

### County Baptists Hold Missionary Study Institute

All Day Session Of Brunswick Baptist Association Organization Conducted At The Southport Baptist Church

#### TEACHER TRAINING FEATURED IN WORK

Interesting Program Featured Both The Morning And Afternoon Sessions Of Institute

Woman's Missionary Union of the Brunswick Baptist Association held its Mission Study Institute and Leadership Conference at the Southport Baptist Church on Tuesday beginning at 10 a. m. and closing at 2:30 p. m. with lunch served in the recreation room of the church.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Margaret C. McRackan, associational missionary of the Brunswick Association. Mrs. Pauline S. Swain, president of the W. M. S. of the Southport church, welcomed the visitors. The W. M. U. Watchwords for the year were repeated and the W. M. U. hymn for the year was sung in unison.

Rev. Leo Hawkins, Pastor of the Southport Baptist church, led in the opening worship period. The secretary read the minutes of the last Leadership Conference and called the roll of the churches.

Mrs. McRackan then explained the purpose of the institute and the conferences and introduced the teachers of the classes for the Home Mission series of books for Spring study, the purposes of the classes being to help the teachers prepare to teach the books in their home churches.

Mrs. Lulu B. McKeithan instructed those who are to teach "Under the North Star"; Mrs. Norma Williams those who are to teach "Light in Yumuri"; Mrs. Jean V. Hawkins the book "Through A Cuban Window"; Mrs. Mildred Hooks "Gold In Alaska" and Mrs. Gertrude D. Blake the book "Taboo In Panama."

After lunch the meeting was again called to order with the singing of "Come Women Wide Proclaim" with Mrs. Ressie E. Whaley leading the afternoon devotional period. Separate conferences on mission study and stewardship were held with Mrs. McRackan leading the one on mission study and Mrs. Ruby Reeves leading the conference on stewardship.

All during the conferences and the mission study institute great stress was laid upon preparation and prayer for the coming evangelistic revivals of March 28 through April 10. The women were urged to attend the W. M. U. rallies on March 8 at Farmers Chapel, Mt. Olive and Beulah churches.

#### Brief Bits Of NEWS

#### LIIONS CLUB

The regular meeting of Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 12:30 o'clock in the Community Building.

#### CAKE AND PIE SALE

The Lunch Room Committee of the P. T. A. will have a cake and pie sale on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Capt. Church building at the corner of Moore and Howe. Proceeds will go to provide lunches for needy children.

#### IN INTEREST IN AIR FORCE

Sergeant C. W. Deaton, Air Force recruiting officer with headquarters in the Post Office Building in Wilmington, reports much interest on the part of Brunswick county boys in the Air Force. The Sergeant makes weekly trips to Southport and Shallotte on Tuesdays and usually picks up a couple of men on each trip. The Air Force appears to be favorite branch of the service for many local men.

#### ATTEND RALLY

Members of the Young Peoples Service League of St. Philips Episcopal Church attended the mid-winter youth rally of the Diocese of East Carolina Friday and Saturday in Washington. Those attending were: Julia Ashburn, Judy Young, Penny Moore, Betty Carr, Mary Lib Fox, Kay Coltrane and Carolyn Mallison. They were accompanied by the Rev. William L. Hicks and Mrs. C. A. Fox.

### Mechanical 'Mules' Working In County

Statement Last Week About Disappearing Farm Mules Brought To Light The Use Of Strange Vehicles At Sunny Point

A story in the Rovin' Reporter column last week had to do with mules, or rather the fact that the one-time best friend of the farmer is now fading from the face of the earth. The day after the story appeared C. H. Rosson of the E. B. Towels Construction Company confirmed the disappearing act of the mules by saying, "You can ride all day, all over the State without seeing a one of them."

Maybe the 4-legged mule is on his way out, but E. B. Young of Charlotte, boss of the Young-Stone Company at Sunny Point has a whole herd of mechanical mules working at his plant.

They are really trucks, used to haul crushed stone, but one and all, the operators refer to their machines as, "my mules."

Between the "mules" and the operators, something of a circus is staged every day, the operators being the clowns in the case. They ride on the front ends or the heels

### Cage Tournament Begins Wednesday

Annual Brunswick County Basketball Tournament Will Be Played At Shallotte Gymnasium Next Week-End

COMPETITION IS KEENER THAN EVER

Leland Girls And Boys Are Defending Champions But Both Will Have Hard Road To Another Title

The opening round of the Brunswick County Tournament will be played at the Shallotte High School gymnasium Wednesday night when the fourth and fifth ranked teams in both the girls and boys division play for the right to enter the semi-finals on Thursday.

Two double-headers will be played on Thursday, with winners to advance into the championship contest and losers to qualify for consolation games.

Finals in the boys division will be played Friday night, with the girls consolation game as part two of the program. On Saturday night the girls will settle their championship, with the consolation game for boys rounding out the program.

Although final seedings will not be made until pre-tournament play is completed, as things look now Leland girls and Shallotte boys will earn the No. 1 spots. The ranking of other teams still is undecided, but it seems certain that both Southport teams will have to play Wednesday night for the right to advance in the tournament. Most likely opponent for the girls appears to be Bolivia, while the boys game may send Southport against Waccamaw, teams that have divided their two contests thus far this season.

The defending champions are the two Leland teams. Both have outstanding records for the season, but the boys are sure to get plenty of opposition from Shallotte and there are some girls teams that may upset the champs in their own division.

### Training School For Methodists

Three-Day Christian Workers Training School Will Be Held At Bolivia Beginning February 27

Plans are being made for a Christian Workers Training School at Bethel Methodist Church in Bolivia, beginning Sunday, February 27. This school will last for three nights, and will be participated in by representatives from other Methodist churches in the county.

These include Shallotte, Rev. Lawrence Bridges, minister; Shallotte Circuit, Rev. J. T. Fisher, minister; Town Creek, Rev. C. L. Warren, minister; Trinity Methodist Church, Rev. R. H. Jordan, minister.

Three courses will be offered. Mrs. V. E. Queen of Wilmington will teach a course for workers with children in the church school.

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### Better Weather Speeds Building Tempo In Area

Work Of Moving Houses And Making Plans For Building New Cottages Steps Up As Workmen Are Able To Be On Job

LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE BUILDING

Some Work At Sunny Point Is Also Getting Break From Improvement In Weather Conditions

The beautiful spring-like weather prevailing since Sunday has given a shot in the arm to beach building and other construction activities in the Southport area. The outlook today is that this fine weather may continue for a while longer.

Much preparatory work is now being done, and getting ahead with it will allow other workers to move in and join in the push later.

At Long Beach much of the restoration work has been completed. D. W. Sneeden, Wilmington contractor whose equipment has been working there, has moved much of his activities over to the Caswell Beach strand and is making good progress there. Builders and parties bent on new construction at Caswell Beach can now move in and add to the activities.

At Long Beach yesterday it was reported that a total of 28 homes had been moved back and were being reconstructed, along with several new ones under construction or prepared to start. Each week now sees the picture changing at Long Beach.

A month ago it was said that there would be 50 homes available at Long Beach by June. The following week the number in prospect had increased to 75. Now many optimistic minds say that there will be not less than 150 there this season. The expectations are multiplying like guinea pigs and these expectations are (Continued on Page 4)

### Weekly Session Of County Court

Several Defendants Appearing In Recorder's Court Here Monday Were Bound Over To Superior Court For Trial

A varied docket was disposed of here Monday in Brunswick County Recorder's Court, with several defendants being bound over to Superior Court for trial on charges over which the county has no jurisdiction. The following action was taken:

Howard Allen Penton, Jr., speeding, (75-mph) fined \$15 and costs.

Javes Bryant, Jr., abandonment and non-support, nol proes with leave.

Harry Thomas, breaking and entry and larceny, bound over to Superior court.

Leroy Edwards, breaking and entry and larceny, bound over to Superior court.

James Jemette, breaking and entry and larceny, bound over to Superior court.

Speel H. Grice, breaking and entry and larceny, bound over to Superior court.

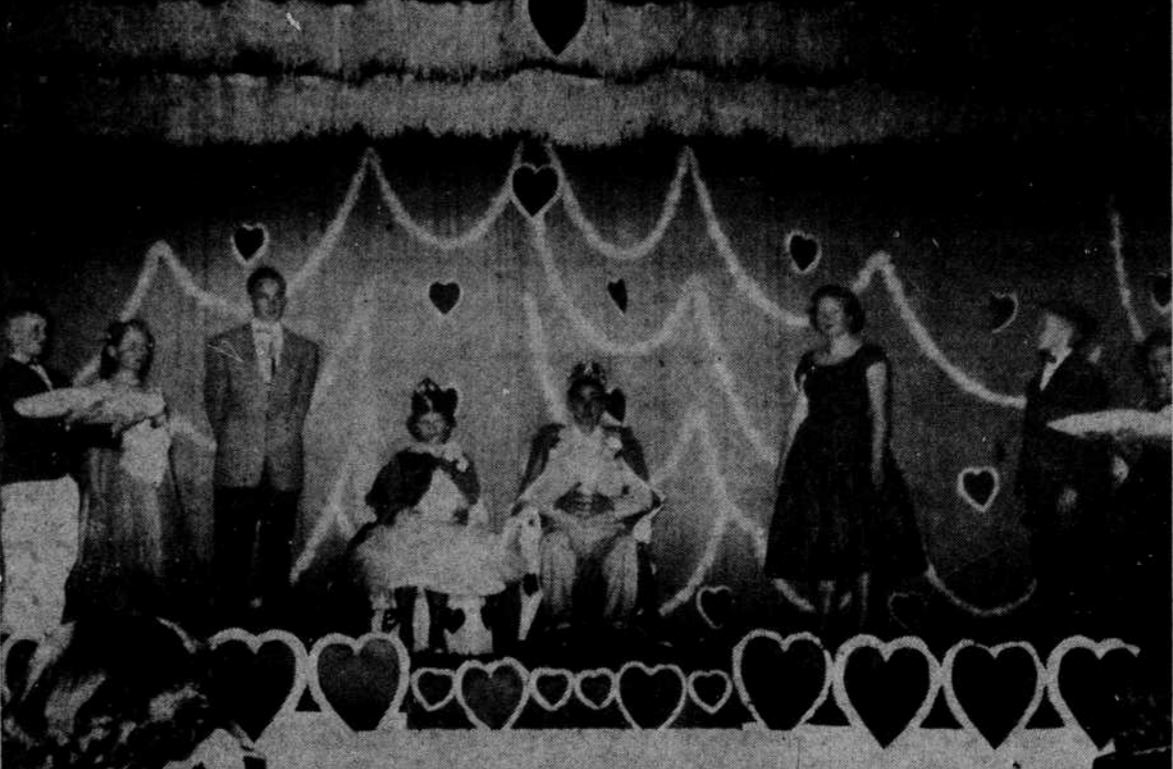
Bernard Roe Marrick, speeding (70-mph) fined \$10 and costs.

James Clyde Holmes, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs.

George Martin Hewett, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs.

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### Coronation Scene



COURT—One of the highlights of the Valentine Festival Friday night at Southport high school was the crowning of the king and queen. Seated are Queen Priscilla Russ and King Billy White. They are flanked, from left to right by John Shelton, Jean Cochran, Bill Blake, Cynthia Howard, Eddie Hubbard and Donna Burr Prevatte. (Photo by Mrs. Robert Jones.)

### Frink Endorsed For Judgeship

Sheriff Nominates His 'Meanest Man'

Sheriff Elbert H. Gray has his own nomination for the "meanest man in the world". His candidate is the man who entered the Mt. Olive Baptist church building between Supply and Bolivia Saturday night and stole 17 pieces of plywood, material for a partitioning project in the church.

"If anyone has a lead to determine the whereabouts of this material," said the sheriff, "I hope they will contact me or one of my deputies. I would like to meet the gentleman who took it."

### Shallotte Boy Scouts Winners

Brunswick County Boys Score Amazing Sweep Of Trophies At Court Of Honor Tuesday Night At Whiteville

Shallotte's Boy Scout troop 506 walked off with all of the permanent 1954 trophies for the south central district, Tuesday night at the monthly Court of Honor in Whiteville.

Attorney Robert Burns, Jr. of Whiteville, in making presentation of the four trophies—camping, attendance, advancement and inspection—said the troop's win was amazing.

"The boys piled up such an impressive lead before Hurricane Hazel that even after their activities were curtailed by the storm, they were able to go on and win."

The Shallotte troop continued its efforts at trophy winning by winning the February court revolving trophy for camping.

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### Sees Need For Extending Rail Lines To River

Official Of Big Contracting Firm Expresses Belief That Sunny Point Railroad Eventually Will Extend Here

E. B. Young, president of the Young-Stone Company, now crushing rock from the marl and rock that was pumped ashore in the dock area dredging at Sunny Point, is apparently sold on the idea that the Sunny Point railroad will eventually be extended to the river just above Southport. The Charlotte man said as much in an interview here yesterday.

Young pointed out that the distance is only approximately 4 miles to a point near the Administration headquarters. Connections, he thought, would greatly stimulate private industry. Told that the railroad was laid out with that as one of its ultimate objectives, if private industry was interested and cared to undertake such a venture, he declared that he thinks private industry should be interested now.

Such a rail extension would serve over 3 miles of deep water river frontage between Southport and Sunny Point and there is bound to be a tremendous development along this stretch of river frontage.

In fact, the Charlotte man with a plant that is now turning out 250-tons of crushed rock and marl per hour, gave the distinct impression that he is not above thinking of some industry of his own in the area between Southport and Sunny Point. He remarked (Continued On Page Two)

### Ventor Returns Here For Work

Several Members Of Crew From Southport While Others Are Well Known From Former Residence Here

The Ventor of the Hill Dredging Company of Atlantic City, N. J., is due here on March 4 for a job at Sunny Point that is expected to require 8 months to complete, according to boat officials. Army Engineers, however, estimated the time required as about 6 months.

All of the work to be done here is maintenance, cleaning out the dock areas and channels at Sunny Point. An estimated 2,800,000-cubic yards of earth are scheduled to be removed.

The Ventor previously worked here a year and a half, leaving in the late spring of 1954 to go to Brunswick, Ga., for a job. From there she came back to Georgetown, S. C., where she is now working. During her long stay here most of her permanent men lived in Southport and she also employed quite a number of workers from here and throughout Brunswick county. It is expected the same procedure will be followed during the forthcoming job.

Tom Gilbert, Southport man, is bookkeeper and time keeper on the Ventor, having started work with her at the beginning of 1953. (Continued On Page Two)

### Valentine Day Festival Held Friday Evening

One Of Most Enjoyable Programs Of Recent Years Presented In High School Auditorium By A Large Group Of Students

VARIED PROGRAM WAS PRESENTED

Singing, Dancing And Recitations Included With The Crowning Of Queen And King Climaxing Evening's Program

One of the most enjoyable programs presented in recent years at Southport high school was the Valentine Festival Friday night. It was a variety entertainment, featuring singing, dancing and recitations, and scores of students of all ages participated.

The opening number was a parody on "Alexander's Ragtime Band", featuring the singing and dancing of Mary LeClerc, Virginia Phillips, Vivian Jones, Betty Julian and Barbara Helms. Next came a charming "Welcome" from Linda Pigott, Cathy Carson and Kyr Ann Parker. A piano solo, "Liebestraum," by Brenda Wilks, provided a musical interlude.

"You are My Valentine," was a vocal solo by Jo Ann Ciermons. "Bashful Town," The first production number, featured a group of singers. Next came "Doggie In The Window," singing with sound effects, by Donna Burr Prevatte, Sandra Potter, Debbie Myorski, Patty Jenkins, Nancy Duncan, Ellen St. George and Martha Harrelson. A cute Valentine skit featured Lynn Ruark and Kenneth King.

"My Love, My Love" was a pretty vocal solo by Carol Fillingame. The next number was "Paper Valentine" with Barbara Stankowski, Tommy Helms, Eddie Hubbard, Sally Ward, Joyce Jorgenson, Charles Willis, Linda Howard, Joe Reeves and featuring tap dancing by Debbie Myorski. "Mr. Sandman" was a vocal solo by Danny White. "The Valentine Nobody Wanted" was a skit presented by second grade students.

Next came "Valentine Day In The Morning," a costume duet by Sandra Mangum and Tommy Harrelson. The Virginia Reel was a costume production number by Carolyn St. George, Cheryl Price, Harriet Watts, Patricia Castor, Jean Gilbert, Judy McKeithan, John Shelton, Herbert Johnson, Jr., Robert Potter, William Spencer, Vincent LeClerc and Craig Caster. A captivating dance solo came next and featured Joyce Shaw. "Count Your Blessing" was a vocal duet by Tommy Harrelson and Homer McKeithan, Jr.

"I Know A Few Things" was a humorous classroom skit by Joan Bryant, Bonnie Baker, Evelyn St. George, Becky Helms, Josephine Stankowski, Gus McNeil, Butch LeClerc, Joy Ramsey, Bobby McKeithan. "Let Me Go, Lover" was a vocal duet with pantomime by Debbie Myorski and Steve Binner. A dance number "Mexican Shuffle Dance" was presented by Mary LeClerc, Barbara Bomberger, Carol Fillingame, Dorothy Walton, Frances Jarrell, Carolyn Price, Donald Burris, Leon Fullwood, David Peters, Paul Cochran.

Next came a vocal solo, "My Funny Valentine," by Brookie Newton, accompanied by Jean Thompson. "Sisters" was a cute song skit by twins, Wanda and Sandra Powell. "She Was Five and He Was Ten" dramatization featured the voice of Lee Cash. (Continued on Page 4)

### Lumberton Men Rebuilding Now

Three Robeson County Citizens Show Keen Interest In Rebuilding Plans For Long Beach

John P. Stedman, Bowen Ross and Howard Linklaw, prominent citizens of Lumberton and boosters of Long Beach, were here Friday and all are set for rebuilding their homes at Long Beach right away.

The rain during their trip did not keep them from going up to Sunny Point and seeing about the biggest terminals in the world, at least the biggest in the United States when one takes in both the dock facilities combined with that of the great railroad yards.

The three were all of one accord in agreeing that the construction of the terminals here will be an exhilarating shot in the arm to the rebuilding of Long Beach and continuous development thereafter.

Stedman is president of the (Continued On Page Two)

#### 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, February 17,  | 10:06 A. M. |
| 3:47 A. M.              | 10:12 P. M. |
| 3:55 P. M.              | 10:18 P. M. |
| Friday, February 18,    | 10:59 A. M. |
| 4:41 A. M.              | 11:06 P. M. |
| 4:50 P. M.              | 11:15 P. M. |
| Saturday, February 19,  | 11:49 A. M. |
| 5:32 A. M.              | 11:56 P. M. |
| 5:40 P. M.              | 12:00 A. M. |
| Sunday, February 20,    | 0:00 A. M.  |
| 6:19 A. M.              | 12:33 P. M. |
| 6:28 P. M.              | 1:15 P. M.  |
| Monday, February 21,    | 0:42 A. M.  |
| 7:02 A. M.              | 1:15 P. M.  |
| 7:12 P. M.              | 1:26 P. M.  |
| Tuesday, February 22,   | 1:26 A. M.  |
| 7:44 A. M.              | 1:56 P. M.  |
| 7:55 P. M.              | 2:11 P. M.  |
| Wednesday, February 23, | 2:11 A. M.  |
| 8:25 A. M.              | 2:36 P. M.  |
| 8:38 P. M.              |             |

## Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

We spent all of one morning this past week touring Long Beach, Cashwell Beach and part of the afternoon at Sunny Point. With Austin Adkinson, Associated Press editor from Charlotte, Mr. Adkinson was on an AP story regarding reconstruction at the beaches. He got plenty of material along that line while here and he also made a short trip to Holden Beach while on his way up from South Carolina. The trip to Sunny Point showed enough for another big AP story, but that will come later. When the big-time news agencies get a man out on a story he follows up that story and nothing else. Sunny Point and some other things here are expected to call for a return call to get another story.

We think that somebody is grossly misrepresenting the actual situation. When we get up at 4 a. m. and do a half-day's work before other folks have breakfast and then finish our day's work at odd hours, it is no reason to suppose we only half-work. As a matter of fact, we are working mentally from the time we get up until we go to bed. Even if we do seem to have a lot of day- (Continued on Page Four)