fred Fulford had a party that reported 93 blues and mackerel on Saturday and 84 on Sunday. Capt. Ray Stubbs and party, aboard the Bessie Ray had 90 bluefish, 5 Spanish mackerel and 5 bonita Saturday and on Sunday his party caught 40 blues. The Botfly of Capt. Leon McKeithan had 90 blues and mackerel Sunday.

On offshore trips a party with Capt. Warden Lewis had one bluefish, 15 amberjack and 40 bluefish Saturday. The Saturday trip for the Idle-On III, with Capt. Hoyle Doshier, had 1 amberjack, 1 king mackerel, 10 blues and mackerel and 150 bluefish. On Sunday this boat had 9 amberjack, 8 bonito and one big dolphin. The Margrace of Capt. James Arnold had a 150-fish assortment Sunday including amberjack, bonito, red snappers and mackerel. The Sunday trip for the John Ellen, Capt. Walter Lewis, resulted in 12 amberjack, 15 red snappers, 15 bluefish and (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, July 23	
4:46 a. m.	11:05 a. m.
5:34 p. m.	12:05 p. m.
Friday, July 24	
5:38 a. m.	11:59 a. m.
6:25 p. m.	0:00 p. m.
Saturday, July 25	
6:34 a. m.	0:54 a. m.
7:17 p. m.	1:51 p. m.
Sunday, July 26	
7:27 a. m.	1:41 a. m.
8:05 p. m.	1:42 p. m.
Monday, July 27	
8:20 a. m.	2:27 a. m.
8:53 p. m.	2:32 p. m.
Tuesday, July 28	
9:12 a. m.	3:12 a. m.
9:42 p. m.	3:23 p. m.
Wednesday, July 29	
10:05 a. m.	3:58 a. m.
10:31 p. m.	4:14 p. m.

## Brief News Flashes

**ATTENDING SCHOOL**  
The Rev. C. L. Warren, pastor of the Methodist Church in Win-bow, is among 130 pastors attending the ninth annual Town and County School for rural ministers meeting at Emory University July 14-29. The Town and County School is an interdenominational graduate summer school for small town clergymen.

**NEW DENTIST**  
Dr. Clifton Crandall of Stokes County, a recent graduate of the Richmond, Va., School of Dentistry, has moved to Southport and is now practicing his profession in the dental office of the late Dr. Roy C. Daniel. Dr. Crandall is married and he and Mrs. Crandall have an apartment with Mrs. Annie Weeks near the yacht basin.



**Our ROVING Reporter**

Friends in Wilmington will pardon us for not joining in the scare that the District Army engineers office may be lost. The rumors afforded the basis for some good newspaper stories, and that is all. The Government has too much in the way of work in the Wilmington District for even a rumor of any change. We don't think General Holle of the South Atlantic Division in Atlanta would for an instant think of recommending a change. Neither would General Sturgis in Washington. And during the past two or three years we have discovered personal reasons for thinking that the very top men in National Defense in Washington are especially interested in some of the work being done by the engineers office of this district. All in all, we do not in

the least believe that there will be any change in the district, unless it is to add to the already great improvement that has occurred during the three years of administration under Col. R. C. Brown.  
Dr. J. A. Allen, venerable physician of New London, has been taking this paper since it was first started and we look to him to continue with us as long as he lives, which we hope will be a long time yet. The other day Dr. Allen and his son-in-law, W. H. Cherry, insurance man from Durham, drove in and hunted us up just to go and show them Sunny Point. Dr. Allen had read so much about Sunny Point in the paper that he was just bound to see where they were building (Continued on page four)