

More Than 5,000 Attend Brunswick Co-Op Meeting

Board Of Directors Re-Elected By Throng Of Members For Another Year

MEETING HELD IN COL. COUNTY WHSE.

Grand Ole Opry Comedy Troupe Supplies Entertainment For Membership Co-Op

Cars lined both sides of the road and filled parking lots to overflowing as more than 5,000 members of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation poured into the giant Columbus County Warehouse here Friday for the 16th annual meeting of the cooperative serving Columbus, Brunswick and parts of Bladen and Robeson.

Entertainment was provided and business matters were transacted with the election of officers for 1955 taking the spotlight on the agenda.

The 11 members of the board of directors were re-elected without opposition and held a meeting immediately after their election and named officers. J. L. Robinson was named president, C. D. Branch, vice-president; J. B. Ward Sr., secretary-treasurer and T. D. Lindsey, assistant secretary-treasurer. Other members of the board are A. P. Henry Sr., F. E. Lay, O. C. Burton, N. C. White, Dennis Anderson and M. M. Ray. Crowds began gathering long before the 9 a. m. hour marked for registration. Members were registered from 9 until 11:30 a. m. and those already registered during this time were entertained by an electric cooking school by Mrs. Dorothy Godfrey, regional home economist with Westinghouse Manufacturing Corporation. Lonzo and Oscar, a hill-billy comedy troupe from the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn. provided entertainment at various intervals during the days program engineering their funny antics to keep the huge crowd from becoming restless and to keep laughter in the air.

Pat and Shelia Hinson, two attractive young members of the Chadbourne Senior 4-H Club, gave a dairy foods demonstration that has been viewed by persons throughout Southeastern North Carolina over television and on many stages. The demonstration was followed by a song.

A food freezer, the first major prize of the day, was awarded at 11:45 to Harlee L. Kirby of Supply by Shallotte Hardware Company, Braxton-Warren Company, Cook's of Chadbourne, W. F. Cox Company, Scott Motor Company and D. E. Simmons.

Lunch hour was from 12 noon until 1 p. m. with a concert by Whiteville High School band providing entertainment half of this time.

The afternoon session was highlighted by address by Ralph J. Foreman from the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington.

Foreman expressed his appreciation Continued On Page Two

Brief Bits Of NEWS

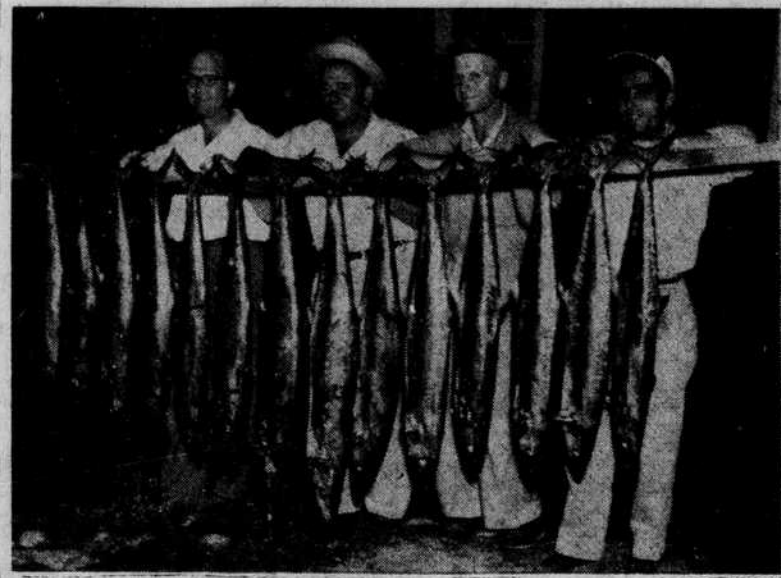
ATTEND CONVENTION
Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Crandell will leave Friday for Florida where he will attend the convention of the American Dental Association in Miami.

STATE OFFICER
Mrs. C. Ed Taylor was a delegate from Endeavor Circle in Southport to the annual state meeting of The Kings Daughters in Rocky Mount recently. She was installed as Chaplain of the state organization while there.

MINISTERS RETURN
The Rev. R. H. Jordan returned as minister of Trinity Methodist Church following conference in Raleigh last week. The Rev. Clarence Warren returns to Town Creek and the Rev. L. J. Bridges goes back to Shallotte. The Rev. R. V. Queen will again serve as district superintendent.

SUNDAY FIRE
The Southport Fire Department answered a call Sunday night to the home of Robert Wortham near Brunswick County Training School. The building was too far gone to save, but firemen managed to prevent the destruction of a frame house standing on the lot next door. Wortham received third degree burns and was carried to Doshier Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Fishing Is Good



LUCK—This fine catch of king mackerel was made by these Whiteville men off the Brunswick County coast on a recent trip outside. Left to right they are Eugene Sears, A. G. Carter, Ernest Pridgen and Dick Ray.

Red Cross Workers Processing Claims

Several Hundred Applications Have Been Filed For Disaster Relief As An Aftermath Of Recent Hurricane

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING PLANNED

Case Workers And Building Advisors Ready To Assist In Working Up Information On The Various Needs

Mrs. Hanna Jackson, director for the American Red Cross Disaster unit for Brunswick county, reports that encouraging progress is being made in the matter of lining up assistance for residents of this area who were victims of the recent hurricane.

Already a total of \$25,347.10 has been spent, she says, most of it for food and clothing, maintenance and occupational assistance. Some household furniture expenditures also are included.

Mrs. Jackson says that there are enough case workers and building advisors available for duty in Brunswick to give promise of being able to wind up this job by November 20.

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the Continued On Page Two

Recover Body Of Storm Victim

Shelton Bullard Found On Banks Of Lockwoods Following Monday After Being Missing Since Day Of Hurricane

The body of Shelton Bullard, prominent Lumberton citizen who was lost in the storm nearly three weeks ago, was discovered Monday at 11 o'clock by Elton Clemmons, a resident of the Midway section.

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W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

Mayor of Shallotte since 1944, with the exception of one term when he lost out in a 3-cornered race against Roney Cheers and E. D. Bishop, Lon Galloway resigned as Mayor at the last regular meeting of the Town Board. His resignation takes effect on November 4th. His resignation was foreseen as he recently moved outside the town limits, this automatically making him ineligible to serve as mayor after the above date. In accordance with the provisions of the Shallotte town charter, he will be succeeded by some member of the Board of Aldermen, the appointment to be made at the next regular meet-

Whittler's Bench At Old Location

During the storm the ancient Whittler's Park Bench, a mecca for loafers for many years, was lifted up bodily, pilings and all, and was deposited on another location several yards away. Clearing off the mess of wreckage around it last week, E. H. Nelson, work foreman for a force of men from the prison camp at Shallotte, discovered the truant bench and he and his force bodily picked it up and put it back intact at the place where it belongs.

Census Workers Covering County

Corps Of Enumerators Now Engaged In Gathering Information For 1954 Census Of Agriculture In Brunswick

Field work in the 1954 Census of Agriculture got underway in Brunswick County last week when a force of enumerators started visiting every farm in the area, according to Field Supervisor William L. Culbreth of Fayetteville.

The 1954 Census of Agriculture is the 16th in a series of nationwide farm enumerations, the first of which was conducted in 1840. The Census of Agriculture is taken at five-year intervals to provide up-to-date information about more than five million farms which supply food and raw materials used by the people of the United States, now numbering about 162.5 million. The current census will yield information on the number and size of farms, acreage and harvest of crops, livestock production and inventories.

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Diamond Firm Shares Another Big Building Job

Word Received That Company Now Engaged In Work On Sunny Point Docks Will Join Bethlehem Steel Company On Project

COMBINED BID IS TWELVE MILLION

No Early Prospect For Equipment From Local Project To Be Transferred To New Job At Norfolk

The Diamond Construction Company of Savannah, Ga., now engaged on the 8 million dollar Sunny Point dock construction job, has come in for another huge construction task this time combined with the Bethlehem Steel Company of Bethlehem, Pa. The job is for the building of a toll bridge for the Virginia State Highway Commission. The structure is to be across the Rappahannock River between Gray's Point and White Stone.

The Virginia State Highway Commission announced following the opening of the bids that the low bid was that of the Bethlehem Steel Company and Diamond Construction Company combined for \$12,795,633.00.

The next combination bid above these two was for \$14,043,379.00 and the job went to the Bethlehem and Diamond people.

The bridge and substructure authorized in this contract is being financed by a 100-million dollar revenue bond issue, just authorized by the Virginia Highway Commission. The same funds will also finance construction of the Hampton Roads bridge-tunnel system and refund bonds issued in 1949 for the purchases and construction of other toll facilities.

Ken Stewart, superintendent of Construction on the Sunny Point docks for the Diamond company, said yesterday that rigs owned by the company and now in Norfolk will probably go to the Rappahannock job first. Those now in use here still have a total of 1,800 piles to drive for the three structures. After getting through with the above reinforced cement pilings they will have to turn back and drive 600 greenheart timber pilings to serve as buffers between the concrete pilings and ships.

Col. Hill Praises Southport Spirit

District Engineer Also Expresses Pleasure That Sunny Point Contractors Were Able To Help In Emergency

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Democrats Make Clean Sweep Of Brunswick County Offices In General Election Tuesday

New Men In Office



WINNERS—Elbert H. Gray, left, was elected sheriff of Brunswick county yesterday. Earl Bellamy, center, is the new Judge of Recorder's Court. On the right is J. E. Brown, who was elected Clerk of Superior Court.

Cloze Race Lies Between Dan Harrelson And Leo Medlin For Third Member Of Board Of County Commissioners

UNOFFICIAL COUNT GIVES 11-VOTE MARGIN

Other Majorities Range Upward From That Figure, Although Keen Battle Was Waged In All Sections

On the basis of incomplete returns compiled during the morning hours today it appears that all Brunswick county offices contested in Tuesday's general election were won by Democrats.

The narrowest margin appears to be in the race for county commissioner, where Leo Medlin, low man for the Democrats, shows an 11-vote advantage over Dan Harrelson, high man for the Republicans for commissioner. Whether there will be enough change when the vote is canvassed to upset Medlin remains to be seen.

In other races the majority for the Democrat candidates went as high as 600 votes.

Elbert H. Gray was the successful candidate for sheriff, polling 2718 votes to 2582 for Clarence Russ, his Republican opponent.

J. E. Brown, Democrat, piled up 2866 votes to win over Madry S. Hughes, who had 2385.

Earl Bellamy had a total of 2766 votes to 2539 for H. L. Clemmons, his Republican opponent.

Kirby Sullivan piled up 2849 votes to win over the Republican candidate, O. C. Burton, who had 2433 votes.

Little could be told of the comparative strength of Ray Walton and H. T. Sellers in the race for State Senate, because some of the returns for this office are incomplete. However, Walton was among the high men in each precinct. His total shows 2796 to 1588 for Sellers.

Veteran Coroner John G. Caison rolled up 2889 votes to 2292 for E. V. Gore, his Republican opponent.

In the commissioner's race R. L. Rabon had 2685 votes; H. L. Swain 2715 and Medlin 2653. Republican totals show Harrelson 2642, M. W. Grissett 2426 and Leavy Babson 2457.

Winnabow Man Drowning Victim

Body Of Walter H. Grice Found In Town Creek Sunday After Being Missing Since Day Before

Missing since Saturday morning when he left home to go squirrel hunting on Town Creek, the body of Walter H. Grice, 57-year old resident of Winnabow, was found in the stream Sunday. Coroner John G. Caison viewed the body and ruled that Mr. Grice Continued On Page Two

Brunswick Gets Disaster Funds

King Mackerel Are Biting Well Now

Sports fishermen have been playing tag with the weather during the past week, but when it was possible for them to get out good catches have resulted.

The most interesting development of the past few days has been the increase in the number of king mackerel that have been coming in with off-shore parties. All boats making trips to that area during the past few days have reported catches of these fish running into double figures.

Check Damage At Sunny Point

Big Government Project Did Not Completely Escape Damage, Although Loss Was Comparatively Light

Assistant Resident Engineer L. P. Thomas, states that in the hurried post-storm checking over of things this paper undoubtedly minimized things relative to damages at Sunny Point.

Mr. Thomas says that Scholes, Inc., and Hertford-Cecil both suffered damages to tops of repair sheds and damage to soft earth work in places, all of which would total about \$7,500.

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OFFICIALS ATTEND RALEIGH MEETING

Frink Advised That Money Will Be Available For Unincorporated Areas As Well As For Two Towns In County

Word was received here today that Federal disaster assistance will be made available for municipalities and unincorporated areas of Brunswick county. S. B. Frink, member of Governor Unstead's Disaster Committee, received this word from the office of Brig. Gen. Edward Griffin, State Disaster Committee chairman, and relayed the information to this newspaper.

According to the telephone conversation, the principal use for these funds must be for water supply, sewage and street repair. The matter of including electrical repairs still is under consideration. It is understood that provision is being made for funds with which to control erosion along the shore line of Brunswick county.

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Shallotte Plans Homecoming Day Friday Evening

Queen Being Selected This Year By Popular Vote Instead Of Through Money-Raising Vote Contest

The annual Shallotte High School Homecoming will be held Friday night of this week with a football game between Shallotte and Myrtle Beach as one of the main features of the entertainment bill. The Shallotte boys have been steadily improving in recent weeks and an interesting time will be in prospect.

The football game will start at 8 o'clock. The election of the Homecoming Queen is taking place today (Wednesday) Continued On Page Two

County Court In Short Term

Few Cases Scheduled For Trial Monday Because Of Impending General Election

This week's session of the Recorder's Court was a brief one, for because of the nearness of the election officers had been setting time for trial for most of the cases that came up for next Monday. Judge W. J. McLamb and Solicitor J. C. Bowman were able to adjourn at noon. The following cases had been disposed of at that time:

James Frank Robbins, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Hargis Bigley, no operator's license, fined \$25 and costs. Histon Alexander Pix, speed- Continued On Page Two

Unofficial And Incomplete General Election Returns

PRECINCTS	Walton	Sellers	Sullivan	Burton	Brown	Hughes	Bellamy	Clemmons	Caison	Gore	Rabon	Medlin	Swain	Harrelson	Grissett	Babson	Gray	Russ
Hoods Creek	121	42	123	40	101	46	98	77	116	46	117	141	88	51	46	46	90	189
Leland	231	65	289	65	267	77	206	129	256		218	244	225	112	89	94	206	141
Town Creek	237	193	221	224	219	204	192	225	230	199	196	200	217	235	223	216	201	243
Bolivia			104	262	103	250	109	256	106	255	97	98	104	261	258	261	110	258
Southport, 1	266	83	214	130	252	86	241	90	255	77	225	211	232	163	83	86	249	89
Southport, 2	339	80	272	134	314	97	321	75	353	62	285	244	301	179	85	87	303	108
Mosquito	44	43	39	45	41	41	36	57	44	40	38	37	51	37	43	43	42	44
Supply	134	208	128	214	122	213	121	221	122	215	120	109	118	223	214	209	123	220
Secession	218	85	222	77	212	83	234	78	215	82	205	207	209	85	89	85	212	97
Shallotte	263	226	254	228	249	230	259	234	252	232	243	240	241	237	232	231	251	239
Frying Pan	236	103	228	110	230	108	235	108	209	138	218	213	212	123	121	121	215	133
Grissettown	114	109	159	114	159	108	169	101	171	105	101	104	163	169	161	104	170	170
Shingletree	212	157	193	167	194	174	187	180	186	176	184	183	189	162	170	170	178	193
Longwood			111	111	105	126	88	141	111	112	109	111	112	116	118	115	106	121
Ash	225	237	214	206	213	248	211	242	207	245	196	194	194	249	252	268	205	254
Waccamaw	76	64	167	68	169	61	180	64	169	66	63	57	172	159	183	59	183	
Exum	80	66	66	64	62	74	59	77	62	73	63	57	61	74	75	81	63	82
TOTALS	2796	1588	2849	2433	2866	2385	2766	2539	2889	2292	2685	2653	2715	2612	2426	2457	2718	2829

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, November 4	
1:16 A. M.	7:38 A. M.
2:54 P. M.	8:29 P. M.
Friday, November 5	
2:22 A. M.	8:45 A. M.
2:55 P. M.	9:26 P. M.
Saturday, November 6	
3:26 A. M.	9:53 A. M.
3:54 P. M.	10:21 P. M.
Sunday, November 7	
4:26 A. M.	10:54 A. M.
4:52 P. M.	11:15 P. M.
Monday, November 8	
5:23 A. M.	11:51 A. M.
5:48 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Tuesday, November 9	
6:19 A. M.	0:06 A. M.
6:42 P. M.	12:46 P. M.
Wednesday, November 10	
7:13 A. M.	0:57 A. M.
7:37 P. M.	1:39 P. M.