

Colonel McAleer Leaving For New York Thursday

First Commanding Officer Of Sunny Point Army Terminal Will Assume Duties With Atlantic Terminal Command

LETTER TO MAYOR EXPRESSES REGRET

Exchange Of Letters Tell Of Pleasant Relations That Have Existed Between City And SPAT

Col. and Mrs. William McAleer will leave Southport Thursday for New York where Col. McAleer has been assigned to the Atlantic Terminal Command of the Army Transportation Corps. He has been in command of SPAT at Southport for more than a year and in his assignment to the new post he will still have an official interest in the local installation and a strong personal interest in Southport and the people in this county.

The couple have both made many friends in and around Southport.

Prior to his departure, Col. McAleer wrote the following letter to Mayor Roy Robinson expressing his feelings regarding his tour of duty at Sunny Point.

"29 September 1956
"Mayor Roy Robinson
"Mayor of the City of Southport
"Southport, North Carolina
"Dear Mayor Robinson:

"I know that I should start this letter by saying Dear Roy but this is a formal letter. It is a letter to you and all the good citizens of Southport.

"As you yourself very well know, transfers are inevitable when people are in the service. You have served your country for the time required and have earned your retirement. I am still working at it.

"I am leaving Southport, not from choice, but as a result of the inevitable transfer system. Before I go, I want you, your wonderful wife, and all my friends in Southport to know how much I appreciate everything you have done for me and all the people at Sunny Point.

"Of all the assignments I have had since I donned a uniform, this one is the best and naturally I hate to leave. Please express my appreciation to the people of Southport for everything they have done for us.

"Sincerely,
"W. A. McALEER
"Colonel, TC
"Commanding"

Mayor Robinson responded to this letter from Col. McAleer with a message of appreciation and friendship. It follows:

"Dear Colonel McAleer:
"It is with sincere regret that I find myself in the position of
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New Chief Of Police



OFFICER—Southport's new Chief of Police is 31-year-old Louis Clark, a veteran of four years service with the Boston Police Department. He is a veteran of World War II, during which he served in the U. S. Navy. He assumed his duties here on September 1.

New Commanding Officer Assumes Duties At SPAT

Col. Frank T. Edson Becomes Second Man To Serve As Commanding Officer Of Sunny Point Army Terminal

HAS DISTINGUISHED MILITARY RECORD

Comes Here From Brooklyn Army Terminal Where He Served As Director Of Operations

Col. Frank T. Edson assumed his duties as commanding officer of the Sunny Point Army Terminal at Southport Monday, becoming the second man to hold that command.

Colonel Edson entered the Army in April, 1942, at Mobile, Alabama, where he was commissioned a second lieutenant in Ordnance. During World War II he served overseas for 25 months, participating in five European campaigns. Later he served as commanding officer of the Manila Ordnance Depot. During the Korean conflict he served for 16 months in command of the 351st Highway Group, with the Chunchon Area Command, and with Headquarters, 8th Army.

He attended the University of Akron, Ohio, and Texas A & M College, and is a graduate of the Ordnance School at Aberdeen, Md., and the Transportation School at Fort Eustis, Va.

Colonel Edson has been awarded the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, European Theatre ribbon with five campaign stars, Pacific Theatre, American Theatre, WWII Victory Medal, German Occupation Medal, National Defense Medal, Korean Medal with two campaign stars, Chungmu Distinguished Military Service Medal with Gold Star, United Nations Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation.

Colonel Edson is married to the former Miss Frances Viola Fowler of Jonesville, S. C. He is a native of Oklahoma City, Okla., but their permanent home is in Jonesville. They have two children, Frank F. Edson, 13, and Delaine Edson, 8.

Colonel Edson's last assignment was Director of the Operations at the Brooklyn Army Terminal, where he has been stationed since April, 1955.

Health Department Continues Service

Dr. C. B. Davis, Brunswick county health officer, stated this week that regulations governing general sanitation in Brunswick still are in effect, even though this department is at present without the services of a sanitarian.

Dr. Davis declared that the department is able to meet any emergency problem which may arise. He said that plumbing permits may be obtained at either the office in Southport or Shallotte. He further declared that valuable literature is available from both offices.

Prominent Man Dies Suddenly Of Heart Attack

Guy C. McKeithan, Shallotte Citizen, Died Of Heart Attack Wednesday; Funeral Services Friday

By ETHEL RYAN
The Youth of Brunswick County suffered a severe loss last week.

Guy Carlton McKeithan, their mentor, friend, athletic coach, who had gloried in their triumphs, sorrowed in their troubles, who had given of his time and of himself to encouraging youngsters to develop sound, strong bodies, and to live by sound, strong rules of fair play and sportsmanship—Guy Carlton McKeithan died Wednesday night of last week of a sudden, unexpected heart attack, at the age of 50 years.

The death fell as a sudden blow upon Shallotte. Guy McKeithan was as well known as any man in Brunswick County. Few who knew him failed to feel the influence of his deep concern for the welfare of his fellow men, particularly for the boys and girls to whom he looked for future leadership. No one—neither his family nor his friend and doctor—suspected that a burdened heart was about to fail. Wednesday night, he felt badly enough to stop at Dr. Rourke's on his way home. Dr. Rourke was justifiably alarmed, and immediately put him to bed, sending word to his wife that his condition was critical.

It was fitting that the end came too quickly for a fighting spirit to know that the finish whistle was about to blow, and that it came in the home by the side of a man with whom he had worked so long and so closely to have Shallotte known by the caliber of its youngsters. His wife, Katie May MacKenzie McKeithan, was there in minutes. In minutes more, a vital life had become a memory.

The memory of Guy McKeithan will live long among all who, as youngsters, had come to know him as few older persons could. In his own youth, he had been a ball player and an athlete. He looked upon healthful play, competition, sportsmanship as foundations of "the good life" and of a wholesome community—and he believed in starting them young. From the time his own two sons, now in college, were infants, Guy McKeithan was active in every move for the welfare of Shallotte's young. It wasn't often that a team played, at home or away, without knowing that he was on the sidelines. It was Guy McKeithan who organized the little kids into junior and midget teams. It was he who worked, prodded and heckled the community into

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Brunswick Native Gets Watermelon

Captain Reuben Drew Got Hungry For A Walden Creek Watermelon And Six Arrived In Brooklyn

Capt. Reuben Drew, who was reared near Southport but now resides in Brooklyn, N. Y., has been reading about the bumper crop of Walden Creek watermelons this year. This is his true story of his recent efforts to get one of them delivered to him:

"I have a story from your back yard about your fine Brunswick county watermelons. A few weeks ago I wrote Mr. Robert McRacken to ask if it was possible to ship me a watermelon. His reply was the express company would not guarantee safe delivery. A cousin of mine and her husband from Washington, D. C., were on a five-weeks trip out to the west coast and back along the Rio Grande, Gulf Coast through Florida and back along the Atlantic. Coming into Wilmington they saw a truck loaded with watermelons. They stopped the truck and told the driver they wanted to buy one to take back to Washington. The driver said, 'Wish you were going to New York'. My cousin

said, 'Who do you know in New York?' He said, 'Capt. Reuben Drew'. My cousin's reply was, 'He is on our family'. 'So he sent me 2 watermelons, and it so happened another cousin of mine was driving up here to see us over the week end, and to my surprise they brought the 2 watermelons.

"That is not all. On the following Monday I received a call on the phone from a gentleman who said he was from McRacken farm and had four watermelons for me. After some conversation about the good people and the farm, I thanked them all. 'Mr. McRacken, I understand, sent 1900 melons up here to market. He need never fear to grow too many. There is always a market here at good prices.

"The sentiment of this watermelon story means a great deal to me as I wanted my family to know just what a good Brunswick county melon would taste like."

Engineer Sees Good Prospect In Big Springs

Col. H. C. Rowland, District U. S. Army Engineer, Pays Visit To Bouncing Log Spring In Brunswick

SEES PROSPECT FOR GREAT INDUSTRY

Agrees With Governor Hodges In Statement That This Is One Of Brunswick's Greatest Assets....

BY W. B. KEZIAH
Here the past week with P. M. Snell, dredging expert of the Wilmington District Army Engineers, Col. H. C. Rowland, new chief of the Wilmington District, Army Engineers, became very much interested in the reports of the vast amount of fresh water available in this county, as a result of the great strata of limestone that underlies this area.

Surface indications of the water are the great numbers of sink holes, some of them good sized lakes of freshwater, scattered through Brunswick. On Allen Creek there are still more striking indications in the shape of 7 gushing springs of clear, pure water. One of these springs that is easy of access has a flow of 590 gallons of water per minute over its brim.

Colonel Rowland asked to be shown this spring, and about 30 minutes later he and Snell were viewing it and drinking some of the water.

"That is a hell of a lot of good water going to waste," said Snell, as he viewed the sizable branch flowing away from the spring.

Colonel Rowland was not so emphatic, but he was unmistakably interested in the water. Told that State and Federal geologists had asserted that an unending supply of about 70 million gallons of water could be obtained in the immediate area each day, he said: "That is half the low water flow in the Cape Fear river at Fayetteville each day. You have something that can one day be a vital asset to this region."

Told that Governor Luther Hodges had recently remarked that fresh water supply, still being put to no use in Brunswick, was the county's biggest asset, he commented: "Governor
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Whiteville Hopes For 40 Million

Tobacco Continues To Come In At Rate Suggesting That This Goal May Be Reached This Week

Sale of 2,162,812 pounds of tobacco on the Whiteville market last week inched the year's total to 37.6 million pounds of the hoped for 40 million pounds total. Sales last week were hurt by heavy rains, but with the coming of fairer skies this week, things are expected to improve.

The season now shows an average of \$54.97, or 27 cents better than the average for the same period last year. Sales are also some 4.1 million pounds ahead of the market during last year's bumper crop.

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Both Parties In Friday Meeting

Democrats Planning Fish Fry At Bert Frink Place Near Gause Landing

REPUBLICANS TO STAGE BARBECUE

These Two Events Expected To Launch Active Campaign In Brunswick County

Both the Democrats and the Republicans are holding rallies Friday featuring food as well as politics.

The Democrats will hold a fish fry at the Bert Frink place near Gause Landing, and Alton A. Lennon, congressional nominee, is to be the principal speaker. All local Democratic candidates will also be present, and a general invitation has been extended to all interested voters to be present at this meeting.

The Republicans will meet at Shallotte in the Ford Building and barbecue will be served. Invitations have gone out to several of the candidates for leading state offices, and some of these men are expected. Republican candidates for local office also will attend, and Chairman H. L. Willetts has issued an invitation for all who will be present.

There is every indication that these two meetings will launch the active political campaign in Brunswick, which up until this time has been strangely quiet.

Big Catch Of Menhaden Made

Boats Brought In Big Loads Of These Fish Monday And Tuesday With Outlook Good For This Week

Menhaden boats coming in loaded Monday and Tuesday awakened general interest on the part of Southport people and their operations set the fishermen and factory employees on their toes. The fish are hairybacks, a species of menhaden related to the herring family and the present catches are producing 10-gallons of oil per thousand fish.

That means that a boat catch of half a million fish has an oil production of 5,000 gallons. The value of the oil per gallon has not been stated. It is a product that runs high in price during the off fishing season and low during high production periods.

To the factories it is about as velvet as the ground up fish meal is worth more than enough to pay operating expenses.

J. T. Barnes, superintendent for the Brunswick Navigation Corporation, stated yesterday that on Monday the fish were found just northeast of Bald Head Island. Tuesday they were further up towards Carolina Beach. The opinion is that they are just milling around there and that the next
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Install New Boxes At Post Office

Postmaster J. B. Russ announced Monday that he had secured and placed 45 new lock boxes in the Southport office for the convenience of patrons. This brings the total number of boxes and drawers to 596. All are in active use.

The office is being seriously inconvenienced by the addition of the new boxes. The only available spot in which to place them was where the door leading to the lobby formerly stood. This makes it necessary for all employees of the office to go around outside to the loading platform and back door in order to obtain access to the lobby.

Farm Election On October 23

Owners, Operators, Sharecroppers Or Tenants Are Eligible To Participate In Election

Any farmer who as owner, joint owner, operator, tenant, or sharecropper, is participating or is eligible to participate in any program administered by the County ASC Committee is eligible to vote in the farm election on October 23.

Announcements will be made of the Community Committee elected at soon as the ballots are counted on the afternoon of October 23. Delegates elected by the farmers will meet on October 25 to elect county committee. ASC county and community committees elected will take office November 1.

The committee members administer the Agricultural Conservation Program. This program provides direct assistance to farmers to help them carry out soil and water conservation practices on their own farms. It helps farmers to obtain seed and lime and phosphate for building up good pasture, for cover crops and green manure. Federal cost sharing is provided for the construction of terraces and dams and for farming on the contour. These are just examples. There are a lot of other conservation practices.

The committee members help farmers use price support programs to protect their market. They also will administer acreage allotment and marketing quota programs on tobacco, peanuts, wheat, cotton, and acreage allotments on corn in certain counties, also the Soil Bank Program. This is a chance to help select the best committees that can be found. There are some important decisions to be made in 1957 and many of them will affect
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Officials Like Water Prospects

Clerk Of Court And Sheriff Get Conducted Tour Of Source Of Great Flow Of Fresh Water

Sheriff Elbert H. Gray and Clerk of Court J. E. Brown expressed a wish this past week to see the Bouncing Log Spring. They had been hearing about the good water there with assurance of more all about underneath Brunswick county.

They were promptly taken around to the spring, where they expected to see nothing but a hole in the ground, with water coming out. That was precisely what they did see, but they were not expecting to be able to look down in the clear water for four or five feet and see a cauldron of boiling sand coming out of the
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Plenty Of Fish Awaiting Parties

Late Season Sailfish Is Brought In By A Party Aboard John Ellen Saturday Afternoon

SHOAL FISHING UNUSUALLY GOOD

Boats Coming In Yesterday Reported Shoals Swarming With Bluefish And Mackerel

A late season sailfish was added to the year's record total Saturday and reports Monday and Tuesday of a big run of blues and Spanish mackerel constitute the big fishing news here this week.

James Eudy of Charlotte, fishing with Capt. Walter Lewis aboard the John Ellen, brought in a 7-foot sail on the Saturday trip. The catch also included 5 king mackerel, 1 dolphin, 1 amberjack, 6 Spanish mackerel and 1 bonito. On Monday J. C. Taylor and party of Charlotte caught 8 king mackerel, 4 barracuda, 1 dolphin and 80 blues and Spanish mackerel. The Tuesday trip saw Don Reese and party of Charlotte bring in 18 king mackerel, 4 barracuda, 2 amberjack and 105 blues and mackerel.

On Monday Baise McKnight and party of Crescent Beach were out with Capt. Basil Watts aboard the Idle-In-It. They caught 10 king mackerel, 2 barracuda and 18 bluefish. He had a Wilmington party out for an afternoon trip Tuesday and brought in 36 blues and Spanish mackerel.

The Tuesday trip for the Idle-On III, Capt. H. A. Schmidt, was with Bob Stride and party of Fayetteville. They had 6 king mackerel, 4 barracuda and 40 blues and Spanish mackerel.

Charter boats and commercial boats reported Tuesday that the shoals were swarming with big bluefish and Spanish mackerel, indicating plenty of sport for fishermen going out here this week end.

The regular health department clinic hours will be unchanged. The general weekly clinic will observe the usual hours of 9 to 11 a. m. and 1:30 to 3:30 p. m.
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Shallotte Camp Host To Women

Mrs. M. R. Sanders, Chairman Of Brunswick Sub-District Of W.S.C.S., Presided At Session

The Brunswick County Sub-District of the Woman's Society of Christian Service met at Camp Methodist Church in Shallotte on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Mrs. M. R. Sanders of Southport, sub-district leader, presided.

Mrs. Hal Martin, president of the hostess society, welcomed the representatives from Andrews Chapel, Zion Methodist, Trinity Methodist and Village Point. The response was given by Mrs. R. H. McDougall of Zion.

The Rev. C. L. Ledford conducted a short devotional after which a business session was held. The group was invited to hold its spring meeting at Village Point Methodist Church.

Mrs. Floyd Kirby, Jr., accompanied by Mrs. David Carmichael, sang a solo.

The goals for the quadrennium 1956-1960 were presented by the following district officers: Mrs. W. C. Davis, Wilmington, president; Mrs. W. W. Sellers, Wilmington, recording secretary; Mrs. H. H. Hodgins, Wilmington, sec-
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Brief Bits Of NEWS

BENEFIT SUPPER
A turkey supper will be served at the Southport high school lunch room Thursday evening under the sponsorship of the sophomore class.

IN AIRBORNE
Charles Harrison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Harrison of Southport, has enlisted in the U. S. Army and has volunteered for service with the Airborne Troops.

DONATE CLASSROOM USE
With an urgent need existing for an additional classroom at the Southport school, the Brunswick Post American Legion No. 199, has donated the use of their hut until other arrangements can be made.

CAKE SALE
The Southport Junior Garden Club will hold a cake and candy sale Saturday morning at 10 o'clock at the Southport Florist Shop. This year's project is the beautification of the gym grounds and this sale is to raise money to buy shrubs.

LOSE HOME
Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Best of the Hickman's Crossroads community had the misfortune to lose their home and its entire contents by fire this past week. Even their clothing was destroyed. Mr. Best is 62 years old and Mrs. Best is 59. All that is left to them is a very small farm and an even smaller tobacco allotment. Neighbors are doing all they can to come to their aid and donations, including clothing, furniture or money have been made.

Our ROVING Reporter

This month will bring the first anniversary of the operation of Sunny Point Army Terminal. To us it will bring a lot of personal satisfaction that the record for safety, established in the building of the installation, has held out through the first year of operations. Colonel Roland C. Brown, under whom construction started, and Colonel Roland Hill, under whom it was finished, both stressed safety in every phase of building. Col. W. A. McAleer, who was commanding officer during the first year of operations, insisted upon the same thing. Starting construction in 1951, there has never been a fatal accident during either construction days or operations. Minor accidents, none of them resulting in crippling, have been very rare.

Shrimp boat owners and operators at Southport are getting really discouraged at the low production, or lack of production that has attended their efforts this year. Some other folks are at a loss to understand it. All through the season the boats have brought in barely enough shrimp to pay expenses. This often happens for periods during a season, but is made up for by good runs at times. This year there have been no good runs. Week after week the production has been low. Some of the boatmen still think a good run of shrimp will come soon. Others think that it will be useless to wait for them
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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, October 4	
7:49 A. M.	1:28 A. M.
8:05 P. M.	1:58 P. M.
Friday, October 5	
8:35 A. M.	2:12 A. M.
8:50 P. M.	2:46 P. M.
Saturday, October 6	
9:22 A. M.	2:55 A. M.
9:34 P. M.	3:31 P. M.
Sunday, October 7	
10:07 A. M.	3:38 A. M.
10:18 P. M.	4:16 P. M.
Monday, October 8	
10:53 A. M.	4:22 A. M.
11:05 P. M.	5:02 P. M.
Tuesday, October 9	
11:40 A. M.	5:07 A. M.
11:52 P. M.	5:51 P. M.
Wednesday, October 10	
0:00 A. M.	5:54 A. M.
12:30 P. M.	6:42 P. M.