

Grading Firms Employees Take Off From Work

Hertford Construction Company Workers Will Be Able To Spend Christmas At Home With Families

CHANGE IN PLANS HOLDS UP RAILROAD

This Applies Only To Approach Railroad; Work Has Been Going On Near The Dock Sites

The Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church has called all 40,000 Methodist Churches to a mighty "Church Attendance Crusade" from New Year's Day to Easter, 1954. The slogan of this united effort is "Give God A Chance—Now!" The enterprise is designed to increase regular church attendance; to activate indifferent church members to become regular attendants at worship services, church school, Woman's Society of Christian Service, Methodist Men's organization and Methodist Youth Fellowship; to exalt the place of church worship in Christian experience; to lift up the importance of preaching the Gospel; to visit and invite non-church families to share in the services of the church; and to recapture the power of Christian fellowship.

Trinity Methodist Church, Southport, will join in this church attendance campaign. In its December meeting the official board of the church went on record as supporting it. Under the leadership of the minister, the Rev. R. H. Jordan, and the Commission on Membership of Evangelism plans are being made to launch the crusade Sunday, January 3. Members of this commission are Mrs. Harold St. George, Chairman; Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, Mrs. Ray Walton, John Julius Swain, R. T. Woodside, Fred Willing, Miss Lotie M. Newton, James M. Harper, Jr., Charles Lester and M. R. Sanders.

The following persons in Trinity Church have been appointed by the above commission as chairmen of four committees to take charge of the individual phases of the crusade: Ray Walton, promotion and publicity; Mrs. J. M. Harper, Jr., visitation; Capt. J. I. Davis, fellowship; Mrs. M. R. Sanders, follow-up.

The church attendance crusade will extend into every organization within the church and to every family. The church leaders at Trinity believe it will deepen the spiritual life of every person who wholeheartedly participate in the program of the church during this period.

Brief News Flashes

OFFICE CLOSING

The ASC office at Supply will be closed Thursday and Friday of this week for Christmas. It will be open for business as usual next Monday.

FOUND THE PREACHER

Members of the congregation of Trinity Methodist Church engaged in an old fashioned pounding party for the Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Jordan and young son, Mark, Monday night.

TORACCO ALLOTMENTS

Blanks for new-grower tobacco allotments are now available at the office in the Agricultural Building at Supply. All eligible for these new-grower allotments must have their blanks filled in and at the office by February 1.

HOLIDAY DANCE

The merchants and business leaders of Southport are giving a community dance on Saturday night at the old Southport high school gymnasium. Dancing begins at 8:30 o'clock and music will be by Bobby Haas and his orchestra from Wilmington.

FIXING FOR TOBACCO

A small number of Brunswick county growers of tobacco have already begun giving some attention to their 1954 plant seed beds. Such preparations will pick up right after Christmas, weather permitting. By mid-January preparations will be general.

FISHING CONTINUES

Trout fishing is still good at Vancourt. Fishermen here are doing good with their nets and are getting lots of trout and other kinds of fish every night. Two parties from Charlotte got over 60 lbs. in one day. Three parties from High Point got over 85-lbs. in two days fishing here and lots of others got some fish all the week. They got a few red drum and black drum.

'Twas The Night Before Christmas!



Christmas Tour Conducted Here During Sunday

Several Southport Homes Decorated For Christmas By Members Of Southport Garden Club And Woman's Club

Four homes were decorated by members of the Southport Woman's Club and Garden Club for the Christmas tour on Sunday afternoon and evening. Throughout each home the Christmas spirit was expressed with greenery and bright tree ornaments and many ideas were shown which would help others in decorating their own homes at this season of the year.

Guests went first to the home of Mrs. J. J. Loughlin where they found a brightly lighted tree in the window alcove in the hall. Over the mantel in the living room was an arrangement using toy reindeer and red carnations. Below was an arrangement of greenery with two plastic candy canes. In the dining room a table was set with gold banded china and gold colored flatware. An arrangement of gilded magnolia leaves carried out the gold theme.

At the home of Mrs. Davis Herring guests found a number of helpful ideas, among them her treatment of the staircase wound in greenery and lights. She used Christmas cards around a doorway, green and white magnolia leaves over a sofa. A fruit compote frosted with snow was on the buffet in the dining room and a centerpiece of white candles in "S" shape was used on the dining table.

A solid red door with white bells was the first scene which greeted guests at the home of Mrs. H. A. Livingston. Inside there was an arrangement of silver star and magnolia leaves on the mantel with red candles flanking a madonna. Stair balusters were striped like candy canes and Christmas cards arranged on the stair risers.

In the kitchen of the Livingston home were several original ideas and in the dining room a cloud of angel hair surmounted by miniature angels with halos formed the table centerpiece. Blue, white and silver were used throughout the dining room and the buffet arrangement of silver and blue balls in a "chicken wire" cornucopia and matching hurricane lamps with miniature silver balls drew many admiring glances.

Tea was served at the conclusion of the tour at the home of Mrs. E. H. Arrington. The home was decorated throughout with greenery and Christmas novelties. A silver and blue mantel arrangement was in one room and a revolving Christmas tree attracted attention to the music box which played Christmas carols. Punch and Christmas cookies were served.

Long Week-End For Christmas

Cadillac And Trailer Capsize

A Cadillac and attached trailer, owned and operated by Albert Catlind of Pensacoke, N. J., was overturned on Route 17, one mile north of Shallotte, Monday at about noon. Neither Mr. Catlind or his wife were injured, but the car sustained about \$1,000 damage and the trailer was damaged to the extent of \$50, according to Patrolman H. S. Wilkins, who investigated the wreck. According to Mr. Catlind, the right wheel of the trailer ran off the pavement and when it returned the trailer began ziz-zag, causing the car to skid, run across the pavement to the left and when it returned both car and trailer overturned completely and came back upright on the wheels in a ditch.

Operators Of Trawlers Home

Seafood Dealers And Members Of Crews Return From Shrimping Operations At Key West To Spend Christmas At Home

Southport seafood producers who have been at Key West, Bill Wells, Sr., Bill Wells, Jr., Wiley Wells, Dallas Pigott, Lewis J. Hardee and all of their boatmen came in last week for the Christmas holidays. They will be back to their boats the first of next week.

Bill Wells, Sr., reports that some 400 shrimp trawlers have been working out from Key West and have been doing well. He states that for 85 per cent of the catches and pound count is 21 to 25. Ten per cent has a 20 count and 5 per cent counts 26 to 30.

The boats have been getting 20 to 40 boxes each for 5 night trips and the price has been holding good. Unlike the shrimping at Southport and other points on this coast the shrimping is all done at night and the boats anchor at sea and crews sleep during the daylight hours. With good weather the boats remain away from port five days and nights. The crews do the heading themselves and when the shrimp are brought in the only work is weighing, icing and shipping.

Mr. Wells and his son, Billy, have eight boats at Key West; Lewis Hardee also has 8; Wiley Wells of Southport and his brother Charles Wells of Charles-

City Force Will Be Off Until Monday Following Close Of Day's Work On Wednesday; Same For County Employees

SCHOOL CLOSING UNTIL JANUARY 4

Several Business Firms Will Be Open On Christmas Eve But Will Be Closed Until The Following Monday

All Brunswick county schools will close following today's (Wednesday's) session for the Christmas holidays, and students and teachers will not return to their class rooms until Monday, January 4.

All county offices will close at the end of today's business and will remain closed until Monday, December 28. This same schedule will be followed by the employees of the City of Southport, and it has been noted that there will be no collection of trash and garbage during the remainder of this week.

Post offices of the county will be closed on Christmas day, and there will be no rural delivery on that day.

The Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. at Southport and Shallotte



W. B. KEZIAH

Without making any exceptions, we are wishing everybody a very Happy Christmas and all the good things that the New Year can bring. Personally we think that the New Year may bring much to the people of Brunswick county. To them especially, and to everybody in general, we wish a Merry Christmas.

A good indication of the increasing volume of defense work for the Army Engineers in the Area is found in the fact that in order to keep up with this work Civil Engineer Charles R. Harborough has been transferred to Sunny Point from the Tulsa, Oklahoma District. Mr. Harborough has rented a home and his wife and three children are on their way here. They have two girls, 8 and 4 years old, and a son who is a year old. Along with these

Flue-Cured Leaf Crop Lower In 1953 Than 1952

Eight Percent Drop From Last Year's Production Estimated By Department Of Agriculture

AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE, 1,230 POUNDS

Nearly 58 Million Bushels Of Corn Estimated; Sweet Potato Production Is 4,725,000 Bushels

Flue-cured tobacco production for 1953 was estimated Thursday by the Agriculture Department at 1,257,311 million pounds, down eight percent from last year's crop of 1,365,341 million pounds. The department estimated total production of all types of tobacco at 2,046,000 million pounds. This is nine percent below the 1952 crop of 2,254,512 million pounds.

It said the flue-cured yield per acre was 1,230 pounds, one pound above last year, but 82 pounds below the 1950 record. The drought took heavy toll from the Middle and Old Belt crops, but other areas fared better, the department said.

North Carolina's production total for 1953 was 19,380,000, representing a big drop from the 20,160,000 million-pound crop of 1952.

The forecast also listed these probable yields for other North Carolina crops (with acreage harvested, the yield per acre and production listed in order):

Corn—2,137,000, 27.0, and 57,699,000 bushels.
Peanuts—177,000, 1,450 and 256,650,000 pounds.
Soybeans for beans—284,000, 14.5 and 3,514,000 bushels.

Local Dentist Is Club Speaker

Dr. C. E. Crandell Explains Cost And Some Of Advantages Of Fluoridation Program For Southport Water Supply

Dr. C. E. Crandell, Southport dentist, was the speaker at the Thursday meeting of the Southport Lions Club, explaining the value of use of a fluoridation process in the water supply and giving some idea of the cost of such a program as it might be used locally.

He reported that of all plans tested thus far to help retard the rapid course of tooth decay, the induction of 1 part per million of sodium fluoride in the drinking water has been found to be most effective. In fact, it has been shown that tooth decay can be reduced by 67-percent through this method, he said. Furthermore, Dr. Crandell says that exhaustive tests have failed to show any harmful effect upon the general health of those individuals who use fluoridated water.

As for the cost of treating the water supply, the Southport dentist estimates that from 6-cents to 32-cents per person per year should take care of all expense once the equipment has been installed for placing fluoride in the water supply. He thought that equipment costs for a town the size of Southport might run less than two thousand dollars.

Dr. Crandell made it clear that the principal beneficiaries of such

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new Southport citizens, several other employees of the Wilmington District are now making their homes here. A good many more will also be residing here by the middle of January, if homes are available.

Top officials of one of the major oil companies were here a few days ago getting information as to the fast developing need for a ship fueling station. This week we had a letter from them asking that they be kept fully advised as to all developments and stating that they will be back here early in January. Representatives of other oil companies have also been keeping a constant check on the local situation and all appear to feel that fueling terminals of a major nature will have to be constructed at Southport.

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Changing Scene For Clarendon

Owner Cornelius Thomas Reports On Exciting Picture Witnessed From Library Window

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Thomas at Clarendon is one of the most interesting places in Brunswick County, and Mr. Thomas thoroughly enjoys life in this beautiful and historic residence overlooking the Cape Fear. Here in his own words is a description of a recent occurrence that gives a graphic reason for his love for Clarendon.

"I have a most unusual view from the library of my home. The outside door is full plate glass and that gives me full uninterrupted view down the canal through the old rice fields.

I never got lonesome looking out down the canal. There is some action on it all of the time fish jumping, bird flying or something. During the summer I watch the alligators make their meals on sand fiddlers and then crawl up on the mud banks and relax. Just the other day I saw a deer swim in the canal. I am now occasionally glancing out at five or six wild duck in the canal about 100 yards away.

Two Sundays ago I was standing at the door watching some squirrels jumping from tree branch to tree branch, a jump of from 4 to 6-foot. It was interesting to note that each one came up to the jumping branch, switched his tail and leaped. I have never seen one miss. One little fellow came up to the same place, went through all of the motions then turned went down the limb and tree to the ground and over to the other tree.

While I was watching this I saw an unusually large bird light in a pine on the canal bank and then another in a gum tree on the other bank. I looked closer at the one in the gum and realized that they were wild turkeys. They continued to come and light in the trees in the yard, hesitate and fly on. In all there were 10 or 12. It was over in a matter of 5 minutes. Many of the scenes, out there occur over and over, but I am not expecting the turkeys. I doubt if they do that again."

Special Christmas Programs Staged

Five Marines In Auto Wreck

A car occupied by five Camp Lejeune Marines overturned on Route 130, just north of Orton Plantation Saturday night. All five of the men were slightly injured and were brought here to the Doshier Memorial Hospital for treatment.

State Highway Patrolman H. S. Wilkins states that his investigation revealed that the car was traveling at high speed and went out of control on a curve. The machine turned completely over, the occupants receiving cuts and bruises. At the hospital two of them were x-rayed for possible head injuries.

The men are listed as Staff Sergeant Robert Horvath, 20, driver of the 1951 two-door sedan; William H. Melvin, 20; Norman J. Holvant, 23; Robert M. Hanson, 22, and William Z. Cullum, 21. All are from the 2nd Tank Battalion, 2nd Marine Division at Camp Lejeune.

Christmas Tree Hunters Descend

Hundreds Of Persons Were Taking Advantage Of Warmer Weather Sunday To Rund Up Christmas Greenery

The sudden cold spell during the past week end was a handicap for folks going out for Christmas decorations. To make up for lost time, Sunday afternoon and the returning warm weather saw people out in full force with their matches knives and in some cases saws. They were intent on Christmas evergreens.

The thousands of acres that are forming the U. S. Terminal Reservation were apparently the most fruitful to the searchers. A lot of holly yaupon and other evergreen has long grown in that area. Many of the choice trees have already fallen victim to the great mud and salt water streams coming ashore from the dredges. Much more has gone down under rimpaging bulldozers and other railroad building machinery.

In time only spots of green will be left here and there and no one knows just where those spots will be. So apparently no one cares that the seekers for Christmas greens go in and get what they want.

It is not a wild guess to say that more greenery came from the Walden Creek to Orton Pond area Sunday than have come in many years combined. It was all a matter of rescuing the dying to give gladness to mankind, for a few days at least.

To a visitor in the area it was rather interesting to observe the holiday greens hunters going about their task, with no one to frown on their efforts. Still, the visitor was personally rather much interested at the "herd" of giant Euclids, all parked in a

Christmas Cantatas Were Presented At Southport Baptist Church And At Trinity Methodist Church Sunday Night

OTHER SPECIAL EVENTS PLANNED

Community Tree Will Be Held In Old Gymnasium Thursday Night And Dance On Saturday Evening

Worship services at Southport churches were highlighted Sunday by special program of Christmas music, with the choir at both the Southport Baptist Church and at Trinity Methodist Church singing their annual Christmas Cantata at the evening hour.

At Trinity Methodist Church the program was "On Wings Of Angels' Song", and members of the large congregation pronounced this one of the finest musical programs yet produced by members of this organization. The following were members of the choir:

Sopranos: Mrs. Charles Aldridge, Miss Pauline Chadwick, Miss Alberta Galloway, Miss Ann B. Newton, Miss Annie M. Newton, Mrs. Ray Walton, Mrs. Leon Richards, Mrs. G. E. Hubbard, Mrs. A. E. Newton, Mrs. Olive Newton, Mrs. Dalls Pigott, Miss Jean Thompson; Tenors: G. E. Hubbard, Robert Thompson, Waters Thompson, Robert Willing; Basses: J. M. Harper, III, R. H. Jordan, C. R. Livingston, A. E. Newton.

The cantata was directed by Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr. was organist.

At the Sunday evening service at Southport Baptist Church the choir, under the direction of Mrs. R. C. Daniel, presented "The Chorus In The Skies", by Fred B. Holton. Mrs. T. D. Toler and Mrs. H. G. McKeithan sang a duet and solos were sung by Miss

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Brief Session Of Court Held

Only Five Cases Are Disposed Of During Abbreviated Session Of Recorder's Court Monday

A brief session of Brunswick county Recorder's court was held here Monday, with five cases being settled. The following judgments were handed down:

Avant Southerland, no operators license, fined \$25 and costs.
Andrew Morrison, drunken driving, no operators license, 90 days on roads, suspended on payment of a fine of \$200 and costs.
Johnny Lee Hill, public drunkenness, fined \$10 and costs.
Clyde D. Williams, Jr., worthless check, judgment suspended upon restitution having been made. The defendant was taxed with the costs amounting to \$21.25.
Avant Southerland, no operator's license (2nd case), fined \$25 and costs.

Attendance To Be Chief Goal Of Methodists

Church Attendance Crusade Will Be Conducted From New Year's Day Through Easter Season

LOCAL CHURCH TO WORK IN PROGRAM

Mrs. H. T. St. George Heads Commission On Membership And Evangelism In Trinity Methodist Church

By W. B. KEZIAH
Employees of the Hertford Construction Company, now engaged in grading for the Sunny Point installation railroad, will all get off Wednesday afternoon until Monday. They plan to spend Christmas at their homes.

Normally they would only take a day off from the project. They would also be working Saturday and possibly Sunday if the way was open. Recent changes in plans for the installation effected the course of the railroad from Moores Creek down into the installation and new surveys are now being rushed by the engineers.

Pending these surveys the Hertford Company is grading for some five or six miles of the railroad directly along the river and there will be no great rush of work until they get the go-ahead signals for operations northwest of Route 130.

Part of the change in plans are understood to call for the placing of the administration building some two and a half miles nearer the docks, instead of directly alongside Route 303. This new location has called for several changes in railroad routing after it comes across Moore's Creek.

The main entrance will be on Route 303 where it was originally planned for both it and the administration building. There may be an important bearing on the change of location for the administration building. One source stated that the last construction item on the present program would be the building of barracks for troops. He added that these facilities would be built where it was originally planned to have the administration building at the main entrance.

Manager W. T. Anderson of the Hertford Construction Company, stated Sunday that pending the completion of the new plans

Girls And Boys Back In Town

Boys In Service And Both Girls And Boys At Home From College Add To Holiday Spirit

Many service men and boys and girls form the various universities and colleges are at home for the Christmas holidays, and the presence of these young people is doing a great deal to get Southport in a holiday mood.

Boys home from service for the holidays are: Jack Swan, Harold Spencer, Douglas Watts, Bert-ran Burris, Douglas Johnson, Agnew Flucher, G. W. Fisher, Robin Hood, Elliott Hickman, Tommy Bowmer, Jimmy Smith, Gene Fulwood, Roger Ward.

Boys home from school are: Billie Sanders, Tulane University; Darrell Fisher, The Citadel; and

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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, December 24	
10:40 A. M.	4:19 A. M.
11:05 P. M.	4:55 P. M.
Friday, December 25	
11:21 A. M.	5:05 A. M.
11:52 P. M.	5:37 P. M.
Saturday, December 26	
12:01 A. M.	5:52 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:21 P. M.
Sunday, December 27	
0:39 A. M.	6:42 A. M.
12:45 P. M.	7:08 P. M.
Monday, December 28	
1:28 A. M.	7:38 A. M.
1:32 P. M.	7:58 P. M.
Tuesday, December 29	
2:22 A. M.	8:35 A. M.
2:23 P. M.	8:49 P. M.
Wednesday, December 30	
3:15 A. M.	9:35 A. M.
3:16 P. M.	9:43 P. M.