

Bowman Explains Position About Teachers Raise

Vote Last Week Not To Be Interpreted As Being Opposed To Pay Increase For This Group

FIRST BILLS OF LOCAL NATURE

Some Measures Affecting State Department Of Motor Vehicles Also Discussed

By JAMES C. BOWMAN

The tempo of the work in the General Assembly increased considerably during the past week, due primarily to the various committee activities. The House session on Tuesday of the past week provided most of the fireworks following introduction of a resolution which directed the Appropriations Committee of the House to provide for a minimum pay increase of 15 percent for public school teachers. On a motion to table, the resolution was defeated by a very close vote of 58 for and 53 against tabling the resolution.

I voted in favor of tabling the resolution. As a general proposition, I will not attempt to explain or alibi my vote on any bill or resolution in the future. However, in those cases where my vote may be misunderstood or misinterpreted in the light of a subsequent vote, I feel that my action should be explained to the people.

In this particular instance, I do not intend that my vote shall be construed as one against pay increases for teachers or other State employees. It is my intention to vote in favor of wage increases for these groups in excess of those amounts recommended in the Advisory Budget Committee report. I was, however, opposed to the summary method of arriving at these increases, without opportunity for interested persons to be heard before the Committee, as proposed in the resolution. Further, the procedure used by the proposers of the resolution was completely unorthodox, unprecedented, and constituted an attempt to circumvent the procedures established by the rules of the House for the orderly conduct of its business. These established rules of procedure have been tested over the years and should be followed until changed. The procedure proposed by the resolution, it had succeeded, would have opened the door to any number of similar resolutions involving the people of this State and a very dangerous precedent tabling the resolution.

Bill providing pay raises for teachers and other State employees. These bills include a bill in effect for a 20 percent teacher increase and a bill to raise wages of other State employees by 15 percent on an across-the-board basis. In addition, I voted in favor of tabling the resolution.

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

COMPLETE LOADING

Loading of the SS John Sargeant at Sunny Point is expected to be completed today. The Haiti Victory is due for loading Monday, March 4. Her loading should be completed that week.

CHANGE CHURCH TIME

Trinity Methodist Church in Southport will go back to the usual hour for evening services this week following two months during which a supper-vesters service has been followed. Church service this week will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

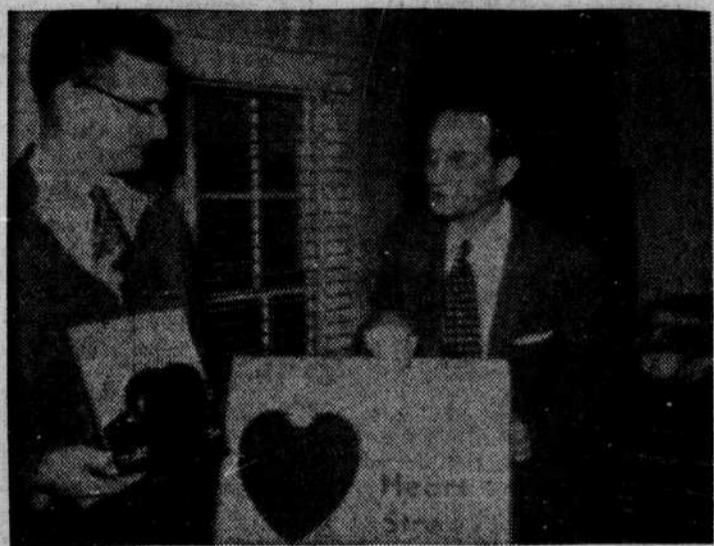
BARBECUE SUPPER

There will be a barbecue supper, pit-cooked on church grounds the day of serving, at Zion Methodist Church, Town Creek, on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 6:30 p. m. Home-made cakes and pies will also be on sale, and all proceeds will go to the church building fund.

ANOTHER TRIP

Col. Frank Edson, Commanding Officer at SPAT, is a rather busy man, according to all indications. This past Thursday he got back from 3 weeks at the Training School at Ft. Belvoir. He had hardly arrived at the terminal before he was called to New York for something like 5 days. He will be back this week.

Map Heart Fund Drive



PLANNING—Kirby Sullivan, left, Chairman of the Brunswick County Chapter of the N. C. Heart Association, is shown here discussing plans for the Heart Fund Drive with W. W. Wood, executive director of the North Carolina Heart Association. The campaign will be conducted in Southport and Shallotte Sunday of this week.

Heart Fund Drive Makes Progress

County Chairman Kirby Sullivan Receives Preliminary Reports From Solicitors In The County

CANVAS WILL BE HELD HERE SUNDAY

County Chairman Pleased With Reaction Of Citizens To This Appeal For Their Help

Kirby Sullivan, chairman of the Brunswick County Heart Association Chapter, has received scattered reports of Sunday afternoon activities, and is completing plans for a house-to-house canvas here in Southport this week.

Mrs. James T. Barnes will be in charge.

The same plan will be followed at Shallotte, where Mrs. Eli Kravitz is serving as local chairman.

Chairman Sullivan says that there have been no unpleasant incidents to develop in Brunswick in connection with the campaign. "Our folks seem to recognize the fact that heart diseases present such a serious threat to their health and happiness that they are glad of an opportunity to help finance a program of experimentation and research."

Admiral Paul Hendren spoke to the Southport Lions Club on Thursday in behalf of the Heart Drive.

Warning System To Be Complete

Regular Guard Force Will Man Equipment Being Installed For This Purpose

The Air Raid warning system planned for Sunny Point will be one of the very few in eastern Carolina and it will be operated 24 hours a day by members of the guard who will be especially trained in its operation.

They will be able to pick up all planes flying as high as 15,000 feet. A direct line or code will bring the operators into instant contact with Charlotte with a report on the number and type of the planes, together with the direction they are flying.

Charlotte has the central screening terminal where they monitor all flights and screen all information.

At the moment it is not thought that operations at SPAT will require any additional men over the present force. The probable action will be to take and train operators to do the work as part of their regular guard duties, officials stated this week.

Fire Department In New Building

Old Fire Station Has Been Remodeled Into Quarters For Southport Chief Of Police

The old Southport Fire Department building has been remodeled into a residence for Chief of Police and Mrs. Louis Clark and children. They have recently moved in and their presence there adds assurance of prompt answers to fire calls.

The fire truck and other equipment is now sheltered in the new concrete block building, with brick. Continued On Page Two.

New Board Of Health Members

A meeting of the ex-officio members of the Brunswick County Board of Health was held in the Brunswick County Board of Education office Monday with the following members present: Herbert Swain, chairman, Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, H. C. Stone, Superintendent, Brunswick County Schools, Roy Robinson, mayor, City of Southport.

The purpose of this meeting was to elect Brunswick County Board of Health members for 1957. Appointed to serve as members of the Brunswick County Board of Health were Dr. R. H. Holden, dentist, Shallotte; Dr. F. M. Burdette, Jr., Southport; Robert M. Willis, druggist, Southport; Wilbur Earl Earp, farmer, Winnabow.

More Employees Under Union At Army Terminal

Group Of Civilian Employees Receive Wage Increase And Other Considerations As Result Of Union Agreement

Civilian employees at Sunny Point Army Terminal who are not under Civil Service, members of the military or employed as stevedores went to work Thursday under terms of an agreement worked out with Ryan Stevedoring Co. Inc., and Local 391, International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Chauffeurs, Warehousemen and Helpers of America.

The first immediate effects of this agreement included a raise in pay amounting to from 40 cents to 60 cents per hour; guarantee of a 40-hour work-week for regular employees; and a 5-cent per hour allowance in lieu of a paid vacation.

There is a non-strike clause included in the agreement which included provisions for hospitalization insurance and death benefits for members.

Representing the local men in their negotiations were Chief Stewart W. T. Fullwood, E. E. Holden, assistant chief steward, and LeRoy Bernard. These men were elected by popular vote in their fellow workers, and they receive no remuneration for their duties in this connection.

Represent City At Survey Meet

U. S. Army Engineers Informed Of Erosion Problem Affecting Southport Waterfront

Mayor Roy Robinson and two other Southport residents attended a conference in Wilmington last Wednesday where General Holle, representing a National Beach Erosion Survey, and Col. Rowland, chief of the Wilmington District Army Engineers, held hearings upon problems peculiar to beach erosion along this section of the coast.

Also in attendance from Southport were L. J. Handee and Phil King.

Mayor Robinson called attention Continued On Page Four

Civil Court In Session Here All This Week

Judge George M. Fountain Presiding Over One-Week Term For Trial Of Civil Cases Only

SHORT SESSIONS FIRST TWO DAYS

Cases Are Scheduled For Each Day, With Lengthy Session Prospect Today And Tomorrow

Superior Court convened Monday with Judge George M. Fountain presiding. The first two days were featured by the large number of continuances, including four of the 8 divorce cases on the docket. The total number of continuances on Monday was 14.

One judgment was given in the case of Machine Supply Company vs. Hampton Edward Leonard, the amount being \$1,427.63.

Following the calendar, very little business came up Tuesday and Judge Fountain adjourned for the day before 11 o'clock, with one case having been settled at that time. T. L. Long of Hickman's Crossroads obtained a judgement against W. J. McLamb and brother. This case involved property lines, and attorneys for McLamb gave notice of appeal.

Clerk of Court J. E. Brown stated this morning that the docket for today and tomorrow was such as to require a full day's work to handle.

Raise Acreage Soil Bank Limit

Tobacco Farmers May Place 100-Percent Of Farm Allotment In Soil Bank According To Latest Directive

All tobacco counties, both flue-cured and Burley, are now authorized to accept acreage reserve agreements for acreage up to 100 percent of the farm allotment without regard to the maximum farm limit and without regard to the flue-cured or Burley tobacco allocation transmitted with 1957 Letter AR-18.

Brunswick County farmers may now sign agreements covering acreage in excess of farm maximum limit. Farmers who have indicated desire to enter acreage above maximum farm limit should come in the ASC Office and sign agreements immediately. They have ten days from date of notice or March 1, whichever is later, to sign the agreement.

All cotton counties are now authorized to accept cotton Acreage Reserve Agreements up to the maximum farm limit of 30 percent of the allotment or 10 acres, whichever is larger, without regard to the cotton allocation previously announced.

Brunswick County cotton farmers who have indicated desire to enter cotton acreage in the Reserve and were advised that the County funds were exhausted may now sign agreements. Farmers have until the closing date to sign the agreements. No funds are yet available to any county to accept offers above maximum farm limits.

Southport Youth Is Survivor Of Crash



SURVIVOR—Pfc. Carey Spencer is shown here with a little Korean orphan, who is a mascot for his company, now on duty in Seoul, Korea. The Southport boy has the kid in the recreation hall, teaching him some of the finer points of shooting pool.

Pfc Carey Spencer Clears Atmosphere Of Uneasiness With Telephone Call To Relatives Monday Night

WAS PASSENGER ABOARD TRANSPORT

Twenty-Two Persons Dead Or Missing Following Crash Of Air Force Plane In Korea

Joy knew no bounds in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Spencer here in Southport Monday night when shortly after 9 o'clock a long distance call came from Seoul, Korea, from their son, Pfc. Carey Spencer, to his wife, Mrs. Julia Spencer.

All day long members of the family had lived in fear and dread that a message would come from the War Department notifying them as next of kin that their loved one was one of the victims of an Air Force plane crash Friday that had claimed the lives of 22 men. From recent letters, they felt that the Southport boy was aboard that craft, headed for Japan on a rest and recreation mission following extended duty in Korea.

The telephone talk with Pfc. Spencer confirmed their fears that he had been aboard, but the message—relayed half-way-round the world via radio-telephone—assured them that he had escaped injury and that after being hospitalized for 12-hours for observation and first aid he was in good health.

Members of the family took turns talking to him, and each one reported that they were able to hear him distinctly. On this end of the conversation was his wife, his mother, his father and his sisters, Miss Charlotte Spencer and Mrs. Pat Hughes.

The young man said that he was one of the first out of the wrecked plane and he reported that for four hours he had assisted in clearing survivors and bodies from the wreckage and in looking for the missing. He spoke of the intense cold, and said that his feet almost froze while he was in the water.

Pfc. Spencer has been in Korea since April of last year. Several weeks ago he had an opportunity to make the trip to Japan on Continued On Page Four

Cage Tournament In Waccamaw Gym

Stolen Bicycle Is Recovered

Deputy Sheriff H. G. Ratcliffe has about as good a nose for stolen bicycles and other property as a bird dog has for quail.

This week someone went to the home of Ivan Long on the beach road and stole a new Columbia bicycle that Santa Claus had brought. The deputy was called in and found where the thief had fallen into a ditch in front of the Long home.

From there Ratcliffe tracked the wheel 7 miles and found it in a ditch near Midway on Route 130. The thief had abandoned it there. The young owner of the bike was much pleased at getting his wheel back.

Elimination Games Being Played This Afternoon With First Semi-Finals Contests Slated For Tonight

SHALLOTTE TEAMS RATED FAVORITES

Both Girls And Boys Draw No. 1 Seeded Position And Play For First Time Tomorrow

The Brunswick County Basketball Tournament gets underway this afternoon at Waccamaw with a double header in which the fourth and fifth teams in each of the girls' and boys' divisions play for a berth in the semi-finals. The losers will be eliminated from the tournament.

In the first game this afternoon Southport girls face Bolivia, with the winner slated to play Shallotte, seeded No. 1, tomorrow (Thursday) night. In the boys' game Waccamaw and Bolivia battle it out for a chance to continue in the tournament. The winner will play Shallotte boys, also seeded No. 1, tomorrow night.

The first round of the semi-finals will be held tonight, with Leland girls meeting the No. 2 seeded Waccamaw girls. The winners will play for the championship on Saturday night and the losers will play in the consolation game on Friday night.

The second half of tonight's double bill will send Southport against Leland. Here, too, the winners will move into the championship round, with that game scheduled for Friday night. The losers will play in the consolation game Saturday night.

Thursday night games will decide the other participants in the championship and consolation contests.

Shallotte Boat Snapper Fishing

Bon-Jon Has Made Several Trips From Shallotte Point To Winter Fishing Area In Gulf Stream

John Garner of Shallotte Village Point has become interested in the red snapper fishing and his sport fishing boat, the Bon Jon, has been out three or four times. Its largest catch has been 800 pounds of the snapper, Garner said Monday.

"What we need now is better weather than we are having," said Garner, adding that "the Gulf Stream runs so strong on the fishing grounds that it sometimes prevents even a 3-pound sinker from carrying the light steel wire line straight down to the 200-foot depth where the fish are found. A swift tide can couple up with even a moderately rough surface to make the fishing difficult."

However, Garner was confident that longer periods of good weather will be coming along shortly. The boats will be able to stay out longer and really big catches can be brought in.

Captain Archie Calson, who has been skipping the Bon Jon for its sport fishing since it was built, Continued On Page Four

Getting Ready For Menhaden

Factory Getting Everything In Readiness For Opening Of Spring Fishing Season At Earliest Opportunity

Although this is an off season for fishing the Brunswick Navigation Corporation is employing 25 to 30 of its men steadily. They are overhauling all boats and the factory, getting ready to start just as soon as the fish show up and weather will permit fishing operations.

At periods in the past factory officials have gone by a sort of set date to begin operations and wait for that time to arrive before they made any attempt at fishing. Going by such plans there were often a lot of fish on the grounds before preparatory work was completed.

It is true that fish often arrive around a certain date. However, it has often been found that they arrive ahead of schedule and operations are now based on having boats and equipment ready to go as soon as the fish show up.

The best spring fishing in the history of the local menhaden industry came along last year just about the time that boats are usually ready to move out on schedule. As a result of four days of operations by the boats early last year, a payroll of \$42,000 was put out by the Brunswick Navigation Co. for boat and factory employees. It could have gone higher than that but the boat production was so heavy that the factory became over-run for storage space. The boats had to be tied up for two days until some of the big catches had to be worked through the factory. At the end of those two days, bad weather came along and cut down on the further production for a time.

This year the factory has more storage and is better fixed to handle things. Superintendent J. T. Barnes stated this week that boats and everything will be ready when the first fish show up.

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High Brass To Visit Terminal

General Houseman And Members Of His Staff Will Visit Installation Early Next Month

Sunny Point will have some really important visitors on March 8 when Major General Houseman, Commanding General of Atlantic Transportation Terminal Command, will arrive for a day. The general will be accompanied by 9 members of his staff. They are due to arrive early in the morning and will look over the installation. It is also planned to have them in Southport to see the quarters on the Garrison lot.

It is also planned that the party look over the facilities at the State Port in Wilmington, where 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 28,	
7:17 A. M.	0:56 A. M.
7:29 P. M.	1:22 P. M.
Friday, March 1,	
7:53 A. M.	1:36 A. M.
8:02 P. M.	2:00 P. M.
Saturday, March 2,	
8:27 A. M.	2:15 A. M.
8:36 P. M.	2:35 P. M.
Sunday, March 3,	
8:58 A. M.	2:52 A. M.
9:09 P. M.	3:10 P. M.
Monday, March 4,	
9:29 A. M.	3:28 A. M.
9:43 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
Tuesday, March 5,	
10:00 A. M.	4:05 A. M.
10:21 P. M.	4:21 P. M.
Wednesday, March 6,	
10:36 A. M.	4:46 A. M.
11:04 P. M.	5:00 P. M.

Our ROVING Reporter

W. R. KEMAN

A note from Jerry Ball, Esso Oil Company man, recently written up as The Tar Heel of the Week in the News and Observer, brings the information that he hopes to be down at Southport early in the spring. Jerry sent his regards to all of his friends in Brunswick county. We have a suspicion that his good friends in Brunswick, and quite a few in neighboring counties, Jerry likes to fish and we are requisitioning a big red snapper for him when he comes down.

Checking this week, we were surprised to find that The State Port Pilot has regular paid subscribers in 35 of the 48 states in the Union. In many of these 35 states the number is not limited to 3 or 4 there are dozens of them. The only states in which we have no subscribers at the present time are Idaho, Missouri, Vermont, New Hampshire, North Dakota, South Dakota, Arkansas, Kansas, Colorado and Montana. Outside of actual states, there are quite a number of subscribers in Alaska, Cuba, England, France, Germany, Korea, Japan and other countries. Outside of North Carolina, New York, California and New Jersey are outstanding in the number of paid readers of The Pilot.

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