

## Social Security Payments Total \$18,795 Monthly

About One-Third Of Total Amount Being Paid To Mothers And Children As Survivors Insurance Payments

TOTAL OF 591 PERSONS RECEIVING BENEFITS

Recent Changes In Social Security Regulations Will Help Increase Benefits For Certain Eligibles

Of the \$18,795.00 in monthly social security benefits being paid in Brunswick County at the end of 1954, \$6,135.00, or about 32.1 percent, went to mothers and children, according to N. A. Avera, Social Security Administration district manager in Wilmington, N. C.

Mr. Avera pointed out that payments to mothers and children have special significance to the community as a whole because they help families to stay together after the death of the breadwinner.

In the nation as a whole, 271,536 mothers and 1,160,770 children were receiving social security insurance payments at the end of 1954. Total payments in 1954 were \$133 million to mothers and \$451 million to children.

Under the old-age and survivors insurance program, workers and their employers and self-employed people pay into a fund while they are working, and when earnings stop because of the death of the worker or because he has retired, payments are made from the worker and his dependents or to his survivors.

In all, 591 people in Brunswick County were receiving \$18,795.00 each month in benefits under the old-age and survivors insurance program at the end of the year.

One reason for the increase in payments over 1953 was the passage last September of the 1954 Amendments to the Social Security Act. These amendments increased all benefit payments and made it possible for the first time for survivors of some workers who died after 1939 and before 1950 to qualify for payment.

Beginning in September 1954 the amendments permit the "dropping out" of up to 5 years of lowest earnings in figuring the worker's average monthly wage. This has the effect of increasing the average earnings, from which the monthly payments are figured.

Other improvements in the law made by the 1954 Amendments went into effect in 1955, and therefore are not reflected in the benefit figures for the end of 1954. Among these were the bringing of many more employees and self-employed people under the law and the beginning of the (Continued on page four)

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### NEW PROJECT

The Live Oak Garden Club has adopted the project of planting grass between the sidewalk and the building at Southport high school.

### RECEIVES PH.D.

David L. Stratton of Southport received his degree as doctor of philosophy at the 111th Commencement Exercises at the University of Michigan last week.

### LEAVES FOR ST. MARYS

F. H. (Tommy) Thompson, foreman of Ballasting for the T. F. Scholes, Inc., left Friday for St. Marys, S. C., where he is doing like for the same company. He worked here for something over a year.

### YOUTHFUL ROYALTY

Children over 4 years of age who have not yet reached their sixth birthday will be eligible to compete for King or Queen for the 4th of July dance. Such children may be entered in the contest and voted upon at Watson's Pharmacy.

### YOUNG PERFORMERS

The fashion show held in Southport last week under auspices of the Margaret Parkhill Auxiliary of St. Phillips Episcopal Church, featured singing and dancing numbers by three talented youngsters. These were Susan Harrelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harrelson; Patti Key, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Key; and Miss Susan McKeithan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McKeithan.



INBOUND—Here is the USS Fitch, destroyer aboard which Explorer Scouts from Southport made the trip from Charleston, S. C., to Wilmington last week. This photo was taken by Art Newton as the ship passed through Southport harbor, with Battery Island in the background.

## Sports Fishing Still Good When Weather Permits

Blustery Weather Saturday Interrupted Good Luck With Blues And Mackerel; Good Off-Shore Trips This Week

Saturday's fishing off Southport was lost to the weather man, and Sunday was just about a draw as the charter boat business once more felt the effect of strong winds.

Several of the boats were out Sunday, but only those that were off-shore had any luck. A couple of these had particularly good luck.

One was the Margrace, Captain James Arnold, who had Ken Stuart and party. They brought in 20 king mackerel and several amberjack and bonito.

Capt. Walter Lewis had J. O. Simmons and party of Charlotte on his Sunday trip and they brought in 30 king mackerel, 1 amberjack and 1 dolphin.

Casey Canut headed a Charlotte party that was out on Monday. The catch included 10 king mackerel, 2 amberjack and 1 dolphin. George Hondros of Clinton was out Tuesday and caught 3 king mackerel, plus 400-lbs of seabass.

Capt. Howard Victor had a Wagoner party headed by C. P. Wagoner and J. H. Barrier for the week end. On Friday they had 107 blues and mackerel. The next best day they had while playing tag with the weather was on Monday, when they had 7 king mackerel.

Morton Church and a Charlotte party were out Monday with Capt. Hoyle Doshier aboard the Idle-On III. They had 19 king mackerel, 1 dolphin, 2 large Spanish mackerel and 50-lbs of seabass.

Capt. Hulan Watts had one-half of the W. W. Bonds party of Kannapolis out Tuesday. They had 7 king mackerel and 100-lbs of seabass.

The other members of this party, which included several news boys, were aboard the Idle-On with Capt. Basil Watts. They had 10 king mackerel and 150-lbs of seabass. The day before Dr. Jones and party of Long Beach caught 8 king mackerel, 2 dolphin, 2 amberjack and 75 seabass aboard this same boat.

## Ports Authority Member Visitor

W. Avery Thompson Of Hallsboro Admits His Surprise At Size And Type Of Construction At Sunny Point

Here Thursday on a visit to the Southport Lions Club, W. Avery Thompson of Hallsboro, member of the State Ports Authority, took time off afterwards for a tour over parts of the Sunny Point installation.

Resident Engineer L. P. Thomas of the Corps of Army Engineers joined in the tour after the office at the installation was reached. Thomas, Mayor Roy Robinson, Capt. J. I. Davis and several other Southport men traveled over wharf No. 2; through parts of the railroad yards and highway system and the administration area.

Thompson expressed much interest and surprise, both at the size of the terminals and the evident permanency of all construction. In a statement he said: "These facilities will mean much to the Brunswick area and to the whole area surrounding Brunswick county in fact to the whole state, through its economic effect. I am surprised at the permanency of the construction and I believe Sunny Point will help all Southeastern North Carolina (Continued On Page Four)

## Two Dances Are Slated On Fourth

Street Dance Planned In Southport Saturday Night, July 2, With Music By Leland String Band

FIREWORKS AND PARADE CANCELED

Contest For Queen And Princess Continues With Winners To Be Crowned At Dance On Monday Night At USO

First feature of the Fourth of July celebration here this year will be a street dance Saturday night in the downtown section of Southport. This dance will feature the music of the Ganey boys from Leland and will be sponsored by the Southport home demonstration club.

The next important feature will be the dance Monday night at the Community Building, with music by the Bill Elliott orchestra from Wilmington. This is the same organization that played for the Southport high school junior-senior banquet this year where they made a big hit with the young set.

Because of complications which have developed, there will be no parade nor formal speaking program this year.

Meanwhile, the contest to select the queen, princess and the tumbler attendants for the Fourth of July Ball is proceeding at a merry clip, with an encouraging show of interest. Voting boxes are available at several of the Southport stores, and the contest will continue throughout this month.

## Busy Session Of Court Held

Large Docket Monday Consisted Chiefly Of Cases Growing Out Of Traffic Violations

A variety of cases, most of them growing out of traffic violations, were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge Earl Bellamy. The following judgments were handed down: D. F. Watts, drunk and disorderly, fined \$10 and costs. Fletcher Edward Beard, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Eugene Washington, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Fred Wilson Robinson, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. George Sydney Dellinger, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Joel Blake Barefoot, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Mack Jacob Hewett, speeding, prayer for judgment continued.

Roland Johnson, speeding (55-mph in truck) fined \$10 and costs. Carl Aubrey Johnston, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Jewell Inman White, expired operator's license, taxed with costs.

Gordon Wayne Pallitt, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs. Donald Lee Hassell, drunk driving, not guilty.

Herbert Megraw Swope, public drunkenness, not guilty. John William Dryden, public drunkenness, not guilty.

O. J. Marlowe, Ernie Marlowe, Mary Marlowe, Ralph L. Mitchell, assault with deadly weapon, all defendants ask for jury trial.

Robert Stanley Sleser, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Samuel Moseley Davis, Jr., speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs.

George Garner, non-support, ordered that defendant pay \$20 per month to the support of his minor child.

Paul Joseph Annis, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs. (Continued On Page 4)

## Four Rescued After Capsizing

A rowboat capsized in the Cape Fear river channel at Southport Friday afternoon, and a tragedy was averted by the prompt notification of the Coast Guard by Sgt. Fred Hoskinson, who saw the accident from the Garrison.

The Trawler Penny rushed to the rescue of the two men and two boys who were in the water, and they were brought ashore soaking wet and badly frightened, but otherwise none the worse for their experience.

The accident occurred when two visitors from upstate engaged two local boys, Charles Trott and Charles Harrison, to go with them to Battery Island. The small boat in which they were making the passage across the rough channel did not have sufficient free board and the sinking resulted. The boat was picked up by the Coast Guard, but an outboard motor belonging to young Trott was lost.

## Weather Helps Crowd At Beach

Indications Now Point To Typical Summer Weather For Coming Week-End, With Large Crowds Predicted

Should the present spell of warm weather hold out both Long Beach and Yaupon Beach are expected one of the biggest week ends in the history of either place. Warm weather invariably results in drawing crowds to the beaches. This fact, combined with a big wave of public interest in the Brunswick beaches, sport fishing at Southport and general interest in the area is pointing to a record-breaking throng.

Visitors who have not been there recently will find that the reconstruction of homes and the building of new ones has been proceeding at an astonishing rate and that there is much to attract their interest and please them. The fishing pier into the ocean at Yaupon Beach will be a mat- (Continued On Page Two)

## Invitation To Visit Spaalt Attracts Many

This Was Part Of 180th Anniversary Observance By U. S. Army Corps Of Engineers Thursday

SERVICE AWARDS FOR EMPLOYEES

Formal Program Conducted Thursday Morning In Wilmington Before Spending Part Of Day At Sunny Point

Between four and five hundred interested people, mostly from Brunswick and New Hanover counties, toured the SPAALT area Thursday afternoon, courtesy of the Army Engineers who were partially off duty in commemoration of their 180th birthday.

It was difficult to get a good estimate of all of the visitors who came and went. Seven men from the Resident Engineers office at Sunny Point served as guides for those who wished them. This group was assisted by 3 more from the District Office in Wilmington. Some of the guides had as many as 15 cars following them on some of the trips. At other times they would have only two or three cars in tow.

In addition to local people who knew the way about the installation, the following men were among the official guides: From the Engineers Corps: L. P. Thomas, resident engineer; James Wallace, chief inspector; Bob Harborough, Gene Tomlinson, and others.

During a program given in the Federal court room in Wilmington during the morning, Col. Raymond L. Hill of the Corps of Engineers presented pins to various employees in token of the number of years they have spent in the service. Preceding this presentation, Dr. B. Frank Hall made the principal address.

Pins awarded were as follows: 30-year service, Hamilton E. (Continued On Page Two)

## Shallotte Man Buried Monday

William Bert Williams Laid To Rest In Gurganous Cemetery; Was Employee Of Engineer Department

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon for William Bert Williams of Shallotte Village Point, who died at his home Saturday morning. The services were in charge of Rev. J. T. Fisher, pastor of Village Point Methodist Church. Burial was in the Gurganous Cemetery.

The deceased was 56-years old. Form many years he had been employed by the Corps of Army Engineers and was a first assistant engineer on one of the government dredges at the time of his death. A brother, Capt. Alex Williams, former Brunswick Deputy Sheriff, formerly served with the Army Engineers.

Surviving the deceased is his widow, Mrs. Lillie Davis Williams; one son, Roger V. Williams; two daughters, Mrs. Mary Lee Todd, all of Shallotte; and Mrs. Flora Rayhoff of Charleston; two brothers, Bennie and Alex Williams of the Village Point community. Active pallbearers were Her- (Continued On Page Two)

## Farmers Invited To Field Day

Brunswick County Growers Will Attend Tobacco Field Day Program Near Whiteville Tuesday

One of the largest crowds in the history of the Border Belt experiment station are expected to attend the Tobacco Field Day program, scheduled for 9 a. m., June 28.

The tour will be for tobacco farmers and other leaders from Columbus, Hoke, Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, and Sampson counties, according to Charles D. Raper, Columbus county agent. In addition to leaf growers, leaders expected to attend are business men, fertilizer dealers, bankers, tobacco company representatives, and others interested in the industry.

Dickens Is Host To be displayed and discussed will be some of the latest innovations in flue-cured tobacco.

Wallace Dickens, as station superintendent, will be host and will welcome the group. John L. Reitzel, assistant commissioner of agriculture for North Carolina, will represent the state at the field day.

W. E. Colwell, assistant director in charge of tobacco research, will outline to the group what they can expect to see and hear, and will orient them in other matters concerning the Border Belt station, located five miles north of Whiteville on the Whiteville-Clarkton road.

The tours will include a discussion of old and new varieties by F. A. Todd, extension plant pathologist; a high analysis fertilizer demonstration explained by R. R. Bennett, tobacco specialist; a chemical sucker control demonstration, with S. N. Hawks, assistant tobacco specialist, as demonstration guide.

The effect of quality of transplant on field performance, explained by H. H. Nau, assistant tobacco specialist; how to handle hail damaged tobacco, Hawks in charge; insect control work, as demonstrated by Eldon Scott, extension entomologist.

At the Field Day closes, at 11 a. m., there will be a demonstration with tobacco transplanters and humidifying equipment to bring tobacco in order at barn and pack house. Bennett will be in charge.

In addition to the guided tours through the station, and information given in them, farmers and others interested in tobacco will be able to get answers to most any question they have on tobacco.

Of special interest will be the insect controls and sucker and hail damage projects. Dickens said earlier that all work done on the station is done through conventional farm operations.

## Civilian Defense Officials Coming

Making Trip Along Coastal Area Of North Carolina To Inspect Efforts To Repair Damage Caused By Hurricane Hazel

TO ARRIVE HERE ON THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Friday Morning Will Be Devoted To Inspection Of Southport Waterfront And Brunswick Beaches

A group of Civil Defense Officials are scheduled to spend Thursday night here at Southport and Friday they will look over the coast here, giving special attention to the beaches damaged in last year's storm.

Heading the party is Thomas H. Goodman, director of the Regional office at Thomasville, Ga., his chief engineer, Earl Mader, and General E. P. Griffin of Raleigh, North Carolina Director for Civil Defense.

The party is due to arrive at Topsail from Morehead City at about 1 o'clock this afternoon. Inspection of points there will be followed by their arrival at Wrightsville at about 7 this evening.

Thursday the party will inspect the New Hanover county beaches, leaving late Thursday afternoon for Southport where they are to spend the night, with the inspection of the Southport waterfront to follow Friday morning and the visit to the beaches being made later that day.

Some folks may argue that rain is rain, that one sort is as good as another when rain is needed. Any good farmer will say otherwise. There may be a couple of inches of rain that does crops practically no good, or there may be two inches that has a wonderful effect.

The difference is in the way it falls. There may be a two inch rainfall coming in a heavy down pour. It packs the earth, very little of it sinking deep and most of it flooding into streams. The hardpacked earth resulting from such floods is more or less injurious to growing crops and washes a lot of fertility from the land.

As against the usual heavy rain, that which fell last week was a continuous drizzle, sinking deep into the earth and resulting in very little packing of the soil. Farmers say that its effects will be felt all through the remainder of the growing season. Even should a dry spell set in, there is now enough moisture in the ground to insure a fine tobacco and corn crop.

Register of Deeds Amos Walton claims that his tobacco grew six inches Saturday and Sunday and credited an even greater growth to corn. The rains, he said, came (Continued On Page Two)

## Baptist Assembly To Open Season With Music Week

Everything In Order For The Arrival Of First Visitors Of Summer Season During Coming Week-End

OUTSTANDING LEADERS WILL BE IN CHARGE

Predictions Made For Five Hundred Delegates To Assembly For First Weekly Program

The Baptist Seaside Assembly at Fort Caswell will begin its 1955 convention season Monday with Music Week. About 500 delegates are expected for this first session. Later on the weekly gatherings are expected to swell to about two thousand.

Director R. K. Redwine recently stated that the yearly program of improvements have resulted in the assembly being able to take care of a large number of additional delegates and visitors this year. Each year since the assembly opened more and more of the substantial former military buildings have been put in order and furnished for additional quarters.

In addition to the regular force working the year-around, a large number of additional workers have been engaged in cleaning up and putting everything shipshape during the past several weeks. The regular assembly staff members are arriving this week, and the delegates arriving this week end will find everything in apple pie order.

Except for losing some 75 of the beautiful trees, the grounds and buildings came through the October storm almost unscathed. A report from Dr. Redwine after the storm was that only a few shingles were lost from the buildings. Everything now painted up and presents a very attractive appearance, inside and out.

Award Contract To Stop Inlet

Wilmington Man Gets Contract For Construction Of Bulkhead Across New Inlet At Long Beach

A contract was signed Monday wherein Russell T. Burney of Wilmington agreed to build the necessary bulkhead, closing the Long Beach Inlet washed through in the October storm.

The contract calls for heavy plank pilings with an overlapping strip between each plank, something in the same manner in which old time buildings were built. The object of the bulkhead is to provide a temporary barrier to the water and stop the current until mud and earth can be pumped or dumped in to permanently close the opening.

The job of the bulkhead presents a big problem, but when seen Monday Burney appeared confident he could get through with it. He stated he would start work just as soon as he can get his pile driver and other equipment to the beach from Wilmington.

Funds for this work were provided by the Civil Defense Administration. The State Highway Commission will follow the work of the bulkhead construction by building a fill over which they can rebuild the paved highway that crossed where the inlet now (Continued On Page Two)

## Scholes Company Completing Job

Big Railroad Building Job At Sunny Point Has Been Completed And Equipment Is Going Elsewhere

Should no unexpected difficulties develop, the T. F. Scholes, Inc., will finish up their Sunny Point railroad project next week. Including the grading period, approximately 20 months will have been spent of the job. Because of the nature of the soil that had to be worked and reworked to insure better stability and drainage, the grading work took much longer than was originally expected. This also delayed the actual laying of the track and ballasting.

Some of the Scholes equipment has already scattered to various other jobs held by the Corporation. After the work is completely finished it is probable that some of the remainder may be kept here until the company gets another railroad contract in this or adjoining states. Often the company's contracts are scattered over the United States.

High Tide Low Tide

Thursday, June 23, 10:43 A. M. 4:24 A. M. 11:00 P. M. 4:35 P. M. Friday, June 24, 11:37 A. M. 5:15 A. M. 11:50 P. M. 5:31 P. M. Saturday, June 25, 0:00 A. M. 6:03 A. M. 12:31 P. M. 6:26 P. M. Sunday, June 26, 0:40 A. M. 6:53 A. M. 1:25 P. M. 7:23 P. M. Monday, June 26, 1:31 A. M. 7:44 A. M. 2:19 P. M. 8:21 P. M. Tuesday, June 28, 2:22 A. M. 8:35 A. M. 3:11 P. M. 9:18 P. M. Wednesday, June 29, 3:13 A. M. 9:27 A. M. 4:02 P. M. 10:12 P. M.

## Our ROVING Reporter

For about a year the State Ports Authority has been planning a trip here and inspection of the Sunny Point Terminal. The date for this trip was contingent on their meeting at Wilmington and it has been almost a year since the body met there. They are now scheduled to meet in Wilmington the latter part of the week beginning July 17th and if the plans of Chairman Edwin Pate, Colonel Marr, W. A. Thompson and others work out they will be at Southport and Sunny Point July 21st or 22nd. The length of their stay here is still a matter to be settled, but it is hoped they can be here at least three hours, have lunch and become fully acquainted with the area.

Despite the early April freeze