

Points Of Interest



CLARENDON—Above is a scene at Clarendon Plantation, one of the most interesting historic locations in Brunswick County. While development of the garden has not been the chief emphasis of the owners, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Thomas, Clarendon is a spot that will be of great interest to Azalea Festival visitors.



ORTON—Orton Plantation is one of the great tourist attractions of North Carolina. Although her gardens sustained severe damage from the unseasonable cold during the past week-end, Orton is beautiful in any season. A few days of warm weather, it is predicted, will restore much of the riotous beauty of the gardens, particularly with late-blooming varieties of azaleas.

First Phase Of Development Is Let To Contract

All Work For Which Appropriation Was Asked In Original Planning Has Been Arranged For By Government

OTHER WORK SEEN FOR THE FUTURE

Indications Point To Request For Additional Funds With Which To Increase Scope Of Project

By W. B. KEZIAH

The awarding of the fence and security road contract to the Boyle Construction Company of Sumter, S. C., brings the original construction schedule at the terminal through its initial stage. In other words, there are no other contracts to be let based on the original appropriation of \$24,000,000.

It is timely to say here that there has apparently been a general misconception of the amount appropriated originally. The public generally speaks of the installation as a \$22,000,000 job. As a matter of fact the sum of \$1,400,000 was appropriated for purchasing the land and designing the installation. At the same time there was another appropriation of \$22,600,000 for construction.

This makes a total of \$24,000,000 allocated thus far. Information is not available at the moment as to how much of this sum has been expended through contracts on the original program, but it is said that many of the jobs have gone to contractors at a lower price than engineers estimated.

From what can be learned from various quarters, it appears that there is another big building program to follow closely on this one and it appears that both the Army and Navy are united on this program.

The coming program will probably include a bigger channel from Sunny Point to the sea; an airfield at some point off the reservation but nearby and other things.

A source in Washington said two years ago that there would be a 5-year program to follow this one and to carry out this program, it was said, a big sum would be involved.

It is fairly well known that in military construction the original appropriation is often relatively small, compared to what is needed for the inevitable finishing touches. One thing is sure, the writer was told two years ago that there would be a lot of (Continued On Page Six)

Crop Damage Is Felt In County

Sub-normal Temperatures Sunday And Monday Morning Caused Serious Loss To Brunswick Farmers

The sudden week end cold spell resulted in the loss of millions of dollars to peach, apple and other fruit crop growers in North Carolina and other states. Truck crop growers were also hard hit.

Here in Brunswick county the loss is small, compared with the complete destruction in other places. Early planted corn was lost. One Grissetown farmer, L. Grissett, is said to have lost 30 acres of corn that was about 3 inches tall. Tobacco plants still in their beds and protected by covering were not injured.

(Continued on page 6)

Preacher



DR. JOHN T. WAYLAND

Revival Slated Here Next Week For Baptists

Dr. John T. Wayland Of Faculty At Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Will Preach

Dr. John T. Wayland, Professor of Christian Education at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, will be the visiting preacher all next week for the revival meeting at Southport Baptist Church. Services will be every day, April 3-9, at 10 o'clock in the morning and 7:30 o'clock in the evening. On Easter Sunday, Dr. Wayland will preach the last sermon of the series at the regular morning worship at 11 o'clock.

Besides his teaching experience Dr. Wayland has been a local pastor for many years and has served as a Chaplain in the armed services. The people of Southport Baptist Church feel fortunate to have such a man with them for a week, and invite anyone in this area to attend any of the services.

Ordination Of Local Minister

Bishop Thomas H. Wright Will Participate In Ordination Of The Rev. William L. Hicks Here Next Tuesday

On Tuesday, April 5, the Rev. William L. Hicks will be ordained to the Priesthood of the Episcopal Church in a service to be held in St. Philip's Church at 11 o'clock in the morning. The Rev. Mr. Hicks will be ordained by the Rt. Rev. Thomas H. Wright, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina.

The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Stanleigh E. Jenkins, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Wilmington. Other clergy taking part in the service will be the Rev. Charles I. Penick, Goldsboro, the Rev. Ralph W. Smith, Jr., Wrightsville, the Rev. John C. Owens, Ahoskie, and the Rev. C. Edward Sharp, Greenville. The Rev. Mr. Sharp was in charge of St. Philip's for two summers several years ago. H. B. Smith, a member of the Vestry of St. Philip's, will read the Preface to the Ordinal.

The last such service to be held in Southport was in 1943, when the Rev. Cecil Allgood was ordained by the late Bishop Thomas C. Darst. Ordination to the Priesthood comes after a prescribed period of service as a Deacon. (Continued On Page Six)

Huge Forest Fire May Be Brought Under Control Today By Forestry Men

Bobcat Hits Auto In Thumbing Try

Animal Apparently Became Enamored Of The Red Convertible Of Glenn Hart And Tried To Jump In

Bobcats seem to be the more numerous this year than they have ever been before in this area, and since Christmas at least a dozen have been seen by contractors and their employees at Sunny Point as well as travelers on the highways.

Most of these reports of cats being seen come from Smithville and Town Creek townships. It is possible that some of them were scared out from their haunts in the Sunny Point area by the advent of men and machines. Several reports of animals being seen came from men working there.

Shortly after Christmas Bill Saunders of Southport killed a big bobcat with his car on Route 17, near Town Creek. He brought it to town. Two weeks ago Mrs. H. G. Ratcliffe was catching minnows for bait in the little stream that flows within four blocks of the courthouse. She was being

very quiet and was badly frightened when a big bobcat suddenly stepped out of some nearby bushes.

Wednesday Glenn Hart of Southport was in his red convertible on Route 130 and met a big bobcat on the Lockwoods Folly bridge at Supply. The car was traveling fast and the cat apparently felt itself cornered. It sprang to the railing of the bridge and turned and sprang back. It landed on the hood of the car and was apparently stunned by the impact. It rolled off dazed and Hart got out of his car and finished the job by choking it to death with his foot on its neck.

This dead cat was also brought to Southport. Had the top of the car been down and the animal jumped a split second later than it did, it would landed right in Hart's lap.

First Commander Arrives For Duty

Col. Raymond Hill Will Be Speaker

Col. Raymond L. Hill, Chief of the Corps of Engineers in the Wilmington District, will be the speaker Tuesday evening when the Brunswick County Historical Association meets at the Legion Hut in Shallotte.

Cornelius Thomas, president of the association, says that this meeting has been slated for the Shallotte area in ordina. that the idea of making this a countywide organization may be carried out. Visitors from every section of Brunswick are invited to attend.

Mobile Health Unit Is Sought

Brunswick County Health Officer Seeking To Acquire Used Bus For This Purpose

If a plan explained here yesterday by Dr. C. B. Davis, Brunswick County Health Officer, materializes this county may have a service that is unique in North Carolina.

That would be a mobile health unit whose purpose would be to carry services into every community of Brunswick County. Dr. Davis said that this plan is used in rural areas of some States, but that he does not know of its use in North Carolina.

The Brunswick County Health Department has no funds with which to provide this service, he explains, but he is on the track of a bargain in surplus equipment which may make it possible to introduce the use of a mobile health unit in this county.

The vehicle which he has in mind was formerly used by the Industrial Health Section, which had recently purchased a new truck. All equipment has been removed, but Dr. Davis says that the chassis and body appear to have a lot of good use left; and the motor is in pretty good condition. The body has plenty of head room, and would provide ample space for a traveling clinic which can carry many of the normal public health services into communities far removed from the present appointments at Southport and Shallotte.

(Continued On Page Two)

Thousands Of Acres Of Timberland Scorched By Fire That Started Week Ago In Columbus County Near Crusee Island

OTHER FIRES HAVE MENACED COUNTY

Foresters Rate This The Most Destructive Blaze Of Recent Years With No Accurate Estimate Of Loss Made

One of the worst forest fires in the history of Brunswick county was still burning today after a full week of fire-fighting by the combined forces of the Brunswick County, Columbus County and District Forestry forces.

At press time Assistant District Ranger Floyd Arnold in Whitville said that the prospects for controlling the fire appear to better than they have been at any time since the fire first got out of hand.

Arnold said the fire started last Wednesday near Lake Waccamaw and has now burned from that point in a southeasterly direction to U. S. Highway No. 17.

At Supply this morning it was unofficially reported that the fire had crossed Highway No. 17 and had reached Lockwood Folly River.

Efforts to combat the blaze were complicated by high winds during the past week end and by the necessity of taking men off this job to fight fires that had been reported in other sections of the county.

Estimates of actual losses and placement of the fire line has been hampered both on the ground and from the air by gusty winds of up to 20-30 miles an hour that have whipped smoke and dust over the area.

So far no injuries or destruction of property other than for (Continued On Page Six)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

RESUMES WORK Mrs. Esther Robinson, who has been on leave of absence from the Brunswick County Health Department, will resume her duties on April 4.

IN SWIM PAGEANT Miss Marie Rourke of Shallotte, student at Stuart Hall in Staunton, Va., recently participated in the swimming pageant presented by members of the Nevied Club. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. H. Rourke, and her parents were present for this event.

SEEKING THE BIRDS Mrs. Cecil Applebury of Wilmington and her fellow bird lovers, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McDewar, of Montreal, Canada, were here Friday studying the birds in Brunswick county.

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 31	
1:58 A. M.	8:21 A. M.
2:36 P. M.	8:37 P. M.
Friday, April 1	
3:02 A. M.	9:25 A. M.
3:40 P. M.	9:43 P. M.
Saturday, April 2	
4:05 A. M.	10:22 A. M.
4:38 P. M.	10:44 P. M.
Sunday, April 3	
5:01 A. M.	11:13 A. M.
5:33 P. M.	11:37 P. M.
Monday, April 4	
5:52 A. M.	12:00 A. M.
6:22 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Tuesday, April 5	
6:37 A. M.	0:26 A. M.
7:06 P. M.	12:43 P. M.
Wednesday, April 6	
7:19 A. M.	1:11 A. M.
7:46 P. M.	1:22 P. M.

Official Name For Terminals Is Sunny Point

Letter Of Direction To Southport Postmaster Indicates Use Of Wilmington In Title Will Be Dropped

By W. B. KEZIAH

There is no reference to Wilmington or Outloading in the designation by which the government terminals at Sunny Point will be known when the Army takes charge Friday of this week.

The definite designation was made plain in a letter written on March 24 by Capt. Clifton V. Lanier, assistant Adjutant General in the Transportation Corps, to the post office officials at Southport. A copy of this letter was also sent to Colonel Raymond L. Hill, Corps of Army Engineers, Wilmington District.

The official name is Sunny Point Ammunition Loading Terminal, or that will be the name when the Transportation Corps takes over day after tomorrow. In addition to giving the official designation of the installation the letter also indicates that all official and personal mail intended for Sunny Point will be delivered from the Southport office.

The full letter from Captain Lanier to the postmaster here is being reproduced below as a matter of general information: "This is to advise that the Sunny Point Ammunition Loading Terminal will be activated effective April 1, 1955 and that a temporary headquarters for the terminal will be established on that date in the Garrison House, Fort Johnston. The activation order for the terminal will designate it as above, rather than as the Wilmington Ammunition Loading Terminal." (Continued On Page Two)

Senator Reports On Tax Matters

Senator Ray H. Walton Reports Increase In Anticipated Revenue For Next Two Years Has Helped Situation

LISTS SOURCES FOR RAISING MONEY

Brunswick County Man Solicits Advice Of Citizens In Matter Of Deciding On New Taxes

By RAY H. WALTON

As a member of the Joint Finance Committee of your State Legislature charged with the responsibility of raising the revenue with which to continue the services that the State is now giving its citizens, I would like to take this means of reporting to the people the present status of our deliberation.

As you have heard our Governor say on various broadcasts, it is necessary this year to raise a substantial amount of additional revenue if we are to keep up with our expanding public education program. By expanding education I do not mean increasing the educational opportunities that now exist, but merely to keep up with the additional enrollment that we have at the present time flooding our schools. This increase of enrollment has been caused chiefly by two factors: 1—The vast increase in birth rates since World War II, and 2—The fact that in recent years our people have become more education-conscious and are continuing in school. Only a few years ago a majority of students who entered the first grade would quit

(Continued On Page Two)

Reports Snow In County Monday

J. G. Parker, News and Observer carrier who makes daily trips from Whiteville to Southport, arriving about 7 a. m., reported Monday morning that snow was falling as he came through Holden Beach and from there all the way to Supply. It was soft and melted as quickly as it fell. Nevertheless it was snow. No reports have been had regarding any snow fall in other sections of the county.

Ports Authority Invited Here

Representative Kirby Sullivan Suggests That Move May Be Made To Southport If The Headquarters Leave Wilmington

Representative Kirby Sullivan has invited Edwin Pate, chairman of the State Ports Authority, to consider the possibility of locating the headquarters of that organization at Southport in the event that it is moved from Wilmington.

His letter said: "Such action would be in keeping with the express intent of the act creating the State Ports Authority and which stated that port facilities should be established at Southport." (Continued On Page Two)

W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

This past week we had had some not-to-be-ignored personal invitations to attend the Azalea Festival at Wilmington this week. Following up on that Hugh Merton sent us an honorary guest card, press ribbon, etc. With all such inducements and the knowledge that the festival is much the biggest yearly event in North Carolina, we guess we will be going. Everybody will.

About two months ago Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Hedgepeth of Lumberton were at Long Beach. They saw only two houses in the process of construction on the beach

(Continued on page four)