

Training School Band



PERFORM—The Brunswick County Training School band, under the direction of S. S. Riggs, is shown as it played at the regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club Thursday. The night before these boys and girls played for a concert in their school auditorium. It is a versatile group that has made unusual progress during the short time since its organization in the fall of 1954.—(Art Newton Photo.)

Committees Make Plans For Show Here On May 13th

Annual Flower Show Will Be Jointly Sponsored By Garden Club, Live Oak Garden Club And Woman's Club

THREE LADIES
JOINT CHAIRMAN

Entries Solicited From Residents Of Every Section Of Brunswick County; Two Classifications

A May Day theme will be carried out in the annual Flower Show which will be presented by the Southport Garden Club, the Live Oak Garden Club and the Southport Woman's Club on Friday, May 13. The show will be held in the Lion's Club building on the garrison and will be open to the public from 4 in the afternoon until 8:30 that night.

Women all over the county are urged to enter flowers in the show. There will be two general classifications, specimen blooms and artistic arrangements, so there will be a place for everyone's flowers. Those who are entering exhibits are urged to get them in by noon as the doors will definitely close by 1 o'clock.

Mrs. J. A. Gilbert is chairman from the Southport Garden Club, Mrs. R. A. Jones is chairman from the Live Oak Garden Club and Mrs. Bryant Potter is chairman from the Southport Woman's Club. These three will have joint responsibility of the show as general chairmen.

Mrs. L. J. Hardee and Mrs. Dallas Pigott are chairmen of the staging committee, composed of Mrs. P. O. Leggett, Mrs. Dorothy Nichols, Mrs. Fred Willing, Mrs. Alex Fox, Mrs. A. D. Harrelson, Mrs. E. C. Blake, Mrs. R. L. Jones, Mrs. E. J. Prevatte and Mrs. F. M. Burdette.

Mrs. F. M. Burdette is chairman of the schedule committee composed of Mrs. J. A. Gilbert, Mrs. H. T. Sanders, Mrs. Alex Fox and Mrs. Bryant Potter. Mrs. H. T. St. George is chairman of the placement committee and entries. Publicity and posters are (Continued on page four)

Named Dean



DR. WALTER HARRELSON, native of Brunswick county and professor of religion at Andover-Newton in Boston, Mass., has been named Dean of the School of Religion at the University of Chicago. Dr. Harrelson is the son of the late Sheriff and Mrs. I. D. Harrelson.

Citizens Hear Explanation Of Manager Plans

Leigh Wilson Of League Of Municipalities Was Speaker At Mass Meeting Here Thursday Night

"The main purpose of the City Manager Plan of Government is to provide in city government some of the methods that business has employed over the years," declared Leigh H. Wilson Thursday night as he explained some of the principals of this plan to a meeting of Southport citizens. He is a representative of the North Carolina League of Municipalities, and during his talk he made no attempt to either sell the voters on the plan nor to discourage their enthusiasm for its adoption.

Wilson said that the chief purpose of the City Manager Plan is to provide a chief administrator, try to establish definite line of authority, separate policy making from administrative work.

The speaker explained that under the City Manager Plan there are three chief heads of local government. The first is the city council, whose duty it is to set policies for the city administration, adopt a budget and set a tax rate. The city manager is responsible to this group, and they have full authority to fire him.

The second is the mayor, who is the leader, or head, of city government. He presides at all council meetings and at ceremonial functions, but has fewer administrative duties to perform.

The City Manager proposes the budget and confers with the council about its various items. He is charged with enforcement of the laws, not as a police officer, but with responsibility to see to it that laws and ordinances are enforced. It is his duty to hire and fire department heads. He must perform other duties which may be assigned by the city council, and he can be of greatest value when he tries to coordinate the varied functions of the city administration.

Among the advantages of the City Manager Plan as explained by Wilson is the ability to ef-

Information On Garrison History

Site Acquired By Federal Government In 1782 By Grant From North Carolina; Title Later Protested

The story in The Pilot last week, anent the raising of the U. S. Flag and the Flag of the Transportation Corps on the Fort Johnston Building, led Lt. Col. Gregg McLeod of SPAALT to go to the records.

There he dug up the following information regarding the tract of land and the Garrison Building. The Fort Johnston (Johnston) Reservation was originally acquired by the Federal Government in 1782 by grant from the State of North Carolina, for use as a military post. The grant expressly stipulated that fortifications should be erected thereon and kept forever for public use. The condition was not adhered to, and the site, during the course of time, was abandoned as a military post. In 1900, the City of Southport and others entered suits in the local courts to recover possession of the premises, claiming that the Federal Government had forfeited its title. A year later the suits were settled by compromise, the Government paying \$2,000 to perfect title of the land. Of that sum of money, \$1,000 was paid to the City of Southport, \$300 to the University of North Carolina, and \$700 to William

Weeks and wife, Mary Louise Weeks. Payment was made from the appropriation for improving Cape Fear River, at and below Wilmington. Quick-claim deed from William Weeks and wife, Mary Louise Weeks; the City of Southport, and the University of North Carolina, covering the reservation and dated 10 July, 1901, 23 July, 1901, and 26 July, 1901, respectively, are recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds, City of Southport, County of Brunswick, State of North Carolina, Book SS, 19 Nov. 1901, page 06; and 20 Nov. 1901, page 98 and 101. The area comprises approximately 6 acres.

The forgoing quit-claim deeds included the brick garrison house erected in 1748 as quarters for the militia.

Other items of historical importance on the reservation are: a. A memorial shell stone boulder, with tablet, approximately 5 feet cube in dimensions, commemorating the first resistance, in 1766, by the citizens of that locality, against the British Government. The Society of Colonial Dames of America was granted permission to establish (Continued On Page Four)

Fund Drive For Red Cross Will End This Week

The Rev. L. D. Hayman, Chairman Of Fund Drive For Brunswick County, Says Preliminary Reports Encouraging

FINAL RETURNS IN TWO MORE WEEKS

Chairman Expresses Appreciation For Cooperation Received In All Communities

The Red Cross Fund Campaign comes to a close this week in Brunswick county and the Rev. L. D. Hayman, who has directed the drive this year, is optimistic over prospects for a successful report.

He stated yesterday that only a few preliminary returns are in and that he is therefore unable to give any clear idea of the amount that has been raised. However, he makes no secret of the fact that he is well pleased with these scattered reports, and he will be able to give a full account of the fund raising effort in another two weeks.

Brunswick is a large county, and in order to conduct a thorough campaign, it was first necessary for the chairman to perfect a county-wide organization. This he did by enlisting the aid of public spirited citizens in the various communities. These include the following:

L. C. Babson, Freeland, Cleon Evans, Ash; Mrs. Edward Wessell, Leland-Woodburn; Mrs. E. G. Goodman, Town Creek; Mrs. Early Danford, Bolivia; Mrs. Irma Holden, Supply; Mrs. J. T. Ramser, Pleasant Oaks-Orton; the Rev. F. W. Naylor, Mill Creek; G. C. McKeithan, Shallotte-Grisettown; Mrs. Lottie Chadwick, Village Point; Mrs. Joyce Long, Hickman's Crossroads; Mrs. E. (Continued On Page Four)

Commissioners Draw Jurors For May Court Term

Session Will Be For Trial Of Criminal Cases And Convened On Monday, May 6

Judge J. Paul Frizzelle of Snow Hill will preside over the May term of Brunswick county Superior court which convenes here on Monday, May 16. This court session will be for trial of criminal cases.

The board of county commissioners last week drew a jury list which is as follows: John Delmas Hewett, Corbett Varnum, Chancey Reaves, Elmer High, Frederick E. Gore, Ellis Benton, Bedford Ludlum, Supply; R. V. Williams, Hadley Watson, D. L. Ganey, G. H. Lanier, Leland; S. A. Potter, H. M. Potter, G. R. Hickman, Winnabow; Sam J. Frink, James Earl Stone, L. L. Thomas, Glenn N. Williamson, Guy Culpepper, A. Earl Milliken, J. M. Bennett, Willie Boyd, Curtis J. Hewett, A. B. Willis, Jr., W. H. Caison, Shallotte; E. B. Tomlinson, J. I. Davis, L. B. Bennett, John R. Potter, Orville Willis, Southport, J. Dallas McKeithan, V. B. King, Freeland; R. B. Lewis, Bolivia.

Introduces Bill For Incorporation

Representative Kirby Sullivan Introduces Bill Providing Operation Of Municipal Government At Long Beach

BILL IS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

Bill Would Provide For Immediate Action And Six Commissioners Are Named In Act

Representative Kirby Sullivan introduced a bill in the House of Representatives yesterday providing for the incorporation of the Town of Long Beach and naming six members of the first governing body.

The bill was referred to the committees on county, cities and towns.

Those proposed for town commissioners are: J. A. Woltz, C. C. Carr, L. P. McLendon, Jr., John R. Barnes, E. F. Middleton and E. M. Underwood, Jr. These appointees shall name one of their number to serve as mayor.

The bill as introduced by Sullivan will take in all of the property from the first development on Long Beach westward to Lockwoods Folly inlet.

The bill not only provides for appointment of the first group of commissioners, but also makes provision for giving property owners an opportunity to vote on officials to take office in 1957. The act provides for commissioners to be elected for a term of 4 years, with their terms of office to be staggered. The mayor would be elected from the membership of the governing board every two years.

While there appears to be a strong sentiment in favor of the bill for incorporation, there has been some opposition. Those who are against it will have an opportunity to present their side in committee hearings.

Short Session Of County Court

Weekly Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Devoted Chiefly To Traffic Cases

Traffic cases once more took up the greater part of the time in the weekly session of Brunswick county Recorder's court here Monday, although it was a comparatively brief session. The following judgements were handed down:

James Adams Wooten, Jr., operating after suspension of license, not proscribed with leave because of extenuating circumstances.

Clifton Bowman Bannerman, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs, costs remitted because of mitigating circumstances.

Dolly Mosely, no operators license, fined \$25 and costs.

Benjamin Thomas, allowing unlicensed person to operate, costs.

Rodney Grey, reckless driving on school grounds, not proscribed.

Arthur Daryl, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs.

Samuel Abraham Friedman, speeding, not guilty.

Joe David Levine, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs.

Senator Walton Works On Bill

Ray H. Walton, Brunswick county Senator, remained in Raleigh over the past week end to serve as a member of the drafting committee of the joint finance committee.

It was the assignment of him and his colleagues to get the proposals of the full joint sub-committee in a form suitable for presentation to the entire committees as the finance bill.

The contents of the bill are not necessarily the sentiments of the members of the drafting committee, since it was their duty to embody the findings of the joint sub-committee group. This work probably will be presented today or tomorrow, and when the controversial items have been fully discussed, the finance bill — probably with numerous amendments—will be passed and adjournment of the legislature will soon follow.

Serving with Walton on the drafting committee were Senator William Medford, Haywood; Representative Reid Thompson, Chatham; Representative William F. Womble, Forsythe; and Representative Ed O'Herron, Mecklenburg.

Wind And Blues Have Conflict

Prospects For Unusually Good April Blue-Fishing Sustained Setback With Spell Of Windy Weather Starting Sunday

Just when sport fishing off the Brunswick county coast was ready to move ahead in high gear a three-day blow set in Saturday and caused all boats to cancel their Sunday and Monday trips. One party tried it Tuesday, but found the water stirred up and fishing poor.

Although it was beginning to get a little rough Saturday afternoon, several of the local boats came in with fine catches of bluefish, many of which were large.

Among them were the Botfly of Capt. Leon McKeithan. His party included Morton Church and Dr. Motley and son of Charlotte. They had around 100 bluefish.

Hugh Randolph and party of Hendersonville were out with Capt. Fred Fulford aboard the Davis Brothers and brought in 155 bluefish.

Capt. Charlie Swan and son, Law, had some friends out aboard the Marie-Rose, and they caught better than 100 fish.

There were no statistics available from other parties, but there were hundreds of bluefish brought in that day.

All boats were held in Sunday by high winds, but there was ample indication that the spring appearance of bluefish at Southport is attracting widespread attention.

Every one of the 16 charter boats at Southport that are now ready had a party here and ready to go and two boats down (Continued on Page 4)

Sexton Leaving Brunswick Job

Superintendent Of Public Welfare Resigns To Accept Similar Employment In Onslow County

Miss Dorothy Swain, secretary to the Board of Welfare has been appointed acting Superintendent of Welfare to serve until a qualified successor can be secured for Edward Sexton, who resigned several weeks ago.

Sexton, who has served for almost five years, resigned to accept a like post in Onslow county at a considerable increase in salary. His resignation here becomes effective the end of this month.

The job here is one that requires a trained man, experienced in welfare work. The board has been trying to secure a qualified replacement and has met with no success thus far. Miss Swain has had several years experience in the welfare office and is conversant with the duties.

It is understood that Friday is the last day here for Sexton.



Our ROVING Reporter

Harris Nelson, of the Marshall Field mills at Leaksville-Spray, came down with some helpers for the week end, the object being to clean-up and paint up the Nelson cottage at Caswell Beach preparatory to Mrs. Nelson's coming down along in May. Saturday night Mr. Nelson confided to us that he is in a peck of trouble.

There is a skunk under his house at the beach and he was at a loss how to get him out and subsequently deodorize the premises before his Missus gets here. We were at a loss how to advise him, but suggested he shoot the skunk, being careful to beat him to the draw.

"Not many." This is the invariable answer to all inquiries as to whether herrings are being

caught in Town Creek this spring. The fish just are not there in numbers they use to be. Old residents of the community give but one explanation. Some years ago during dredging operations on the Cape Fear river into which Town Creek empties, a dredge pumped disposal to points near the mouth of the creek. This disposal shifted until it practically closed the mouth of the stream. There is now but a few inches of water at the mouth of the creek at low tide and each year the fish have been going over in less and less numbers to spawn. It is predicted that in a few years there will be no herring in Town Creek in the spring unless means are found to remove the obstruction from the

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City Election Is Slated Tuesday

Suspicious Driver Takes To Marsh

After getting a Dodge and 85 half-gallon jars of bootleg Saturday morning in the Northwest section of Brunswick, Corporal O. H. Lynch was out again the same afternoon.

On the causeway between the Brunswick River and Wilmington he encountered a car that looked suspicious. When he stopped it the driver, a negro whom he recognized, jumped out and took off through the muddy marsh, splashing like an alligator. Knowing the man and feeling he would get him in due time, Lynch did not elect to do any wading and swimming of his own.

Investigating the car the officer found four and one-half cases of whiskey that he impounded along with the car.

First Treatment For 693 Children

Two Southport Physicians Cooperate In Program To Immunize First And Second Graders Against Polio

A total of 693 children in the first and second grades were inoculated by Brunswick County Health Department personnel last week under the direction of Dr. Fred M. Burdette and Dr. Landis G. Brown.

The Health Department wishes to thank those who participated in this important program. These include: Miss Ann Lamb, nursing consultant, and Miss Joann Longacre of the State Board of Health, Mrs. Marie Brown, from Doshier Memorial Hospital; Mrs. Betty Leggett, Mrs. H. T. St. George, Mrs. Dallas Pigott, and Davis Herring, local volunteers.

Miss Gertrude Loughlin, Supervisor for elementary schools of Brunswick County made it possible (Continued on Page 4)

Menhaden Boats Make First Trip

Small Catches Made Yesterday By Two Boats; More Vessels Out Again Today

The 1955 commercial fishing season was launched Tuesday when the two big boats of the Southport Fisheries went out and each brought in a small catch of menhaden. They made no attempt to make a day of it as the trip was mostly to see what was there.

Both boats are out again today and also joining them are two of the boats of the Brunswick (Continued on Page Four)

Voters Will Elect Mayor And Six Members Of Board Of Aldermen For Next Two Years

CITY MANAGER PLAN WILL BE VOTED ON

Gilbert Being Opposed By Roy Robinson For Mayor; Contest For Alderman In Third Ward

Southport citizens go to the polls Tuesday to elect a mayor and six members of the board of aldermen to serve during the next two years; and to vote on the question of whether to adopt the City Manager Plan of city government.

In the race for mayor Roy Robinson, retired Coast Guard officer, is running against Mayor J. A. Gilbert. The latter is rounding out his first term as elected head of the city government, although he had served prior to his election in filling out the unexpired term of the late H. W. Hood.

In the first ward there is no contest, with Harold Aldridge, a member of the present board, seeking re-election and the other candidate being Charlie Aldridge. W. P. Jorgensen did not seek re-election.

In the second ward G. C. Kilpatrick and Ormand Leggett are the candidates. Neither D. C. Herring nor Willie McDowell were candidates to succeed themselves.

There is a contest for the two places on the board in the third ward. G. E. Hubbard, member of the present board, is a candidate for re-election. New men seeking a place on the governing board are Ernest Parker, Jr., (Continued on Page Four)

Expect Dredge Here May 15th

Information Indicates This As Probable Date For Norfolk Dredging Company Vessel To Work Yacht Basin

Information this week from the Engineers office was of the effect that the Norfolk Dredging Company is expected to get to work on the intracoastal waterway at New River some time this week. The job there will require about ten days to complete.

Finishing there, the boat will come on down the waterway with one or two other small jobs on the waterway to complete before arriving at Southport.

Arriving here, it will spend about a week dredging out the boat basin, going on down from here to Little River and doing various small jobs along the way.

The expectations are that the dredge will be here and on the basin job about May 15.

Bethel Baptists Plan Building

Congregation Of Church Near Southport Working On Plans For Building New \$40,000 Structure

Their present building being too small and needing repairs, the congregation of Bethel Baptist church three miles from Southport, has been laying plans for a new church building and in a new location.

Officials of the church say they will erect a new \$40,000 brick structure, construction to begin some time this year. The location they have acquired is some 400-feet west of the Sawdust Trail Filling Station on Route 130, being just south of this road.

It is said that no definite plans have been made regarding the old church building. It may be allowed to remain where it is for the present. The cemetery at Bethel will be maintained where it is and the new church will continue to use the name of Bethel.

One claimed advantage of building in the new location is the fact that it will be much more accessible to the public. Close to a busy highway and in a growing community, it is expected that the membership will materially increase. Many of the present members now reside in Southport.

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, April 28.	
0:38 A. M.	6:59 A. M.
1:18 P. M.	7:14 P. M.
Friday, April 29.	
1:28 A. M.	7:59 A. M.
2:20 P. M.	8:20 P. M.
Saturday, April 30.	
2:38 A. M.	8:58 A. M.
3:20 P. M.	9:24 P. M.
Sunday, May 1.	
3:36 A. M.	9:52 A. M.
4:17 P. M.	10:22 P. M.
Monday, May 2.	
4:30 A. M.	10:41 A. M.
5:07 P. M.	11:14 P. M.
Tuesday, May 3.	
5:19 A. M.	11:27 A. M.
5:54 P. M.	12:02 P. M.
Wednesday, May 4.	
6:04 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:37 P. M.	12:10 P. M.