

Safety Meeting For Sunny Point Job Each Month

Every Possible Precaution Is Taken To Keep Down Accidents; Record Thus Far Has Justified Measures Being Taken

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE PROVING HELPFUL

Workers Are Discovering That Practice Of Safety Measures Mean Less Time Lost From Employment

By W. B. KEZIAH
Safety is the watchword in the construction of the government terminals, just as it will be the watchword when the giant installation is completed. A safety meeting was held yesterday afternoon aboard the super dredge G. A. McWilliams.

Such meetings are held once each month by each phase of construction and it is worthy of pointing out that work having been in progress for nearly ten months there has not been a single serious accident to anyone.

It is planned by the Army Engineers to maintain this record, if precautions will avail. Using the dredging as an illustration, it is pointed out that not a man is allowed aboard a dredge or servicing boat unless he is wearing a life-jacket.

Employees or visitors are not allowed to walk a pipe line or go anywhere over the water without wearing one of these life jackets. The jackets can easily be the difference between life and death. If a man falls or is knocked overboard, and perhaps rendered unconscious, the kopok will sustain him until he can be rescued.

Old rivermen used to say that "safety" was a word for sissies. If there was no walkway and a man could not walk the shivering pipe line he was told to get off the job. Says Bill Oberjohann, Southport man who is inspector of dredging, "Oberjohann has covered dredging operations on the Mississippi from one end to the other and he says that dredging people have now come to realize that accidents cost time, money and sometimes lives.

The dredging folks and other contractors at the terminals are falling in readily with the decrees of the Army Engineers that every safety precaution be taken.

The matter of safety is stressed at all times and once each month the employees of each contractor are briefed, just as they were briefed last week aboard the G. A. McWilliams, with regard to safety for themselves and their fellow workers.

Brief News Flashes

IN SESSION
The Brunswick Baptist Association is in session today at Soldier Bay with Thursday's session scheduled for Elah Baptist Church.

LOINS TO MEET
The Southport Lions Club will meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 12:30 o'clock at the Masonic Building, District Governor Wallace West will be the speaker.

HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL
The Southport Parent-Teachers Association is sponsoring the annual halloween carnival which will be held on Friday night of next week in the gymnasium.

FARMERS MEETING
The Brunswick county Farm Bureau is sponsoring a county-wide meeting of farmers on Tuesday night, October 27, at Shallotte High School. A large attendance is being urged.

DENTIST MEETING
Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Crandell will spend the week-end at his home in Pitt county and on Monday he will attend the 5th District meeting of the North Carolina Dental Society in Goldsboro.

AT FISHBOURNE
Cadet John Plaxco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Frank Plaxco of Southport, is a member of the freshman class at Fishburne Military School, Waynesboro, Va., which is celebrating its 75th anniversary as a preparatory school for boys.

VISITING OLD HOME
B. W. Ruark of Chicago has been spending several days here with his brother, C. G. Ruark, and sister, Mrs. Mary St. George. Mr. Ruark moved to Chicago 29 years ago and has been actively engaged in the automotive industry. He is a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ruark of Southport.

Southport Man Tours Europe

Sgt. A. T. McKeithan Takes Time Off From Army Duties For Visit To Southport, England

Employed here in the Southport postoffice until he went into service early in World War II, Sgt. A. T. McKeithan is now stationed with the U. S. Forces in Hanover, Germany.

Sgt. McKeithan is a son of the late A. T. McKeithan, for many years Clerk of the Superior Court, and Mrs. McKeithan. Recently getting a two-weeks leave from duty, he took a vacation by visiting several other European cities. He wrote the following interesting account of this vacation to his mother here in Southport: "Am back in Hanover again. Truly hated to come today from Frankfurt. Left here the night of August 31st. Went to Frankfurt, then on Tuesday arrived in Amsterdam in mid-morning. Had a nice hotel room located on the main square. I think I like Amsterdam better than any place I have visited in Europe. The canals are very interesting.

They are like streets in other places. The city is built on pilings. Took a boat trip through the city and into the harbor. It is one of the major European ports. Almost all the people speak English. Food is almost cheap, and you get more than you can eat. "Last day there took a trip to Volendam and Marken through the dike and windmill country, visited a cheese farm, took a boat out to Market where the people dress in old Dutch costumes and live in small houses on the cheese farm. The cows are kept indoors in stalls during the cold weather. They are milked and the cheese made in the same room. Am sure you would enjoy eating the cheese. I ate so many samples couldn't eat supper. Was in Holland three days and it rained two of the days. It was really bad weather the entire trip. "Left Amsterdam Thursday night. (Continued On Page Four)

Best Fishing In History Going On

Fishing Parties During Past Week-End Brought In Catches Of Bluefish Running Into The Hundreds

OFF-SHORE PARTIES ALSO HAVE LUCK

Southport Filled With Fishing Parties As Many Private Vessels Also Made Outside Trips

A new all-time record for sports fishing was established by parties going out of Southport during the week-end as thousands of bluefish were brought in along with large numbers of larger fish that were taken by parties who chose to go off-shore.

Few people remember when the blues were so plentiful nor when they were so anxious to be caught; but the big difference is that more than twenty boats were out in perfect weather Saturday and Sunday, and every one of them came in with all the fish they had time to catch.

The blues are of good eating size, ranging from about three-quarters of a pound up. Some boats made two trips and had a catch running into the hundreds. Following is a report of Friday, Saturday and Sunday catches for several of the local charter boats. Information was unavailable for some of these boats, and no effort was made to give an account of catches made by the dozen or more private boats which enjoyed this fisherman's paradise of the past few days.

Friday
The Botfly, Capt. Leon McKeithan, R. F. Lylerly party caught 750 blues; the Lady Lou. (Continued on Page Two)

River Road Is Open To Traffic

With Drainage Canal Almost Complete Water Covering Road Has Receded To Safe Level

Traffic is again passing over Route 130 between Sunny Point and Wilmington although the State Highway Commission has not yet removed the detour signs.

With high water in the rains of three weeks ago covering the road it became necessary to close this route to Wilmington. A drag line was set to work cutting a canal to carry off the surplus water on Monday, September 26. A long canal had to be cut all of the way to the Cape Fear River and this is only just now being finished.

At the danger spot a natural pond lies on each side of the highway. In the government construction work dikes were built just back of each pond. These dikes acted as dams and all of the water that fell in the area united to form one big pond out of the two, with the road going right through the center.

The Army Engineers had given the contract for the cutting of the drainage canal the week before the rains started. When the road became flooded they speeded up operations on the contract.

Victim



DANNY HARRELSON

Southport Boy Among Victims Aboard Leyte

Arthur D. Harrelson, Son Of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harrelson, Killed In Blast Aboard Navy Carrier In Boston, Mass., Friday

Funeral services were conducted here at 4 o'clock Monday afternoon at St. Phillips Episcopal Church for Arthur Dan Harrelson, Jr., 20-year-old Southport boy who was killed Friday in an explosion aboard the USS Leyte, giant aircraft carrier, as she lay in drydock in Boston, Mass.

A pall of gloom hovered over this community from the moment the first rumor of the tragedy was spread early Friday evening. Later there came the dread confirmation when the Rev. Walter Harrelson, uncle of the young sailor, identified his body.

The remains arrived here shortly after noon Monday, and a full hour before time for the funeral all traffic and business activity in downtown Southport had come to a standstill. The small chapel at St. Phillips was filled with members of the family and close friends, and hundreds more stood outside on the courthouse lawn.

No effort was made to carry all the flowers to the church, but several truck loads of beautiful floral designs were banked about the grave at Northwood cemetery. A former pastor, the Rev. Cecil Allgood of Atlanta, Ga., was in charge of the services. He was assisted by the Rev. Sidney Matthews, pastor of St. Phillips, the Rev. T. D. Toler, pastor of Southport Baptist Church, and the Rev. H. M. Baker, a former pastor of that church and a close friend and counselor of the deceased.

The flag-draped casket was carried into the sanctuary by eight former school mates, three of whom are also in the Navy. These included Tommie Bowmer, John Carr Davis, Harold Spencer, Darrell Fisher, Douglas Watts, Joe Young, Kenneth Stiller and Richard Brendie. Honorary pallbearers were members of Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion.

This popular young Southport boy graduated from the local high school in 1951 and soon enlisted in the Navy. He was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harrelson. In addition to his parents he is survived by one brother, Tommy Harrelson; and by (Continued On Page Four)

Whiteville Sets Record For Sale Of 1953 Tobacco

These Include Highest Average, Most Pounds, Most Money In Week, And Most Dollars In Week

AVERAGE OF \$58.96 HIGHEST IN HISTORY

Fourteen Whiteville Records Smashed During Sale Of 41 Million Pounds In 52 Sales Days

The Whiteville tobacco market today laid claim to four world records for the 1953 auction season. Sales Supervisor Dave S. Neilson tossed out a challenge based on the following records:

1. Highest season average for any market—\$58.96.
2. Best average for one day on any market selling more than million pounds on that day—\$63.80.
3. Most money paid out to growers in any one week by a three-sale market—\$3,770,900.40.
4. Most tobacco sold in five-day period by three-sale market—6,148,536 pounds.

Meanwhile, the Whiteville market set 14 new records. These ranged from "most tobacco in one season" to "first time market sold 29 million pounds in first 29 selling days." The supervisor believes the latter is also a world record for any market having only three sets of buyers.

In smashing every mark in the records of the Whiteville market, local warehousemen operated at capacity during 36 of the season's 52 sales days. Operations ended October 14.

The 1953 record is all the more remarkable because the market remained open five less days than in 1952.

Power Company Begins Working

Carolina Power And Light Company Already At Work Extending Lines To Southport For Purpose Of Serving Community

With their contract to furnish power wholesale to the City of Southport signed Tuesday night, the Carolina Light and Power Company began work next day, surveying and erecting poles and lines for the approximately 28-miles of route between U. S. Highway 14-76 and Southport and Sunny Point.

No survey was necessary on most of the route, neither was there any problem as to the right of way. The line uses the Sunny Point railroad right of way to a point this side of Moore's Creek. There the lines to Southport will branch off and come straight in. The CP&L had already let the contract for the lines to Sunny Point and the signing of the local contract gave the green light to construction. Without a local contract the line would have been started without any provision for taking care of things here in town.

In addition to the contractor working on the upper end of the line, a force of CP&L engineers are now busy surveying for the branch on into Southport. They are also planning for the transformer station. This will be completed (Continued on Page Four)

Homecoming Queen



WINNER—Miss Marie Rourk, who was crowned Shallotte Homecoming Queen Friday night, is shown with Pete Singletary, Shallotte football star, who was her sponsor. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Rourk. (Art Newton Photo.)

Miss Rourk Is Crowned Queen

Commissioners In Monthly Session

Members of the board of county commissioners held their mid-month meeting Monday, and only a comparatively small amount of business came up for attention. The minute books show the following matters as having been attended to:

It was ordered that J. E. Pinner of Southport be relieved of \$966.00 valuation on his real estate in Smithville township, known as the Buck Branch tract, because of error in listing.

It was ordered that Roland T. Gore of Shallotte township be relieved of \$15.00 valuation his home, due to an error in listing.

Numerous Cases Tried In Court

Lengthy Docket Disposed Of Here Monday Before Judge W. J. McLamb In Recorder's Court

Road sentences and heavy fines were handed down by Judge W. J. McLamb here in Brunswick county Recorder's court Monday, with the following judgments being meted out:

Charles Hill, no operators license, fined \$50.00 and costs.

Julius Osborne, failure to yield right-of-way, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

R. D. and Mrs. R. D. Deaver, assault, trespass, drunk and disorderly, no procs with leave.

Maurice Baldwin, public drunkenness, fined \$15.00 and costs.

Sevas Mims, public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Archie Wilson, public drunkenness, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Shelby Eugene Chestnut, hit and run, not guilty.

John D. Hall, failure to yield right-of-way, motion for jury trial.

Willie Rhodes Caison, no operator's license, prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Dorsey McLeod, reckless operation, fined \$25.00 and costs.

Albert Clark, following too close, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Robert Willing, lead improperly secured, not prosed.

Corbett Simmons, disposing of mortgaged property, 90 days on roads, suspended on the making of restitution in amount of \$259.00 and paying cost of prosecution. Defendant gave notice of appeal to Superior court.

Henry Zatzkis, expired operator's license, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Mary Lee Ballard, failing to jury an accident, motion for jury (Continued on Page 4)

Miss Marie Rourk, Daughter Of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Rourk, Winner Over Eleven Other Contestants

PETE SINGLETARY WAS HER SPONSOR

Colorful Presentation Of Play And Ceremony For Crowning Queen Preceded Football Game

Preceding the football game between the Shallotte Pirates and the Beaufort team Friday night Miss Marie Rourk, Shallotte High School student, was crowned "Shallotte Homecoming Queen."

Two weeks prior to the Homecoming game the twelve seniors on the varsity team selected a girl whom they wished to sponsor as queen for the homecoming event. Miss Rourk, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Rourk, was selected by Joseph Singletary. Climaxing a two weeks' vigorous campaign, Miss Rourk was declared the winner over the other contestants.

At 8 o'clock, with Al Compton of Wilmington at the microphone, there began a spectacular and dramatic 1953 Homecoming presentation.

Both goal posts were decorated with huge footballs. At the call from the announcer, the Beaufort team came through the football and took their place on the field for the kick-off. (Continued on Page 4)

Homecoming Day At Mount Pisgah

All-Day Program Arranged For Baptist Church Near Supply Sunday For Homecoming And Harvest Day

The Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Supply will celebrate its 191st Homecoming and Harvest Day Sunday, October 25, states Rev. E. C. Reeves, pastor.

The program will begin at 10 o'clock and the Rev. I. F. Britt, former pastor of the church, will be guest speaker. An old fashioned picnic lunch will be spread on the church grounds at noon, and special music will be rendered by groups from 1:30-3 during the afternoon.

During the morning service an offering will be taken to be used solely on the indebtedness of the pastorium which was completed in November of last year. The Mt. Pisgah people have been planning and are looking forward to this program. Everyone is cordially invited to come and join in hearing gospel messages and singing, praying for spiritual power and renewing old friendships.

Reelect Holden PMA Chairman For This Year

Bolivia Farmer Will Once More Head Committee Charged With Administration Of Various Farm Programs

COMMITTEEMEN FOR TOWNSHIPS LISTED

All County Committeemen Are Farmers And Will Be Paid Only For Days They Serve On The Program

G. Rutherford Holden of Bolivia was reelected chairman of the Brunswick County Production and Marketing Administration Committee at the convention held at the Agriculture Building in Supply on Friday.

Elected as vice-chairman of the county committee was Edgar L. Holden of Supply and M. Kirby King of Freeland was elected as regular member. The two alternates are Calvin O. Dennis, Longwood, and D. Russell Johnson, Winnabow.

These committeemen were elected to administer the Agricultural Conservation Program, loan program for corn, soybeans, wheat and cotton and wheat acreage allotments, marketing quotas, and other assignments in 1954.

All of these committeemen are farmers and receive payment only for the few days they actually serve.

The following are names of the elected township committeemen:

- Lockwoods Folly: Garland J. Clemmons, chairman; Floyd Hewitt, vice-chairman; Henry Williams, regular member; Woodrow Russ, first alternate.
- Northwest: D. T. Clark, chairman; R. L. Stewart, vice-chairman; George Skipper, regular member; John W. Butler, first alternate; Charlie Sykes, second alternate.
- Shallotte: Herbert Russ, chairman; Jerome Jenrette, vice-chairman; Herman Long, regular member; A. J. Walton, first alternate; Bedford Stanaland, second alternate. (Continued on Page 2)

Achievement Day Observed Friday

Home Demonstration Club Meeting Held At Bolivia; Southport Club Receives Loving Cup

The Brunswick County Home Demonstration Clubs held their county achievement program in the Bolivia school auditorium Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

Mrs. E. G. Goodman, County Council President, presided at the meeting. Rev. C. L. Warren, pastor of the Zion Methodist Church gave a very appropriate and inspirational devotional. Mrs. D. B. Stanaland, county secretary read the county achievement report. The guest speaker for the evening was Mrs. Myrtle Chestnut, clothing instructor for Singer Sewing Machine Company of Wilmington. Mrs. Chestnut presented a very interesting program on "Styles of Clothing for the Various Types" illustrating the points stressed.

Again this year the most outstanding club of the county was recognized by the presentation of the loving cup, a trophy given by the R. E. A. cup, a trophy given by standing club. The cup was presented by Mr. Cherry to the Southport club. (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, October 22	
7:21 A. M.	1:06 A. M.
7:45 P. M.	1:42 P. M.
Friday, October 23	
8:12 A. M.	1:54 A. M.
8:36 P. M.	2:23 P. M.
Saturday, October 24	
9:05 A. M.	2:41 A. M.
9:28 P. M.	3:24 P. M.
Sunday, October 25	
9:57 A. M.	3:30 A. M.
10:20 P. M.	4:15 P. M.
Monday, October 26	
10:48 A. M.	4:19 A. M.
11:15 P. M.	5:07 P. M.
Tuesday, October 27	
11:42 A. M.	5:11 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:01 P. M.
Wednesday, October 28	
0:12 A. M.	6:06 A. M.
12:36 P. M.	6:58 P. M.

Our ROWING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Cpl. Paul C. Smith of Ash is a mighty happy man, even if he is way out in Korea. Writing this paper on the 5th of October, he stated that he hoped to be leaving Korea on the 12th. Getting back into the States he is due to leave the Army on November 27th. He has been in Korea for the past 11 months with the 176th and 8th Infantry. They had hard times during the months of June and July and the young Brunswick man was awarded the Purple Heart on the 26th of July. Corporal Smith apparently got the State Port Pilot regularly during his stay in Korea. He asked that his address be changed from Korea to Ash. In his letter he stated he has been especially interested in this column, but he read everything down to the littlest bit of advertising when his paper reached him.

With the city signing the contract to purchase power from the Carolina Power and Light Company one night last week, A. J. Woody, industrial agent for the company, and Jack Riley, press relations man, came down next morning to pick up the contract. Mr. Woody had other commitments for the afternoon and could only remain part of the morning. He carried the contract back with him. Riley remained over for a trip to Sunny Point. Returning, we were eating a late lunch and among other things we asked him, "When will your contractor start on the line here?" "He started this morning," said Riley. And just at that instant the city lights blinked and went out. (Continued on Page 4)