

## REA Meet Told Farmers' Future In Making Now

C. D. Branch Of Evergreen Elected President Of Board Of Directors Of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.

WILLIAM T. CRISP PRINCIPAL SPEAKER

Crowd Of 5,000 Persons Attended All-Day Meeting Friday In Columbus County Warehouse In Whiteville

C. D. Branch of Evergreen was re-elected president of the board of directors of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Friday during the Rural Electrification Authority inspired group's annual meeting.

With the exception of N. C. White of Whiteville Rt. 3, and J. B. Ward, Sr., of Ash, the entire board of directors were re-elected. J. B. Ward, Jr., of Longwood replaces Ward, Sr., and H. D. White, Jr., of Chadbourn replaces N. C. White.

**Crisp Speaker**  
The meeting heard as key speaker, William T. Crisp, manager of the Tar Heel Electric cooperative, call for a more serious interest in industry by the farmers so that the area's economy can be balanced to meet the future without fear.

During the day-long meeting, some 5,000 persons thronged the Columbus county warehouse, to see exhibits, visit with friends, elect a board of directors, listen to the talks and enjoy the entertainment.

Crisp told the audience that eastern North Carolina will have to look to the future and think for the future to cure the ills that beset it. And the chief one, he pointed out "is being almost on the bottom of the ladder in the nation for per capita income."

**Many Changes**  
He noted that North Carolina farmers have come a long way... "20 years ago we were walking in mud and using lanterns," but he warned against the complacency of success as the first seed of failure, the first pitfall of being passed by.

He pointed out that the economic past and present for eastern North Carolina farmers has been rocky, partially due to drought, partially to rains, partially due to a scarcity of production, and partially due at times to over production for available markets.

He noted that farmers are daily Continued On Page Four

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**IN AIR FORCE**  
James L. McRoy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. McRoy, enlisted in the Air Force last week.

**LIONS TO MEET**  
The Southport Lions Club will meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 12:30 o'clock at the Community Building.

**JUDGE TO SPEAK**  
Judge Raymond Mallard will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Methodist Men's Club at Trinity Methodist Church this (Wednesday) evening at 8:30 o'clock.

**NICE CATCH**  
Out fishing yesterday afternoon General and Mrs. James Glore of New York and Colonel and Mrs. W. A. McAleer of Southport brought in 50 or 60 nice bluefish. According to reports General Glore proved to be the best fisherman.

**UNDERGOES OPERATION**  
A. J. Walton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Amos J. Walton, underwent an operation Friday at the hospital at Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. Relatives report that his condition is greatly improved.

**SATURDAY DANCE**  
The Southport Charter Boatmen's Association will sponsor a dance Saturday night at the Community Building. An outstanding feature of this occasion will be the awarding of trophies for outstanding catches of fish made here this season. Ray Spencer and the Four Sharps will play for the dance. Advance sale of tickets is now underway.

## REA Board Of Directors



**NEW DIRECTORS** of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. elected Friday are shown above shortly after F. M. McGougan, Jr., Tabor City, co-op attorney, announced results of the balloting. Front, left to right are, M. M. Ray of Naldina; C. D. Branch of Evergreen, re-elected president of the co-op; F. E. Lay of Tabor City Rt. 3; Rear, left to right, are A. P. Henry, Sr., Winnabow; H. D. White, Jr., Chadbourn; L. C. Batten, Hillsboro; J. B. Ward, Jr., Ash; Dennis Anderson, of Cerro Gordo, named vice-president; W. A. Mintz of Exum area. Not present for the picture were T. D. Lindsay of Shallotte, elected assistant secretary and treasurer; and O. C. Bruton of Bolivia, named assistant secretary and treasurer.

## River Road Now Closed To Traffic

**Order Became Effective Yesterday And No More Civilian Travel Will Be Permitted Through Reservation**

**AWAIT COMPLETION OF BY-PASS ROUTE**

**Bus For Brunswick County Training School Has Been Re-Routed And Some White Students Go Bolivia**

The River Road, highway No. 130, between Southport and Wilmington, is now closed to all through traffic and from here all through traffic must take highway No. 87 to Bell Swamp and the Junction with U. S. 17, thence to the Junction with highway Nos. 74-76 near the ship lay-up basin on the Brunswick River.

This routing is only temporary and will last until Grannis and Sloan are able to complete the by-pass from Orton to the end of the Sunny Point road and highway 87. Following the completion of this by-pass traffic from here bound for Wilmington will go up highway 87 and follow the by-pass to Orton and then on up highway 130. Traveling distance between Southport and Wilmington now will be about 32 miles.

One of the first effects of closing the road was the re-routing of the Brunswick County Training School bus that brings children from the Dark Branch community. It will now go around by Mill Creek.

Several white children who live on the River Road beyond the reservation will attend school in Bolivia for the remainder of the school year, or until the by-pass route is completed.

## Rebuilding Ramp To Launch Boats

**Popular Southport Water-front Convenience Will Again Be Available To Boatmen This Week-End**

"Longer, stronger, wider and better" is the way that City Manager J. F. West described the Small Boat Loading Ramp at Southport, after it was destroyed in the summer storm.

There have been other things to slow down this rebuilding, but hundreds of small boat owners throughout North Carolina and upper South Carolina can now be assured that the new ramp will be ready for use this week end.

As was promised, the new ramp is longer, stronger, wider and better. Where the old ramp was only 10-feet wide the new structure is 20 feet. All framing is creosoted and strongly bolted together, where only nails were formerly used. Instead of piece-work decking, full length creosoted 4-inch planking is now going into all decking. The structure runs out several feet further in the river than the old ramp.

The doubling of the width of the old ramp will enable sportsmen to back their trailers into the river without uncoupling from their cars. The additional length of the ramp will enable them to unload or load their boats at all stages of the tide.

## Identical Twin Causes Confusion

Sgt. Fred Hoskinson, with the Armed Guards from the Atlantic Transportation Terminal Command (Formerly the New York Port of Embarkation) has been very popular during his four months stay here. The same can be said of all of the others of the (ATTC) who have been here.

This week the Sergeant's brother, Freeman Hoskinson of Smyrna, Delaware, came down to spend a couple of days with Fred and see what there was about Southport to cause him to like the place so much. He soon found out. Everywhere that Freeman went he was greeted as Fred or with a slap on the back and something of that nature. The friendliness towards him is easily explained by the fact that he and Fred are twin brothers—identical ones at that.

## Large Docket Set For Monday

**Attorney S. B. Frink Slated To Be Back In Court And Many Continued Cases Are Set For Trial**

Clerk of Court Jack Brown stated this week that an unusually long docket has been set for Recorder's court next week. Upward of two hundred cases are supposed to be tried.

Many of these cases have been continued from various sessions for unavoidable reasons. By far the greatest number are cases in which Attorney S. Bunn Frink represents the defendants. He had quite a number of cases pending when he was injured on his boat several weeks ago. Many others have piled up since then. Frink is scheduled to return home Saturday from a two weeks vacation in Florida and his cases are all scheduled to be tried Monday.

Cases handled Monday by Judge Earl Bellamy and Solicitor J. C. Bowman were as follows:

Martin Robert Draughn, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. John Brinson, alias John Wilson, larceny, waived preliminary hearing and held for Superior court under bond of \$1000.

Russell Severance, reckless operation and possession of fireworks, fined \$20 and costs. Sherman Davis and John Henry Wilson, possession, fined \$10 and costs.

Charles Rudolph Bowen, reckless operation. State asked for jury trial, bond set at \$1000. George E. White, Jr., reckless operation, fined \$15 and costs.

Henry J. Bethes, larceny, three cases of breaking and entering and of larceny, defendant drew a total of 12 months on the roads. James Brown, speeding, (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs. Ralph Cornelius Kiger, speeding (70-mph) fined \$15 and costs. Roy Grady Lineburger, speeding (65-mph) fined \$10 and costs. Lonnie Lundie Yopp, speeding Continued-On Page Two

## Two Lost When Plane Crashes In This County

**Navy Plane Crashed Near Brunswick River Bridge Early Friday Morning While On Routine Flight**

One man was killed, another is still missing and is presumed dead, and a third was seriously injured early Friday morning when a U. S. Navy plane crashed into the marsh land close to the Brunswick river bridge near Leland.

The pilot was Ens. T. W. Miller, who sustained severe burns and a broken leg. He reports that he discovered that his aircraft was on fire at about 4 o'clock and that he was preparing to ditch it in the river. He says that he awakened two crew members and told them to jump. A short time later flames became unmanageable, he said, and he was forced to bail out.

The body of one of the men was recovered early this week, but the remains of the other man still are missing. The rescue of Ens. Miller was (Continued on Page Four)

## Engineers Now Making Survey

**State Highway Engineers Are Making Investigations Which May Lead To Radical Changes In Highway No. 87**

With a view to straightening and widening highway 87, State Highway Engineers are surveying from a point near the Bolivia short-cut road on to the connection with highway No. 130 at the Sawdust Trail. The survey thus far has been along the present route of 87.

However, it is understood they will make another survey from Continued On Page Two



## Our ROVING Reporter

This past week end must have brought proud days to Mrs. Anne McAleer of Cincinnati, Ohio. Mrs. McAleer was here and saw her son, Col. William A. McAleer, formally take command of one of the major Army Terminals on the Atlantic Coast. Men who go into the service can also find gratification and a source of inspiration to accomplish things by knowing of the career of Mrs. McAleer's son. A bare 11 years ago the Selective Service called him and from then until now he has risen steadily, filling post after post until he now fills the most important post of his long series of commands.

When the Army Engineers flag came down at Sunny Point Saturday we felt a pang, such as one would feel when parting from a dear relative or friend. We feel that every one of the Army Engineers has been our friends while Sunny Point was

## Crown Royalty Monday Nite To Climax Carnival

Three Sets Of Kings And Queens Selected By Voting Contest That Preceded Annual Halloween Event

**COSTUME CONTEST WAS BEST FEATURE**

Following Event In High School Auditorium, The Crowd Adjourned To Gymnasium Building

The annual P. T. A. Halloween Carnival was held Monday night with Penny Moore being crowned high school queen and Terry Houghton high school king; Linda Garner grammar grade queen, with Skeeter Trot as king; and Dolores Hadley, primary grade queen, with Tommy Gilbert king.

These winners were crowned by E. C. Blake in a ceremony in the gymnasium, and came as the climax of the carnival.

Earlier, a costume contest was held in the high school auditorium with entrants competing for prizes in three classifications.

In the pre-school group prizes for the prettiest costume went to Jean Burdette and Lynn Hardee. For the most original costume in this group the winners were Landis Brown and Frances Jorgensen. "Winners in the most comical competition were Johnnie Brown and Tina Peters.

In the primary group the prizes for prettiest costumes went to Mary Pat Burdette and Sandy Oliver. Prizes for most original costumes went to Davie Herring and Linda Pigott. Winners for the most comical costume were (Continued on Page Four)

## Chief Resigns, Takes New Job

**Chief Of Police Jack Hickman Accepts Position In Fire Department At Sunny Point Army Terminal**

Jack Hickman has resigned as chief of police for the City of Southport to accept appointment as a member of the Fire Department at Sunny Point Army Terminal.

Ten days ago Hickman had asked for a leave of absence from his city job to try the work at Sunny Point. Monday he tendered his resignation, having made the decision to stick in the government job.

Hickman, a Navy veteran of World War II, became chief of police in May, 1949, and has served continuously since that time. He has gained a reputation for being courteous and helpful. He was not the hard-boiled type of cop, but frequently went out of his way to keep people from getting into serious trouble.

Hickman said Tuesday that he has enjoyed his work as chief of police. "My association with the city officials always has been pleasant," he declared, "and I leave city employment with a hope for the continued successful operation of our city government."

## Impressive Dedication Of New Sunny Point Army Terminal Is Held On Dock No. 2 Saturday

## Early Newspaper Report Of Town

Newspaper Reference In 1834 Calls "Smithville A Village On The Cape Fear"; Praises Fort Johnston

A newspaper reference to Fort Johnson published in 1834 may be of interest to Pilot readers. "Steam Navigation in Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina Waters, 1826-1836" is a fascinating compilation of topics relating to the subject, taken from the newspapers of that era, and arranged for publication by John C. Emmerson, Jr., Portsmouth, Va. On page 267, taken from The Portsmouth-Norfolk Beacon, for June 18, 1834, under the caption, "Smithville and the Steam Packet Virginia", the following is shown: "Those who have taken any interest in the valuable enterprise which has given us a safe and expeditious steam conveyance between this place and Charleston, S. C. (one in all respects adapted to the comfort and genteel accommodations of travellers) must have remarked, that on her return passage here, the Virginia has several times touched at Smithville, North Carolina, to refresh her passengers in boisterous weather, and recruit her stock of wood. As many may be curious to learn something of this touching place of our fine steam packet, as well as to learn from an

impartial source, what reliance may be placed by those who could use this conveyance, on the means provided for their safety and gratification, we make the following extract from a letter which we find in the Augusta, Ga., Chronicle of the 11th inst. It is dated at Norfolk, 1st June, and is evidently written by a passenger who arrived here in the Virginia, the trip before the last... "Smithville on Cape Fear River, is a mere village, and made up mostly of small neat cottage built wooden dwellings, the summer residence of the people of Wilmington, who resort there during the summer. It now wears a deserted aspect—the houses being nearly all shut up, etc. There are, however, several very large and elegantly built houses; but the most remarkable spot in the place, is Fort Johnson, immediately in the small bluff over the river. This is a small military station, very beautifully and tastefully improved, and commanded by Major Churchill, a polite, urbane, and gentlemanly officer, who is very busily engaged in improving the place; and its appearance certainly does credit to his taste."

## Sailfish Showing Up Late Off Shore

**Youngsters Have Good Conduct**

Although the young folks were out in full force to observe Halloween, Monday night, things were remarkable for the fine conduct throughout the evening. There was no soaping of windows, cars nor sidewalks. Very little impromptu moving was done and nobody had his or her feelings or property injured. Policeman E. F. Gore stated yesterday that his department wished to thank the young people for their fine conduct throughout the observance. The same feeling is shared by all departments of the city administration and the citizens of the town.

## Presented Bible To SPAT Chief

**General Ivan Bennett, Former Chief Of Chaplains, U. S. Army, Made Presentation For American Bible Society**

General Ivan L. Bennett, former Chief of Chaplains for the U. S. Army, now retired, came down from Washington during the past weekend to participate in the dedication ceremony of Sunny Point Army Terminals.

General Bennett is now serving as secretary of the American Bible Society, and one of his missions while here was to present a Bible to Col. Wm. A. McAleer, commanding officer of SPAT.

While on his way to Southport Friday to attend the dedication services at Sunny Point General Bennett stopped off at Portsmouth to present a Bible to the new and powerful aircraft carrier Forrestal.

General Bennett since his retirement from the service has been secretary to the American Bible Society at the Washington office. This society has given out more than forty million Bibles to various branches of the armed services since its organization.

General Bennett served the Army as a Chaplain for 34 years before he retired and took up the (Continued on page four)

Exchange Of Flags Between Col. K. L. Hill For Engineers And Col. Wm. A. McAleer For Transportation Corps Is Climax

**GENERAL GLORE IS MASTER CEREMONIES**

**Distinguished List Of Guests Includes Assistant Secretary Of The Army Frank Higgins And Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle**

The Sunny Point Army Terminal passed from its building phase to an operational status Saturday afternoon, and to symbolize the transition Col. R. L. Hill lowered the flag of the U. S. Army Engineers as Col. Wm. McAleer raised the flag of the U. S. Army Transportation Corps.

This action came as a climax to a colorful ceremony that took place out over the Cape Fear river on Wharf No. 2. The program which had preceded it included an address by Congressman F. Ertel Carlyle, participation by Frank H. Higgins, Assistant Secretary of the Army, and of high ranking Army officers in addition to other civilian officials.

The program opened with the playing of the National Anthem by the 440th Army Band from Fort Bragg. The invocation was by General Ivan L. Bennett, former chief of chaplains for the U. S. Army, a native of Brunswick county.

Greetings were extended by Mayor Roy Robinson on behalf of the citizens of Southport. He was followed by Mayor Dan Cameron of Wilmington, who performed a similar function for the citizens of that city.

Governor Luther H. Hodges had planned to attend the dedication, but these plans entailed a trip here by helicopter. When threatening weather prevailed early in the day, his plans were cancelled and arrangements were made for Ed Rankin, his secretary, to appear and to bring greetings from the state's chief executive.

General James Glore, who served as master of ceremonies during the ceremony, then introduced a number of distinguished guests from all branches of the military service and civilian life. Among them were L. S. Thompson, president of the North Carolina Press Association, publisher of The News Reporter.

Another civilian for whom special mention was reserved was W. B. Keziah, who was introduced by General Glore as "Mr. Sunny Point." Later the audience heard the Deputy Chief of U. S. Army Engineers publicly acknowledge the assistance given by this Southport man in giving valuable publicity to the terminal project.

Greetings from Secretary of the Army Wilbur Brucker were brought by Assistant Secretary of the Army.

Next on the program came Congressman Carlyle, who praised the Sunny Point Army terminal as a strong link in maintaining our ability to "remain ready, willing and able to offer a strong national defense. This installation (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, November 3,	
10:10 A. M.	3:44 A. M.
10:37 P. M.	4:30 P. M.
Friday, November 4,	
11:07 A. M.	4:38 A. M.
11:37 P. M.	5:26 P. M.
Saturday, November 5,	
1:00 A. M.	5:37 A. M.
12:07 P. M.	6:26 P. M.
Sunday, November 6,	
0:00 A. M.	6:40 A. M.
12:06 P. M.	7:27 P. M.
Monday, November 7,	
1:46 A. M.	7:47 A. M.
2:09 P. M.	8:28 P. M.
Tuesday, November 8,	
2:48 A. M.	8:53 A. M.
3:09 P. M.	9:26 P. M.
Wednesday, November 9,	
3:48 A. M.	9:54 A. M.
4:08 P. M.	10:18 P. M.

## General Glore And Family Here

**Remaining For Several Days Visit Following Dedication Ceremony At Sunny Point Army Terminals**

General and Mrs. James Glore and their little daughter, Clare Margaret, will leave Friday to return to their home in New York, where the General is commandant of the Atlantic Transportation Terminal Command, formerly the New York Port of Embarkation. General Glore's command operates all the way down to Norfolk. Sunny Point Army Terminal (Continued On Page Two)