

## Report Indicates Heavy Work Load In Health Dept.

Statistics Show That Public Health Officials Of Brunswick County Had Busy Year

### VARIED ACTIVITIES ARE BEING COVERED

Pre-School Clinics And Polio Inoculations Help Pile Up Number Of Cases Being Handled

The following information was contained in the annual report by the Brunswick County Health Department covering its activities during 1956:

Health Education: Group meeting with emphasis on Health Education, 18 attended by staff members; planned talks or group discussions led by staff members, 12.

Institutes: Two public Health Nurses, Mrs. Ella Aldridge and Mrs. Ester Robinson, attended the study course on Maternal and Child Health held at Saluda last August.

Immunization: Diphtheria completed-641; tetanus completed-641; whooping cough completed-641; smallpox given-405; total polio injections given-4396.

Tuberculosis control: New cases of active pulmonary tuberculosis cases in sanatorium-2; Inactive cases at home under supervision -20; Inactive cases at home on constant drug therapy-16; Nursing visits to cases-48; Contacts under supervision 225; Nursing visits to contacts-136; Tuberculin test given-48.

Maternal Health: Visits by patients to maternity clinic-107; Nursing visits to postpartum patients -148; Licensed mid-wives under supervision-9; quarterly classes held for mid-wives during the year; nursing visits to mid-wives -72.

Infants-102; premature babies given service by health department-4.

Child health conference: Visits to medical child health conference-86; visits by nurse to children-658; resident crippled children in active file-158; nursing visits to crippled children-148; public health nurses participate in Crippled Children Clinic each month.

School health service: Pre-school children examined by health department-369; other school children-295; children screened by Health Department for: visual defects-266; oral defects-1280; Nutritional-206; other-13; children referred to nurse by teachers-1853 children secured medical corrections-156; children secured dental corrections-234.

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## Brunswick River Basin



SHIPS—This is an aerial view of the Brunswick River Lay-Up Basin, located in this county. The sight of hundreds of ships moored near shore appeals to the thousands of upstate visitors who pass along U.S. Highway No. 17—Photo by Art Newton.

## Red Cross Drive Going On This Week In County

Organization Complete And Workers In Every Section Will Be Seeking Contributions

The Red Cross fund drive is in progress this week throughout Brunswick county, with the objective of Chairman A. E. Huntley being to complete the campaign the week prior to Easter.

Here in Southport Mrs. James C. Bowman has announced the following organization: Residential district, Mrs. Georgia Carr, Mrs. Julia Spencer, Mrs. W. R. Jenkins, Mrs. G. W. McGlamery, Mrs. Robert Jones, Mrs. Bobby Jones, Mrs. J. B. Warth, Mrs. M. M. Hood and Mrs. James T. Barnes. County employees will be contracted by Mrs. Betty Privette; the city hall employees will be contacted by Mrs. Blanche Finch; the professional men by Mrs. Pauline Swain; Doshier Memorial Hospital by Mrs. Bige Muncy; the Southport school by Tom Webb; the Business district by Mrs. Ed Harrelson; the Highway No. 130 area by Mrs. Ken Peake; the yacht basin by Al Martin.

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## Brunswick County Has Reserve Fleet

Ships Moored In Brunswick River Lay-Up Basin Have Total Value Close To \$700,000,000

### FLEET IN BEING FOR AN EMERGENCY

Value Of Having These Ships To Fall Back On Already Demonstrated In Korean War

The National Defense Reserve Fleet located in Brunswick River in Northwest township, is one of three such fleets on the Atlantic Coast. There are two others on the Gulf and three on the Pacific Coast. Congress created the National Defense Reserve Fleets to insure the Nation of a ready reserve of ships for use in the event of a national emergency.

And a "ready reserve" they are. At the Brunswick County location, for example, 170 employees work the year round maintaining in good repair some 316 vessels estimated to have a total value of close to \$700,000,000. At regular periods all machinery is thoroughly inspected and serviced, even to the extent of turning over the main engines. In most cases, too, all moving parts are sprayed with oil during the check-up. In addition, electrical crews check wiring, motors, switches and other electrical equipment. Of even greater importance, the hulls are protected against corrosion by cathodic means. These preventive and maintenance measures cost the taxpayers \$624,959 annually, money which is spent locally for goods and services by the fleet workmen and their families.

When an emergency arises, as in the recent Korean action, the ships of the National Defense Reserve Fleets prove their worth in ready availability, the shipyards being able to prepare them for sea in short order. The record for getting one of these ships ready for "active duty" is seven days, while the average time runs to approximately three weeks.

Were it not for the Reserve Fleets, and other measures taken by the Government to maintain an American Merchant Marine, the Nation might face at any moment a situation similar to that at the outbreak of World War I. In 1914 our small Merchant Marine could transport less than 10 percent of our normal foreign exports. As a result, when foreign nations diverted their ships for wartime service, American exports and imports dropped to a trickle of goods, and the docks in our major ports were piled high with the products of American farms and factories for which no ships were available. And when vessels of foreign neutrals could be found their rates had sky-rocketed to the point of being ruinous.

The American of 1914 got the point, and asked himself: "What if we were at war—what ships have we for the transport of troops and supplies?" And so, at an expense of billions of dollars, 1914 America constructed shipyards, trained craftsmen to their trade, and began building ships. Once started, America built fast and well, and by 1917 when the U. S. entered the war ships were

made an alibi for indolence and

indifference.

His deafness and speech impairment have not prevented his being the mouthpiece of enthusiasm and promotion for all Brunswick County. His humor, his courtesy, his avid interest in good things—not the least, a good cigar—have made him known and admired by a wide circle of friends. His reporting has been colorful and amazingly accurate. Too many reporters with all their faculties never made that Bill Keziah. His illness has disturbed the entire community, local and state. Uncounted hundreds join me in a prayer for his recovery from this severe illness he is suffering.

I like Long Beach. I first heard of it from that picturesque and intellectual Charleston gentleman, Frederick H. McDonald, a nationally-known consulting engineer. He was then (1950) associated with his fellow-Charleston, E. F. Middleton, in paper planning for the development of Long Beach.

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## Condition Of Keziah Better

W. B. Keziah, prominent Southport newspaper man, remains a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, where his condition is considered serious. There has been some improvement since last Wednesday, when he was considered to be on the critical list.

The patient still is unable to have visitors. Telephone calls, telegrams, cards, letters and flowers continue to come in to cheer him and to wish for him a speedy recovery.

## Yaupon Beach To Have Church

Plans Being Formulated To Hold Regular Services In That Community During Summer Months

Plans are being made to hold regular religious services this summer at Yaupon Beach, with the skating rink being used for morning worship and Sunday school.

Dr. J. E. Garlington, superintendent of the Wilmington District of the North Carolina Conference, was here Saturday for a conference with the Rev. R. H. Jordan and G. V. Barbee, developer of Yaupon Beach.

Also present for the conference were Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Fulcher.

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## Community Club Elects Officers At Bolivia Meet

Wilbur E. Earp Elected Chairman Of Mill Creek-Funston Development Club Last Tuesday Evening

### LIST OF OFFICERS ELECTED BY GROUP

Community Tentatively Divided Into Six Zones, With Director To Serve As Head

The Mill Creek-Funston Community Development Club met last Tuesday at Bolivia high school to elect officers for the group. The following officers were elected upon recommendation of the nominating committee: Wilbur E. Earp—chairman Mrs. Vera Pauling—vice-chairman, Miss Pauline Lewis—secretary, Joseph Willetts—treasurer, Miss Louise Johnson—youth chairman.

The community was tentatively divided into six zones, with a director elected from each zone. These directors, with the above mentioned officers, will compose the executive committee. Members elected to the board of directors were: M. F. Tatum, Mrs. Roy Sellers, W. P. Gore, Mrs. Alfred Willetts, Mrs. Gilbert Reid and Radway Sellers.

An attendance of about 35 was recorded at this meeting. The Club has for its goal the improvement of every phase of community living, including higher standards of living and increased income. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 9, at 8 p. m. at Bolivia high school. Committees will then be appointed to provide for programs and to lead in various community projects as outlined and planned by the executive committee. All interested persons are invited to attend the meetings of the Community Development Club.

## Stockholders OK New Stock Issue

Action Necessary In Order To Take Care Of Persons Who Have Over-Subscribed Earlier Issue

A Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. stockholders meeting held at the bank's Whiteville office Thursday afternoon authorized the board of directors to issue up to 2,500 shares of new stock. This issue is in addition to the 5,000 shares authorized by the stockholders' annual meeting in January.

Bank President C. L. Tate stated that it was necessary for the bank to issue additional new stock or disapprove people whose applications had over-subscribed the original 5,000 shares by 1,000. Tate explained that he felt it is only right that the bank provide some shares for customers of the bank who desire to own stock and who had been loyal customers and friends of the institution.

After Mr. Tate stated the purpose of the meeting, Henry Wyche made the following motion, which

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## Henry Mitchell To Retire As Janitor

Respected Colored Citizen Of Southport Completes More Than 30-Years As Caretaker At Courthouse

There is a familiar face missing around the courthouse this week, for Henry Mitchell, genial janitor for the county offices, has retired after 31 years service. He was 65 years old on January 6. This faithful county employee is a native of Columbus county, son of W. S. and Susie Mitchell of the Hallsboro section. He first came to Brunswick in 1916 to work as a telephone linesman. He commenced his service with the county in 1956.

Henry is married to the former Ella Lee, who is supervisor for the lunchroom at Brunswick County Training School.

Upon retiring from his duties at the courthouse, Henry wanted to send a message to his many friends. It follows:

"Will you please allow me a small space in your valuable paper to express my sincere thanks to the good people of Brunswick County for allowing me to act as a public servant of the county for the past thirty-one years in the capacity of janitor and handy man around all of the county

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## Long Is Elected Head Of Schools

Principal Of Waccamaw High School Named Monday Night To Succeed Henry C. Stone As Superintendent Of Schools

SCHOOL BOARDS ARE ANNOUNCED

Mac F. Jones Sits As Member Of Board Of Education As Successor For H. F. Long

J. G. Long, principal of Waccamaw high school, was elected Monday night to replace Henry C. Stone as superintendent of schools for Brunswick county effective July 1.

Stone, former principal of Shalotte high school, has held this position since the summer of 1953, when he succeeded J. T. Denning after the latter had resigned to accept a similar position in Sampson county.

The board that convened Monday night included one new member, Mac F. Jones, of the Leland school district, who replaced Herbert Long. After the meeting was called to order, the first order of business was to elect a chairman, and Roy Sellers nominated C. Y. Coleman. This was seconded by Dr. M. H. Rouk, and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Rouk made a motion that Stone be elected to succeed himself as superintendent of schools, and the motion was seconded by Jones. Thomas St. George then made a motion that J. G. Long be elected superintendent, and this motion was seconded by Sellers.

Dr. Rouk then made a motion that in the event Stone were not reelected, that the board should not fill the vacancy until members had had 30 days in which to consider applications. Jones seconded this motion. Following a discussion of this latter motion, Chairman Coleman voted in favor of Long.

The board set Monday, April 22, as the date for opening bids for projects for Cedar Grove and Longwood schools.

The following committees were approved to serve at their respective schools during the next two years:

Waccamaw: E. L. Vereen, David Bennett, R. I. Long.

Shalotte: Tom Ballard, James Bellamy, Boyd Lott, Hubert Bellamy, Aubrey C. Johnson.

Bolivia: Lee Wescott, Homer Holden, Taylor Albright.

Southport: Arthur J. Doshier, Harold Aldridge, James Wolfe, Mrs. Stacy Sellers, Mrs. J. C. Crouch.

Leland: Robert McDougal, F. D. Williams, Lloyd Bordeaux, W. H. Benton, Robert Bordeaux.

Brunswick County Training School: Dexter Clemmons, Hubert Lee, Claud Bernard, Richard Davis, Alvie Cox.

Piney Grove: Julius Randolph, Earl Johnson, William K. Johnson.

Union: Sandy Stanley, H. C. Stanley, J. B. Brown, Elijah Gore, Tampa Gore.

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## Expanded Board Of Commissioners Being Considered

Representative James C. Bowman Invites Comments Upon Proposal That Five Men Board Be Provided

### FARM PROBLEMS ARE CONSIDERED

Some Action Contemplated That Will Be Of Help To Poultry Farmers Of This County

BY JAMES C. BOWMAN

On Thursday of the past week, the Appropriations Committee of which your representative is a member, concluded the scheduled hearings on behalf of budget requests by the various State departments and particularly with regard to additional requests for funds over and above those recommended by the Advisory Budget Commission. Altogether additional requests for funds made by the State agencies totaled in excess of \$55,000,000 for the next two years. It is contemplated that during the week beginning April 1st, the chairman of the Joint House and Senate Appropriations Committees will appoint subcommittees to make detailed studies of all budget requests.

### PROBLEMS

For the benefit of a great number of farmers in our county who have contacted me, either in person or by letter, with regard to the so-called "egg law", I have obtained certain preliminary information. From the complaints of the farmers, it would appear that at times when eggs are plentiful, they are unable to sell all of the eggs produced. As a consequence, they are compelled to reduce their flocks of hens to accommodate only the needs of their immediate families. Thus, in time of seasonal egg shortages, such shortages are made even greater through the loss of these reduced flocks. It would appear from the complaints I have had that the storekeepers in the county and other counties are not able to buy more eggs, locally produced, from owners of small flocks of hens than they can dispose of at retail in the immediate vicinity of their store, for the reason that trucks which come through the county purchasing eggs will not purchase eggs that are not graded. I know it is a fact that many housewives exchange one or two dozen of eggs for food at the various stores and in time of oversupply, they are not able to take advantage of this saving.

I am informed that at any time persons who carry eggs for sale to stores comply with the law by simply putting a written sign on the box containing the eggs to the effect that they were "Produced by Mrs. Blank, Route 1, Supply, N. C." or other appropriate address. In addition, I am further advised by the Department of Agriculture that the trucks which come through the county purchasing eggs from storekeepers in excess of the storekeepers' needs can purchase these eggs, although they are not graded, for the reason that these purchasers of eggs in quantity are required to grade the eggs, and even regrade them if they have already been graded, before they can package the same and put them on the market. It would seem that the failure of these trucks to buy the eggs has caused the real bottleneck.

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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, April 4, .....	
10:20 A. M.	4:30 A. M.
10:47 P. M.	4:38 P. M.
Friday, April 5, .....	
11:08 A. M.	5:19 A. M.
11:45 P. M.	5:28 P. M.
Saturday, April 6, .....	
0:00 A. M.	6:11 A. M.
12:07 P. M.	6:25 P. M.
Sunday, April 7, .....	
1:14 P. M.	7:31 P. M.
Monday, April 8, .....	
1:46 A. M.	8:16 A. M.
2:24 P. M.	8:41 P. M.
Tuesday, April 9, .....	
2:53 A. M.	9:20 A. M.
3:31 P. M.	9:49 P. M.
Wednesday, April 10, .....	
3:57 A. M.	10:22 A. M.
4:35 P. M.	9:52 P. M.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### ON DEANS LIST

Tommy Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Blake of Southport, is on the dean's list at Presbyterian Junior College for the past quarter. He will graduate in June.

### ATTENDING CONVENTION

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., is attending the annual convention of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs, in session this week in High Point.

### PLAN REVIVAL

Revival services will be conducted at Trinity Methodist Church, Southport, April 21-26, beginning Easter Sunday night. Dr. J. E. Garlington, superintendent of the Wilmington District of the Methodist Church, is to be the guest preacher each night.

### HOLDS CONFERENCE

Dr. J. E. Garlington, district superintendent, presided at a special session of quarterly conference last night at Trinity Methodist Church. The officials present voted to proceed at once with the matter of building a new parsonage.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS

Among the college students at home for the past week-end were Jean Thompson and Ann Brooks Newton, St. Mary's, Raleigh; Patricia Adams, Betsy Carr, Norma Harrelson and Betram Burris, Jr., East Carolina College; Paul Moore and Al Trunnell, N. C. State.

### SWEETS SALE

The Senior M. Y. F. of Trinity Methodist Church, Southport, will sponsor a "sweets" sale Saturday morning at 9 o'clock on the porch of the Leggett home between the newspaper office and the bank. Cakes, pies, cookies and candies will be available.

**Our ROVING Reporter**

(Dr. Sylvester Green owns a cottage at Long Beach, and during the course of a year visits Southport several times. He never comes to town without paying a visit to the office of The State Port Pilot, and usually he brings some cigars for his friend, Bill Keziah. When he came the other day and found that Keziah is in no condition for strong smoke, we worked out a compromise that had him write this week's stand-in for the Roving Reporter.)

By C. Sylvester Greer Vice-President Wake Forest College Winston-Salem, N. C.

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