

Local Attorney Prepares Storm Damage Estimate

Davis C. Herring Collects Information That Will Be Needed By Congressional Delegation In Seeking Storm Damage Relief

ASKS STUDY AND REPORT ON REMEDY

Objective Is To Be Able To Provide Against Another Disaster Of This Magnitude Along This Section Of Coast

With the aid of Senator Sam Ervin, Senator Kerr Scott and Congressman Ertel Carlyle all assured and the interest of Governor Luther Hodges squarely behind helping along the Brunswick coast, as well as elsewhere, Attorney Davis Herring of Southport has prepared a summary of the damage done to the fishing industry along the Brunswick coast and has placed it in the hands of the Senators and Congressman. All are now reported to be earnestly at work on the matter.

The report commends the extremely valuable work done free by the Diamond Construction Company of Savannah, Ga., The T. F. Scholes, Inc., of Reading, Pa., The Hertford-Cecil Company of Hertford, and others with their heavy equipment, following hurricane Hazel.

A conservative estimate of damage done during the storms is a part of the report. This report shows that the shrimping interests suffered a loss totaling \$375,000.

Menhaden fishing at Southport was struck almost as heavily, the total loss for this industry being placed at \$230,000.

The report points out that economy in this area is based on shrimping, menhaden industry and party boats for fishing all of which was crippled. It is recognized that the proper agency to make surveys and a report of proper remedial steps for the protection of the marine interest are the U. S. Army Engineers. It is therefore requested that a survey be made by this agency as soon as possible.

Herring feels sure that with the complete support of the Senators and Congressman matters that are now up for the aid of marine interests in Brunswick county will be carried through.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

ATTEND CONVENTION

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Holden of Shallotte attended the convention of the Dental Association at Pinehurst over the week end.

BENEFIT DANCE

The Melton-Shannon orchestra from Wilmington will play for a benefit dance Friday night at the Community Building following the Jerry Ball Show. Proceeds will go to the Southport baseball team.

RETURNS FROM HOSPITAL

Resident Engineer L. P. Thomas, who has been in a hospital for the past month for an operation on one of his eyes, has returned to Southport and will resume his duties at Sunny Point Terminal in a few days.

LOOKING FOR NESTS

The traffic spotlight in Southport has been intriguing to many Martins for the past several days. They have been taking it as a nesting home that some kind-hearted person has hung up for them. They are obviously disturbed that no doors were left for them to get inside.

ATTENDED FUNERAL

Mayor and Mrs. Roy Robinson and Chief of Police and Mrs. Robert Butler attended the funeral of City Manager John F. West, Jr., at Sandy Run Baptist Church, near Louisburg in Franklin county Thursday. Mrs. West and children are with her parents for the present, but will return here in a few days.

BOATS USING RAMP

Warm weather of the past week has brought quite a lot of boats here on trailers to use the ramp for unloading the boats and to reload them with the owners were ready to go home. Some of these boats come quite a distance and the indications are that they will be here in great numbers during the summer. It usually takes only 5 or 6 minutes to either load or unload.

Forestry Officials Improving Bridge

Visitors To Springs At Allen Creek Will Have Safe Passage Over New Bridge

Up until the rains of the first of last week the Brunswick County Forest Wardens were kept on their toes 24-hours of the day fighting forest fires and protecting timber lands.

It happens that the forest wardens are entrusted with the job of keeping bridges and the earth road from Orton to 87, via Pretty Pond, in passable repair.

It happens that a representative of this paper has to go out on this road pretty often, sometimes with some important people in tow, enroute to the Bouncing Log Spring on Allen Creek. Having a lot of trouble with a broken down bridge on the road this representative of the paper wrote Dorman Mercer, County Forest Warden, and asked him if he could fix the bridge.

At the time Warden Mercer and his workers were needing

something like a week of rest. They did not even have time to write and say they would fix things.

Monday the local man was out on the road with Federal and State geologists. The bridge was awful bad, but they got over and back. Tuesday they had to go out again over the same road and bridge, but they encountered an obstacle. Trucks and cars blocked the bridge, one of the trucks loaded with lumber. Warden Mercer, Gilbert Reid and a force of workers were tearing out the old decking and replacing it. They all grinned sheepishly as the visitors approached and Warden Mercer said "Come back in an hour and you can get across."

So future visitors to the Bouncing Log Spring may be assured that the bridge on the road is all right.

Presbyterians To Launch Building Project Thursday

Loyalty Dinner Slated At Community Building Tomorrow Evening At Which Time Campaign Will Be Launched

PLAN TO BEGIN WORK THIS SUMMER

Various Committees Have Been Set Up And Delegation Of Respective Duties Has Been Made

Members of the Southport Presbyterian Church will launch their church building campaign at a loyalty dinner tomorrow (Thursday) evening in the Community Building.

The purpose of this dinner is to acquaint the membership and all interested persons with every phase of the building program. No solicitations will be made at this time, but the procedure for financing will be presented and announcement will be made of all funds and pledges to date.

The new church building is to be erected on a site that recently has been acquired on the River Road, and present plans are to commence construction the latter part of the summer after building plans and all necessary financial arrangements have been completed.

Robert L. Jones will be chairman of the program for the evening and Mrs. Tom Gilbert is head of the hostess committee, which has made arrangements for the dinner.

Other committee chairmen are: Building, Leon C. Smith; solicitations, Robert L. Jones; Brochure and Publicity, Mrs. Ernest Parker.

Out of town guests invited for this dinner are: Leslie N. Boney and Charles H. Boney, architects; Dr. L. A. Taylor, executive secretary of the Wilmington Presbytery; Dr. E. D. Witherspoon, chairman of church extension committee, Wilmington Presbytery; and all of the members of the Home Missions Committee of the Wilmington Presbytery.

Sunny Point Man Attends School

William W. Houghton, Safety Director At Sunny Point, Graduated Last Month From Ammunition Inspector's School

William W. Houghton, Safety director at Sunny Point Army Terminal, was a member of the graduating class at the Ammunition Inspectors School, Savannah Ordnance Depot, Savannah, Illinois, last week.

The course attended by Houghton is one of five weeks duration—200 class room hours—and is titled "Guided Missile Training Course."

The seniors have secured Rev. W. J. Stephenson, pastor of Temple Baptist Church from Wilmington, to preach this special sermon.

Following is a program for the baccalaureate service: Prelude, Processional, "God of our Fathers"; Invocation, Rev. H. L. Register, Supply Baptist Church; Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers"; "They Found Him in the Temple"; Glee Club; introduction of speaker, A. A. White, Principal; sermon to graduates, Rev. W. J. Stephenson; "Praise Ye Jehovah"; Glee Club; benediction, Rev. H. L. Register; recessional, God of our Fathers.

On Wednesday night, May 23, at 8 p. m. there will be an eighth grade graduation. Following is their program: Processional, God of our Fathers; mistress of ceremonies, Carol Jane Bennett; salutation, David Stanaland; song, "Festival Day"; prophecy, Emma and Lucy Ross; class play, James Bland and Betty Smith; poet, Barbara Mintz; presentation of Class Key, Bobby Inman; awarding of diplomas, C. Y. Coleman, Chairman of Board of Education; presentation of awards, A. A. White, principal; vaudeictorian, Lucille Hughes; class song, "Memories".

On Thursday night, May 24, Mrs. Lucille Frink will present her music students in a recital at 8 o'clock.

On Friday night, May 25, the commencement exercises will be held at 8 o'clock.

Following is a program of the commencement exercises: Processional, "Largo" by Handel; Invocation, Rev. L. G. Sherwood, Soldier Bay Church; "America the Beautiful", entire audience; "The Stepping Stone", Mary Lou Formyduvall, salutatorian; "Class (Continued On Page Four)

Playing Here Friday



HELPING HANDS.—They belong to Jerry Ball who has raised more than \$80,000 for the March of Dimes through his 'pianothon's'. Ball is loaned to various North Carolina communities by Esso Standard Oil Company to raise money for worthy cause-ceremonies for their programs. They will appear here Friday night at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Billy Russ Again Heads Democrats

Shalotte Man Was Named Chairman Of Democratic Executive Committee Without Opposition Saturday

CANDIDATES HAD CHANCE TO SPEAK

Nothing Unusual Occurred At Convention Saturday; Urge Delegation To Attend State Convention Thursday

Billy Russ, Shallotte jeweler, was selected without opposition Saturday as chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee at a convention of party members at Shallotte.

Mrs. H. Foster Mintz of Bolivia was elected vice-chairman and James D. Belamy was elected secretary.

This action was taken by the Democratic Executive Committee, which considered the matter of resignation of Dr. M. H. Rourke as a member of the Board of Education. Upon the advice of the county attorney, the committee returned the letter to Dr. Rourke with the request that his resignation be made through the Board of Education. It was pointed out to the committee that only after this has been done, and that board notifies the chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee that a vacancy exists, is it proper for the latter group to name a successor.

Upon motion of E. V. Leonard, the convention voted that all Democrats in good standing are delegates to the State Convention (Continued On Page Four)

Drops Out Of Primary Race

Leo Medlin, member of the board of county commissioners, notified Chairman Arthur J. Doshier Monday that he was withdrawing as a candidate for the Democratic nomination in the Primary Election on May 26.

Medlin requested that his name not appear on the ballots, and Chairman Doshier got in touch with the printer in time to make the necessary arrangements.

Medlin did not elaborate upon his reasons for this action other than to say that it was being taken "due to circumstances beyond my control."

Farm Assistance Loans Available

Brunswick County Farmers May Be Eligible For Loans With Which To Make Better Use Of Soil And Water

Some farmers in Brunswick county are realizing higher returns from their labor by making better uses of their soil and water resources, according to the three members of the Farmers Home Administration. The committee chairman, Ivan V. Bennett, of Ash, said that many farmers in this county are eligible to receive soil and water conservation loans. The other two committee members are David B. Frink and Aaron E. Inman, Shallotte.

The committee works closely with the agency's county supervisor, George W. Knox, Jr., who said loans for soil and water conservation purposes were added to the list of the Farmers Home Administration's loans in the fall of 1954.

Soil and water conservation loans are available only to farmers whose credit needs cannot be handled by banks or cooperative lenders. Farmers' associations may also be eligible to borrow.

Loans can be for such improvements as constructing or repairing dikes, ponds and tanks, or drainage, waterways, erosion control, developing pastures, well drilling, pumps, sprinkler systems and other irrigation equipment, water systems for the house and barnyard, and other measures and practices. Loans are made only for types of soil and water conservation practices that are in accord with Extension Service and Soil Conservation Service recommendations.

To illustrate uses farmers make of these loans, Knox, has

wondering if we would get back our match box with two matches in it. Lt. Col. Murphy, however, elected to come back by the perimeter road and we did not even get our match box back.

The Coast Guard 83-footer was back at her moorings here before noon Sunday following two weeks of temporary duty on the Chesapeake Bay. According to a letter from Captain E. H. Theille of the headquarters of the Coast Guard at Norfolk, a chain of unavoidable circumstances called the 83-footer from here for two weeks of temporary duty on the Chesapeake. There never were any plans to have the absence more than temporary. In fact, Captain Theille voiced his regret at the necessity of taking the boat away for even a short time. He fully recognized (Continued On Page Four)

Geologists Pay Visit To Spring In This County

Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey And Harry LeGrand Spent Monday And Tuesday In Brunswick Exploring And Making Study

HAVE EXPLANATION OF DEPRESSIONS

Visitors Express Belief That Certain Area Has Limestone Strata Underneath, Causing Constant Sinking

By W. B. KEZIAH

A preliminary survey carried on Monday and Tuesday by Dr. Jasper L. Stuckey, State Geologist and Harry LeGrand, Geologist of the U. S. Geological Survey, Ground Water Division, has apparently convinced them that Brunswick county has an enormous volume of limestone water under its surface.

A Geodetic Survey crew will follow-up soon, LeGrand said. Both he and Dr. Stuckey were previously aware of the fact that there is a great strata of limestone rock under a great deal of Brunswick county.

This rock is soluble and slowly turns into water, and its presence in Brunswick county is attested by the great number of sink holes, or lakes. Both the officials agree that the hundreds of small natural lakes and ponds in Brunswick are not meteoric holes, but are sink holes created by limestone dissolving deep down in the earth. As more and more is produced down the years the land gradually sinks on the surface and produces the sink holes which fill with water.

Both Pretty Pond and Gore Pond in Town Creek township, Clear Pond and the hundreds of other ponds in Smithville township were created by limestone water down through hundreds of years, they say. Asked how long the water might last, LeGrand, the Federal Geologist, said: "It will go on being there forever."

On Allen Creek the production of the limestone water seems to have been much the heaviest. In that area the free-flowing water

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Call For Bids On Two Projects

Surfacing Supply - Bolton Road Is One Project And Improvements On Highway No. 17 Another Being Advertised

The State Highway Commission announced yesterday that on May 29 bids will be opened on 19 road construction projects involving a total of 136.27 miles of road improvement. Two days following the opening of the bids contracts will be awarded.

Two of the projects are in Brunswick county. A total 14.4 miles of paving are to be let to complete the road from Bolton to Supply. This project begins at the Columbus line and runs to within a short distance of Supply where it intersects with existing roads.

The other Brunswick project is for 9.27 miles of grading, paving and structures on U. S. 17, from Grissetown east through Shallotte and to the beginning of another project which already has been let.

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 17	
1:30 A. M.	7:51 A. M.
2:14 P. M.	8:18 P. M.
Friday, May 18	
2:29 A. M.	8:49 A. M.
3:15 P. M.	9:22 P. M.
Saturday, May 19	
3:27 A. M.	9:44 A. M.
4:11 P. M.	10:22 P. M.
Sunday, May 20	
4:24 A. M.	10:37 A. M.
5:05 P. M.	11:16 P. M.
Monday, May 21	
5:16 A. M.	11:25 A. M.
5:56 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Tuesday, May 22	
6:05 A. M.	0:06 A. M.
6:42 P. M.	12:11 P. M.
Wednesday, May 23	
6:52 A. M.	0:53 A. M.
7:25 P. M.	12:55 P. M.