

## Assembly Closes Successful Year At Family Week

Enjoyable Program Last Week Featured Bible Study And Inspirational Sermons By Outstanding Leaders

FAMILY ATMOSPHERE MARKED THE SESSION

The Rev. James S. Potter Of Raleigh And Dr. Ralph E. McLain Of Meredith College Faculty, Were Present

Family Week, closing program of the current season at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly, featured Bible study and inspirational sermons, according to Fred J. Smith, manager of the Assembly. With meals served family style in the assembly hotel dining room for the first time in several summers, this conference took on the nature of a reunion for churchmen from throughout the state.

Rev. James S. Potter, pastor of Raleigh's Tabernacle Church, preached each evening on the healing miracles, emphasizing the importance of desire and recognized need on the part of those who would be blessed. "Jesus asked, 'Would you be whole?'" pointed out the Wilmington native who is one of state's most popular ministers. "Desire for wholeness, a receptive response, must precede the healing power itself. Our Master who is shepherd of his sheep is also shepherd of the sea and its storms, but the fishermen in the boat first had to receive him willingly into their boat."

Morning classes on the three chapters of Matthew's Gospel which make up the Sermon on the Mount were conducted by Professor Ralph E. McLain, head of the religion department of Meredith College. "Here is portrayed the kind of person Jesus Christ is continually making of those who choose to follow in the Way," declared Dr. McLain. "These teachings were to the disciples, the learners, the already redeemed. Here we see underlined the truth that eternal life is present as well as future. We see that the law of Christ is a matter of the heart and not of externals."

Music was directed by Miss Nancy Caldwell of Mt. Gilead and Eddie Holbrook of Hidenite, accompanied by Miss Marlene Stewart of Charlotte, all of the assembly staff.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### BREAKS ARM

Miss Kyra Ann Parker sustained a compound fracture of her right wrist Thursday afternoon at the yacht basin when she fell while trying to pull her bicycle up and embankment.

### NEW DENTIST

Word has been received here that Dr. C. A. Graham, Jr., of Rameur is buying the former Dr. Fred Burdette home in Southport and will move here before September 1 to open an office for the practice of dentistry.

### SATURDAY PICNIC

The Caw-Caw Community Development will hold a fish fry at Bonaparte Saturday afternoon, beginning at 5 o'clock. Everyone within the bounds of this community is cordially invited to attend.

### MAINTENANCE DREDGING

Work began Saturday on a maintenance dredging job on the Cape Fear river between Wilmington and Fayetteville. The object is to remove shoals that affect the 8-foot project depth of the channel. The contract went to Norfolk Dredging Co.

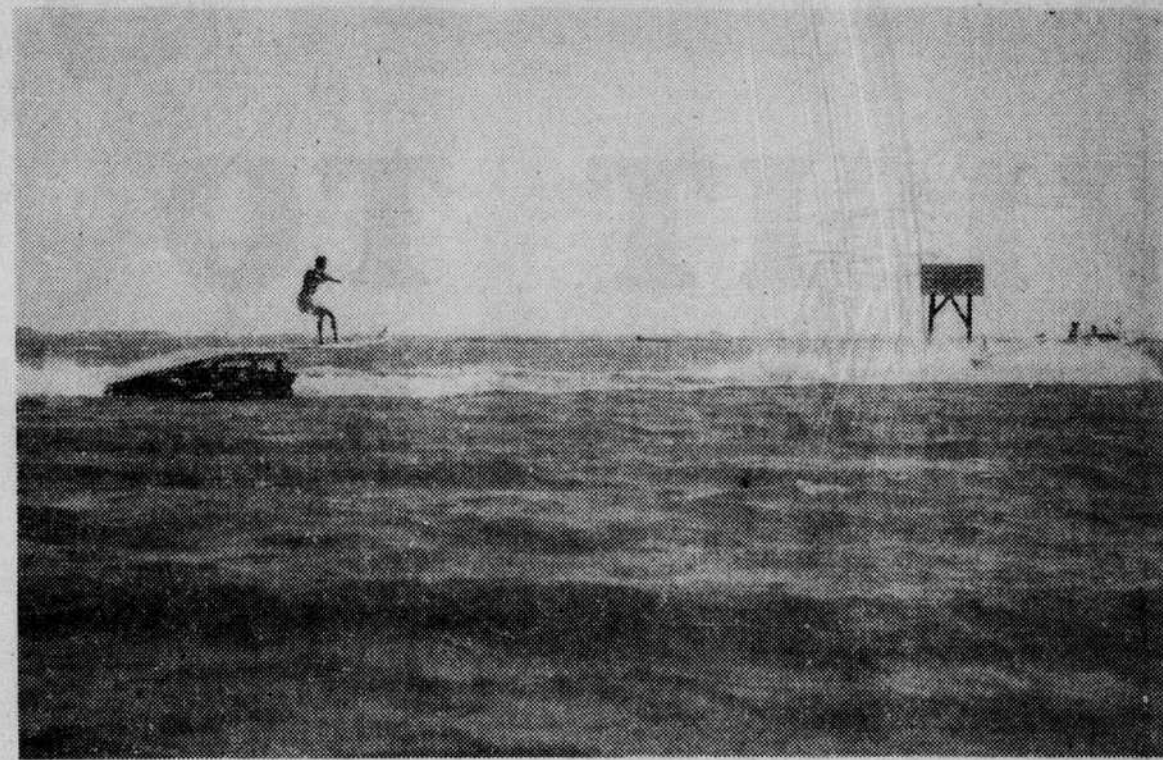
### GERMAN VESSEL VISITS

The MV BARBARA, a vessel of German registry, visited Sunny Point during the past week where it lifted a cargo of ammunition for Bremmerhaven, Germany. This is the first visit of a German vessel to Sunny Point since SPART has been in operation.

### NO WORD RECEIVED

No word has been received yet from the Federal Civil Defense Administration in Thomasville, Ga., regarding the recent plans and cost estimate furnished by the Wilmington District, U. S. Army Engineers, for closing the inlet at Long Beach that washed across the highway during hurricane Hazel.

## Up And OVER



**JUMP**—Billy Wells, Southport sportsman who was the pioneer for water skiing in this area, is shown taking a jump over a ramp located on the local waterfront. More than a score of Southport persons have mastered this difficult, but thrilling water sport.—(Art Newton Photo.)

## Skiing Big Local Sports Attraction

More Than Score Of Southport People Have Become Adept At This Thrilling Water Sports Activity

SEVERAL TAKING JUMPS OVER RAMP

Southport Waterfront Is Scene Of Activity On Any Afternoon When Weather Conditions Merit

Currently, the big sports interest in Southport is water skiing and at last count more than twenty persons have mastered to some degree the thrilling and difficult art.

Leading the way is Billy Wells, who pioneered the sport in this area during the summer of 1952 after he had purchased his first speedboat. That year he was joined by his wife, Beulah, Lee Keister, Jim Ford, Leo Dowling. Later Ed Royal joined the troupe.

Water skiing continued to gain popularity, although there was no sudden show of interest. One year Graham Bell and his sister, Mary Owens Bell, had equipment over at Long Beach, but most of their efforts were confined to the waters of Davis Creek.

It was this summer when the fever caught on, and now on any pretty afternoon there are several boats towing daring riders over the surface of the broad Southport harbor.

E. C. Blake and his boys got started last summer, but now E. C. and the boys, Charles, Tommy, Bill and Ben, keep their runabout busy.

Dallas and Lella Pigott have a fast boat with an inboard motor, and they take turns at the controls, while the other rides the waves. Robert Thompson goes with them when he can, and the other day Merritt Moore was trying the sport.

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## Lions Distribute Checker Boards

Unique Sets For Use By Persons Who Are Blind Made Available Through Southport Organization

A new, easy-to-use Braille checker game is currently being distributed for the use of blind citizens of Brunswick county by the Southport Lions Club, it was announced this week by club president Kirby Sullivan.

Lions clubs across the country are distributing complete sets of the game on behalf of two firms in the plastics industry. The entire project is a no-cost, humanitarian one, Lions Sullivan said. Wilson plastics has donated the plastic checkers and the checkerboards given by The Dow Chemical Company. The game is designed to offer many hours of pleasant recreation, Lion Sullivan said. The unique checkerboard consists of alternating indented squares, and the round and square-shaped checkers can be turned over to indicate "kings".

## Yaupon Village Methodists Will Organize Sunday

The Rev. L. D. Hayman, Under The Authority Of North Carolina Conference, Will Assume Pastoral Duties

TENURE OF SUMMER PASTOR WILL END

The Rev. J. Rodney Fulcher Has Been In Charge Of Program, But Returns To Divinity School In September

The Rev. L. D. Hayman will assume pastoral duties of the new Yaupon Village Methodist Church at the formal organization of the church on Sunday, August 25. He is under appointment to this position by the North Carolina Conference.

The Rev. Mr. Hayman will take over the duties of preaching and visitation, as the Rev. J. Rodney Fulcher, who has been in charge of the summer program of the church, returns to Duke Divinity School where he is a student.

Preaching the sermon at the organization service, to be held at the Skating Rink in Yaupon Village, will be Dr. J. E. Garlington, district superintendent of the Wilmington District. Dr. Garlington will officiate at the organization meeting, to be held immediately following the regular service of worship. At that time, the membership books of the church will be opened, and the charter members will be enrolled.

The summer program, which will be culminated in the organization of the new church, has included a variety of activities. Worship services have been held each Sunday morning in the Skating Rink, which has been made into an improvised worship hall each week. Cottage classes of worship, study, and recreation have provided a weekday program for the children of the community and summer visitors. Directed beach recreation during the afternoons have given opportunities for group participation and leadership. A program of (Continued on Page 4)

## Weather Hits Sports Fishing

Adverse Conditions Throw Crimp Into Activities Just As It Appeared Shoals Fishing Was At Its Best

Sports fishing took a beating from the weather during the past week-end, and it was not until yesterday that boats were able to start back.

Capt. Basil Watts had Vernon Avery and party out, and they caught 15 dolphin, 1 amberjack, 2 bonito, 2 barracuda, 1 ballyhoo and 6 Spanish mackerel.

Capt. H. A. Schmidt had a party from Bryson City headed by Mr. Mitchell. They caught black fish, vermillion snapper and a few barracuda.

On Monday Capt. Walter Lewis had Walter Willard of Washington aboard the John-Ellen. They caught 8 king mackerel, 4 dolphin, 1 amberjack, 2 bonito and 6 barracuda, one of which weighed 44-lbs, 1-ounce, and that may be a local record.

On Saturday Capt. Fred Fulcher Continued On Page Four

## Tar Heel Grid Star Is Attending Camp

Cadet Jim Varnum Is Taking Summer Training In Connection With Air Force ROTC Training

Cadet James W. Varnum, son of Mrs. Ada L. Varnum of Supply, is presently attending the Air Force ROTC summer training unit at MacDill Air Force Base near Tampa, Florida.

Cadet Varnum who has completed his junior year in advanced AFROTC at the University of North Carolina, is attending a 4-week summer training period as part of his reserve officer training at college.

While at summer training, cadet Varnum actually observes the Air Force in action and participates in many of the Air Force operations.

Following graduation, Cadet Varnum will be eligible for appointment as a second lieutenant in the Air Force Reserve and for entry into flight training to win the coveted silver wings of an Air Force pilot.

Varnum is due to report at Chapel Hill for opening football practice on September 1. He is rated one of the brightest prospects for the Tar Heel backfield this season, and Coach Jim Tatam is depending upon the Brunswick county speedster to help carve out a winning record.

There is no doubt about Varnum's speed, for last spring he



was second only to Duke's great Dave Sime in the Atlantic Coast Conference 100-yard dash. He is a senior this year, and has two years of varsity experience behind him.

## Capture Record Still Near Supply

One Of Largest Units Ever Found In North Carolina Destroyed Thursday By Sheriff And ATU Agents

APPARENTLY OWNED BY OUTSIDE INTEREST

Huge Outfit Had Capacity And Raw Materials On Hand For Manufacture Of Several Hundred Gallons Daily

One of the biggest stills ever found in North Carolina was destroyed Thursday by Brunswick county Sheriff Elbert H. Gray, Deputy Sheriff Leon Galloway and ATU agents from Wilmington.

The big outfit was located near the Supply-Makatoka road about three miles from U. S. No. 17, in the Royal Oak section. According to Sheriff Gray, it had not been in that location for very many days, and there was evidence that law enforcement officers interrupted a large-scale manufacturing effort.

The still was rated at 1,500-gallon capacity. There were two 750-gallon pre-heaters; three 55-gallon proof barrels; 90 hogsheds of 320-gallon capacity each; two steam boilers, each of 15-horsepower; two deep-well pumps with gasoline motors; and a quantity of charcoal, which was used for firing without giving off tell-tale smoke.

There were several hundred gallons of mash, some of it ready to run, and those who know say that the still was capable of running off 900-gallons per day. A (Continued On Page Four)

## Social Security Payments Grow

Statistics Reveal That 877 Persons In Brunswick County Are Receiving Monthly Benefits

By ERNEST F. FITZPATRICK (Manager of the Wilmington, N. C. District Office)

More than 877 beneficiaries in Brunswick County were getting monthly social security payments totaling \$29,666.00 at the end of 1956. The number of beneficiaries increased by 142 over 1955 and the total of monthly benefits being paid in the county at the close of the year was \$6,121.00 over the total being paid a year ago, Ernest F. Fitzpatrick, District Manager of the Wilmington social security office, announced today.

He pointed out that self-employed farmers were first brought under social security in January, 1955. Those over retirement age at that time, or who reached retirement age before the end of 1956, became insured if they reported self-employment income of at least \$400 for 1955, and again for 1956. These insured persons were able to qualify for old-age benefit payments during the latter year. Fitzpatrick said that many self-employed farmers and their dependents filed claims for benefits in Brunswick county in 1956. The number of farm claims filed in 1957 will be much greater, Fitzpatrick said.

Noting the impact of farm coverage in general on essential agricultural areas like Brunswick county, Fitzpatrick said that a farm employee, for instance, who was already at retirement age by mid-1956 became insured as of April 1 of that year if he had (Continued On Page Six)

## Call For Bids On Improvement Of Highway No. 87

Highway Commission Calls For Bids On 6.17-Miles Of Grading, Paving And Structures On Road From Southport To Bell Swamp

The State Highway Department today called for bids on 100.63 miles of highway work located in 16 counties and involving 15 projects.

In Brunswick County, a job calls for 6.17 miles of grading, paving and structures in a partial relocation of NC 87 from a road construction project, north of Southport, north to junction of US 17.

The letting will be held in Raleigh, August 27. The Highway Commission will meet with Highway Director W. F. Babcock September 4-5, Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning, to review the low bids received and to attend to other highway matters.

The contract for grading, widening and erection of structures on 8.96-miles of this road, beginning at Southport and running toward Bell Swamp, was let last summer. The grading has been completed and the structures are in, but the paving still remains to be done.

## Shalotte Man On Committee

James Bellamy Will Serve As Chairman Of Program Committee For State Convention Of Soil Conservation Supervisors

James Bellamy, chairman of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District, has received a letter from Brady L. Angell, State President of the North Carolina Soil Conservation District Supervisors, requesting him to serve as chairman of the program committee at the state convention. (Continued on Page Four)

## TIME and TIDE

Seldom has a front page of this newspaper been more completely dominated by a single photo than in the issue of August 25, 1937; when we carried a picture of the entire personnel of the CCC camp, together with identifying outlines. G. W. McGlamery, William Webb and Ivon Ludlum are just a few of the fellows who stayed around to make Southport their permanent home.

There was an all-out assault on Sunday of that week on big game fish, with 5 boats going out together. Barracuda was the big prize, and the best catch was reported by fishermen aboard the Sea Duke of Capt. Merritt Moore. They had 16 barracuda, weighing up to 25-lbs. There also were the sad stories of the big ones that got away, and several of the fishermen lost tackle. Capt. Hulian Watts, aboard his craft the E. M. Lewis, also made the trip and his folks had 5 barracuda, several king mackerel and bonito, plus contacts with fish tentatively identified as tuna.

The August 27, 1942, issue of The Pilot told of the death of the late Judge E. H. Cranmer, one of Brunswick county's most distinguished sons. He served for 18 years as a North Carolina Superior Court judge prior to his voluntary retirement in 1938, after which he continued to hold court as an emergency judge. County Agent J. E. Dodson asked farmers to end practice of killing young calves, since there was a growing shortage of both (Continued on page four)

## Announce List Of Places For 'Nickels' Vote

Brunswick County Farmers Will Cast Ballot Friday In Statewide "Nickels-For-Know-How" Referendum

VOTE COVERS PLAN FOR THREE YEARS

Cost To Average Farmer Is Only About 30-Cents Per Year; Plan Provides Research Dollars

Brunswick County feed and fertilizer users will go to the polls Friday to decide the fate of North Carolina's unique "Nickels for Know-How" program.

A. S. Knowles, county farm agent, today reported that 17 different polling places throughout the country will be open from 7:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. These are located at:

Waccamaw township—D. S. Gore Store, Lonnie Evans Store, Rowland Simmons Store, and Bennett's Trading Co. Store; Shalotte township—Washam, Warlick & Harrelson Store, J. S. Parker Store and W. J. McLamb's Store; Lockwood Folly township—J. E. Kirby Store, J. M. Parker Store, and Columbus Trading Company; Smithville township—Midway Service Station and Hugh Spencer's Store; Town Creek township—Harold Willetts Store, A. P. Henry, Jr., Store, and G. L. Skipper's Store; Northwest township—Applewhite's Store at Maco and Rourke's Store in Leland.

Nickels for Know-How is a statewide program through which feed and fertilizer users pay a nickel extra per ton of these products for agricultural research and education. The August 23 vote will decide whether the program is continued for another three years.

The program costs the average North Carolina farmer only about 30 cents per year; only the largest farmers contribute more than (Continued on Page Four).

## Webb Announces School Faculty

Southport High School Teacher List Given By Principal; School Opens Next Thursday Morning At 9 O'Clock

Principal Thomas Webb announces that the faculty for Southport high school has been completed, and that school will open at 9 o'clock next Thursday morning.

School activities will begin at the same time the following day, but on Monday, September 2, school will open at 8:30 o'clock and will last until 3 o'clock as the regular schedule begins. Mr. Webb urges all children of school to enroll the first day and to come to school every day. "We have the possibility of qualifying for an extra teacher if our average daily attendance during the first two weeks is great enough," he said.

Following is the list of teachers: First grades, Miss Norment and Mrs. Iris Smith; second grades, Miss Jessamine Ashley and Mrs. Thelma Willis; fourth, Mrs. Annie R. Weeks; fifth grades, Miss Gertrude Loughlin and Mrs. Merle Lennox; sixth, Mrs. Tom Webb. (Continued on Page Four)

## Upward Trend In Tobacco Prices

Warehousemen Are Optimistic Over Prospects As Sales Figures Climb In Pounds As Well As In Price

A better than \$60 average was expected before market time opened in Whiteville today, as R. G. Maulsby, sales supervisor, reported a full market for the third consecutive sale day. The Whiteville market hit its first million pounds day Thursday, and repeated again on Friday. Maulsby said all houses were full today.

At the end of 14 days of selling in Whiteville, earlier predictions of a short crop, 20 percent due to acreage cut back, and possibly up to 17 1/2 percent more (for all flue-cured leaf), began to show up. Season reports show sales standing at over 9,070,000 pounds are off about 30.4 percent from 1956. This is considered heartening for the area market in view (Continued On Page Six)

## 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, August 22,	
4:35 A. M.	10:56 A. M.
5:12 P. M.	11:39 P. M.
Friday, August 23,	
5:37 A. M.	11:54 A. M.
6:08 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Saturday, August 24,	
6:34 A. M.	12:32 A. M.
7:02 P. M.	12:48 P. M.
Sunday, August 25,	
7:29 A. M.	1:22 A. M.
7:54 P. M.	1:41 P. M.
Monday, August 26,	
8:23 A. M.	2:11 A. M.
8:44 P. M.	2:34 P. M.
Tuesday, August 27,	
9:16 A. M.	2:59 A. M.
9:35 P. M.	3:25 P. M.
Wednesday, August 28,	
10:10 A. M.	3:47 A. M.
10:26 P. M.	4:17 P. M.