

Bouncing Log Spring



VISITORS—Al Johnson, Wilmington District manager for Carolina Power and Light Company, W. B. Keziah and Jack Riley, public relations representative for the power company, are shown on a recent visit to Bouncing Log Spring near Southport. Power company officials have expressed considerable interest in the possibilities for industrial development based upon this great source of fresh water.

Enforcement Of Penalty Tobacco Varieties Strict

Brunswick County ASC Committee And U. S. Department Of Agriculture Will Make Determined Effort At Enforcement

INSPECTORS WILL VISIT ALL FIELDS

Manuals Describing Characteristics Of Different Varieties Will Be In Use

Brunswick ASC officials will visit every field in the county on which flue-cured tobacco is grown in enforcing the 50 percent price support on 1957 production of flue-cured varieties Coker 139, Coker 140, and Dixie Bright 244, Lonnie Evans, Chairman of the Brunswick ASC County Committee, declared this week. The following steps will be taken by the department and his agency in enforcing the "Discount Plan":

- (1) The Department of Agriculture will prepare and furnish to local ASC offices a "variety identification manual." The manual will describe the characteristics of the discounted varieties under various soil, moisture, and cultural practice conditions.
 - (2) Every field will be visited and the variety of tobacco identified in the field with the use of the identification manual.
 - (3) At the time the reporter visits the farm he will secure a certification from the farm operator as to whether any of the discounted varieties are being produced on the farm.
 - (4) The Department of Agriculture will make available qualified experts on plant variety identification to check any farms where there is a question as to the variety being grown.
 - (5) Unless the farm operator has established the fact that no tobacco of the discounted varieties has been produced on his farm, a special type of marketing card will be issued providing for support at one-half of the regular rate for the entire farm.
- Evans cautioned farmers to procure their tobacco seed only from reliable sources. Only in this manner will the farmer be able to certify that he is not planting one of the "discounted varieties". For information on locally adapted disease-resistant varieties that are not undesirable to the trade, farmers should contact their local county agent.



VICE ADMIRAL PAUL HENDREN, honorary chairman of the New Hanover County Heart Council, will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club tomorrow (Thursday).

Collections For Heart Campaign Planned Sunday

House To House Canvas Planned In Southport And In Several Other Communities In The County

Kirby Sullivan, chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter of the N. C. Heart Association, has completed plans for a house to house canvas Sunday for contributions to the 1957 Heart Fund.

More than 20 communities have been organized for this effort, and Chairman Sullivan still plans to perfect his organization on two or three communities before Sunday.

That is the day of a nationwide effort to raise funds with which to wage war on America's No. 1 killer.

Bill Wood, executive secretary of the N. C. Heart Association, was in Southport yesterday, together with Ben McDonald, to discuss plans for the Sunday campaign.

Manager Position Is Still Not Filled

Members Of Board Of Aldermen Interview Another Candidate; Ernest E. Parker, Jr., City Attorney

Members of the board of aldermen Thursday night decided that on the basis of information compiled by acting City Manager G. C. Kilpatrick, William Formyduval, assistant city manager at Chapel Hill, should not be hired to fill the vacant post of city manager for Southport.

Dan Jones, city clerk, treasurer and industrial agent for the city of Fairmont, appeared before the board and applied for the vacant post. He stated that he would be unable to report for duty until June, and that he would come here for a salary of \$5,500 per year.

He is a lawyer, but is interested in the city manager field. He is married and has two children, and his home is in Fairmont.

Ernest E. Parker, who recently

Receives Dipper To Use At Spring

Steve Wall Provides Home-Grown Drinking Dipper For Installation At Bouncing Log Spring

Interested in the Bouncing Log Spring through reading in this paper of the numerous prominent visitors, including Governor Luther Hodges, Steve Wall of the U. S. Army Engineers office, took occasion this past week to carve out an eighteen inch gourd and send it to W. B. Keziah. On the back or bottom of the gourd he painted an inscription reading, "Bouncing Log Spring".

Accompanying the gourd was the following letter from Steve: "Dear Bill":

"Our man, Ephraim Swain, is scheduled to deliver to you late today a genuine Tar Heel drinking dipper. "Since you have been squiring so many celebrities for visits to the Bouncing Log Spring, I thought it would be appropriate to have a Tar Heel project hanging close by to take a swig. "I trust that the fact that since the article was grown in my 40' X 50' garden in the city limits of Wilmington, that the project will not in any way reduce the purity and exhilarating qualities of the water.

"I will have you know that the dipper was scrubbed last night just before supper and the aperture carved while I was sipping my last cup of coffee. "Further, I am certain since you are acquainted with springs in the hilly upstate, that you will cut a limb from a nearby bush and hang the dipper from the spike with the neck down the hole in the latter being to assure that no water will be left therein as a meeting place for pests."

Assailant Shoots Johnnie Varnum

Lockwoods Folly Man Shot In Head Wednesday Night While Seated In His Home Working On Boat Plans

RECOVERING AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

No Arrests Made In This Case But Brunswick County Officers Have Prime Prospect For Crime

Johnnie P. Varnum was shot through the head Wednesday night as he sat near a window of his living room at his home near Varnum's Landing and Holden Beach. Sheriff Elbert H. Gray states that he was at a table working on plans for a new fishing boat when the shot crashed through the window.

The bullet, apparently fired from a .22 calibre rifle or pistol, struck Varnum in the right cheek, passed through his mouth and under his tongue and was deflected to range under the skin of his throat and shoulder to lodge in his shoulder.

He was brought to the Doshier Memorial Hospital immediately and doctors there found him in a weakened condition from loss of blood. With this condition, the doctors deferred operations for the removal of the bullet until Monday of this week. As they had suspected the bullet was from a .22 calibre weapon, Varnum is now out of danger and is recovering rapidly.

A complete investigation by Sheriff Gray revealed a definite suspect in the case and this official stated yesterday that an arrest will be made in a very short time.

Twenty-five years ago Varnum was involved in one of the most sensational murder cases in the history of Brunswick county when he shot and killed his wife, Mrs. (Continued on Page Four)

Short Session Of Court Held

Weekly Session Of Brunswick County Superior Court Adjourned At Noon Monday

Brunswick county Recorder's court adjourned at noon Monday following an abbreviated session, with the following judgements handed down:

Echo Bellamy, reckless operation, damage to personal property, judgement withheld to March 4th. Leonard S. Stein, speeding, fined \$10 and costs.

Dave Scoggins, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, guilty of assault with deadly weapon, fined \$15 and costs. Phillip Gibbons, disturbing the peace and unauthorized use of fire sinner, fined \$75 and costs.

James L. Hooper, larceny, not guilty. James Robert Milliken, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, ordered to pay \$100 for the benefit of Rosette Williamson, jail sentence assigned in case, Feb. 11, 1957.

Robert Allen Oxendine, speeding, fined \$10 and costs, costs remitted because of extenuating circumstances. Gus Harris, reckless operation, fined \$25 and costs. (Continued on page four)

Prominent Man To Be Speaker

Dr. Paul B. Freeland Will Speak Friday To Southport High School Students In Chapel

Dr. Paul B. Freeland, Secretary of Overseas Relief and Inter-Church Aid, Board of World Missions, Presbyterian Church, U. S., Nashville, Tennessee, will speak in chapel at Southport high school Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

A native of Crowley, Louisiana, Dr. Freeland is a graduate of Davidson College, and Union Theological Seminary and has done post graduate work at New College, Edinburgh. He served pastor (Continued on Page Four)

Bowman Reports On Second Week Of Legislature

Brunswick County Representative Assigned Unusually Large Number Of Duties On Committees

CHIEF ATTENTION ON STATE MEASURES

Bowman Favors Across-The-Board Increase In Salaries For Teachers And State Employees

By JAMES C. BOWMAN

This past legislative week started with plenty of action in the form of the Governor's biennial message before the joint session of the General Assembly at 8:30 p. m. Monday. At that time, the budget for the next two years was presented to the assemblymen.

The figures included in the budget make up the State's "first billion-dollar budget", although all of the funds included do not come from State sources. The breakdown of these funds indicates that \$791,000,000 (68 percent) is derived from State revenues, \$261,100,000 (22.4 percent) is received from the Federal Government, and \$111,200,000 (9.6 percent) from agency receipts (fees, licenses, etc.) or a total of \$1,163,300,000.

The budget recommended a "merit plan" pay increase of about 9.1 percent for teachers and about 8.8 percent for other State employees. Both of these recommended salary increases are considerably below the amounts requested and in addition, the increases were requested on an "across the board" basis rather than the "merit plan" basis.

Frankly, I believe that both increases are too low considering the increase in the cost of living index and in the light of the fact that State employees generally have had no raises since 1953. In addition, I am opposed to the so-called "merit plan" proposed as a basis for giving effect to salary increases. If this is to be a cost of living raise, then it would seem that the increase should be on an "across the board" basis; that is, all employees should receive a raise. It is my belief that the amount of these salary increases will be raised after time has been had to study thoroughly all of the finance bills which have been introduced.

Most of the bills introduced during the week were of local application except, of course, the various appropriation and revenue bills.

One bill introduced which would be of interest to our county was the Driver Training and Education Act. This bill would provide for driver training and safety instruction in all public schools in the State that wish to participate in the program. The cost of the program would be financed by adding \$1 to the present cost of the State automobile license plates.

Another bill introduced would authorize the Department of Motor Vehicles and judges of the State criminal courts to exercise a certain amount of discretion in suspending drivers' licenses where persons are convicted on a first offense of drunken driving. The present law provides for a mandatory one year suspension of a person's driver's license on conviction of this offense. The theory behind the bill seems to be that juries will be more willing to convict in such cases if they are permitted to recommend in mitigation. (Continued on Page Four)

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, February 21,	
1:23 A. M.	7:29 A. M.
1:34 P. M.	7:43 P. M.
Friday, February 22,	
2:22 A. M.	8:30 A. M.
2:33 P. M.	8:43 P. M.
Saturday, February 23,	
3:20 A. M.	9:29 A. M.
3:31 P. M.	9:42 P. M.
Sunday, February 24,	
4:17 A. M.	10:25 A. M.
4:28 P. M.	10:37 P. M.
Monday, February 25,	
5:08 A. M.	11:15 A. M.
5:19 P. M.	11:27 P. M.
Tuesday, February 26,	
5:55 A. M.	12:00 A. M.
6:06 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Wednesday, February 27,	
6:38 A. M.	12:13 A. M.
6:48 P. M.	12:43 P. M.

Board Seeking Information On Tax Revaluation

Commissioners Considering Proposals For Equalizing Tax Valuations On Property In Brunswick

Members of the board of county commissioners are confronted with the problem of revaluation, and following a discussion at their regular session here Monday they have agreed to reach some definite decision at their next session.

At the direction of the commissioners, Mrs. Ressie R. Whatley, county tax supervisor, has collected some information from other counties who recently have gone through the revaluation process. Most of them favor having the job done by trained outsiders, and although this method is considered to be expensive, it has been discovered that results have justified the expense.

The counties contacted have all been able to reduce their tax rate following a revaluation, for this has resulted in adding many unlisted values to the tax book. All (Continued on Page Four)

Civil Court To Convene Monday

More Vessels Slated For SPAT

A report yesterday from Col. William F. Murphy, executive officer at Sunny Point, indicates that two vessels are to arrive tomorrow, (Thursday) for loading. These are the John Sargent, a vessel in which there is considerable local interest, owing to previous calls here. The other is the AKL 20. It has not been stated which vessel will arrive first, but both are due tomorrow.

For the month of March, 3 vessels are already scheduled. The Haiti Victory on March 4, an unnamed vessel on March 12 and a Nodex vessel on March 25.

Shalotte Man Faces Charges

W. T. Russ Charged With Driving 100 Miles Per Hour And With Attempt To Run Down Arresting Patrolman

W. T. Russ, prominent Shalotte business man, has been arrested for careless and reckless driving, speeding at 100-miles per hour and with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill State Highway Patrolman W. H. Morgan, Jr., who was the arresting officer.

The case is scheduled for trial in Brunswick county Recorder's court on March 4.

According to Patrolman Morgan, on the night of February 8 while on duty on U. S. 17 he picked up the chase on a speeding car headed South near Thomasboro. He says that he was able to pass the vehicle before it reached the South Carolina line. He states that he blocked the highway with his patrol car as best he could, then started walking back to the stopped vehicle. As he drew near the car, he said (Continued on Page Four)

Crop Insurance To Be Explained

Mass Meeting Scheduled For Shalotte High School Auditorium Friday Night Of This Week

The Federal Crop Insurance Program will be explained at 7:30 p. m. Friday at Shalotte School auditorium. This meeting is being sponsored by the Brunswick County Farm Bureau in order to give tobacco farmers an opportunity to understand the program.

Last year was the first time Brunswick county tobacco farmers could insure their crop under the Federal Insurance program. A large number of growers took advantage of the program, but it is felt that there are many (Continued on Page Four)

Fire Situation Called Critical

Forest Warden Urges Cooperation Of Public In Preventing Forest Fires During Dry, Windy Period

County Forest Fire Warden Dorman Mercer of Bolivia stated Monday that he and his fellow workers were now being constantly called out to fight fires in every section of the county.

In most cases, he added, we are able to keep these fires confined to small areas without great damage resulting. What worries him most for the next several weeks is the possibility of some such fire (Continued on Page Four)

Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

In the JV Basket Ball Tournament last week the Shalotte boys and girls were here in full force Thursday afternoon and night. Instead of going home for dinner that night, they ate in restaurants in Southport. Two full bus loads go their supper at Mack's Cafe and we dropped in there as they were about to leave. All of the visitors were what you might call "uncommonly well behaved" for such a crowd of youngsters. So much that McGlamery remarked to us, after they left, that they were the best behaved crowd of young people that he has had in there in years. They were in charge of Coach Paul Weatherly.

Our friends, Dorman Mercer, Gilbert Reid and Lester Edwards, of the Brunswick Forestry department, are recognizing that the two miles of dirt road from Highway 57 to the Bouncing Log Spring is rather important, especially so since Governor Hodges

Brief Bits Of NEWS

FRIDAY HOLIDAY
County offices will be closed on Friday in observance of George Washington's Birthday.

RETURNS FROM SCHOOL
Colonel Frank T. Edson, commanding officer at SPAT, returns to his duties tomorrow (Thursday) after taking a three weeks course at an Army school in the east. Col. William F. Murphy has been acting-commanding officer during his absence.

RELIGIOUS CENSUS
Volunteers from the various churches in Southport will participate Sunday in a religious census. Workers are asked to meet at 2 o'clock at Trinity Methodist Church for their instructions. It is urged that residents of this community make an effort to have some responsible representative at home Sunday afternoon between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock.