

## New REA Building



MODERN IN DESIGN, and designed for functional efficiency, is the Brunswick Electric Cooperative's branch office in Whiteville. The Co-op only last week occupied the \$65,000 plant, and is open now for business there. It is located at 307 South Lee Street.

## REA Completes New Building In Whiteville

New Headquarters For Columbus County Patrons Of Rural Electrification Co-Op Completed

The Columbus county office of the Brunswick Electric Cooperative is at home in its new Lee Street building in Whiteville.

The long-awaited move of the branch office of the electric co-op office into its \$65,000 building and site was accomplished Wednesday, according to E. D. Bishop, general manager of the two-county rural electrification operation.

Plans for an open house haven't been completed yet, Bishop said, but they will be announced later.

Planned Before 1951  
Completion of the modern brick and steel building, and its occupancy, brings to life a plan for such a location laid out even before the cooperative opened its Whiteville office. It will provide a base of operation and headquarters for the 4,500 rural electrification members in Columbus county.

The new building, which will be utilized by forces under John C. Anderson, branch manager, contains office space for the branch manager, cashier, general office space, a lobby and demonstration kitchen, three-truck garage with loading ramp and equipment storage space.

An innovation of the building is the "heat pump," a device tied in with a 135-foot well which will use temperature of the water to provide heat in the cold months and cooled air in the hot months. The year-round air conditioning system operates (Continued on Page Four)

## Weather Is Good, Fishing Is Better

Sportsmen Got A Break From The Weather During Past Week-End With Some Unusually Good Catches Resulting

SOUTHPORT FULL OF FISHERMEN

Boats Able To Go Out Every Day During Past Week And All Parties Report Satisfactory Catches

This was the week end when the weather gave the fishermen a break, with the result that Southport was full of sports fishing parties and there were plenty of fish to send them all home happy.

Catches were good all last week, but no attempt was made to keep a complete record of results before Friday.

One very pleased party aboard the Miss Margaret III, Captain Leo Dowling, this past week, included Col. and Mrs. William McAleer, George F. Holder of the Small Business Administration, Miss Eva Neil Thomason of the Red Cross and Attorney J. C. Bowman. Their catch, which consisted mostly of king mackerel and Spanish mackerel, weighed 139 pounds when dressed. Members of the party credit Mrs. McAleer with catching most of the king mackerel.

On Friday E. L. Nichols and party landed 41 king mackerel, four amberjack and four bonita fishing off the Idle On 2nd, skippered by Basil Watts.

Thirty-three king mackerel, four bonita, and two amberjack were caught by Ed Kennedy and party from Myrtle Beach aboard the Idle On, III, captained by Hoyte Doshier.

On Saturday the John Ellan, captained by Walter Lewis, with the Frank Owens party aboard (Continued on Page Two)

## School Closing Friday Evening

Senator Ray Walton To Deliver Commencement Sermon To Southport Senior Class At Graduation

The final program for the 1955 commencement exercises at Southport High School will occur Friday night at 8 o'clock when Senator Ray Walton will make the graduating address before the senior class. The first feature of the commencement program was the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning.

The program for the baccalaureate service included Prelude, Mrs. James M. Harper, pianist; processional, "God Of Our Father," members of senior class; invocation, Rev. R. H. Jordan; doxology, congregation; holy scripture and prayer, Rev. R. H. Jordan; "The Holy City"; church choir; sermon, Rev. J. E. MacLeod; "Holy, Holy, Holy"; congregation; benediction, Rev. R. H. Jordan; recessional, "God Of Our Fathers" members of the senior class.

Following is the program for the graduation exercises Friday evening at 8 o'clock: Prelude, Mrs. Dallas Pigott; processional, "Camp and Circumstance"; Senior Class; invocation, Rev. R. H. Jordan; welcome address, Frank Watts, salutatorian; "America The Beautiful"; in union; introduction of speaker, H. T. Sanders; address, Senator Ray H. Walton; presentation of awards and (Continued on Page Two)

## Several Phases Of Work Nearing Completion Now

Both Railroad Construction And Work On Dock Reach Final Stage Of Sunny Point Project

ALL CONTRACTORS ARE STILL BUSY

Several Are In Midst Of Their Contracts, While Others Are Winding Up Loss Ends Of Operation

With its working area narrowed down to finishing touches here and there about the huge yard it has been building, the T. E. Scholes, Inc., said to be the second largest railroad building company in the United States, is moving some of its equipment and sending some of its men here and to other jobs. For a 3-mile new railroad job and some rebuilding at St. Mary's, S. C., a small amount of equipment left Monday. Other equipment has gone to New Jersey for a job there. Considerable machinery will be here for some time to come.

The Diamond Construction Company of Savannah, Ga., with its eight million dollar dock construction job here also getting into the completion stage, is sending some of its equipment and men to a big Rappahannock River bridge building job in Virginia. A lot of equipment and workers will remain here on the job until late summer.

The Hertford-Cecil company, still working away on unfinished ends of its job in connection with Scholes, Inc., will be here for some weeks to come. Unexpected (Continued on page four)

## Forty-Three Will Receive Diplomas

Graduation Exercises Friday Night At Shallotte High School; Baccalaureate Sermon Held Sunday

Forty-three members of the senior class of the Shallotte High School will be graduated on Friday.

The 1955 Commencement of Shallotte High School began Sunday with the baccalaureate service in the school auditorium at 11 a. m.

The program was: Processional, "God Of Our Fathers," Warren; hymn, "Lead On, O King Eternal"; invocation by Rev. J. T. Fisher; Gloria Patri, congregation; Scripture, I Corinthians 13, Rev. Charles W. Worth; "Choirs of Angels Praise Thee"; and "Lift Thine Eyes", sextet; introduction of speaker, Rev. Lawrence Bridges; sermon: "The Greatest Of These", Rev. Charles W. Worth, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville; benediction, Rev. J. T. Fisher; recessional Pomp and Circumstance.

Graduation exercises will take place in the high school auditorium Friday night.

The program for these exercises is as follows: Processional, Largo, Handel, song: "America, The Beautiful"; invocation by Rev. J. T. Fisher; salutation, Pauline Holden; "Battle Hymn of Republic"; glee club; "Without A Song"; glee club; presentation of (Continued on Page Two)

No session of Recorder's Court held last week with result that this week's docket was lengthy

No session of Brunswick county Recorder's court was held last week since Superior court was in session, and Monday a back-log of cases greeted Judge Earl Bellamy and other court officials. The following cases were settled:

Clara Miller, trespass, larceny, using profane language, nol pro.

Joe Larry Rhodes, drunk and disorderly, fined \$10 and costs.

Jessie O. Simmons, 15 cases charged with failure to display Board of Health Sanitary cards, defendant asked for jury trial and all cases sent to Superior court. Bond set at \$1,500.

Andre Charles Lacroix, speeding (65 mph) fined \$10 and costs.

Joe Larry Rhodes, breaking entering with intent to rape. Nol pro on recommendation of Sheriff Gray, Deputy Perry and Solicitor Bowman.

Delmas Eugene Bradshaw, speeding (70 mph) fined \$15 and costs.

James Darcy Parker, reckless operation, possession, fined \$15 and costs on reckless operation charge, not guilty as to possession.

Davis Simmons, cruelty to animals, asked for jury trial, bond set at \$300.

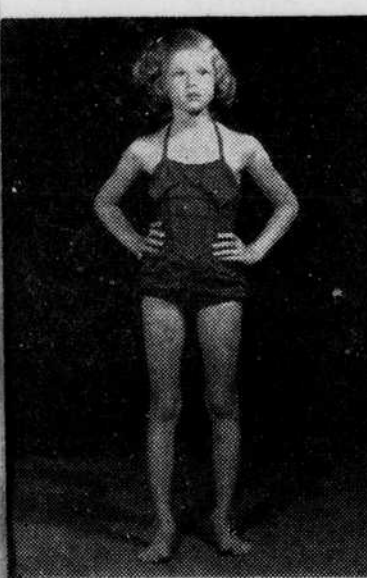
James Edward Rogers, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs.

Clyde Milligan, drunk driving, no operator's license, possession, fined \$100 and costs.

John B. Vereen, failing to give proper signal before passing, fined \$10 and costs.

Terry Hankins Evans, failure to give proper signal before passing, fined \$10 and costs.

## Aqua-Tot



LAURA ANNE GREER

## Whiteville Girl Follows Father As Swim Star

Little Miss Laura Greer Much Like Her Father, Clerk Of Court Lee Greer, In Love For Aquatic Sports

Little Miss Laura Greer, 6-year old daughter of Clerk of Superior Court and Mrs. Lee Greer of Whiteville, is bidding fair to become the future aquatic queen of North Carolina, if not of the country. At present she is training to swim Lake Waccamaw this summer.

According to her mother, she swims every day, summer or winter, and her second best outdoor love is fishing.

She was at Southport with the family over the week end, patiently trying to catch a fish at the city dock. But the fish were just not disposed to bite. Her father is coaching her in fishing, the same as in swimming.

For both jobs he is well qualified. He was coached on the Cape Fear, here and at Wilmington, and on one occasion swam the length of the river between Southport and Wilmington. He is one of the most avid fishermen. After graduating in law and later becoming Clerk of (Continued on Page Two)

## Paving Contract Goes To Grannis

Contractors Of Fayetteville Low Bidders On Project To Build By-Pass Around Sunny Point Reservation

Grannis and Sloan, Inc., of Fayetteville, were low bidders yesterday in Raleigh for the \$2.4 million of grading, paving and structural work of relocating Route 130 from Orton Plantation to Route 87 at a point north of Southport.

The Grannis bid was \$410,766.20, this being about \$50,000 per mile. There is very little in the way of structures in the job, it is understood. It is also understood that the construction will be of the same type as that of the Sunny Point roads, with a crushed rock base.

While this contract was by the State Highway Commission, the U. S. Government is providing (Continued on Page Two)

## Early Indications For Good Fishing

Making Predictions About Menhaden Fishing Risky Business, But Early Signs Are Good

While guesses as to a menhaden fishing season are about as risky as predicting the weather for the day after tomorrow, the old hands at guessing ahead on the fish appear to be confident that this is scheduled to be a good year in the Southport area.

They base their prediction on fish from the fact that they do not appear in quantities each year. The big cycles come at intervals of about 8 or 10 years. Reaching a peak year the catch is smaller and smaller each year until there is a very low production, then things again begin to mount.

Last year the spring fish went chasing up the coast, here today and gone tomorrow. When a big school came along the boats were able to put in two or three days before they were out of range. Then they had to wait more or less patiently until another school came along on its hurried trip up the coast.

Early last week they began to come in, moving very slowly, in fact, making hardly any progress eastward after reaching here. As Captain J. B. Church put it, "they may stay here". Also on the promising side is that other schools will be coming in right along and joining those that are tarrying here. It is certain that there is no hurried migration northward, such as prevailed last season.

Stormy weather should it come, may possibly change the situation. The fish may be spurred on to travel further north, and they may not. One gratifying thing is that those being taken now are large and have much of the oil content that is usually absent in spring fish. They may be just large and fat and lazy, a condition that may rebound sharply in favor of the Southport fishermen this year. Last season the spring fish were small, thin and jittery.

## Red Cross Funds Short Of Goal

Total Of \$1,242.67 Is Reported As Compared To Quota Of \$1,900 Asked Of Brunswick

Poppy Day Set For Saturday

Work of the American Legion Auxiliary for the welfare of children of war veterans draws its major financial support from the coin boxes which the Auxiliary's "poppy girls" will carry on Poppy Day here Saturday.

The Auxiliary Child Welfare Committee must be constantly prepared to go to the aid of unfortunate children of veterans. This is made possible by the understanding and generosity of people who wear the memorial poppies on Poppy Day—to aid the disabled, while honoring the dead.

Mrs. Art Newton is in charge of sales in Southport.

## Bolivia Seeks Local Doctor

Lions Club Assumes Leadership In Seeking To Get Physician To Locate In That Community

The Bolivia Lions Club, according to President Douglas Hawes, is engaged in an all-out effort to have a doctor locate at Bolivia. In this effort they apparently have the strong interest of the Medical Society of the State of North Carolina.

With the community having had to depend on the availability of a doctor from Shallotte or Southport, things have now reached the pass where it is useless to ask, "Is there a doctor in the house?" There is not one available, even when he is sorely needed.

Early last year Dr. Leon Taubenhause of Shallotte left with the purpose of taking a post-graduate specialist course. Soon thereafter Dr. Wingate Swain, also of Shallotte, was called into the armed service. These two departures left only Dr. M. H. Ruark carrying the burden of providing medical attention to several thousand people in that area.

It is not that Dr. Ruark is unwilling, he is simply unable to take care of the medical needs in his own community and serve outside points in addition.

The three doctors at Southport are in much the same fix as at Shallotte. A fast growing population keeps them tied down in their offices for practically every minute when they are not at the hospital devoting their attention to patients there. This pressure at Southport is likely to increase. Southport itself may be on the verge of needing more doctors badly.

Having been informed by the Lions Club of the predicament that the Bolivia folks are in, James T. Barnes, executive secretary of the North Carolina Medical Society, had Mrs. Annette S. Boutwell, the Health Executive Consultant in his office, to come to Bolivia last week to look over (Continued on Page Two)

## Safety Zone At Sunny Point Is No New Change

The Government Decides To Purchase Land That Will Guarantee Adequate Buffer Zone Area For Project

SAFETY HAS BEEN KEYNOTE FROM FIRST

Latest Steps Being Taken With Object Of Making Government Terminals Safe For All Purposes

By W. B. KEZIAH  
The Safety Zone for Sunny Point, a matter that is just now coming to the attention of the public, is nothing new. In involves land in both New Hanover and Brunswick counties and the area lines were laid out four years ago.

It may be recalled that the Real Estate Board of the Army Engineers was instructed to get 20,000 acres. They surveyed and bought up something in excess of 14,000 acres. Part of the remainder was to be included in a safety zone. The aim of all was to make the terminal construction and its operation the ultimate in safety.

That program has been carried out in all construction work. To do the same in operations the same Real Estate Board is getting about the business of acquiring land where there is the remotest possibility of its being a risk for human habitation. They will go about the task following the same procedure used in the acquisition of the main area.

By same procedure it meant that the Real Estate Board of the Army Engineers, a branch of which organization is located in Savannah, Ga., will carefully appraise each tract, examine the tax records, examine and appraise all improvements and then make what they consider a fair offer for the land. In some cases these offers may be followed up by further negotiations, and if all efforts of negotiations fall through they will institute continuation (Continued on Page Two)

## Bolivia Finals Slated Friday

Dr. E. J. Carter Of East Carolina College Will Deliver Commencement Address

Commencement exercises at Bolivia High School will be held Friday evening at 8 o'clock. The address will be delivered by Dr. E. J. Carter, Director of Extension Division at East Carolina College, Greenville, Mr. Fredrick McClure will award the diplomas and present the medals.

The senior class includes: Warren Bullard, Betty Lou Clemmons, Evelyn Clemmons, Raymond Earp, Billie Jean Harvell, Lewis Harvell, Elmore Hooks, Joyce Johnson, Barbara Lesh, James Lewis, Bessie McDowell, Betty McKeithan, Joanna Mintz, John Naylor, Mary Willetts, Henry Johnson, Doris Lee King, Stanley Knowles, Malcolm Knox, Kenneth Kye, Polly Lanier, Bill Lanier A. C. Purvis, Eleanor Rabon, Sophie Ann Johnson, Barbara Ann Rogers, Eppie Lee Sellers, Arthur Skipper.

## Rebuilding At Holden Beach

Present Indications Point To Near-Normal Season At Brunswick County's Oldest Beach Resort

Holden Beach is keeping pace with other Brunswick beach restoration and new buildings and a check Monday revealed that there are 104 units finished or under construction. Of these about 40 units are ready for rentals.

John Holden has almost completed a new pavilion, larger than the old one, but of only one story. A new soda, sandwich and beach accessories shop has been opened and there is a possibility of an ocean fishing pier by this fall.

The State Highway Commission has extended the paved road down the beach for another mile and the volume of visitors has been exceptionally heavy for the month of May. With the showing made this month many of the beach residents sincerely believe that Holden Beach will have just as many or more visitors during June and the rest of the summer as the place had last year. The accommodations in the way of houses for rent are not yet in keeping with what was available last year, but with the steady (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, May 26	
12:00 A. M.	5:40 A. M.
0:00 P. M.	5:53 P. M.
Friday, May 27	
0:18 A. M.	6:35 A. M.
12:59 P. M.	6:53 P. M.
Saturday, May 28	
1:13 A. M.	7:29 A. M.
1:57 P. M.	7:55 P. M.
Sunday, May 29	
2:08 A. M.	8:24 A. M.
2:53 P. M.	8:55 P. M.
Monday, May 30	
3:02 A. M.	9:16 A. M.
3:46 P. M.	9:52 P. M.
Tuesday, May 31	
3:53 A. M.	10:05 A. M.
4:37 P. M.	10:45 P. M.
Wednesday, June 1	
4:43 A. M.	10:52 A. M.
5:24 P. M.	11:34 P. M.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

MEMORIAL SERVICES  
Everyone is invited to participate in Memorial Day services to be held Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the garrison. The Rev. R. H. Jordan will be the principal speaker.

BASEBALL MEETING  
A meeting of the advisory council and coaches for the church league baseball program for Southport this summer will be held Monday night at 7:30 o'clock at the State Port Pilot office.

NEW SCHEDULE  
New office hours at the Leland post office effective June 1 will be: 8 a. m. to 1 p. m.; 3 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.; 11 to 12 on all holidays. This change is necessary due to new train schedules.

NEW AMERICAN  
Mrs. Majorie Reta Holden of Southport a native of Canada, became an American citizen yesterday in a ceremony in Wilmington. Mrs. Holden, the wife of Cam Holden of Southport, has resided here for several years. She is employed at Mack's Cafe.

TO BOYS STATE  
Charlie Splawn, member of the rising senior class at Southport high school, has been named a delegate to Boys State, which is held each year during the month of June at the University of North Carolina. The program lasts for one week, and the local boy is being sponsored by the Southport Post, American Legion.

Our ROVING Reporter

They simply want to go to work and get out on their own sooner than they used to do.

Apparently not entirely trusting Major L. P. McLendon of Greensboro and Charlie Troit of Southport to deliver a plug of Peach and Honey to us, Senator W. Kerr Scott, "Squire of Haw River," tried again this week. This time with two plugs of "Taylor Made." Charles Parker of the State Advertising Division in Raleigh was the messenger entrusted with the delivery. He has executed his commission with entire satisfaction.

A couple of weeks ago this column mentioned that Mrs. Ralph Sellers, a shut-in for seven or eight years and un- (Continued on Page Four)