

Contracts For Site Railroad To Be Awarded

Next Phase Of Sunny Point Terminal Construction To Be Let To Contract On September 24

CONTRACTORS ARE MUCH INTERESTED

This Promises To Be Another Multi-Million Dollar Phase Of Government Construction At Terminal Near Southport

By W. B. KEZIAH
Bids for the construction of the Sunny Point Site Railroad are scheduled to be opened September 24 in the Federal Courtroom in the Custom House in Wilmington, by Col. Raymond L. Hill of the U. S. Army Engineers.

A report received from the Army Engineers yesterday was to the effect that at least a dozen contractors are expected to file bids for the construction of the entrance lines, spurs and sidings and two-track lines on each of the three wharves.

While there is no available estimate of the probable cost of the system it is expected to run into another multi-million dollar job, something like that of the contract for building the access railroad, the dredging and the wharf projects.

As is usual 30 days will be allowed the successful contractor as time for him to bring in the equipment and start the work after his bid is accepted and orders to start the work are given.

Meanwhile, other reports from the engineers office indicate that the work on the access railroad from Leland to the government reservation is proceeding at a satisfactory pace, according to all the information they have. The contract for this construction is held by the William A. Smith Company of Houston, Texas. The Green Construction Company of LaPorte, Indiana, has a contract under Smith for the clearing and grading. Smith will lay the ties, rails and do the ballasting.

The dock area dredging contract, largest of such contracts ever let in North Carolina waters, is now proceeding much more smoothly since most of the rocky area was cleared. The contract for this dredging is held by the McWilliams Dredging Company of New Orleans, La.

The Diamond Construction Co. of Norfolk, Va., and Savannah, Ga., is expected to move in any day with its equipment for the construction of the three big wharves. For this wharf construction the Diamond Company got a contract on August 18.

Provisions called for them to begin work in 30 days after the awarding of the contract. The cost of this wharf construction is just under eight million dollars. To be exact, the sum is \$7,884,882.38.

Representatives of the Diamond Company were in Southport the past week looking for housing for employees. They have offices in both Norfolk and Savannah and it is understood that equipment will begin arriving soon.

Brief News Flashes

PURCHASE HOUSE

Mr. and Mrs. Lois Chapman have purchased one of the new homes constructed by W. A. Maxwell at Deepwater Heights and have moved from their former apartment in the Taylor house on the corner of Moore and Dry Streets.

OFFICES TO CLOSE

Next week's session of the Recorder's Court will be held on Tuesday instead of Monday. All county and city offices will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day. Banks will likewise be closed and post offices will observe Sunday hours. Schools and other things will continue much as usual.

COUNTY COUNCIL

The County Council of the Brunswick Home Demonstration Clubs will meet at the home agents' office in Supply, September 4, at 2:30 p. m., states Home Agent Thelma Hinson. This meeting will be devoted to making plans for the 1954 program of work, and planning the 1953 Fall Federation meeting, this meeting of vital importance to all council members.

Ruby Gentry



MOVIE—Now playing at the Amuzu Theatre in Southport is the movie "Ruby Gentry," the picture on Hollywood serving in an advisory capacity. Above left is Mrs. Mallison with Jennifer Jones, star of the show, and a wardrobe man.

Another Sailfish Brought In Friday

Lady Angler Brought In Biggest Sailfish Of Season While Fishing Aboard Idle-On III With Captain Doshier

MACKEREL AND BLUES BITING

Other Scattered Reports For Past Week Indicate Pretty Good Success For Partis Fishing At Southport

Big news of the week for sport fishing in Southport was the big sailfish brought in Friday by a lady angler, Mrs. L. E. Beach, who was fishing aboard the Idle-On III with Capt. Hoyte Doshier. The fish was the largest of the season at Southport and weighed 52 lbs. It was 7 ft., 2 inches in length.

On the same day M. B. Pate and Dr. Lloyd Pate, fishing with Capt. Basil Walls aboard the Idle-On II had a nice catch of bluefish and dolphin.

One of the best catches of the week was reported by Capt. David Adams had a party aboard the Patricia Saturday. They had 132 blues and mackerel.

Saturday was a good day on the shoals for parties that were out early and for those who were out late. Capt. Howard Victor made a nice haul with the Cadet on the way out on an off-shore trip and the party picked up another big catch on the way in. This brought their day's catch of blues and mackerel to over 100, in addition to a good assortment of amberjack, barracuda and dolphin.

Capt. Walter Lewis had a local party out Tuesday aboard the John-Ellen. In the group were Delmas Fulcher and son, Jerry, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Allen and Mrs. Lewis. They had 122 large trout, 4 flounders, 9 sheephead, 18 pigfish and 9 blues. On Tuesday Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Corbin of Florence, S. C., fishing from the same boat caught 25 blues and mackerel, 15 red snappers, 300 blackfish, 2 amberjack and 5 barracuda.

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Annual Pullet Show Scheduled

4-H Club Show And Sale Is Slated To Be Held In Shallotte September 19; Fifth Year For This Event

A great deal of interest is being shown in the 4-H Club Pullet show and sale to be held in Shallotte on September 19 from 9:30 a. m. to Noon, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. This will be the 5th annual show and sale to promote poultry among 4-H Club members. Each year the boys and girls have been doing a better job of feeding and managing their pullets.

The 4-H Club members carrying their pullet projects will each show 12 of their choicest birds and compete for \$100 in prizes, donated by Sears, Roebuck Foundation. The judging and show will start at 9:30 a. m. There will be a total of 120 fine New Hampshire pullets in the show. They will be six months old and the majority will be already in production. These outstanding birds will be sold at auction at 11 a. m.

"This is the place to buy good (Continued on Page 4)

Twin Flags Are Very Misleading

When Capt. Howard Victor saw the Idle-On III coming in Friday with a sailfish flag flying over a red flag, he said, "I see Hoyte caught a sailfish and released it. That's the signal they fly," he explained, "when they turn one loose down in Florida, a sailfish flag over a red."

The boats came on to the dock and Capt. Hoyte Doshier was taking a big sailfish off the Idle-On III. "Gread day," said Captain Vic, "he must have two of them and brought the big one in." Then he took another look at the brag flags, and the story was clear. There was the sailfish flag, all right; but the red signal was a pair of ladies shorts that had been up to dry.

Beach Property To Be Auctioned

New Development Of Brunswick County Beach Area Near Shallotte Will Be Offered At Public Sale For First Time Saturday

One hundred lots will be offered for sale at public auction at Ocean Isle Beach near Shallotte Saturday noon as Brunswick County's latest resort area is placed on the market for the first time.

This is what has always been known as the Little Beach, in the Rourke family for many years. It was purchased several months ago by Odell Williamson and M. C. Gore, Brunswick County business men, who have gone to great expense to make the beach accessible.

As a part of this operation they have provided a ferry for crossing the inland waterway, have graded a road over on the beach and have hauled in clay for the purpose of stabilizing it for travel.

This has long been recognized as one of the most beautiful sections of the Brunswick County coast, and the only thing that (Continued on Page Four)

Bolivia Lions To Hold Bread Sale

House To House Canvas Is Slated For Several Communities Saturday Afternoon With Proceeds To Go To Youth Work

Saturday afternoon from 2 to 4:30 the members of Bolivia Lions Club will be busy canvassing several communities of the county in the interest of selling bread to benefit boys and girls work being sponsored by the club. The Fox Royal Bakery of Wilmington is cooperating with the Bolivia Lions Club in putting on this bread sale activity. The new Holsum bread will be featured.

Eight teams of two to three Lion Club members each will work the following communities at the same time: Winnabow, Mill Creek, (Continued on Page Four)

Tobacco Price Average About 60c Per Pod

Whiteville Warehouse Auctioned Tobacco For \$2 Average During Five-Day Period

SEASON AVERAGE IS HIGH ON ALL MARKETS

Sales Total For First 20 Days Is Over Four Million Pounds For First Month In 1952

Whiteville and other Cape Fear County tobacco markets rolled up unprecedented price average last week.

Dave S. Neilson, local sales supervisor, said Whiteville's 15 warehouses auctioned 5,042 pounds for an average of 62¢ per hundred. There has been no week like it in the history of tobacco sales here.

Today's average may run even higher than that for any day last week. The first three days reporting this morning averaged better than \$63. Their postage totaled \$364,000 and the warehouse averages were \$70, \$63.36, and \$62.64. While quantities of the warehouses were not released, they sold 101,000, 100,000, and 63,000 respectively.

Friday was the top day, a 1,196,840 pounds were sold for an average of \$61.02 per hundred. The second best day was Thursday when growers received an average of \$60.86 for 1,102,228 pounds.

Averages for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were \$9.07, \$59.29, and \$59.86, respectively. The season average for the first 20 days now stands at \$5.85 per hundred. Neilson said this was \$1.20 above the Border Belt average, which is recorded at \$54.45.

The Whiteville market closed its first month with a record total of 18,000,126 pounds. This, growers received a total of \$10,060,974.69.

The market is 4,054,276 pounds ahead of sales during the first 20 days last year and has paid out \$2,727,083.23 more than the first month's total in 1952.

The sales supervisor said the average at this time last year was \$52.73, giving the advantage to this year by \$2.92. "In other words, tobacco growers are receiving nearly three dollars per hundred pounds more than they did last year at this point in the auction season," Neilson observed.

Shrimp Trawlers Have Good Luck

Results Early This Week Indicate That Recent Famine For This Industry May Be Over For Season

Southport shrimp trawlers have been striking things pretty good this week, with top boats running to around 20 or 25 bushels and most of the catches of excellent quality. If weather and shrimp hold out the production this week will be the best of any period of the season.

Encouraged by Monday's catches, boats that did not go out that day made sure of being ready for Tuesday.

Boatmen were pleased at the start of the week, and the buy- (Continued on Page Four)



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Both Grissetown and Thomasboro present a marked change as a result of the widening of Route 17 through those places. An 8-mile stretch from the South Carolina line to Grissetown is now paved for a 24-foot width. To get that width and ample shoulders, a great many houses at both places had to be moved farther back from the road. One brick business building had to be torn down entirely. As a result of the general tearing up of things a radical change in their appearance. This appearance will be all to the good in a few months when things settle down.

From personal observation the State Highway Patrolman with a plain black car, marked only with an insignia on the side, has a

New Minister Now Serving At Antioch



The Rev. E. S. Lingle has arrived to assume his duties as pastor of Antioch Baptist Church succeeding the Rev. Fred Johnson.

The Rev. Mr. Lingle comes to this county from Bladenboro, where he was pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church. Prior to his service at the Bladenboro church he and his family had resided at Buies Creek while he attended Campbell College.

The new pastor will conduct the fall meeting at Antioch Baptist Church, beginning September 21 and extending through September 26. There will be special music for these services, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

School Insurance Policy Offered Students Again

Broad Coverage Being Provided For Students Enrolled In School Insurance Plan Which Is Offered This Year

It was announced today by Superintendent Henry C. Stone of the Brunswick County School System that an improved school child accident insurance program similar to that carried last year will be offered to the students this year.

Last year's program proved to be an outstanding success, exceeding all expectations. It enabled the school authorities to see that every insured student who sustained a school connected injury receive proper and adequate medical care. Many families would not have been able to pay these bills and other families were relieved of the shock of unexpected medical expense caused by an accident.

Supt. Stone explained that while the board of education and the schools themselves have no legal liability in connection with accidental injuries received by children in the performance of their normal school activities, this has always been a matter of serious concern to school authorities. The past few years have seen the accident insurance program greatly relieve an unfortunate situation, for this program assures every child who pays the small premium (Continued on Page Four)

Longwood Man Was Good Hitter

Paul Harmon Recalls Days At Ft. Caswell And Later As Member Of Traveling Army Baseball Team

A Master Sgt. at Fort Caswell about 1917, Paul Harmon has been living at Longwood for the past six years. Originally from Shelby, he and Mrs. Harmon moved to Longwood to be near Mrs. Harmon's people. She is a daughter of Mrs. Josephine Smith of Longwood and a sister of Mrs. Brady Lewis of Southport.

From older residents of Southport a representative of the State Port Pilot had heard quite a bit regarding Harmon and his ability as a baseball player. He was noted chiefly for his left-hand hitting and was feared far and wide by opposing pitchers whenever he came to bat.

Good at third base, he was a source of real trouble to opposing teams when he and his home-made hickory bat, carved by a blacksmith, went up to the plate. At that time he weighed 185 pounds, a weight that he still holds.

Interviewed Monday while he

was here to see his wife, a patient in the Doshier Memorial Hospital, Mr. Harmon recalled that while a top kick at Fort Caswell he often played against teams from far and near against this area. Southport then had a good, independent team and Don St. George, now of Wilmington, was one of the star twirlers. Harmon had a laugh at the remembrance of how he often knocked the St. George offerings clear into the woods.

Attracted by his left handed hitting, an all-star Army team finally acquired him and for six and a half years he played with them against all-stars and professional teams from Washington, D. C., to Frisco. He recalled with a laugh how his team stopped the University of California 13 to 0. The game was played almost in the shadow of the Golden Gate Bridge.

During his best days with the (Continued on Page 4)

Brunswick County Schools In Session

Shalotte Bank Cashier Resigns

TEACHERS HOLD FIRST MEETING

Two New White Principals, Two New Negro Principals And New Superintendent Of Schools

All Brunswick County schools are opening today for their fall term with a record enrollment indicated.

Final steps in the preparation for the opening were taken yesterday when the county-wide teachers' meeting was held at Southport, with County Superintendent Henry C. Stone presiding over this meeting for the first time. He succeeded J. T. Denning as head of the Brunswick County school system in July after serving 18 years as principal of Shallotte High School.

There are two new principals in the county this year. At Shallotte Mr. Stone has been succeeded by Guy Angel as principal. He is from Hamptonville and last year was principal of Mountain Park school. Fred McClure is principal at Bolivia, where he served last year as coach and member of the faculty.

Two of the Negro schools have new principals. Jonathan Hankins is serving his first term as head of the Longwood school and Eugene Armstrong is principal at Pine Grove for the first time.

Following the teachers' meeting in Southport, each principal met with his faculty during the day for a discussion of problems peculiar to the individual schools.

Superintendent Stone announces that all teacher vacancies have been filled and that all school buses are being operated by qualified drivers.

Patrolman Lynch Warns Children

Beginning Of Fall Term Of School Will Pose Traffic Hazards For Thousands Of Brunswick Boys And Girls

With the Brunswick schools opening Thursday, Corporal O. H. Lynch made some timely remarks Monday regarding the safety of the children who will be on the highways twice daily during the next nine months.

All men of the State Highway Patrol, he said are urging them to taking of extra precautions for safety. The officers will do all they can. At the same time they point out that motorists should use extra care when passing school buses and children who are waiting by the roadside for transportation.

In Brunswick County as elsewhere in the State, it is in violation of the law to pass a school bus that has stopped on the highway to take on or discharge school children.

Brunswick County, said the officer, has 614 miles of State mainland roads on which 60 school buses travel twice daily. The Highway Patrol, in cooperation with the school and county officials, is going to do everything possible to make this school term a safe one for the hundreds of school children riding the bus- (Continued on page four)

Assembly Closes After Successful Summer Season

Attendance Figures Over Seven Thousand Mark With Only Eight Weeks Operation; Enlargement Being Planned

ARRANGEMENTS BEING MADE TO EXPAND

Visitors Continue To Be Amazed At Size And The Beauty Of Installation At Caswell

Caswell Baptist Assembly has had its biggest and best season, and the Baptist Training Union Assembly which came to a close on August 23 brought the total attendance for the season to 7,003. The regular registered guests numbered 5,705 and 1,298 others were visitors for a short time. At several times during the summer, facilities of the assembly were filled to capacity and some times beyond. The attendance for the eight weeks season for this year was over a thousand more for than the 10 weeks season last year.

The growth of the Assembly reveals several things as being inadequate and calls for enlargement of the several facilities to take care of the increasing attendance. Some of the needs to take care of next year's crowds are: Enlarged feeding facilities, (including dining room space and equipment); auditorium and classrooms; more dormitory rooms for girls and boys; more private room and outdoor meeting places.

To some people the Summer Assembly at Caswell has already become a tradition. A good number have attended all of the four summers at Caswell. Others in larger numbers came this year for the first time. Caswell is a surprise to most people. Those who have not been before are surprised with the bigness, the beauty and the possibilities. Those who have been before express surprise at the improvements since they were here before.

North Carolina Baptists bought the property of Caswell Baptist Assembly, 248 acres of land with about 50 good buildings, for \$87,000. An amount about equal to the purchase price has been appropriated for capital investments since the purchase.

Greensboro News Has Good Story

Full Page Story Tells About Development Of U. S. Terminals On Cape Fear River Near Southport

The Greensboro Daily News in its issue of Sunday, August 16, carried a full page story relative to the government terminals now being constructed at Southport. The story was written by Burke Davis of the staff of The News and was well illustrated with photographs taken by Jim Womack, staff photographer on the same paper.

Mr. Davis is the first up-state writer and the Greensboro News is the first of the big up-state daily papers to give full credit to the installation being entirely in Brunswick County. Most of the papers have been describing the terminals as the "Wilmington ammunition dump" or "the Ammunition Depot near Wilmington." Mr. Davis apparently saw no connection between the Unit- (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, September 3	
4:05 a. m.	10:07 a. m.
4:36 p. m.	10:59 p. m.
Friday, September 4	
5:01 a. m.	11:01 a. m.
5:27 p. m.	11:46 p. m.
Saturday, September 5	
5:52 a. m.	11:51 a. m.
6:14 p. m.	0:00 p. m.
Sunday, September 6	
6:36 a. m.	0:28 a. m.
6:54 p. m.	12:36 p. m.
Monday, September 7	
7:10 a. m.	1:07 a. m.
7:30 p. m.	1:18 p. m.
Tuesday, September 8	
7:53 a. m.	1:43 a. m.
8:04 p. m.	1:57 p. m.
Wednesday, September 9	
8:28 a. m.	2:17 a. m.
8:36 p. m.	2:35 p. m.