

## Prizes Offered By Development Group For Name

Seven-County Development Council Seeks Name And Will Give One-Week Free Vacation To Winning Contestant

### CONTEST RULES LISTED BELOW

#### Purpose Of Organization Is To Promote Development Of Agricultural, Industrial, And Recreational Resources

Southeastern North Carolina Development association is a long handle to hang on to a snappy young organization. And the energetic group trying to shake such a lengthy monicker is the seven-county group moving to boost the industrial, agricultural, cultural and general economic tone of the area. For the winner it will mean either a free week's vacation at any resort in the seven-county area for the person and his (or her) family, or \$100 in cash.

Public Interest The development group was formally organized in Whiteville, with Horace Carter of Tabor City as president, Oct. 26. Some four months of background work went into the enterprise.

At the organizational meeting Carter brought out the idea that a shorter, handier name that could be easily remembered and would typify the area and the organization's purposes might be a help.

And, Carter suggested, "Possibly we could put on a contest that will stir the interest of the general public in this group." He noted that general interest will be needed to make the development group a going proposition.

The counties in the area include Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, New Hanover, Pender and Onslow.

Vacation Or \$100 Some of the things they already have are tobacco, strawberries, ocean shipping, beaches, Marinas, commercial vegetables, yams, resort lakes, timber, sewing industries, pickles, cotton, and some furniture manufacturing.

From the natural assets, locations, ambitions and imagination of the area a name is sought.

An example provided by R. L. Thompson, Wrightsville Beach, secretary of the association, is something like Lower Cape Fear Development, Inc.

The Rules The contest is open to anyone in the seven-county area. Here are the rules for winning a week's vacation for your family, or \$100 in cash:

1. Just write a suggested name of the organization on the back of a postal card, along with your name and address and mail to Area Development, P. O. Box 1110, Wilmington.
2. Entries must be mailed not later than midnight, Jan. 5, 1957.
3. The contest is open to all

### Brief Bits Of NEWS

**BUSINESS TRIP** Donald S. Tydings of SPAT is spending part of this week in New York on business relative to the terminal.

**MENS CLUB** The regular monthly meeting of the Methodist Mens Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) evening at the recreation hall of the church.

**BENEFIT BARBECUE** There will be a benefit barbecue supper served at Zion Methodist Church at Town Creek Saturday evening at 8:30. The barbecue is pit cooked the day of the supper. Proceeds will go to the building fund.

**BEING TRANSFERRED** Captain Ralph A. Burns, attached to SPAT for more than a year and a resident of Wilmington, is being transferred, report to France, in January. He has been working in the traffic department, under Major Ferris.

**CAPTURES COPPERHEAD** A small copperhead snake, a very poisonous variety, was captured Wednesday by H. L. Schmidt in the yard at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Reese Swan. Uninjured, it was presented to one of the museums in New Hanover county.

## Possible Strike At Riegel Plant

Unrest Stems From Disagreement Over 13-Cent Per Hour Retroactive Pay Raise

Present non-agreement on a retroactive 13 cents an hour wage increase for Riegel Paper Co. workers may culminate in a walkout in ten days.

The decision of Locals 738 and 797 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers (AFL) to strike at the end of ten days was presented to company officials today.

The decision was reached in a close vote of the union at a meeting Friday night. The ten-day period gives union and company officials a chance to iron out differences and avoid the work stoppage.

Principal contention is a 13 cents an hour wage increase

which the union is seeking to be retroactive to June. Union members of the firm are presently working under an extension of a contract that expired Nov. 18.

In addition to the 13 cents increase, adjustments are being sought by oilers and millwrights.

At Riegel, Robert Aranow, personnel director, said that the company is not in a position to make any statement concerning the union-company relations at the present.

The union claims over 50 percent membership of the approximately 500 Riegel workers.

## Sunny Point Is Providing Jobs For Big Number

Four Buses Loaded With Stevedores Left From Southport This Morning To Help Work Ships

### OTHER BRUNSWICK PEOPLE ON STAFF

#### Sizeable Payroll Being Paid Each Week To Residents Of This Area Through This Activity

By W. B. KEZIAH

Four big buses, each capable of carrying 40 or more men, rolled out of Southport at 6:30 o'clock this morning, carrying stevedores for terminal work. They will go again this afternoon with a second shift and to bring back the morning workers.

The majority of the workers taking the buses from here are Southport white and colored men. The rest come in from Brunswick county points, get their work orders and make the trips to the terminal on the buses.

Owing to congestion and safety reasons, the stevedores are not allowed to drive their cars into the terminal. They are transported by bus from Southport and Wilmington the employment being divided between the labor unions at Wilmington and Southport, for the two counties.

In addition to the stevedoring workers, approximately 160 other Brunswick county men and women are working. These are administrative personnel, guards, firemen and other workers. They provide their own transportation to the terminal.

In a talk with a transportation company representative here this morning, he stated that in one recent night he had 178 tractors and trailers here overnight. They are shutting the machines back and forth over various roads. This official deplored the fact that there are not sufficient accommodations here for the men, beyond scattering them around at motels and private homes. This is rather costly for the operators.

The railroad is also getting a big percentage of the incoming and outgoing freight from here.

## Retirement For Paul Myers Snell

Well Known Official With Wilmington District, U.S. Army Engineers, Completes 42 Years Service

### SNELL WELL KNOWN IN THIS COMMUNITY

#### Married Southport Girl And Has Had Many Official Duties Along Lower Cape Fear

Came Friday at 4:45 p. m., that booming voice won't be heard and its towering owner won't be seen along the State's famous old Cape Fear River any longer. Both are calling it quits for a well-deserved rest and a chance to frolic with the grandchildren.

The voice and the 235-lb. six-foot-two frame belong to Paul Myers Snell who is stepping down to retirement after over 42 years with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and the only job he ever had.

Native of Thomasville and veteran of the first World War, Snell pulled a five-year hitch with the Army Engineers, 1914-19, then went home "to loaf three months" but five weeks was all he could take. His old Colonel had come to Wilmington meanwhile, and was looking for a fellow who could handle a tough job. That did it. "Pappy," as they've known him here all these years, replied in person.

Now on the shady side of life, Pappy likes to tell the boys about those torried War I days in Panama where, because he had a knack for getting things done, they made him a sergeant almost overnight. Before long, he recalls, the Colonel wanted to make him a second lieutenant but he turned down the chance to sport a gold bar.

"I found out," he says, "that the average life of a second lieutenant in France was eight hours and a sergeant's was twelve." That bar wasn't worth the difference.

Dredges are big, tough and cumbersome with never an easy task, good weather or foul. But Snell was rugged enough and Continued On Page Two

## Winter Weather Finally Arrives

Low Temperatures In Southport During Past Few Days Bring End To Mild Fall Weather

With winter not due to arrive until December 21, a lot of folks in Brunswick county and all over the country are getting the impression that it has made it ahead of schedule.

Here at the county seat of Brunswick there has been neither snow, rain, nor signs of either. It has been plenty cold, however. At sunrise this morning the thermometer registered 28-degrees. Things began to warm up after that. With no wind today things should be fairly comfortable except for the fact that weather men are promising more cold weather for Thursday.

Tuesday the temperature registered 31-degrees at sunrise, rose a little during the day only to drop back to its early morning reading by sunset.

## New Commissioner Injured Monday

Raymond Bellamy, Shallotte business and building contractor, sustained a broken left shoulder Monday at about noon when he fell from the roof of the Emmerson Fulford home near Holden Beach. He is said to have fallen a distance of about 8 feet.

Mr. Bellamy, who is scheduled to be sworn in as one of the members of the board of commissioners Monday, was brought here to the Doshier Memorial Hospital immediately. His condition is satisfactory, but it is not known whether he will be able to attend and be sworn in next Monday for his position on the board.

## Varied Docket Tried In Court

Another Busy Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Held Here Monday Of This Week

Monday was another busy day for Brunswick county Recorder's court officials, with the following judgments being handed down:

Johnnie McCall, following too closely, fined \$10 and costs.  
John Reynolds, Jr., simple assault, 30 days on roads, suspended on good behavior for one year and pay costs. Costs combined with another case in which he was fined \$25 and costs on a charge of being drunk and disorderly.  
John Reynolds, Jr., reckless operation, driving drunk, fined \$100 and costs.  
Dannie Goodwin, no operator's license, no registration card, fined \$35 and costs.  
Clinton Skipper, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.  
Horace Adams, speeding, fined \$15 and costs.

Hardie Bell, engaging in affray and disorderly in a public place, 60 days on roads, placed on good behavior for two years and pay a fine of \$25 and costs.  
William Henry Cromartie, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.  
Elmer Davis, possession of non-tax paid whiskey, not guilty.  
Edward Henry Freeman, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.  
Royce Ivey, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.

James Augustus Jenwright, no chauffeur's license, fined \$25 and costs, \$15 of fine remitted on presentation of valid license.  
Dorman H. Lewis, breaking and entry and larceny, bound over to Superior court.  
Roy Davis Milligan, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.  
Carlton Lee Platt, speeding, fined \$15 and costs.  
L. A. Willetts, public drunkenness, resisting arrest, attempting to assault his brothe; 30 days on roads, suspended on good behavior and to refrain from using intoxicating beverages for two years, fine of \$25 and costs.  
Lafayette Williams, assault, 60 days on roads, suspended on good behavior for two years and pay- Continued On Page Four

## Menhaden Now Heading South

Reports Indicate That Big Roe Menhaden May Be Off Brunswick Coast Well Before Christmas

"They ought to be off Southport by the last of this week," said Captain Homer McKelthan of the Brunswick Navigation Menhaden Vessel Nickersen, when he was at home Sunday. He was referring to the schools of menhaden, which he said were now some distance below Beaufort and apparently headed on down the coast.

Hampered by had weather, too rough for the boats to operate, the Brunswick Navigation boats only got something over two million fish the past week. However, they are confident of doing better this week.

The fish are big menhaden and have great quantities of roe. In Continued On Page Four



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## Husband Burned To Death When Home Destroyed

Southport Teacher Received Emergency Call Tuesday Morning Telling Her Of Disastrous Fire

A fire at Holly Ridge early Tuesday morning brought sorrow to Southport when it was learned that Robert Guy Smith, husband of Mrs. Millie Everett Smith, first grade teacher in the local school, had perished in flames that destroyed their home.

A call came for Mrs. Smith soon after school began, telling her that the home had been totally destroyed. She left immediately for Holly Ridge, not knowing that her husband had died in the blaze. A message came later to friends here telling them of this tragic development.

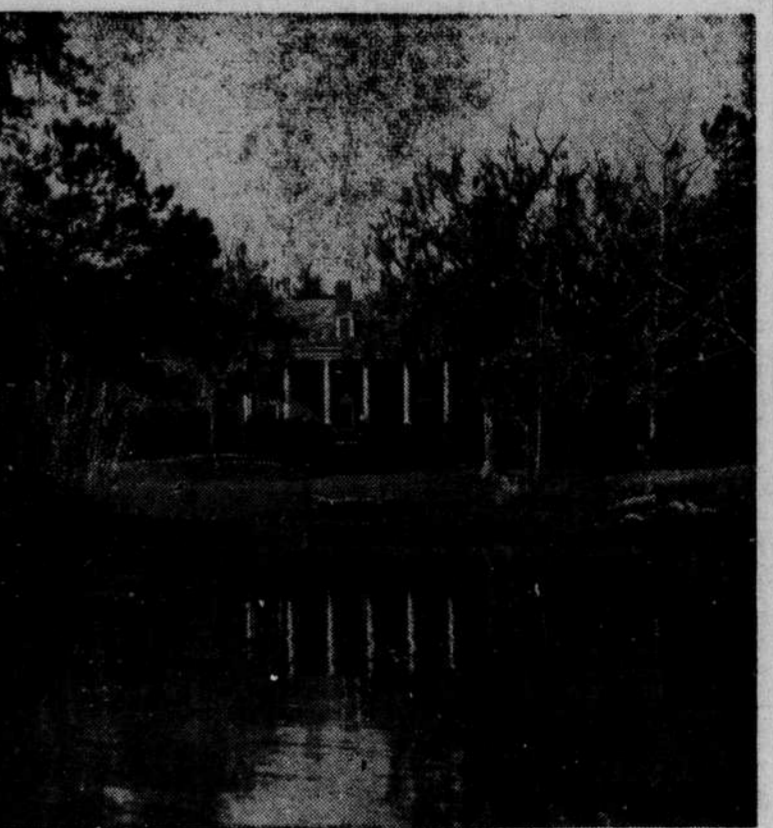
According to reports, fire was discovered about 8 o'clock and a call was made to the fire department at Camp Lejeune. The firemen arrived in short order, but flames were coming out the roof. The body was discovered about 11 o'clock in the area that had been the kitchen. It was believed that the fire started from an oil stove. The deceased was alone at the time of the fire.

Surviving in addition to his wife is one daughter, Mrs. Mary Smith Venuto of Washington, D. C.; one sister, Mrs. Pearl Tilly, and one brother, Hoke Smith, both of Mount Airy.

Funeral services will be conducted tomorrow (Thursday) at 11 o'clock at Jones Funeral Home Chapel, with the Rev. Herman Linberger in charge. Interment will be in the Stump Sound Baptist cemetery near Holly Ridge.

Mrs. Smith is well known in Brunswick county. She taught one full year in Southport, one year at Bolivia and after being absent from the county for a year is back in Southport as first grade teacher this fall.

## Beauty Spot



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## Record Catches Of King Mackerel

Thief Steals Floor Finisher

Plans for finishing the floors of the Southport gymnasium in tip-top condition for the opening game of the season here Saturday night received a set-back during the holidays when a thief broke into the building and stole a 5-gallon can of expensive gym finish.

This work on the gymnasium floors was a project being carried on by the students under the direction of Coach T. M. Lee and Coach Tom Webb. They had sanded the floor last year, and currently were changing the foul lanes from 6-feet to 12-feet.

The guy who took the paint has some solid support for being the meanest man of the year.

## Good Roads To Orton This Year

Tourists Will Have No Trouble Reaching Famous Plantation On Cape Fear River Over Paved Highway This Season

Orton Plantation will have really modern highway access during the flowering season in the early spring. The roads are built, are open to the public and carrying a lot of traffic.

For years the plantation and beautiful gardens had no access except a dirt road that was often impassable. Then the Highway Commission began paving the River Road from Southport to Wilmington. It was a slow job.

The whole stretch was not completed until about 1950, and two years later the prospect loomed up of the new road being closed from near Orton to Walden Creek, 3 miles from Southport. This prospect developed into an actuality last fall.

For the past year the only route from Southport to Orton has been by following Highway No. 87 to Mill Creek Church and turning south east there to get back to Orton. The plantation, 11 miles from Southport, was put at a distance of 21 miles by this Mill Creek road route.

With the opening of the road from Route 130 at Orton to the Sunny Point intersection, Orton is now only 12 miles from town and over a modern road. There is no prospect of detours for anywhere in the immediate future.

In addition to the connection from this immediate area, Highway No. 130 from the intersection at the ship lay-up basin in upper Brunswick county is in good condition to Orton. A paved road from Mill Creek and another of the same kind from Winnabow gives access to Highway No. 130 at a point above Orton.

Summing up things, the beautiful gardens and plantation on the Cape Fear in Brunswick county Continued On Page Four

## Burning Permit Law Is In Effect Now In County

County Forest Warden D. L. Mercer Calls Attention To Regulation Governing Use Of Outside Fires

### LIST OF PLACES TO GET PERMIT

Land Owners Urged To Cooperate With Forestry Officials In Effort To Keep Track Of Outdoor Fires.

The state law relating to the burning of brush within 500 feet of any woodland area without first obtaining a permit to do so will be rigidly enforced, according to County Forest Ranger D. L. Mercer.

This law reads as follows:

"It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodland under the protection of the state forest service or within 500 feet of any such protected area, during the hours starting at midnight and ending at 4 p. m. without first obtaining from the state forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned places between the first day of October and the first day of June, inclusive.

"No charge shall be made for the granting of said permits. "During period of hazardous forest fire conditions, the State Forester is authorized to cancel all permits and prohibit the starting of fires in any of the woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within 500 feet of any such protected area.

"Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned for a period of not more than 30 days.

Burning permits may be obtained here in Brunswick county by contacting any of the following: D. T. Brew, Leland; Mrs. Dillard Skipper, Leland; A. P. Henry, Jr., Winnabow; H. Foster Mintz, Bolivia; Jack Brown, Clerk of Court, Southport; C. S. Ward, (Continued on Page 4)

## Early Mailing Is Urged Here

Postmaster J. B. Russ Calls Attention To Fact That Mailing Conditions May Become Congested Later

Postmaster J. B. Russ points out that this year the Southport post office and others seem set for the greatest rush of Christmas mail in history. It is the custom to urge early mailing for the holidays. This year such action will be needed more than ever before.

During the past year the Southport office has undergone a big increase in the volume of mail handled. Christmas has always been a difficult time for the postal employees. This year the problem will be the biggest ever unless the patrons cooperate by mailing early to allow more time for handling.

Any packages for overseas de- (Continued on Page Four)

## Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Many people throughout this area are feeling a sense of personal loss in the death of John (Jack) Farrell, executive secretary of the North Carolina Beach Association. Mr. Farrell died Friday in a Wilmington hospital, where he had been a patient for several months. He was an earnest and sincere man who was tireless in his efforts. A lot of folks will miss him.

The yacht basin now being dredged out for Yaupon Beach is a natural for safety in time of storm. Before the intracoastal waterway was built the Elizabeth River was regarded as a storm haven by all owners of small boats. The waterway, running straight through, eliminated the sweeps and turns of the river and one of these turns led to the high bluffs just back of Yaupon Beach. At this point of high bluffs that are well wooded they are now dredging out the basin. The old course of the Elizabeth River will form the channel leading to the basin. In addition to being popular for visiting boats the year round, the place should also become the home port of many boats.

Want't be long now until "Hop-ping John" will be in order. To those who don't know the dish, it is plain field peas and hog jowls, cooked together. Among all the folks who liked it best that we have ever known was the late "Doc" Mollycheek of Southport. To him there was nothing finer for a New Years dinner. Invariably Doc would invite us around to his repeat of "Hop-ping John". This his family warmly Continued on Page Four

## Parties Fishing On Monday With Capt. Hulan Watts And With Capt. Walter Lewis Showed Big Profit In Value Of Day's Catch

OTHER GOOD CATCHES MADE DURING WEEK

Weather Has Kept Down Number Of Trips And Most Fishermen Believe It Is Too Late To Try Luck

Two parties fishing out of Southport Monday caught enough king mackerel to pay several times the cost of their trip. Out with Capt. Hulan Watts aboard the Idle-On IV was Mike Zoufelis of Wilmington. He brought in 68 large king mackerel, and it was estimated that the catch would weigh more than 1,500-pounds.

D. M. Proctor and party of Hickory were out with Capt. Walter Lewis and came in with 61 of these big fellows, and observers estimated that this catch, too, would go over 1,500 pounds in total weight.

D. R. Purdy and party of Salisbury were out Saturday with Capt. Lewis and caught 46 king mackerel, 3 amberjack and 4 bonito. The Friday trip was with J. W. Moore and party of Washington, D. C. They had 46 king mackerel, two amberjack and 4 bonito.

On Saturday Dave McCall and party of Charlotte were out with Capt. H. A. Schmidt aboard the Idle-On III. They brought in 45 king mackerel.

Capt. Basil Watts had Henry Doster and party of Concord out with him aboard the Idle On II on Saturday and brought in 44 king mackerel.

The charter boatmen are still accepting bookings, and they say that there are plenty of big king mackerel out there when the weather will permit a trip being made.

## Achievement Day Program Planned

Brunswick County 4-H Club Will Be Held Thursday Evening At Bolivia School

The annual county wide 4-H club achievement day exercises will be held at Bolivia School gym Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The boys and girls that have done the best job in each program offered in 4-H club work will receive a medal. Medals are also offered to those members showing the greatest leadership ability according to the activities he has participated in in carrying out his 4-H club program. Medals will be given to junior 4-H members as well as senior members. Recreation and refreshments are to be had after the awards program is finished. Some certificates from district winners will be presented at the program.

4-H club members and parents from all clubs in the county are urged to attend.

## 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 29,	
5:31 A. M.	11:43 A. M.
5:43 P. M.	11:52 P. M.
Friday, November 30,	
6:21 A. M.	0:00 A. M.
6:32 P. M.	12:32 P. M.
Saturday, December 1,	
7:08 A. M.	0:38 A. M.
7:17 P. M.	1:19 P. M.
Sunday, December 2,	
7:51 A. M.	1:21 A. M.
8:00 P. M.	2:02 P. M.
Monday, December 3,	
8:32 A. M.	2:04 A. M.
8:41 P. M.	2:44 P. M.
Tuesday, December 4,	
9:11 A. M.	2:44 A. M.
9:21 P. M.	3:25 P. M.
Wednesday, December 5,	
9:49 A. M.	3:24 A. M.
10:01 P. M.	4:04 P. M.