

Purchase Orders Being Processed At ASC Office

Farmers Who Have Made Application For Cost-Sharing Spring Practices May Receive Purchase Orders Now

ADVISE FARMERS TO HAVE SOIL TEST

Farmers Stand To Lose Through Practice Of Harvesting Excess Of Any Allotment Crop This Year

The Brunswick County ASC office is now issuing purchase orders for spring practices under the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program and farmers who have applied for cost-sharing may call by the county office and get their purchase orders for their approved practices.

A soil test is no longer mandatory for any practice included in the 1955 program. However, it is still strongly recommended that every farmer obtain a soil sample and have it analyzed, if possible, before receiving cost-sharing for vegetative practices. In the absence of a soil test, the farmer can only qualify for cost-sharing on the vegetative practices and liming materials practice by applying the recommended amount and analysis of material approved by county agricultural workers.

Farmers stand to lose more than they gain by harvesting an excess of any allotment crop. Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson removed "cross-compliance" restrictions under which a farmer would have been required to comply with all acreage allotment assigned his farm in order to be eligible for price support on any crop.

However, farmers are reminded that certain requirements were written into the law on the passage of the Agricultural Act of 1954 providing that a farmer who harvests in excess of any allotment crop will be ineligible for any Federal cost-sharing under the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program. This requirement still remains in effect and will remain in effect unless removed by Congressional action.

Farmers who have already received some assistance under the 1955 Agricultural Conservation Program can be called on for a refund if it is later determined that they have harvested from excess acreage on an allotment crop.

To avoid as much of this as possible, when a farmer calls at the county office for purchase orders he is asked to read thoroughly and sign the following statement:

"I will not harvest either cotton, wheat, corn, tobacco, or peanuts in excess of the 1955 acreage allotment for any of those commodities on any farm in which I have an interest as landowner."

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

BENEFIT DANCE
The Shallotte Lions Club will sponsor a benefit dance Saturday night at the American Legion Hut. The proceeds will go to the high school athletic fund.

SATURDAY DANCE
Members of the Southport Lions Club will sponsor their regular Saturday night square dance this week at the Community Building.

NEW FLAG POLE HERE
A new steel flag pole for use on top of the weather tower has arrived and will be placed within a few days. The old pole was badly bent in the storm of last October.

LIONS TO MEET
The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 12:30 o'clock in the Community Building. Hugh Morton of Wilmington, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, will be the speaker and will show some of his famous color slides.

TO PREACH HERE
Rev. L. D. Hayman will preach Sunday night at the regular 7:30 service of worship at Trinity Methodist church in the absence of the minister, Rev. R. H. Jordan. The Reverend Mr. Jordan will be at Bethel Methodist Church in Bolivia assisting Rev. Clarence Warren in revival services.

Southport Lady Honored



AWARD—Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, Volunteer Cooperative Observer for the U. S. Weather Bureau in Southport, is shown here as she takes the daily temperature reading from the official thermometer. She was honored last week in Washington for her 50-years service to the Weather Bureau and also for her participation in warning of the approach of Hurricane Hazel—Art Newton Photo.)

Weather Observer Gets Recognition

Mrs. Jesse S. Taylor Honored During Annual Presentation Of Awards Of Commerce Department In

WIDE PUBLICITY FOR SOUTHPORT
Feature Stories And Pictures Appeared In Many Leading Newspapers Including New York Times And Others

Mrs. C. Ed Taylor returned Saturday morning from a three-day trip to Washington during which she was honored by U. S. Weather Bureau officials for the part she played in warning residents of this area of the approach of Hurricane Hazel which struck the Carolina coast with such violence on October 15.

The occasion was the Annual Presentation of Awards for outstanding service in the Department of Commerce. Since the Weather Bureau service comes under this department, Mrs. Taylor and Reuben Frost, head of the Weather Bureau Station in Wilmington, were invited to attend.

During the course of making the award to the Southport lady for her part in warning people that a severe tropical storm was headed this way, discovery was made that she has served longer than any other woman as one of the 8000 Voluntary Cooperative Continued On Page Two

Beach Building Past Fifty Mark

Replacing Cottages To Original Location And Construction Of New Buildings Making Good Progress At Long Beach

Less than 50 days since Contractor Donald Sneed started the rebuilding of the Long Beach sand dunes, G. V. Barber of Yaupon Village stated Monday afternoon that he counted the homes moved back and the ones started, and there were 53 being built or repaired.

This is an average of more than one a day getting ready for the summer season, and property owners stoutly maintain that the construction work going on now is nothing to what it will be in a couple of weeks.

It is contended that the rebuilding pace will steadily increase all through the spring and summer. The few property owners who say that they are not financially able to rebuild just now are none the less determined to build at some early date. Another encouraging outlook is (Continued on page four)

Invitations For Five Projects At Sunny Point

Several Types Of Operation Included In Work For Which Bids Will Be Opened On March 22

THESE BIDS ABOUT WIND UP PROJECT

However, Indications Point To Likelihood That Other Work May Be Added To Original Plans For Sunny Point

The Army Engineers issued invitations for bids on five projects at Sunny Point during the past week and the bids received will be opened on March 22. The matters to come up at this letting are Site Preparation, Storm Drainage, Dust and Erosion Control, Security Roads and Fencing.

No information is available regarding the site preparation work and storm drainage. But the security roads involve the grading and paving of 16½ miles, the paving is understood to be of crushed rock. The fencing also involves coverage of a 16½-mile stretch, the fencing to be 7-foot high. The dust and erosion control matter involves the planting of a great deal of grass or grain on baricades and other exposed places.

These five jobs embrace about everything in the original starting plans for which no contract has as yet been let. However, it is also understood that there may be a great deal of new work to come up this year and next. Reports from reliable sources indicate that the finish of the present undertakings does not mean a complete cessation of construction work.

Some very important matters about which little or nothing has been said are understood to be still in the planning stage, with an apparent certainty that they will develop.

Commissioners Fill New Duties

Three Days This Month To Be Devoted To Service As Board Of Equalization And Review

Mrs. Ressie P. Whatley and members of the board of county commissioners attended a one-day school in Fayetteville last week for instruction regarding duties as a board of equalization and review, which is due to be in session in Southport on March 14-15-16.

For those three days the board members step down from their duties as county commissioners and sume for three days their role as members of the board of equalization and review.

It is noted that this is the only time during the year when it is lawful to have any reduction in the valuation of property except where there has been a fire or other disaster to material affect its valuation. For this reason it is important for all payers who are seeking relief reasons other than loss through disaster or for relief from taxes which have resulted from clerical errors to plan to attend the board.

Monday, March 14, persons from Northwest and Town Creek towns will be received. On Tuesday, March 15, those from Smiley and Lockwoods Folly will be received. (Continued On Page Two)

Speaker



LYLE W. PETERSON

Missionary Will Speak Tomorrow At Presbyterian

The Rev. Lyle W. Peterson, Missionary On Furlough From Japan, Will Speak In Southport Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Lyle W. Peterson, Presbyterian, U. S., missionary on furlough from Japan will speak at the Southport Presbyterian Church tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Peterson has been serving as an evangelistic missionary in Japan since 1948. Most of his time is devoted to traveling about the countryside developing new work and encouraging old. Peterson is a native of Michigan. He graduated from Wheaton College and Columbia Theological Seminary and is a member of Meridian Presbyterian. His wife is the former Catherine Campbell McLaughlin, the daughter of veteran China missionary the Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Eastern Light. The Peterson family before going to the field. They have three children, ranging in age from ten to four years. While on furlough the Petersons will be at Mission Court in Richmond, Virginia. They will return to the field in the summer of 1955.

Wreck Victims Enjoying Stay

Two Elderly New Jersey Citizens Injured In Accident On U. S. No. 17 Last Week Now Convalescing At Southport

Following a wreck on Route 17 last week, two prominent elderly New Jersey men are having an unscheduled stay in Southport at the Doshier Memorial Hospital. Neither is said to have been seriously hurt and both are credited with finding their surroundings here very congenial.

Going north on 17 last week their car, driven by Carlton Strong of Camden, N. J., ran off the pavement on the shoulder and in cutting back Strong lost control. The machine turned over on the pavement and was completely demolished. Strong's companion was Dr. Albert H. Compton, D. S., of Collingsworth, N. J. Both received minor cuts and bruises. Strong is 72 years old and his companion was 73 on the day of the wreck. (Continued On Page Two)

Leland Girls, Shallotte Boys Win County Championships In Brunswick Tournament

Reconstruction Of Beaches Going On

Project Extends Along Greater Part Of Coast Of North Carolina; Brunswick Leads Way

More than 23 miles of sand dunes have been completed on southeastern North Carolina beaches that were damaged so severely last October by Hurricane Hazel, Director Ben E. Douglas of the Department of Conservation and Development said this week. Douglas said a report from B. C. Snow, chief engineer of the C&D Department's division of water resources, stated that 124,950 feet, or 23.7 miles, of sand dunes have been completed at the following beaches in Brunswick, Pender and New Hanover counties: Ocean Isle, 11,000 feet; Robinson Beach, 7,000 feet; Holden Beach, 17,000 feet; Long Beach, 32,000 feet; Caswell Beach, 10,880 feet; Fort Fisher, 8,900; Wilmington Beach, 7,200; Freeman Beach, 6,950; and Topsail Beach, 24,000 feet.

Sand fences totaling 75,000 feet have been completed at Ocean Isle, Holden Beach, Long Beach and Topsail Beach. Snow said figures compiled by the State Disaster Relief Office at Wilmington, which was established by the C&D Department and which is now manned by W. H. Riley, a hydrologic engineer with the department's water resources division, show Federal grants for disaster relief approved through February 25 total \$1,150,709.10.

The following cash payments have been made to the following local governments: New Hanover county, \$11,349; Wrightsville Beach, \$21,606.41; Brunswick county, \$67,309.88; and Pender county, \$10,030.75.

Hayman Will Head Red Cross Drive

Retired Methodist Minister Will Direct Fund Raising Activities In Brunswick County This Year

SERVED IN THIS ROLE ONCE BEFORE
First Efforts Will Be In Lining Up County-Wide Representation On Board Of Directors Of Chapter

The Rev. L. D. Hayman will head the Red Cross fund drive in Brunswick county this year, and he is busy this week lining up his organization on a county-wide basis.

The Rev. Mr. Hayman retired last fall as an active Methodist minister and he and Mrs. Hayman moved back to their home in Southport. Several years ago he served as pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, and it was during that period that he on one other occasion headed the Red Cross fund drive in Brunswick county.

The fund Chairman believes that a board of directors representing every section of the county is a prerequisite for a successful campaign, and he is working this week on that phase of organization. "We must have the work and support of these responsible community leaders if we hope to be successful," he declared this week, adding "I hope to complete this organization within a few days so that our actual canvassing may begin."

Chapter officials anticipate that this will be a record year for contributions to the Red Cross program from Brunswick county. (Continued On Page Two)

Saturday Work At Sunny Point

Contractors Take Advantage Of Good Weather To Speed Progress On Their Various Jobs At Terminals

The 5-day work week received very little attention at the terminals this past Saturday as two phases of construction went steadily forward and some others had necessary operations in progress. The highway grading, a contract that is held by George Talman of Wilmington, under the E. B. Towles Company, also of Wilmington, went steadily forward with earth movers, bulldozers and other equipment clanking away. It was the 13th consecutive day during which weather conditions permitted steady (Continued on Page 2)

Leland Lassies Repeat As Champions In Their Division But Shallotte Win Brings First Title Since 1940

SHALLOTTE SCENE OF THIS YEAR'S PLAY

Waccamaw Boys, Bolivia Girls Consolation Winners; Waccamaw Girls, Southport Boys Win Sportsmanship

Leland girls and the Shallotte boys are Brunswick county basketball champions for 1955. The high scoring Pirates, hosts to this year's county tournament, defeated Bolivia in the finals of their division Friday night 75 to 55 and the Leland lassies triumphed over Waccamaw 80 to 56 Saturday night to retain their title. In their championship victory Friday night the Shallotte five once more proved that the best defense is a good offense. David Owen led the way with 28 points, followed by Royce Woodyard with 22. Raymond Earp, towering Bolivia center, led the losers with 18 points. The floor play of Lloyd Owen featured for Shallotte while Thomas Howard and Carter Rabon were the best ball handlers for the losers.

Ann Allen was at her best Saturday night as she accounted for 50 points in the title game with Waccamaw. Donnie Babson led the losers with 24 points, with Marie Inman close behind with 21. Lizzie Lynch and Shirley Skipper were the play-makers for the winners, with Ann Williams and Lois Smith playing outstanding ball for the losers.

Consolation Games
Consolation winner for the boys was Waccamaw, who turned back Leland 88 to 84 in a free scoring fracas to decide third place in the tournament. Harmon Smith, one of the outstanding basketball players to be developed in Brunswick county, scored 43 points, with Leaman Smith adding another 25. Lon Skipper was high man for Leland with 24 points, while Stacy Wells was good for 20.

Third place in the girls' division went to Bolivia, who eked out a spine-tingling 84-82 decision over Shallotte for consolation honors on Friday night. Polly Lanier led the scoring with 48 points, while Emma Lou Gore hitting 41 for Shallotte.

Semi-Finals Winners
Shallotte won their way to the finals the hard way. Their semi-finals opponent was a red hot Waccamaw five that led them most of the game and held an 8-point lead at half-time, only to succumb in the late minutes of this free-scoring ball game by a score of 75-71. Again David Owen was the shooting star for the Pirates, this time with 33 points. His brother, Lloyd, made 18, and Gerald Lambert was their best defensive player. Harmon Smith made 27 points for the losers and this time his principal help came from Thelton Smith with 20 points.

The Bolivia-Leland encounter for the other berth in the finals (Continued on Page 4)

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 |
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| Thursday, March 3 | |
| 3:20 A. M. | 9:44 A. M. |
| 3:51 P. M. | 9:59 P. M. |
| Friday, March 4 | |
| 4:25 A. M. | 10:45 A. M. |
| 4:54 P. M. | 11:00 P. M. |
| Saturday, March 5 | |
| 5:24 A. M. | 11:39 A. M. |
| 5:52 P. M. | 11:56 P. M. |
| Sunday, March 6 | |
| 6:17 A. M. | 0:00 A. M. |
| 6:43 P. M. | 12:28 P. M. |
| Monday, March 7 | |
| 7:06 A. M. | 0:46 A. M. |
| 7:30 P. M. | 1:12 P. M. |
| Tuesday, March 8 | |
| 7:49 A. M. | 1:33 A. M. |
| 8:14 P. M. | 1:54 P. M. |
| Wednesday, March 9 | |
| 8:50 A. M. | 2:16 A. M. |
| 8:54 P. M. | 2:32 P. M. |

Our ROVING Reporter

W. R. KEZIAH

This past week we felt sort of flattered at a complaint from our friend, Steve Wall, of the Army Engineers. He wrote accusing us of "scoping" him. It seems he was at work, running down some information to send us to aid in our writing a story for the following week. He wrote, "And there you came along in 'The Pilot' with the very story I was trying to get for you. Mr. McWhite (another good friend of ours) said that he had just got notice to go ahead with the designs, and here Keziah comes out with the story. He must have had other sources of information than we have."

It is sort of understood that we will have a general as the Commanding Officer at Sunny Point. We will be amply satisfied if he is half as congenial as Colonel Gregg C. McLeod. He is to be Director of Services, which means a sort of executive officer. Colonel McLeod took to Southport the first time he came here several weeks ago. He 'lowed right off that this was the place he wanted to live and he would like to wire his wife, "Pack up and bring the children. I'm staying. (Continued on Page Four)

Material Coming For Fishing Pier

First Large Order To Arrive Expected To Be Load Of Paint For Building Structure

The first of the Yaupon large fishing pier material to arrive this week. It consists of 25,000 pounds of paint, more than 2,000 gallons of G. V. Barber of Yaupon Village developer of Yaupon Village told yesterday that the pier will form a full trailer truck that it will come direct from the factory. Notice of the shipment (Continued On Page Two)