

## State Officials To Attend Meet At Mill Creek

James P. Morgan, Secretary Of Training Unions For North Carolina, And His Staff Will Attend Brunswick Meeting

### FIRST SESSIONS MONDAY-TUESDAY

Associational Tournament Will Be Staged Friday Night With Interesting Program Being Arranged

Three nights next week will be devoted to Brunswick County Baptist Training Union meetings at Mill Creek Baptist church.

James P. Morgan, Secretary for the Training Unions of North Carolina will bring his staff of workers to teach the Training Union Manuals for all age groups, adults through story hour. All the churches are invited and those that have Training Union organizations are urged to have their leaders in these conferences.

On Friday night, March 25, the Associational Tournament will follow the study. Mrs. Reba Sellers, Training Union Director of the Association, would like for each Training Union to have a large number to participate in these classes and in the tournament. Members are invited to come Monday night and be a part of the following program:

A Good Time Together — Mrs. Sellers; song service — led by Rothey Hickman, L. V. Walton and Mrs. R. S. Willets; devotional period — Rev. Henry Register, Pastor Supply Baptist Church; special music — "Others"—Misses Peggy Hooks and Patricia Mills, Town Creek Church; special music — Mr. and Mrs. Hickman, L. V. and Margarie; recognition visitors, pastors and state workers—Mrs. Margaret McRackan; announcements, conferences, general officers — James P. Morgan, State Secretary for Training Union; adults — Mrs. Smoot Baker, Lancaster, S. C.; Young People—Miss Sarah Hull, Associate Training Union Department, Raleigh; Intermediate leadership — Mrs. Rob Smith, Stoneville; intermediate manual — Rev. F. W. Naylor, pastor Mill Creek Church; junior leadership — Mrs. E. F. Continued On Page Two

## Plenty Of Light For Sunny Point

Floodlight System Will Be Able To Turn Night Into Day When Occasion Demands

By W. B. KEZIAH  
The floodlights at Sunny Point, poles with lamps already affixed and ready to be hoisted by cranes, will be something spectacular for this part of the country. They will turn night into day in the area.

There will be a regular lighting system in use all of the time, but the flood lights will be ready for use whenever it is necessary.

In the classification yard, west of Route 130, 9 poles will be placed, each pole 100-feet in height and standing on a concrete base 16-feet in diameter. Each of these 9-poles will have a battery of 12 lamps of 1500 watts each.

All turned on at once, they should light up that portion of the huge railroad yards. It has not been learned yet how many of the floodlight poles and lamps will go in the other railroad yards, or in the administration area of the huge installation.

On the 3 docks a total of 12 poles for floodlights already have their batteries of lamps affixed and are ready to be hoisted, four

poles to each dock and 12 of the 1500-watt lamps to each pole. These poles are 80-foot tall and will be bolted to the concrete. They are of tubular steel, tapering towards the top. The top of the poles, despite the tapering, is 6 inches across.

The Bryant Electrical Company of Wilmington has the contract for this electrical lighting system. The current for the lights will come from the Carolina Power and Light Company's big sub-station in the northwestern part of the reservation. Power Company employees are now working to finish this sub-station. In addition to supplying Sunny Point, the station will also have current for the REA's big new sub-station at the junction of the Long Beach road on Route 130 west.

The regular lighting system will have thousands of lamps smaller than the 1500 watt floodlights, but still providing plenty of illumination. And when the floods are turned on Sunny Point will be the most lit up area in this section of North Carolina.

## Vote On Manager Plan For Southport

When Voters Go To Polls On May 3 One Decision They Will Make Is Whether To Adopt City Manager Form Of Government

### FILING DATES FROM APRIL 1-16

Mayor And Six Members Of Board Of Aldermen Will Be Elected By Vote Of People On May 3

Southport voters will do more than select their city officials for the ensuing two years when they go to the polls on May 3, for one of the issues that will be submitted for their choice is whether the city manager form of government shall go into operation here.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the board of aldermen Thursday night and came upon motion of D. C. Herring, seconded by Fred Spencer. The motion provides that Representative Kirby Sullivan be requested to introduce a bill which will amend the charter for the city to make provision for the city manager form of government in Southport provided this proposal shall be approved by majority vote of the people and the municipal election in May.

The registration books will be open at the homes of the registrars from April 4 through April 23, but everyone is urged to register on the Saturdays included in that period if at all convenient. Challenge day will be on April 30.

Dates for filing for the election will be from April 1 through noon of April 16.

The following will serve as registrars: 1st ward, Mrs. Riley Willis; 2nd ward, Miss Annie M. Newton; 3rd ward, Mrs. Velma Ward.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**THOMAS LOSES**  
Waban Thomas, Brunswick county boy who was fighting in the Eastern Golden Gloves championship last week in New York, was defeated Wednesday night in the semi-finals by Roy Bullock.

**BASKETBALL BENEFIT**  
The mothers will play the daughters and the fathers will play the sons in a basketball double-header Friday night at the Southport gymnasium. Proceeds will go to the dressing room-heating project for the gym.

**DIAMOND HERE**  
E. F. Diamond of Savannah, Ga., head of the big construction company that bears his name, has been spending a few days here with Mr. and Mrs. Burton L. Crumrine. Mr. Crumrine is general superintendent for the Diamond Company.

**BOOSTER PUMP ARRIVES**  
The big booster pump of the Hill Dredging Company of Atlantic City arrived at Sunny Point Sunday and is ready to hook up and furnished additional power to the pumps of the Venter. The dredge itself is expected any day.

**PURCHASE NEW BOAT**  
Announcement has been made that a fourth navy minesweeper has been purchased by the Brunswick Navigation Company for use in its menhaden fleet. Three of this type vessel are in operation here, and the new boat will replace either the Anderson or the Morehead, both of which were lost during Hurricane Hazel.

**BAPTIST MEETING**  
On Saturday night, March 25, at 7:30 o'clock the churches of the Brunswick Baptist Ass'n. will have their final rally in preparation for the Evangelistic Crusade which has already started and will continue until every church has participated. Everyone is invited to come to the Supply Baptist Church for this important meeting.

## Incorporation Of Yaupon Village Sought In Bill

Unique Brunswick County Beach Resort Seeking To Be Incorporated Through Special Act Of Legislature

### PROVISION MADE FOR OFFICIALS

Mayor And First Board Of Town Commissioners To Be Named In Act, With First Election Proposed In 1957

Yaupon Village, a 400 acre tract of former Long Beach land, now owned by Barbee's Incorporated, was in the news Monday when its residents had Senator Ray Walton introduce a bill providing for its incorporation as the town of Yaupon Beach.

According to the provisions of the bill W. C. Norton will become mayor of the town for a term of two years. The first board of town commissioners will be G. V. Barbee, John L. Barbee, Robert Sellers, Adolph Mercer and G. W. McClamery. These officials will take over the first Monday in June, 1957. The first biennial election will be held on Tuesday following the first Monday in May, 1957.

The bill provides that a tax rate of not more than \$2.00 per \$100 valuation may be imposed at any time. Informed sources have been saying that some interesting disclosures relative to the development of the new town will follow passage of the bill. Beautifully located in a wooded area, the property appears to be ideal for development. Started by Barbee's Incorporated, it was formerly surrounded on two sides by Long Beach lands. With 200 additional acres purchased the first of the year it is now located between Long Beach and Caswell Beach.

## Shrimp Industry In Good Shape

Best Facilities In History Ready For Operation Of This Business In Southport During Coming Season

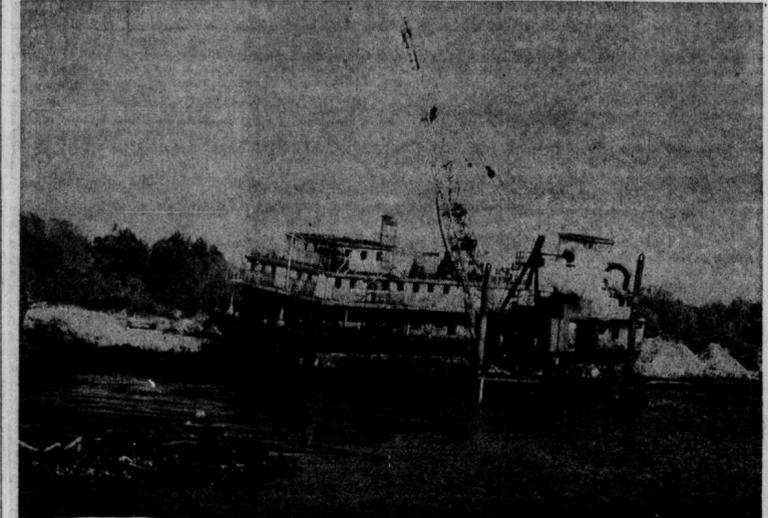
So far as the shrimp fishing industry is concerned, Southport is now much better equipped to take care of this business than it has ever been in the past. Even though there are now only 33 houses, the fact is that 3 are larger than those that operated here in the past, and all are better equipped and more conveniently located than such buildings used to be.

The only thing not entirely satisfactory is that the yacht basin on which two of the houses are located, is badly in need of dredging to permit the sometimes heavily-laden boats to get up to the houses at low tide.

It is believed that this shortcoming will be corrected sometime during the summer. The basin as a harbor of refuge for working boats was built under provisions that entailed maintenance by the Army Engineers. In other words, there are provisions for its being kept to the needed depths and the Army Engineers will probably get around to the periodic dredging out this summer.

Starting out directly after the October storm, Dallas Pigott constructed a large and modern shrimp and fish house on the basin and equipped it with all facilities. Continued On Page Two

## Floating Fish Factory



**AFLOAT**—The floating fish factory, which broke free from its moorings during the storm on October 15 and went high aground is shown here as she is being brought back to the water—or rather as the water is being extended to her. In the foreground is a dredge, which has dug away the bank on which the huge steel hull came to rest. The barge was floated yesterday. Later this week it will be towed South by her new owners.—(Art Newton Photo.)

## Youth Killed By Automobile Dealer

### Steel Arrives For New Pier

The steel for the Yaupon Beach fishing pier is here. One solid carload was unloaded Monday and another arrived and was unloaded yesterday. All of the rest will be in before the end of the week, according to the Bethlehem Steel company, makers of the steel. Meanwhile, construction of the pier has already started and will be pushed right along until the structure is completed. The contractors, Tennessee, Tarboro and Southport people, are under bond to complete the structure within 60 days after the arrival of the steel. It is believed they will be able to do it in less time than that.

## Rites Tomorrow For Mrs. Davis

Mrs. John Carr Davis Died Tuesday Afternoon At Doshier Memorial Hospital Following Serious Illness

Following a month of illness in the Doshier Memorial Hospital, Mrs. John Carr Davis died Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Davis, the former Miss Mary Elizabeth Lupton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Connie Lupton, was 20 years old and had been married to John Carr Davis less than two years when stricken with her fatal illness.

Funeral services will be held from the Southport Baptist church Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock with the pastor, the Rev. Leo Hawkins, officiating. He will be assisted by the Rev. William Ferrere in the temple. Continued On Page Two

## New York City Teen-Ager Fatally Injured Early This Morning By R. E. Crisp At Used Car Lot Near Brunswick River

### BOY DIES AFTER REACHING HOSPITAL

Seventeen-Year-Old James Anthony Ferrere Shot In Head After Being Surprised With 2 Others In Car Lot

A New York City teen-ager, trapped with two companions in a used car lot near the Brunswick River bridge early this morning, was shot and fatally injured by R. E. Crisp, owner of Crisp Motor Co.

The dead man is James Anthony Ferrere, 17-year-old youth who was on his way to Florida with two other young white boys, Michael J. Pollok and Robert Hopper.

According to information given Coroner Sam T. Bennett, Crisp was called about 12:40 o'clock this morning by a neighbor who had observed someone in the used car lot. Crisp, who lives next door, picked up his .25-calibre automatic pistol and went out to investigate. According to his account of the trouble, he found the three boys in a car and fired over the top of the vehicle to frighten them away. When he did, he says that Ferrere reached into the back seat. He says that he then fired his pistol again and this time the bullet struck Ferrere in the temple.

As soon as help arrived, the wounded boy was carried to James Walker Memorial Hospital, where he died a short time after being admitted. Crisp is being held under \$2,500 bond for appearance at a coroner's inquest. Continued On Page Two

## Sullivan Gets Attention For Four Measures

### State Press Gives Big Play To Bill Requesting State Insurance Commissioner To Investigate Progress Of Settlements

Representative Kirby Sullivan of Brunswick county got into the limelight of the North Carolina General Assembly last week when he authored a bill requesting the State Commissioner of Insurance to make a full investigation into the manner that insurance claims growing out of losses sustained during Hurricane Hazel are being settled. It further provided that a report shall be made to the General Assembly on this matter. There were several co-sponsors of the bill, which met with popular approval.

One local bill was introduced to provide payment of a fee of \$1 to justices of the peace for bonds that are forfeited by motorists who are caught for minor violations of traffic laws. This will be retroactive to January 1, 1954, and fees will be paid from the funds that normally are turned over to the board of education. This act was necessary in order to get these officials to agree to continue to serve, and it represents their only remuneration for their services in these cases.

Another local measure would place the matter of regulating salaries of all non-elective officials in the hands of county commissioners. The measure also provides that the salaries of elective officers may be regulated by as much as 15-percent, but that if a change is made affecting one Continued On Page Two

## Highway Force Work On Roads

Additional Mileage Being Put Back Into Condition By Highway Forces On Lower End Of Long Beach

A force of State Highway employees started up last week rebuilding the Long Beach road from the washed out inlet through the big hills and on through the beach and Yaupon Village. The stretch beyond the inlet will wait until the inlet is filled up.

The application for funds with which to fill the inlet and also the inlet at Robinson Beach, approved by both the Board of County Commissioners and the office of the District Army Engineers, was carried to Raleigh Thursday by Davis Herring. After being approved in Raleigh, the papers will go on to Washington for final action. There is said to be very little doubt that the application will be granted.

When the highway forces complete the Long Beach road to the upper end, it is said that they will move right along to Caswell Beach and rebuild the road through there to Fort Caswell. Part of this stretch of road through Caswell Beach has been closed since the storm. However, a detour of about one mile length has carried traffic around the damaged section of the road.

## Ceremony Marks Junction Of Big Rail Projects

Col. R. L. Hill Officiates At Gilded Spike Driving Ritual Tuesday Morning As First Dock Receives Railroad Connection

### OTHER LEADING OFFICIALS ATTEND

Marks Culmination Of Months Of Work On Part Of Railroad Contractors As Well As Dock Construction Workers

By W. B. KEZIAH  
Yesterday Col. Raymond L. Hill, head of the Army Engineers District office in Wilmington, drove a golden spike (in color only) that linked together the results of more than two years of continuous work on the part of two railroad building firms and other contractors working with them.

The spike joined up the work of the Wm. A. Smith Company of Houston, Texas and that of the T. F. Scholes, Inc., of Reading, Pa., with that of the Diamond Construction Company of Savannah, Ga. There were a lot of other sub-contractors in between.

Smith and Scholes, Inc., are essentially railroad builders. Smith got a turnkey job on the 22-mile access railroad from Leland to the government installation and sublet the grading to the Greene Construction Company of Indiana. Smith and Green finished up over a year ago and from their end of the operations the T. F. Scholes, Inc., of Reading, Pa., came in with their contract.

Like Smith, Scholes, Inc., let a sub-contract for their clearing and grading, this contract going to the Hertford Construction Company of Hertford and to the J. K. Cecil Company of Lexington, two North Carolina firms. They will have 3 months to go before the Scholes, Hertford-Cecil combination finish all of their 48 miles of grading and track, but they have brought main lines to the point where the next man takes over.

This next man is the Diamond (Continued on page four)

## Building Pace Still Increasing

Up-State Property Owners Going About Business Of Building New Ones At Long Beach

While the loss of their homes is still a matter of concern to Long Beach property owners and their friends, the folks who now visit the place are not concerned over whether things will be rebuilt or not. They are rebuilding and Long Beach is growing back faster than it ever grew before.

An illustration is that there were only 60 homes at the beach at the end of the second world war. Further construction at that time was very slow owing to building material restrictions. The town just grew steadily year after year.

The storm came last October and left only half-dozen homes where 300 had stood the night before. A few homes not completely destroyed were several 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, March 17	
1:59 A. M.	8:24 A. M.
2:13 P. M.	8:29 P. M.
Friday, March 18	
2:58 A. M.	9:23 A. M.
3:14 P. M.	9:32 P. M.
Saturday, March 19	
3:55 A. M.	10:19 A. M.
4:11 P. M.	10:31 P. M.
Sunday, March 20	
4:49 A. M.	11:09 A. M.
5:05 P. M.	11:25 P. M.
Monday, March 21	
5:40 A. M.	11:56 A. M.
5:56 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Tuesday, March 22	
6:28 A. M.	0:16 A. M.
6:44 P. M.	12:41 P. M.
Wednesday, March 23	
7:14 A. M.	1:04 A. M.
7:31 P. M.	1:25 P. M.



## Our ROVING Reporter

It was mentioned a couple of weeks ago that it seemed odd to see fire plugs sprouting so numerous around Sunny Point. The oddity was a result of the fact that nobody ever expected to see such things at such a place. Going over the terminals Friday with Bob Wilson of the Ranco Chevrolet Company in Wilmington, we were still more impressed when we met a big street sprinkler of the Hertford Construction Co. busy buying dust, or trying to, by sprinkling roads. When we first noticed the sprinkler approaching we took it for an of tanker with the biggest kind of

Skipper Hulan Watts says that he already has a dozen fishing parties booked to use his sport fishing boats in April. Naturally, there will be a lot more of them signed up before April comes. Should good weather prevail there ought to be several parties making the outside trip later on this month. There have been days good enough for the fishing, but with weather still on the bad side it just happened that the couple of parties that have elected to try things have picked bad days. With (Continued on Page Four)