

## Superior Court Adjourns With Clean Docket

### Unusual Situation Prevails At Conclusion Of Last Week's Session Of Criminal Court Which Adjourned After Only Two And One-Half Days

### SEVERAL HEAVY SENTENCES PASSED

### Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn Of Woodland Presided Over January Term, Which Also Handled Several Divorces.

What Clerk of Court J. E. Brown describes as one of the most complete terms of criminal court held here in a long time, with every matter on the docket cleared, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn closed last week's term of Brunswick Superior court at noon Wednesday with the sentencing of various defendants.

The jail was heavily populated by the time all trials had ended, as Judge Burgwyn had adopted a policy of sending all defendants back to jail as soon as they were convicted, stating that he would sentence them at the end of the session.

Since few defendants had been sentenced when last week's paper went to press, a full resume of the court business is being given here:

Divorces were granted in the following actions: Frances D. Steele from George J. Steele; Helen Hall Miller from James Edward Miller; Shirley Thorsen Silla from David Gordon Silla; Mary E. Rodrick from David E. Rodrick; Elizabeth Mintz Bailey from James Albert Bailey; Louis P. English from Sadie Harrelson English; Doris Joyner Kelly from William Rufus Kelly; Margie Stevenson Walker from Lanughuish Walker; Shirley Gore Grainger from Langel C. Grainger.

Lasalle Randall, resisting arrest, fined \$100 and costs.

Charles Francis Seigler, forger, 2 to 3 years in State prison, suspended on condition that he violate no law of North Carolina and do not drive an automobile in North Carolina for a period of 5 years.

E. M. Ballard, improper signal, charged with the costs.

Samuel Robbins, following too closely, not guilty.

Marvin E. Hinson, driving too fast for conditions, fined \$25 and costs of the case and all expenses and damage and medical expenses of Mrs. Emel Ganey, amounting to \$292.07.

Robert Lee Carlyle, speeding, fined \$83.60 and the costs.

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Lev Robinson, carnal knowledge, 6 months on roads, suspended on payment of \$20 per month for support of his illegitimate child and the sum of \$112 to the Doshier Memorial Hospital for medical expenses.

Glenn S. Cook, speeding too fast for conditions, fined \$75 and costs.

Lonnie Jordan, assault with deadly weapon, 6 months on the roads suspended for 5 years on good behavior, and payment of

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## Another Catch Of Red Snappers

### New Jersey Fishermen Demonstrate That Year-Round Supply Of Fish Is Off-Shore For The Taking

Here for a short period before Christmas and doing some prospecting for red snapper, Captain Charles W. Blades is back from Ocean City, Md., and is finding everything ideal, except the weather.

Out only a day and a half last week, he was driven in by weather but brought in 1,600 pounds of the snappers. He states that the price on these fish is high now and that if he could only stay out he and the two men that comprise his crew could make a killing with the snappers. In three days, he says they could catch 5,000 pounds or more.

Before coming to Southport late last year he tried things at Morehead, and he states that everything is in favor of Southport, so far as fishing for snappers is concerned. Not only are there many more of the snappers here, there is a valuable advantage. To reach the Morehead City snapper grounds the boats have to go out 87 nautical miles, about 13 hours. At Southport the grounds are only 50 miles out, or about 7 1/2 hours. This time-saving distance is

## Sale Now Open On Bank Stock

### Action Follows Plan Outlined At Annual Stockholder's Meeting Held In Whiteville Last Week

### WILL MAKE 5,000 SHARES AVAILABLE

### First Time Since 1946 That Such A Move Has Been Made By This Financial Organization

Plans are complete this week for issuing 5,000 new shares of stock of Waccamaw Bank and Trust company. The issue was authorized by the bank stockholders in their annual meeting Jan. 23.

Half of the new stock will be offered to present stockholders and the remaining 2,500 shares will be available to non-stockholders.

C. L. Tate, president of the bank stated today that present stockholders would be entitled to purchase one share of new stock for each 12 shares that he now owns. "They will have 30 days in which to exercise their right of purchase," said Tate.

In announcing plans for sale of 2,500 shares to non-stockholders, it marked the first time since 1946 that such a move has been made.

"The apparent demand for stock from people who do not now own stock in the Waccamaw bank and our desire to have our customers share in the bank's earnings, prompted the action to offer 2,500 shares to non-stockholders," said Tate.

"The bank operates in 10 communities in five counties. We feel that more of our customers in these various communities should be entitled to own stock in the bank."

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## Attend Safety Council Meeting

### Lt. Col. Wm. F. Murphy And Gene Burke Of Sunny Point Are Cooperating With Highway Safety Program

Lt. Col. Wm. F. Murphy, executive officer at Sunny Point, and Gene Burke, industrial safety chief, attended the meeting of the Governors Safety Council at the Highway Patrol Barracks in Fayetteville Tuesday.

The keynote of the meeting was a discussion of plans to solicit the interest of the public to put highway safety across. Both Lt. Col. Murphy and Burke have stated they are available to talk to groups anywhere within a reasonable distance of Southport. They also plan to coordinate their efforts with Corporal O. H. Lynch and Sergeant A. H. Clark, district highway officers.

The subject of safety to the public is a matter that officers at Sunny Point are generally and genuinely interested in. It is a

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## NCEA Speaker



CLAUDE H. FARRELL, director of lay relations for the North Carolina Education Association, will be the speaker tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock when the Brunswick County Chapter of this organization meets at Leland.

## Progress Made On Project For Safety Harbor

### The Rev. L. D. Hayman Receives Assurance That Plans For This Fiscal Year Include Navigational Aids In Lockwoods Folly

In a letter to the Rev. L. D. Hayman of Southport enclosing copies from U. S. Coast Guard, Congressman Alton A. Lennon states that the matter of placing ten day markers with pointers and night reflectors as navigational aids on Lockwoods Folly is definitely approved as of August 1956 and is scheduled for action during fiscal year, which ends July 30.

The Rev. Mr. Hayman has received communications from Vice Admiral A. C. Richmond, Commandant U. S. Coast Guard, Washington, D. C., and from Rear Admiral H. C. Moore, U. S. Coast Guard Commander Fifth Coast Guard District, Norfolk, Va., confirming the fact that this matter will have attention as soon as funds can be made available. These officials express this hope that this will be within the next few months.

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## Elderly Mason Holds Office

### Alex Lind, Who Holds 52 Years Continuous Membership As A Mason, Installed Again As Tyler Of Local Lodge; Ernest Parker, Jr., Master

Installed as Tyler of Pythagoras Lodge No. 249, A. F. & A. M., Southport, for the eighth consecutive year on January 15, was Alex Lind, who reached his fifty-second year of continuous membership as a Master Mason on August 5, 1956. Lind is eighty-four years old, having been born

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## Our ROVING Reporter

With their Double-B Cafe on the busy Highway 17 near Shalotte, former Sheriff and Mrs. E. V. Leonard have worked up quite a flourishing business from among the coast-wise traffic. Recently, the place is getting increasingly popular for groups of various sorts from both Brunswick and Columbus counties. In that past two weeks a Sunday school class led by Judge Sankey Robinson of Whiteville and the Agricultural Class from Nahunta high school have both been there for dinner and along with these have been the high school coaches of the Brunswick county schools and other parties.

While there is nothing definite about anything, Douglas Haves of the Bolivia Lions Club, tells us he has recently been in contact with two different doctors with his effort to induce one to locate at Bolivia. Hopeful, despite the

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## Sign-Up Starts For Cotton And Weed Farmers

### Response On Part Of Growers May Have Important Effect Upon Future Acreage Cuts For These Two Crops

### OTHER PHASES OF SIGN-UP GOING ON

### Meeting Being Held Tomorrow Night To Discuss Soil Bank Program As It Affects County Farms

The sign-up for tobacco and cotton farmers under the 1957 acreage reserve program will begin in Brunswick county Friday. This will be the first full-scale tryout of that part of the Soil Bank program aimed at reducing production of surplus allotment crops. The success of this program this year is expected to mean much to all farmers in the State, not just this year but for years to come. By full participation in the program this year it is hoped to eliminate some of the necessity for acreage cuts next year.

Applications for participating in the Acreage Reserve phase of the Soil Bank Program will be accepted by the Brunswick County ASC Committee on a "first come, first served" basis.

The allocation to Brunswick county for operation of the Acreage Reserve program totals \$119,820. Breaking this down by eligible crops in Brunswick county we have \$114,259 for flue-cured tobacco, \$29 for burley tobacco and \$5,332 for cotton.

A special meeting has been scheduled for tomorrow (Thursday) in Southport.

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## Southport Lions Will Hold Sale

### Blind Products Will Be Offered For Sale In House To House Canvass By Members

Plans were perfected this week for a Blind Products Sale, sponsored by the Southport Lions Club and under the direction of the following special committee: B. G. Torrance, W. L. Aldridge and the Rev. L. F. Hawkins.

The date of the sale will be February 9-16 with the work of follow-up going on through February 23.

This year there will be four products: 1. A household broom that is smaller and better than any sold before this. 2. A whisk broom for home or car. 3. An ironing board cover that is scorch resistant. (Good Housekeeping seal of approval.) 4. A kitchen package consisting of two full-size dish towels and two dish cloths packed in an attractive cellophane bag.

The main sale of these products will be Saturday morning, February 9. Lions will be assigned definite territory for a house to house sale, and several Lions will be selling the products on the street. Those who cannot cover their territory on that day will finish their work the following week.

## Chief Executive Visits Big Spring

### Side Trip To Bouncing Log Spring Saturday Afternoon Interests Governor In Development Possibilities

By W. B. KEZIAH

Sandwiching things in between two speaking dates at Wilmington Friday and Saturday nights, Governor Luther H. Hodges was the guest of Col. Frank T. Edson and members of his staff at Sunny Point Saturday.

Following his tour of the giant installation near Southport, the Governor, with a keen mind on whatever will contribute to the bringing of industry to North Carolina, was keen on going out to see the Bouncing Log Spring, not far from the installation.

It was argued that the road to the spring was not so good. Lt. Col. William Murphy, executive officer at Sunny Point, had the answer all ready. He proposed that the party get a couple of Atlantic Coast Line work cars and go to the spring via the railroad track.

Coupled together, the cars looked somewhat like one of those pictured "Sherman raider trains," minus a smokestack. They might have also been likened to open air taxicabs. Governor Hodges hesitated less than anybody else in getting aboard for the half hour trip.

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## Governor Hodges At Sunny Point For Inspection

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### FIRST VISIT FOR GOVERNOR HODGES

### Importance Of This Installation In Over-All National Defense Picture Described For Visitors

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The 75 miles of heavily ballasted railroad track and yard barricaded area and many miles of heavy duty, hard surfaced, highways, were also objects of deep interest as the water system of two huge tanks and about a hundred miles of heavy water lines.

On the docks, should the occasion for fighting fires ever arrive, the fresh water is automatically cut off and automatic pumps take over with the water line on the dock. Streams of water, only limited by the water in the river, can be delivered with terrific force to any needed point. In addition, two large and powerful fire boats are constantly standing by for any possible call.

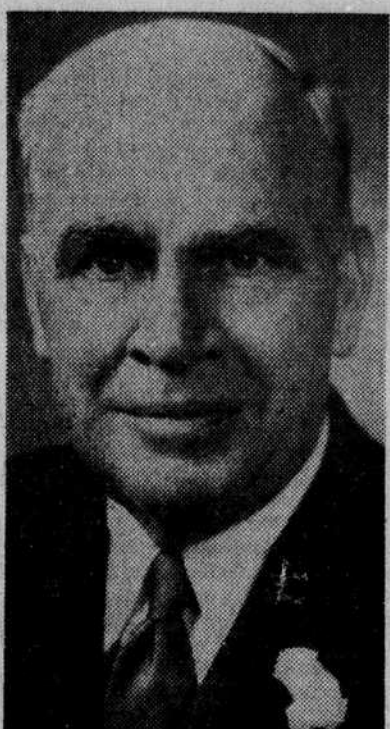
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Governor Hodges saw and heard much of the completed picture from Colonel Edson and his staff during the tour of the installation Saturday. Later in the day he stated to newsmen that he was wonderfully impressed and pleased. He had heard much of Sunny Point at Southport and nothing that he had heard could have surpassed the first-hand impression.

The governor arrived at the terminal from Wilmington aboard the U. S. Army Engineers boat, docking at Wharf No. 2, he was accompanied by his personal secretary, Ed Rankin, others in the party were Col. R. C. Rowland, Wilmington District Army Engineer; Col. E. C. Snow of the North Carolina Water Resources Commission; Colonel Marr of the State Port Authority; Colonel Edson and others.

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resident who represents the Atlantic Coast Line, got aboard and officiated as engineer and conductor. Boarding this special as fellow passengers with the Governor were Col. Edson; Col. B. C. Snow of the State Water Commission; former Senator Ray Walton; Col. Edward Marr of the State Ports

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## Savings And Loan Plan New Building

### Annual Stockholders Meeting Held Here Friday Night With Report Indicating Successful Year

### ALL OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

### Assets Of Local Savings Institution Reaches All-Time High During Year; Depositors Increase

Southport Savings and Loan Association increased its assets by \$232,084, or 17.36 percent, in 1956, and now holds more savings and serves more families than at any time in its 45 year history, H. T. Legett, president, reported at the annual stockholders meeting Friday night.

The association officers are making plans to construct a new, modern office building during 1957 in order to provide more attractive and convenient quarters which will make it possible to serve customers more efficiently.

During the business session, St. George was re-elected president; D. C. Herring, first vice-president; J. L. Moore, second vice-president; W. P. Jorgensen, secretary-treasurer. These officers and the following persons comprise the board of directors: L. J. Hardee, J. B. Church, M. R. Sanders, S. B. Frink and H. Foster Mintz.

Mrs. Rachel Rook is assistant secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Doris Harrelson is part-time clerk and teller.

President St. George, in releasing the association's annual report, said the institution's steady growth was due to serving a

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## Weekly Session Of Court Held

### Variety Of Cases Disposed Of Here Monday Before Judge Earl Bellamy In Recorder's Court

A long list of cases were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge Earl Bellamy, with the following matters being disposed of:

William Bellamy, non-support, not guilty.

James Simmons, public drunkenness, fined \$25 and costs.

Linder Simmons, interfering with duties of officer, not guilty.

Marvin Randolph McGowan, drunk driving, damage to jail in the amount of \$25 Defendant asked for jury trial.

George Marion Foxworth, Jr., speeding, fined \$10 and costs.

Carl D. Andrews, reckless operation, guilty, fined \$25 and costs.

Joe Carrol Hubbard, speeding, fined \$15 and costs.

Linwood Harrell, possession, fined \$25 and costs.

Thomas C. Moore, speeding, no chauffeur's license, fined \$35 and costs.

Sylvester Maultsby, operating when not emergency with red light and siren, fined \$10 and costs.

Lacy Vernon Scarborough, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.

Purvis Edwards, engaging in an affair, guilty; sentenced to 120 days in jail or fined \$15 and costs.

Dewey Edwards, engaging in an affair, guilty; sentenced to 60 days in jail or a fined \$10 and costs.

Leroy Beatty, no operator's license, allowing unlicensed person

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## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### VISIT OUT-PORTS

Albert L. Phelps, R. P. Hewlett and Capt. L. T. Fritch of Sunny Point visited out-port operations at Charleston, S. C., and Savannah, Ga., last week.

### GOOD CATCH OF SEABASS

Out for 6 hours yesterday and fishing with handlines near the Cape Fear Lightship, Captain Walter Lewis and crew got in last night with 1500 pounds of large seabass.

### RECEIVES DISCHARGE

George W. Fisher, Jr., Signalman Second Class, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Fisher Sr. of Southport, and husband of Mrs. George W. Fisher Jr., has been honorably discharged from the U. S. Navy attached to the U. S. Naval Receiving Station, Norfolk, Virginia.

### BARBECUE SUPPER

There will be a barbecue supper, pit-cooked on church grounds the day of serving at Zion Methodist church, Town Creek, on Saturday, February 2, beginning at 6:30 p. m. The supper will be served in the Church Fellowship Hall. Home-made cakes and pies will also be on sale. Proceeds will go into the church building fund.