

Clifton Moore Stepped Up To Post Of Judge

District Solicitor Appointed To Succeed Judge John J. Burney Who Resigned For Health Reasons

JUDGE'S SON NAMED TO SUCCEED MOORE

White-Haired Burgaw Attorney Is Popular Choice For Bench; Local Lawyers Voice Approval

Clifton L. Moore, solicitor in the eighth district for the past 10 years, will become resident judge of Superior Court today.

The white-haired Burgaw attorney was named Tuesday by Governor Umstead to succeed Judge John J. Burney who retired for reasons of health.

Governor Umstead also announced the appointment of John J. Burney, Jr., son of the veteran judge, as Moore's replacement.

Judge Burney furnished Governor Umstead and the Council of State with letters from three physicians who stated that he is suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes.

Both Moore and young Burney promptly accepted their appointments and both announced their intention to run for election in the Democratic primary in May.

Under the judge's retirement law, Judge Burney will draw two-thirds of his \$11,000 annual salary while in retirement. The law says a judge may retire for permanent and total disability after eight years of service.

As judge, Moore will receive a salary of \$11,000 and \$2,500 annually for expenses. Solicitors are paid \$7,150 salary and \$1,500 for expenses.

Moore, who is 53 years of age, was judge of Pender County Recorder's Court for two years and moved up to the solicitor's post in 1943. He is a native of Pender.

Moore attended the University of North Carolina, where he attained high honors, and studied law at George Washington University. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and was chosen for the Golden Fleece, highest student honor society at UNC. He was also a member of Tau Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

The new judge is a Mason and a Methodist.

He is married to the former Hazel Swinson of Goldsboro. They have two children, Clifton, Jr., 17, and Mary Hazel, 13.

Moore achieved national prominence for his vigorous prosecution of the Ku Klux Klan cases in (Continued on Page Two)

Identification Of Building Asked

Publication Of Albert Barden Negative In Raleigh Newspaper Brings Forth Information

A great many Southport people got rather stirred up last Wednesday morning when a picture of the Garrison building appeared in the Raleigh News and Observer. Officials of the North Carolina Hall of History had found the picture among a collection of old ones and the cut lines used in the News and Observer stated that none of them were able to identify the building.

It just happens that next to Orton Plantation the Garrison building is the most widely known in Brunswick. Also, next to Orton the Garrison building is the most historic in Brunswick County.

Located on the river bluff across from the court house and in the center of Southport, the Garrison building was constructed to serve as officers quarters for Fort Johnston, one of the first fortifications constructed by the colonists in the province of North Carolina.

To many Southport citizens it was inconceivable that the North Carolina Hall of History should fail to recognize the building from the picture. Following the publication in the News and Observer, personal visits and telephone calls by the dozen were made to the office of this paper.

Fort Johnston was three times built and three times destroyed by enemy action. With the state-ly old officers quarters now being all that remains of the historic installation, one lady felt that officials of the Hall of History should have been able to recognize a picture of it.

For many years the building and 3 or 4 acres of surrounding land has been owned by the U.S. Army Engineers and it has been used by various keepers of the Cape Fear River Lights and Coast Guardsmen as a residence. Such occupants were also charged with looking after the grounds and with keeping the building in a top state of repair and freshly painted. The most recent such occupant was the late Francis (Continued on Page Two)

Student Night Program Held Sunday Night

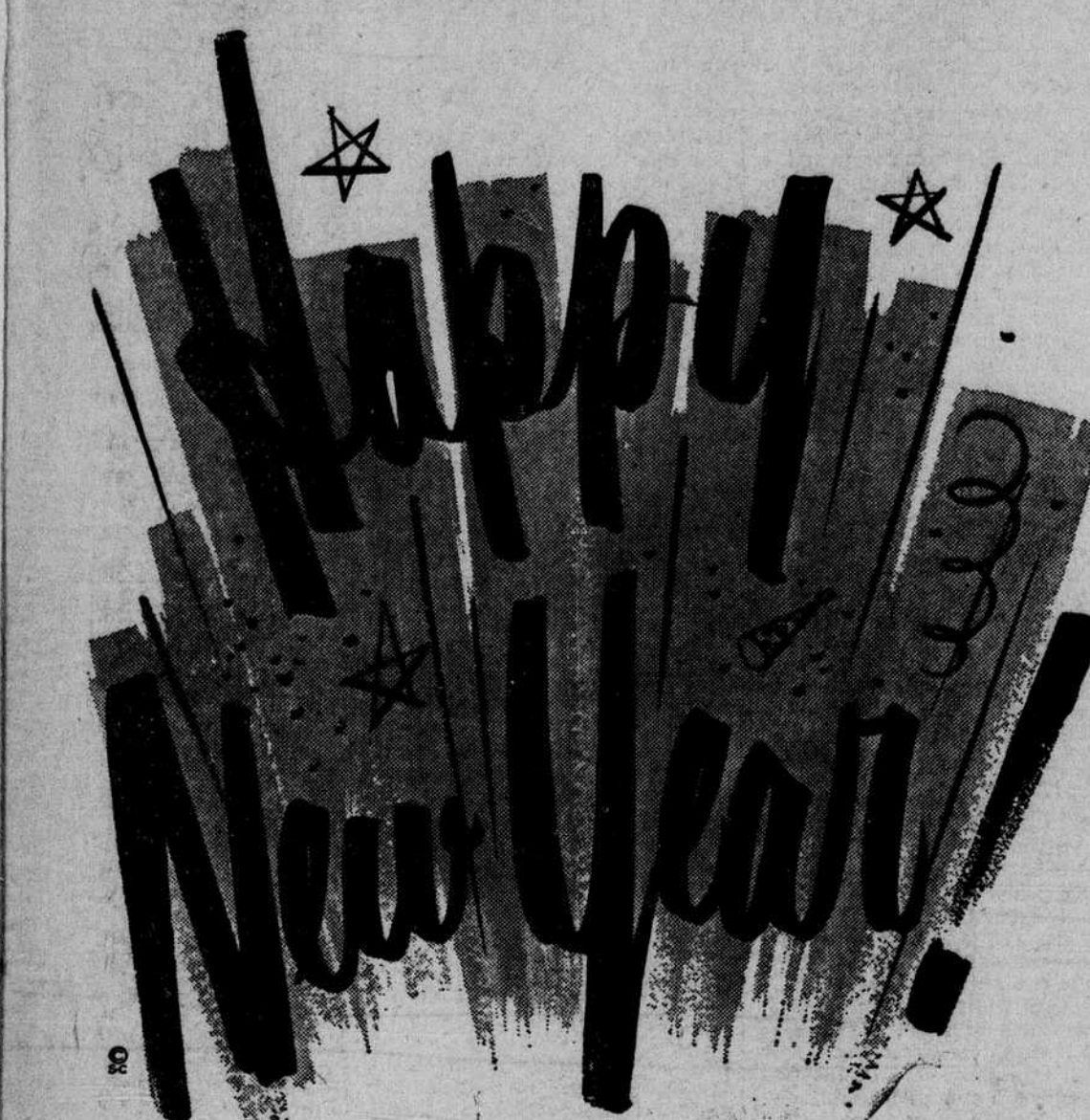
Boys And Girls From Various Colleges In North And South Carolina Participated In Program At Shallotte Baptist Church

SERMON BROUGHT BY YOUNG STUDENT

Harold Gore, Ministerial Student At Wake Forest College, Delivered The Message

Students from various colleges in North and South Carolina met at the Shallotte Baptist Church, Grissetown, Sunday Night at 7:30 for their annual Student Night program. The theme of the program was "Ye Shall Be My Witnesses". Mrs. Margaret McRackkan, associational field-worker, asked that all college students and men from the Armed Service come to the platform. They were later introduced and the names of their colleges with which they were affiliated were given.

Then the following program was rendered: "Onward Christian Soldiers" was sung by the congregation with Miss Janice Edwards, a student of Mars Hill College, at the piano. In the absence of Carolina Parker, a student of E. C. College, who was to have given the welcome from her home church, Mr. M. Grisset gave a most cordial welcome to all guests and students. Then followed the response given in unison by the McRackkan twins, of Meredith College, Marion Ballard, a student at State College, gave the devotional followed by prayer. The congregation was then favored by a piano solo rendered by Redal McLamb, a Mars Hill student, after which Doris Bogie and Janice Edwards, Mars Hill students, spoke on "Why I Like Mars Hill" and "The Importance of Putting Christ into Our Christian Education." This was followed by Betty Jo Gore a student at Flora McDonald, who spoke for a few minutes on "Where I Go To Church."



It's a real pleasure for all associated with this firm, to extend to our many, many friends — Our Best Wishes for Luck in '54!

Methodists Now Preparing For Contact Work

Attendance Crusade Into Which Church Is Embracing Will Stress Program Of Visitation By Membership

BETTER ATTENDANCE GOAL OF CAMPAIGN

Minister Will Preach Series Of Sermons Which Tie In With Nation-Wide Attendance Program

Trinity Methodist Church, Southport, will officially launch its Church Attendance Crusade Sunday morning, the first Sunday of the new year. Letters are being sent out to every member of the church this week urging attendance during the nationwide crusade from January through Easter.

Sunday morning at the 11:00 o'clock worship service the minister will preach on the theme of the crusade, "Give God A Chance — Now!" Next week and a few weeks following every church family will be visited by laymen from the church. This visitation will be followed by visitation in the homes of non-affiliated families to invite them to attend worship services, as well as the church school and other organizations of Trinity Methodist Church.

The following persons will serve on committees which will function throughout the crusade: Publicity and Promotion Committee, Ray Walton chairman, M. R. Sanders, J. M. Harper, Jr., Mrs. Ray Walton, Miss Ann Brooks Newton and Charles Lester. Visitation Committee, Mrs. J. M. Harper, Jr. chairman and Mrs. Davis Herrington secretary. Fellowship Committee Capt. J. I. Davis, chairman, Joe Rameuse, Mrs. Leon Rich, Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, J. B. Church. Registration and Follow-up Committee, Mrs. M. R. Sanders chairman and Miss Lottie M. Newton, secretary.

National statistics indicate that only thirty percent of the church members attend Sunday services regularly. The Church Attendance Crusade has been planned not only to change this situation, but to revitalize the spiritual life of those who attend during this period.

Babson's Forecast Sees Good Year

Noted Economist Predicts First Six Months Will Be "Fairly Good" For Nation's Business

DISCOUNTS THEORY OF 10% DECLINE

Says That If This Should Happen There May Be A Chance That Recession Will Not Stop At That Point

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American business has no more inspiring personality than Roger W. Babson, internationally-known business commentator and investment adviser. An outstanding feature of his philosophy has been his life-long insistence on the importance of religion in business.

Born and reared in an old-fashioned atmosphere of hard work and hustle on a farm in Gloucester, Babson went to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Upon graduating, he turned instinctively to financial and business activities.

His exertions, however, undermined his health; he contracted tuberculosis and he was sent West "as good as dead". It was while he was convalescing from this dread malady that he worked out some of the possibilities and problems of business forecasting. His weekly releases are used by over 400 newspapers and his financial reports by 20,000 corporations and estates. His research work is carried on by a large staff of workers.

Babson founded Babson Institute for Men; and, in co-operation with Mrs. Babson, developed Webber College for Women — both nationally-known (Continued on Page Two)

Few Inmates In Jail For Christmas

Only five defendants were arrested and jailed until they could give bond during the period beginning Christmas Eve and running through the week-end, according to Deputy Sheriff H.G. Ratcliffe. Intoxicants figured in all but one of the arrests.

Two went to jail for just plain public drunkenness, two others were in for drunken driving and the fifth was in too much of a hurry to get away from Florida and to his home in Virginia. He was charged by State Highway Patrol with speeding at the rate of 75-miles per hour. Not having the cash, he was jailed until he could contact a local bondsman. All others arrested during the period likewise obtained bond and were detained for only the short time it took to get it.

For the holidays and follow-up week-end the scarcity of the arrests and comparatively minor charges was rather unusual, the officers say.

Tax Listing To Begin In County On January 4th

Tax Listers Will Begin Duties In All Townships Of Brunswick County Next Monday

Tax listers for each of the six townships in Brunswick county will begin their job on Monday with the objective of completing their task during the month of January.

Mrs. Bessie Whatley, county auditor who doubles in the role of tax supervisor, advises all property owners to list as early in the month as they conveniently can in order to prevent a late rush. There are two points that Mrs. Whatley wishes to emphasize.

The first of these is that all persons must list their property with the lister in his own township. In the past many persons have come to Southport for this purpose, but this is unnecessary except for property owners in Smithville township.

The other point being stressed by Mrs. Whatley is the necessity to list all real and personal property owned as of January 1, 1954. Failure to do so subjects the taxpayer to a 10-percent penalty, she points out.

Shallotte Has Fire Loss Sunday

Friday Will Be Official Holiday

All county offices will close Thursday afternoon and will not reopen for business until Monday, January 4. This is being done because New Year's day falls on Friday, and Saturday is not a work day for county employees.

The Southport and Shallotte branches of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. will be closed on Friday, as will the post offices in the county. In Southport the city employees will observe Friday as a holiday and the Southport Building & Loan will be closed on that day.

All Brunswick county businesses and offices, as well as all schools, will be back on regular schedule Monday.

Fishermen Have Poor Season

Only The Good Results Of Operations Up Near Morehead City During Past Few Weeks Managed To Help Fishermen

A fairly good season while operating at Beaufort during the past five weeks is all that has stood in the way of the local menhaden boats from having the worst season in years. The boats are now back at Southport and during the past week they have been making fair catches here. However, the fish found here now are very small and of little oil content.

Talks with various boat captains this week brought the information that no one can say at this time how much longer the menhaden fishing will continue before the boats tie up until spring. That seems dependent on the weather and on fish showing up.

Shrimp fishing here was even (Continued on Page Two)

Brief News Flashes

CEMETERY BENEFIT

There will be a singing convention at New Life Baptist Church at Freeland Sunday, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Several quartets and other singing groups have been invited. A free will offering will be taken and the proceeds will be used for the purpose of making improvements in the New Life Church Cemetery.

RAT CAMPAIGN

The boys of the Vocational Agriculture Department at Waccamaw High School are waging a community-wide program of war on rats. They have a prepared poison bit available for sale at a nominal cost, and many farmers and home owners of that community are joining in this all-out effort to eradicate these pests.

BAPTIST WATCH NIGHT

On New Year's Eve night there will be a watch night services at the Southport Baptist Church. Beginning at 9 o'clock there will be games and stunts and refreshments served in the basement of the church. At 11:30 there will be a prayer service held in the auditorium. All age groups are cordially invited to attend.

METHODIST WATCH NIGHT

Everyone is invited to attend a watch night service of worship and Holy Communion at Trinity Methodist Church Thursday night beginning at 11 o'clock. The service, which will be under the direction of the minister, is in keeping with the Quadrennial Youth Emphasis in the Methodist Church. All young people are asked to sit together and worship as a group. There will be a period of recreation for them prior to the service beginning at 9:30 p. m. in the recreation room, after which they will join other persons in the New Year's Eve service in the sanctuary.

Geodetic Survey Now In Progress

Representatives Of This Federal Agency Now Engaged In Work Covering Three Complete Townships

Now working at Leland and in Northwest township, a force of 10 U. S. Geodetic Survey men under Bill Elder is starting an extensive survey of Brunswick county for the purpose of making topographical maps.

Three townships, Northwest, Town Creek and Smithville, come under the present scope of the work which may require 4 or 5 months to complete.

Mr. Elder was not sure if the work would be extended to other than the three townships. It may and it may not be, as orders for such come from Washington.

The U. S. Geodetic Survey is about as near being world-wide in its scope as anything in the United States. It works on land and sea and its surveys are used as a guide to many things. For illustration, it may be said that old, old records of the survey in Washington and later checkings (Continued on Page Two)

Demonstration Of Equipment Slated

New Earth Moving Machine Will Be Used For First Time In This Area On Sunny Point Project

Sometime within the next two or three weeks the Euclid Machinery Company of Euclid, Ohio, will bring a new piece of road building equipment to Brunswick county and demonstrate it for the first time in North Carolina. The demonstration will be in connection with the railroad building operations of the Hertford Construction Company at the U.S. Government Terminals.

The Hertford Company already has several huge uclids on the job with capacity running up to 24-cubic yards at a load. W.T. Anderson, manager for the company, states that the new piece of equipment that will be demonstrated is a 4-wheel earth mover (Continued on Page 2)

Engineers Dredge Gerig Returning

Big Hopper Dredge Will Be Back In Southport During February For Brief Job Of Channel Maintenance

The Army Engineers Dredge Gerig is to be back at Southport in February for a stay of two or three weeks, during which time she will be working on the bar. After this year's work the Greig or some other vessel of like power may be assigned to Southport permanently, for work on the bar and on channels inside the river and on the harbor and other maintenance work around the government terminals.

New work, such as is now being done and that which is on the agenda for the next year or two, is contract work, let under sealed bids to private contractors who have pipe line dredges. All maintenance that requires the use of hopper dredges to carry the disposal out to sea is usually done by dredges owned by Army Engineers.

Once the channel to the government anchorage basin and the shipping terminals is completed about all maintenance work will have to be done by hopper dredges.

One disturbing factor attendant on the February work of the Gerig at Southport, according to crew members, is that there are now no facilities that will enable the ship to tie up at Southport to take on water and fuel. The Army Engineers dock fronting on the Garrison lot was damaged when the vessel was here last year. Several pilings running out from one end of the dock and providing greater length for tying up were broken off when the big ship was making its final stop here.

It is possible that the Army Engineers may replace these lost (Continued on Page Two)



Our ROVING Reporter

Monday a couple of Virginia ladies, both originally from New England, made a short visit to Southport and were shown around town. Fort Johnston, the oaks in Franklin Park, the Indian Tree at Mrs. Cranmer's and other things. Mentioning the Wives Watch lot of the home of Col. Earl L. Brown, one of the ladies said that in New England they call them Widows Walk. She was frankly told that the names Wives Watch was the more appropriate. A widow would have some reason to climb to the cupola and watch for the husband that would never return. On the other hand a wife would do that again and again in the old days of sailing ships and scanty means of communication.

The staff of the Raleigh News and Observer get out "The Old Reliable." It comes out once a month and goes to all correspondents of the News and Observer in addition to the actual staff members. In the December issue two Southport and Fort Caswell girls were honored by getting front page space for their pictures in "The Old Reliable." The girls are Rebecca and Catherine McRackkan, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson McRackkan. They got in the paper by virtue of being distributors for the News and Observer at Meredith College, where they are students. The twins are to graduate in the spring and they plan to embark on teaching careers next fall.

One of our new residents of Southport, Donald F. Tydings, must have already acquired a lot of confidence in the Southport Post Office force. Here (Continued on Page Four)

Numerous Cases Heard In Court

Regular Weekly Session Was Held On Tuesday Instead Of On Monday Of This Week

The regular weekly session of Brunswick County Recorder's court was held Tuesday, with a variety of cases coming before the court. The following judgments were handed down:

Fred Hooper, trespass, not prosed with leave.

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Bill Gause, violating game law, fined \$100 and costs.

Willis Thomas, public drunkenness, fined \$25 and costs.

David Carl Brittan, speeding, possession, fined \$20 and costs.

Fred Storey, reckless operation, not guilty.

Robert Horrah, reckless operation fined \$25 and costs.

Charles Lee Justice, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.

E. R. Thomas, reckless operation fined \$25 and costs.

Henry Floyd Coleman, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.

Tom Hewett, Jr., failing to yield right of way, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Kelly Edwards, assault with deadly weapon resulting in death, probable cause found and defendant held without bond for Superior court.

David Taft Galloway, possession and transporting, fined \$20 and costs.

Jasper Pellum, larceny, held (Continued on Page Two)

Combination Of Old Fashioned Bucket Brigade And Modern Fire Engine Managed To Prevent Spread Of Blaze

SOUTHPORT TRUCK RUSHED TO SCENE

Two 2-Story Buildings Owned By R. D. White Were Destroyed In Early Evening Conflagration

The cooperation of Shallotte citizens and the Southport Volunteer Fire Department Sunday night managed to prevent flames from two burning buildings from sweeping the North side of Highway No. 17 through the principal business district of Shallotte.

When he discovered no source of supply for water with which to fight the blaze, which already was well underway, acting Fire Chief Ormond Leggett called for an old fashioned bucket brigade to replenish the storage tank on the fire truck. With that the booster pump went to work, and a stream of water was played on adjoining buildings which were being seriously threatened by heat and flames and flying sparks. The plan worked and when the pump was cut off, there still was water in the tank with plenty of buckets, tubs and cans full and on hand.

Two two-story houses, both owned by R. D. White, were destroyed in a fire that broke out at about 9:30 o'clock. The (Continued on Page Two)

Farm Bureau In Safety Meeting

President Joe Stanaland Calls Special Meeting For This Purpose And Asks For Speaker From Headquarters

J.C. Stanaland, president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau, has announced that there will be a county-wide safety meeting at the Shallotte high school Tuesday night, January 5, at 7 o'clock.

This meeting is being called by the Farm Bureau in order to discuss and form plans for cooperating in the Highway Safety Program that is now being put into effect throughout North Carolina. Mr. Stanaland says it is the expectation to have a speaker from the Farm Bureau headquarters to explain things at the meeting. It is hoped that farmers and (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, December 24	
10:40 A. M.	4:19 A. M.
11:08 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.