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Inspection Of Railroad Leads To Acceptance

Army Officers, Representatives Of U. S. Army Engineers And Officials Of T. F. Scholes, Inc., Complete First Phase Friday

OTHER INSPECTIONS TO FOLLOW LATER

The Connections Have Been Made With Site Railroad To All Docks; Contract Of T. F. Scholes Co. Nears Completion

With Lt. Col. Virgil M. Lancaster, Post Engineer at SPAALT, and Paul M. Snell of the Corps of Army Engineers doing the inspection, approximately 18 miles of Sunny Point railroad was accepted from the contracting firm of T. F. Scholes, Inc., of Reading, Pa., Friday.

This trackage all lies along the river on the southeast side of Route 130. In effect it is the finishing end of the Scholes project and trains can now go all of the way from Leland to all of the docks. The tracks are now connected at both ends of each of the three docks with the three-track line of the Diamond Construction Company on the docks.

This Friday Colonel Lancaster, Mr. Snell and other officials plan to inspect the North Yards, several miles of trackage that runs northward to the immediate vicinity of Orton Pond. It is expected that this trackage will be taken over following this inspection.

Scholes, Inc., is still working at various points about the big classification yards, finishing up on side trackage and variously cleaning up. It is expected that final inspection and acceptance by the Engineers will take place on Friday, July 8.

Acceptance of any and all parts of the project by Colonel Lancaster and Mr. Snell means that the Scholes Corporation is finished with the area and is entitled to payment in full for the mileage accepted. The building are not obligated for further maintenance of that mileage.

For the inspection trip an ordinary flat railroad car was fitted up to serve as an observation car. With the single heavy freight engine at the installation in constant use hauling material for various other contractors, one of the Scholes donkey engines provided the motive power for the observation car and hauled it and the officials over all of the trackage inspected and accepted.

The same procedure will be followed in going over additional trackage this week and next.

Officials of T. F. Scholes, Inc., are especially gratified that on the Friday inspection the Engineers did not take a single exception to any of the work that their company has done. All trackage lying southeast of the highway passed without a single request being made for any adjustment. Gregg Abernathy, Superintendent of Construction for Scholes, and all of the men working under him were highly gratified.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

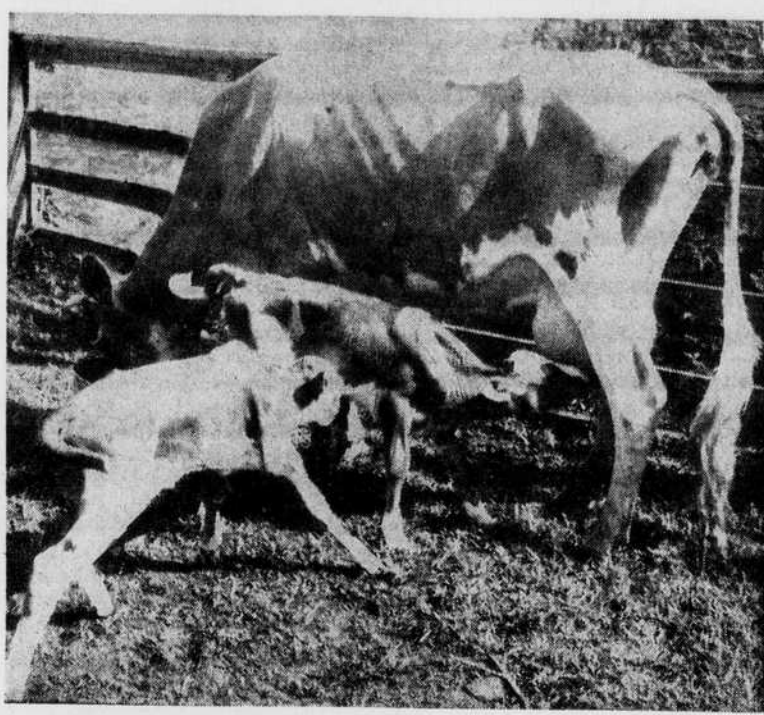
NEAR WATERMELON TIME
Growers say that they will begin marketing cantelopes and watermelons during the coming week. April cold killed the early plants, hence the crop is coming on a few days later than usual.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE
County offices, the bank and many places of business will be closed Monday, July 4th. The post office here will observe Sunday hours. With the present condition of tobacco and other crops, farmers will be too busy to observe the holiday.

AT CONFERENCE
The Rev. R. H. Jordan is attending the Annual Conference of the Methodist Church this week in Fayetteville. Ray H. Walton is delegate from Trinity Methodist Church and will attend several sessions. Capt. James B. Church is alternate delegate.

AT BAPTIST CHURCH
Donald Farrow of the Southside Baptist Church in Wilmington was guest speaker Sunday morning at the Southport Baptist Church in the absence of the pastor, the Rev. Leo Hawkins, who is away on his vacation. The pulpit will be supplied by a guest speaker Sunday, July 3, but the pastor will be back again the following Sunday.

Peak Production



TWINS—It is rare for a cow to have twin calves, but it is rarer still for the same cow to have twin calves twice within the period of one year. This is a member of the herd out at Magnolia Dairy who gave birth to twins a few days ago, duplicating her effort of July, 1954.—(Art Newton Photo.)

Inspection Party Praises Progress

Civil Defense Officials Under Whose Supervision Restoration Work At The Beaches Was Conducted Inspect Results

ENCOURAGED BY PROGRESS MADE

Tour Carried These Men To All Areas Affected By Storm Damage; Visited All Brunswick County Beaches

Starting at Morehead City Wednesday and completing their tour at Ocean Isle Friday, a group of Federal and State officials were surprised and described themselves as very much pleased at the restoration work that has been carried on at all points that were struck by the October storm.

Judge Thomas H. Goodman, director of the regional Civil Defense office in Thomasville, Ga., headed the group and with him was General Edward F. Griffin, North Carolina Civil Defense director; Earl Madar, regional federal defense engineer for this area; G. H. Brook of the State Budget Bureau, in charge of disbursements of government funds in the area and W. H. Riley who represents the Department of Conservation and Development. Colin McKinnie, assistant to General Griffin, joined the party when it reached Southport.

The group arrived here on the afternoon of their second day out from Morehead. Stopping and gathering up half a dozen local citizens, they proceeded immediately to Caswell Beach, where federal funds were used in restoring the sand dunes. From there they returned to Long Beach where construction of like dunes was inspected.

The more than 130 new homes and old one reconstructed were Continued On Page Two

Stills Reported Being Captured

Summary After Six Months In Office Shows Record Number Of Manufacturing Units Being Destroyed

Sheriff's and ATU officers, frequently working together, have done right well since Sheriff Elbert H. Gray went into office the first of last December.

Up to June 1, a period of 6 months, a total of 95 stills were seized and destroyed in Brunswick county by the two forces. Along with the above number of stills, 42,550 gallons of mash were seized and destroyed and 432 gallons of liquor was seized and 17 arrests were made. Three cars and 1 truck were seized.

The total capacity of the stills seized was 77,800 gallons. The value of the 95 outfits is placed at \$9,600.00; the mash, which included great quantities of sugar, was worth \$11,914.00 and the whiskey seized was worth \$4,320.00. The valuation of the three cars and the truck seized is placed at \$1,200.00. Continued On Page Two

Music Week In Progress Over At Ft. Caswell

Opening Week Of Annual Summer Assembly Program Sees Small Group Of About 500 Delegates In Attendance

LARGE GATHERING SET NEXT WEEK

Next Week And One Following Will Be Devoted To B.T.U. Conference With 1,500 Persons Expected

This is Music Week at the Caswell Baptist Assembly and about 500 delegates are attending according to reports received Monday. Music Week is generally regarded as the smallest of any of the convention weeks and it was placed first on the program to allow a bit of training for the workers before the big rush comes.

For next week, according to Dr. R. K. Redwine, the director there will be a full house. Probably delegates will attend that session and the week thereafter. The periods are for the Baptist Training Unions. Reservations have been made for groups of delegates from all over the State.

The summer convention of the Assembly extend over a period of ten weeks, with new groups of Baptists workers coming in each week. In addition to the delegates, Caswell also gets a large number of visitors of other denominations during the Convention period. The hotel and cafeterias provide meals for all.

Urges Continued Safety Practices

Corporal O. H. Lynch Of State Highway Patrol Asks Cooperation Of Public In Safety Program During Holiday Week-End

Proud of the record of only one death on the highways of Brunswick during the year 1955 and fearful that they cannot keep it much longer with the long 4th of July week end holiday coming up this week, Corporal O. H. Lynch and Patrolmen Thomas, Deal and Wilkins will be doubly on the alert for speeders and drunks at the wheel of cars for the next several days.

Corporal Lynch pointed out Monday that as against the splendid record held by Brunswick of only having had one death on the highways this year, the adjoining county of Columbus has already had 17 deaths. It has been good luck combined with activity on the part of the officers and some caution exercised by many of the motorists that has prevented Brunswick from having a higher death toll.

With the holidays here, some driver or his passengers may be marked for death or crippling injury before another week, but this will not be if the officers can prevent it by pulling in drivers who are in an unfit condition to use the roads. They feel that such action is necessary, both for the safety of the drivers in question and for the general public.

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Abroad



JOHN PLAXCO, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco of Southport, who left this week for a two-months tour of European countries. He is a cadet at Fishburn Military Academy, and one of the members of the faculty of that school will have five boys on this trip.

National Paper May Get Story Of Freshwater

Representative Of Wall St. Journal Shows Keen Interest In Strange Underground Flow Of Freshwater In Brunswick

By W. B. KEZIAH
The mighty river that flows deep underground through Brunswick county, with some 47 million gallons of the water escaping daily and rising to create Allen Creek, is beginning to attract some widespread attention. So is Sunny Point, the giant terminals of the Army Transportation Corps.

Looking in at the office one day this week, following the third trip of the day showing visitors over Sunny Point, we found a fourth interested party waiting for us. It was Walter M. Thompson of the Field Staff of the Wall Street Journal in New York.

Thompson lost no time in telling us that he came down to see Sunny Point and wanted, also, to know about that water that we have written so much about. His visit was only a preliminary one. He was merely scouting out things, with plans to come again in about a month with another member of the staff of the Wall Street Journal.

Thompson went with us to Sunny Point and got a good look that apparently impressed him. He also got an ample earful about that water and its value to industry, once industry finds that it exists. The trip brought him around to the full determination to return in about a month for at least two stories that will give Brunswick county national publicity.

He did not say anything about it, but it happens that the Wall Street Journal is a sort of Bible to the financial and industrial world. A story in it draws the attention of people who are capable of really doing things.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

The ramp for launching outboards adjoining the city dock, is proving a boon to a lot of upstate boat owners who came in bringing their own boats. Many of the boats coming in range to 28-ft. or 30-ft. cabin cruisers and it is very difficult to get them in and out of the water without the aid of a ramp. A dozen times in the past few days we have seen the value of the ramp illustrated when we happened to be down on the waterfront and a boat came in. Sometimes there are 3 to 5 passengers for these good sized boats. Often there are only two and this number can easily back the boat trailer down the ramp and flat the boat off. Going by this in reverse, when they end their fishing trip they only have to back the trailer into the water

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Woman Visitor Knows Answers

Official Guide To Sunny Point Surprised To Learn Visitor Has Impressive Military Background

By W. B. KEZIAH
We have taken a lot of charming families over SPAALT, the great terminals of the Army Transportation Corps. Included among such visitors who have accompanied us have been Senators, Governors, Congressmen and a lot of other folks who are very high ups.

But getting down to families, we doubt if we have had more friendly, congenial people with us at any time than were with us one day this last week in Mrs. Catherine McConnell and her two daughters, Helen and Mary McConnell, of McConnell's, S. C.

Mrs. McConnell had personal reasons in feeling deeply interested in what the government is building at Sunny Point. She is the daughter of General James VanFleet, Commander of the 8th Army in Korea. Her husband,

Colonel E. T. McConnell, is serving in Formosa. Her brother, Captain James VanFleet, Jr., crashed in a fog in enemy country three years ago last April 2. Officially, he is dead, but no trace of either he or his body has ever been found. He was flying over South Korea at the time.

Visiting the railroad yards and seeing the highway system before going onto one of the big docks, Mrs. McConnell stated, "This reminds me of another great engineering feat, the building of the Panama Canal. I thought of the canal just now when we came out here on the dock. This terminal is something that the Army Engineers may well be proud of having built. And the Transportation Corps may well be proud that it is their's to handle." (Continued on Page 2)

New Man Takes Job Of Welfare Superintendent

John Tulp, Who Has Been Employed In Welfare Department Of Halifax County, Begins Work July 1

SUCCEEDS SEXTON IN THIS COUNTY

M. B. Chinnis Named To Brunswick County Board Of Public Welfare, Succeeding Cari Ward

John Tulp takes over the duties as Superintendent of Public Welfare for Brunswick county on July 1, succeeding Ed Sexton, who resigned several weeks ago to take a similar position in Onslow county. In the meantime Miss Dorothy Swain has served as acting-superintendent.

Tulp comes here from Halifax county, where he has served for the past three years as child welfare worker. His home is in New York City, and his graduate work in Social Studies was taken at the University of North Carolina.

The new head of the welfare department is married and has three children. Another recent development in the Welfare Department organization is the appointment of M. B. Chinnis of Northwest as a member of the Brunswick County Board of Public Welfare. He was named by the other members of the board, M. R. Sanders and R. E. Bellamy.

Under the plan of organization one member of the welfare board is named by the county commissioners. That is Bellamy. A second is named by the State Department of Public Welfare. That is Sanders. The third member is named by the first two and Chinnis replaces Cari Ward on the board in this capacity.

Bellamy is the new chairman of the group.

Begin Work On By-Pass Route

Grannis And Sloan Successful Bidders For Contract To Construct 8-Mile Route From Highway No. 87 To Highway No. 130 Near Orton

One mile south of Moore's Creek on Route 87, going toward Southport there is a rather sharp curve and then a long straight stretch coming to a town. This straight stretch will soon be much longer. Grannis and Sloan of Fayetteville are now at work at this end of the curve continuing the straight stretch to Moore's Creek, where a modern bridge will be built and beyond there the road will continue straight for a distance before it curves and runs in an easterly direction between Orton Pond and Allen Creek until it reaches Orton.

This road, a trifle over 8-miles in length is being paid for by the U. S. Government and is being built by the State Highway Commission with Grannis and Sloan as the contractors. The contract price was \$400,766.20. This by-pass route enters 87 at exactly the same point where the "A" road from Sunny Point enters. The building of a modern bridge across Moore's Creek about a mile below the present structure 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, June 30,	
4:03 A. M.	10:17 A. M.
4:50 P. M.	11:04 P. M.
Friday, July 1,	
4:54 A. M.	11:04 A. M.
5:38 P. M.	11:52 P. M.
Saturday, July 2,	
5:41 A. M.	11:50 A. M.
6:23 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Sunday, July 3,	
6:28 A. M.	0:37 A. M.
7:04 P. M.	12:33 P. M.
Monday, July 4,	
7:10 A. M.	1:20 A. M.
7:45 P. M.	1:14 P. M.
Tuesday, July 5,	
7:50 A. M.	2:00 A. M.
8:22 P. M.	1:54 P. M.
Wednesday, July 6,	
8:29 A. M.	2:39 A. M.
8:56 P. M.	2:33 P. M.

Sports Fishing Continues Good

Once More The Week-End Weather Was Favorable For Parties Going Out From Southport On Party Boats

SHOALS FISHING UNUSUALLY GOOD

Parties Out The Latter Part Of Last Week Had Big Catches Of Spanish Mackerel And Bluefish

The past week end was another time when good fishing and good weather hit in here at the same time, and as a result most of the boats had a party, and all of the parties had good luck.

On Saturday Leonard Ward and party caught 244 blues and mackerel aboard the Cadet with Capt. Howard Victor. There was no report for the Sunday party, but on Monday Ed Mann and friends of Chapel Hill caught 54 mackerel and blues.

A Mr. Finchel and party of Wilmington fished with Capt. Leon McKeithan Saturday aboard the Botfly and brought in 95 blues and mackerel. On Sunday Mr. Taylor and party of Wilmington had 45 blues and mackerel.

George Stone and party of Greensboro were out Sunday with Capt. George Gregory aboard the Jo-Ann, and brought in 222 blues and mackerel. The next day the same party had 88 blues and mackerel. Mr. Johnson and party of Hickory were out with Capt. Gregory Monday and caught 30 blues and mackerel.

Mr. Helms and party of Gastonia were out with Capt. James Arnold Sunday and caught 100 blues and mackerel.

The John Elian, captained by Walter Lewis sailed all three days, Friday, W. H. Rummage, Ellerbe, and party caught 340 blues and Spanish mackerel. Saturday, Lanier Benson, Charlotte, landed 160 Spanish mackerel, six king mackerel and one amberjack. Yesterday Benson went out again and came home with 12 king mackerel and a pair of dolphin.

Another boat sailed three days was the Davis Brothers V, under Captain Fred Fulford. Friday L. T. Campbell, Fairmont, landed 95 blues and Spanish mackerel. W. P. Ledbetter, Mt. Gilliard, caught Continued On Page Two

Returning Body For Funeral

Memorial Service Slated Sunday Afternoon At Philadelphia Methodist Church Near Longwood

The body of A2c Clyde H. Bellamy, who died on June 7, 1951, while serving in Korea as a member of the armed services, will arrive in Whiteville Friday and funeral services will be conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Philadelphia Methodist Church near Longwood. The Rev. Paul Von Cannon will officiate.

The military honors will be in charge of members of the American Legion Post No. 247, Shalotte, and the body will be laid to rest in the Manley Bennett cemetery. Continued On Page Two

Clerks Positions Are Now Open

Civil Service Positions Open At Sunny Point And Other Offices In Wilmington Area

Civil Service Examinations for the positions of Clerk-Typist and Clerk-Stenographer are now open for Career-Conditional Appointment at the Wilmington District, Corps of Engineers, 308 Customhouse, Wilmington, the Sunny Point Army Ammunition Loading Terminal, Southport, the Wilmington Reserve Fleet, U. S. Maritime Administration, Wilmington, and the Wilmington Reserve Shipyard, U. S. Maritime Administration, Wilmington. Positions in other Federal agencies may also be filled as a result of these examinations.

Salaries range from Grade GS-1, \$2500 per annum to Grade GS-4, \$3175 per annum. Applicants will be required to take written tests and will be rated on a scale of 100. The examinations will be held in Wilmington. Competitors will be re-

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