

## Ground Water Holds Promise For This Area

Geological Factors Have Contributed To Peculiar Condition Governing Supply Of Fresh Water Available

### DISCUSS SOURCE OF ARTESIAN WELLS

Only Threat To Pure Supply Of Ground Water Is From Encroachment Of Salt Water Sources

To understand the occurrence of underground water in the Coastal Plain it is necessary to go back many millions of years into the geological history of the region—back to a time when ocean waves crashed ashore near the present-day cities of Weldon, Enfield, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Smithfield, Southern Pines and Rockingham.

Geological evidence shows that the sea covered this area not once, but several times, creeping inland for a time to know at the higher land mass and then slowly retreating. Weathering and erosion processes also carved the land, dumping great quantities of sediments into the streams. These sediments and those accumulated by the encroaching sea were deposited as the waters receded eastward.

As the ocean advanced and retreated these deposits grew deeper and deeper, gradually forming a wedge-like formation with its thin edge lying near the western limit of the Coastal Plain and its thicker part lying along the coast.

Deep Deposits  
Some indication of this powerful erosive force can be seen in the fact that these deposits are known to be almost two miles thick on North Carolina's outer banks. They lie, layer upon layer, atop a solid mass of bedrock that rises slowly toward the west where it finally reaches the surface to form the indistinct eastern edge of the Piedmont.

These sediments are composed of consolidated and unconsolidated beds of sand, clay and limestone sloping gently toward the coast at a rate slightly greater than the slope of the land surface. As a result the formations exposed at the surface at inland places are buried progressively deeper to the east.

These layers of material forming the upper crust of the Coastal Plain will absorb and in turn yield much greater quantities of rain water than will the older formations of the Piedmont and Mountain regions of the state.

There are a number of factors that contribute to this condition—  
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## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### SOUTHPORT VISIT

Brig. Gen. James Gore, Mrs. Gore and their daughter, Claire Margaret, spent the week-end visiting friends in Southport.

### SCHOOL VACATION

The schools of Brunswick county closed today (Wednesday) at noon for the Thanksgiving holidays and will not reopen until Monday morning.

### ON GENERAL BOARD

E. J. Prevatte, Southport attorney, has been elected for a 4-year term on the General Board of the Baptist State Convention. He was a messenger from Southport Baptist Church to the State Convention in Raleigh last week.

### NEW PATROLMAN

George Willetts of Leland was a member of the last graduating class for the school for Highway Patrolmen at Chapel Hill. So far as is known, he is the first Brunswick county boy to become a member of the Highway Patrol.

### UNION SERVICE

Four of the Protestant churches of Southport will hold a Thanksgiving service tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 o'clock at the St. Phillips Episcopal Church. The Rev. Lawrence Bridges, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, will deliver the sermon.

### HOLIDAY HOUSE

The Southport Garden Club will sponsor a Holiday House on December 8 in the Community Club. Everyone is urged to bring ideas and decorations for Christmas to be entered on the 7th, these entries to be judged and ribbons given. Mrs. R. B. Thompson is general chairman of the Holiday House.

## Tobacco Consultants



**SPECIALISTS**—Joe R. Williams, head of the tobacco division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, is shown seated at the left of this picture which was taken in Whiteville last Wednesday night when he spoke to tobacco farmers in this area. In the center is Congressman Alton Lennon, who arranged the meetings and on the right is Robert T. Kiser, Soil Bank official. Standing are J. L. Nicholson, State ASC marketing chief, and Ralph Pernel, member of the Williams staff.

## Special Session Of Civil Court Set December 9

Judge Raymond B. Mallard Will Preside Over One-Week Special Term; Jury List Is Announced

Judge Raymond B. Mallard of Tabor City will preside over a special term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of civil cases which will convene here on Monday, December 9.

The following jury list has been drawn:

J. B. Coleman, H. E. Gore, G. W. Piver, Leon Watts, Manley Nelson, R. D. Milliken and F. L. Beck, Ash; W. T. White, Carl L. Mintz, A. D. Stanley, Larry Hewett, D. B. Frink, C. H. Long, Lawrence V. Stanley and Paul Holden, Shallotte; Willie Clemmons, Bobby Roach, M. G. Mooney, D. G. Carlisle, Clarence E. Hewett and A. R. Mooney, Supply; A. J. Ganey and R. J. Mercer, Bolivia; Seymour Benton, Ramon Babson, Freeland; William D. Lanier, T. T. Roper, M. B. Long and S. A. Potter, Leland; W. C. Smith and Hyet Holden, Longwood; Franklin Potter, Herbert S. Rogers, Hugh Price and Amos Splawn, Southport; J. T. Ramseur, Winnabow.

## Bountiful Meal Aboard Vessel

Col. Jonas S. Heiss Gives Report Of Meal Served Aboard Danish Ship Marie Skou While At Sunny Point

The beautiful new Danish motorship Marie Skou sailed from Sunny Point last week, but before she departed Col. Jonas S. Heiss, commanding officer of the terminal, was invited by Capt. C. C. Carlson to have breakfast aboard.

Col. Heiss reports that this is one meal that he will never forget, but just to make sure, he jotted down the menu and furnished us with a list of the food which was set before him.

"They called it a cold buffet," he said. "I'll let you decide what you'd call it. They brought out fried cod fillet, smoked eel, smoked salmon and scrambled eggs, canned crabs with dressing, canned shrimp with dressing, cod roe roasted, smoked ham and vegetables, assorted Danish sausages, pork chops roasted, fried liver and bacon, hot dogs roasted, tomatoes and cucumbers — and beef tartar.

"This was their piece de resistance, and consisted of a large Bermuda onion hollowed out and filled with raw hamburger. On top of it was a raw egg. My hosts devoured their portion with relish, but it was a little rare for me.

## Farmers Attend Tobacco Meeting

Brunswick County Farmers Attend Session In Whiteville Last Week At Which Tobacco Specialist Appeared

### MEETINGS ARRANGED BY CONGRESSMAN

Tobacco Growers Brought Up To Date On Progress Of Bringing Supply In Line With Demand

Brunswick county farmers attended a meeting in Whiteville last Wednesday night where the tobacco outlook for 1958 was discussed by experts from the Department of Agriculture. The meeting was scheduled by Congressman Alton Lennon.

"If there isn't a 90-95 percent vote for it," Lennon said, "the 1959 tobacco market will drop 20-30 percent.

"The buyers will figure that in three years there won't be any controls, and they're too good at business to buy high price tobacco when they'll feel they can get it for much less."

Walter Willis, chairman of the state Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee said, "The day the program is gone, you're gone."

Williams outlined the background of the tobacco industry and paid particular attention to the 1952-56 period.

He said the program, with its rigid 90 percent parity, is the only successful program in operation. "It hasn't cost the taxpayers a dime."

The 1952-56 period he described as one in which consumption of tobacco was dropping, but yields were increasing. This is why the acreage cuts Continued On Page Two

## Settlement In Arnold Lawsuit

As Result, Appeal To State Supreme Court Will Not Be Perfected By City Attorney Parker

Notice of appeal has been withdrawn and a settlement reached in the suit of Arnold vs City of Southport.

By the terms of the agreement the sum of \$3,500 will be paid to the plaintiff, in addition, all costs of the action, except for the \$150 advanced by the plaintiff, will be paid by the City of Southport. The plaintiff agreed to execute a perpetual easement for street purposes only, for the use of a 20-foot strip of land lying between her home and the Southport yacht basin. The plaintiff does not release any reparian rights she has or ever has had in connection with the property over which the controversy arose. The City of Southport agreed to furnish rent free a slip or dock at which the cruiser Margrace may be moored until sold, or for a period not to exceed 12 months.

## To Observe "M" Night On Monday In This County

Representatives From 29 Baptist Churches In Brunswick County Expected To Meet At Mill Creek Church

### GENERAL OBSERVANCE THROUGHOUT SOUTH

Simultaneous Meetings Will Hold Attention Of Several Thousand Baptists In Launching Church Program

Plans for the big Baptist "M" Night mass meeting for all Baptist churches in Brunswick County, announced this week, the meeting, in which 29 Baptist churches are participating, will be held at Mill Creek Baptist Church. The Rev. Harold Gore, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, will be the featured speaker. His subject will be "Inherited—A Trust and a Challenge." John Herbert Holden will direct the music.

"M" Night, or Mobilization Night, is a special time for launching the Training Union program in Baptist churches for the coming year. Started in 1946 by the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, this type of meeting has created widespread interest throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Last year 965 such meetings were held with 438,609 persons from 17,798 churches attending.

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, will be a holiday in Southport and throughout Brunswick county, and most all business will come to a standstill in observance of this national holiday.

## Offering For Children Home

Special Thanksgiving Collections Will Be Received At Baptist Churches For This Cause

Many Baptist churches in this area are expected to receive their Thanksgiving offering for the Baptist Children's Homes of N. C. on Sunday, November 24, although some of them will wait until special Thanksgiving services are held, said Mrs. Margaret McRacken, Missionary for the Brunswick Baptist Association, this week.

One-third of the Homes' support comes through this special offering, according to General Superintendent W. C. Reed of Thomasville. "For nearly 75 years, these dependent children and the Thanksgiving season have gone together in the hearts of North Carolina Baptists," he said. Since the Homes were founded in 1885, they have cared for approximately 6,500 children, Supt. Reed added.

The Baptist State Convention, in annual session last week in Raleigh, added another institution to Baptist childrearing program in this state—the Pembroke Indian Orphanage in Robeson County. In the past, this home has been supported by the Burnt Swamp Baptist Association, composed of Indian churches.

"With this home coming into our program, our annual budget will be increased by at least \$20,000," Reed commented. He said that churches are being asked to Continued On Page Two

## Thanksgiving Is Local Holiday

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, will be a holiday in Southport and throughout Brunswick county, and most all business will come to a standstill in observance of this national holiday.

All city, county, state and Federal offices in the county will be closed Thursday, including the postoffice. There will be no window service but one mail delivery will be put in the boxes in the local postoffice. All stores, offices and business houses will be closed.

## County Historical Society To Meet

Important Business Will Come Before This Organization At Bolivia Meeting Tuesday

The Brunswick County Historical Society will meet Tuesday, December 3, in the Bolivia High School auditorium, according to announcement this week by President Kirby Sullivan. Time for the meeting is 7:30 o'clock.

Several matters of importance are scheduled to come before this meeting. One has to do with a report of a committee named to investigate the possibility of having a history of Brunswick county written and published.

The organization already has voted support of the project to Continued On Page Two



## Shallotte Reports Three Robberies

Retrieving Gator Lends A Hand

The best story of the young hunting season was told this week by Arthur Huntley, and we quote:

"The other day I slipped up to one of the freshwater ponds near town and two ducks took off. I shot and winged one of them, and he fluttered and swam to an open spot in the middle and out of range.

"He had hardly hit the water when an alligator spotted him and headed in his direction. The duck saw the tell-tale wake, and started swimming away from the gator—and straight toward me. I stood still, and in a couple of minutes the duck struggled ashore, out of the reach of the gator—but right into my hands."

## Lengthy Docket Tried In Court

Numerous Cases Disposed Of During Busy Session Of Brunswick County Recorder's Court Monday

Cases that had backed up for two weeks added up to a busy day in Brunswick county Recorder's court here Monday, with the following sentences being handed down:

A charge of no operator's license against Jack R. McKee was not pressed, but he pleaded guilty to driving too fast for conditions and paid a fine of \$10 and costs. LeVon Bennett pleaded guilty to possession and improper equipment and was fined \$20 and costs. James Lewis was given 3 months for assault upon a female and 5 months for non-support, the sentences to run concurrently.

In the case charging Vally Hayes with assault upon a female the prosecution asked for a jury trial. Bond was set at \$500. James Hankins was found guilty of non-support and sentence of 6 months was suspended upon payment of costs and \$10 weekly for support of his family.

Jesse C. Morgan pleaded guilty to driving without license and was given 30 days, this being commuted to time served. James McMillan is being held for trial in Superior court on charges of passing worthless checks and forgery.

George M. Swain pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness and was fined \$25 and costs. H. D. Brock pleaded guilty to violating the stop law and was taxed with costs. Robert H. Williams was found guilty of non-support. Sentence of 6 months was suspended upon Continued On Page Two

Mintz & Co. Store Entered By Thieves Twice This Month, With Quantity Of Merchandise Stolen

### THIRD ATTEMPT AT RED & WHITE

Several Shallotte Men Gave Chase To Latest Robbers Who Managed To Escape; No Arrests Are Made

Three robberies have occurred in the town of Shallotte during the past few days, with Mintz & Co. having been hard hit on two occasions. Thus far there have been no arrests.

On Thursday night, November, thieves broke into the Mintz store through a rear window and took between thirty and thirty-five dollars in cash and 5 or 6 cartons of cigarettes.

On Monday night, November 18, robbers again entered the Mintz store building and made a collection that amounted to a loss of between two and three hundred dollars for the proprietor, Harry L. Mintz, Jr. A careful check of his stock reveals the loss of 16 cartons of cigarettes, meat, razor blades, knives, shoes, pants, shirts and other wearing apparel. In addition, the thieves took one Emmerson table model radio.

On Saturday night an attempt was made to break into the Red & White Grocery Co., but Shallotte citizens heard a suspicious noise and started an investigation that frightened off the would-be robbers.

## Col. Murphy On Duty In England

Former Executive Officer At Sunny Point Army Terminal In Charge Of Port Detachment In Southampton

Lt. Col. F. Murphy, former executive officer at Sunny Point Army Terminal, has arrived in England and currently is serving as commanding officer of the U. S. Army port detachment in the city of Southampton.

He describes his new duty as "a typical port assignment and consists of the responsibility for moving military interest in cargo in and out of the United Kingdom.

He says that they are in the midst of a typical winter period for that country, and that as a result the skies are grey and overcast. "All of this, of course, lends itself to wishing I were back in southeastern North Carolina," he confessed.

Before he left for his new assignment, Col. Murphy said that he hoped to be able to visit Mayor Mae Bamber of Southport, England, while in that country. With references to these plans, he said: Continued On Page Two

## Leaf Allotment Virtually Same For Next Year

U. S. Department Of Agriculture Has Announced That There Will Be Practically No Change In Figures

### CONTINUE VARIETY DISCOUNT PROGRAM

Farmers Strongly Urged To Use Best Possible Seed In Producing Plants For 1958 Crop

U. S. Department of Agriculture announced Monday that the national flue-cured tobacco acreage allotment for 1958 will be virtually the same as this year's. The Department also said the variety discount program would be continued next year.

The 1958 allotment is 713,468 acres, compared with 712,600 this year. Individual farm allotments will be virtually the same as this year, with the exception of small increases to adjust inequities among individual allotments, correct mistakes in allotments, and provide for growers who have not planted flue-cured tobacco in the past five years.

Representatives attending a five-state meeting in Raleigh on November 13 recommended that the national quota remain the same in 1958 as in 1957. Farm leaders attending the Farm Bureau conference in Raleigh yesterday commented that they were well pleased with the Department of Agriculture's action on the new quota.

Flue-cured growers approved marketing quotas for 1956-58 by an overwhelming vote in July, 1955. Quotas have been in effect for flue-cured tobacco each year since enactment of the 1938 Agricultural Adjustment Act, with the exception of 1939.

Prices for the 1958 crop of tobacco from Coker 139, Coker 140, and Dixie Bright 244 varieties will be supported at one-half the support price for comparable grades of other varieties, the same as this year. These varieties are classified Continued On Page Four

## REA Is Planning New Line Work

New Construction Covered In New Letting Is Located In Columbus County

Conversion of 31 miles of line and addition of one mile of new power line to the Brunswick electric membership corp. have been approved.

John Anderson, local manager, said work was scheduled to start last week. The conversion work will see installation of bigger poles carrying new wire to split the current load. Improved service is expected to be result of the addition.

The work is scheduled for the Western Prong, Welches Creek, Mollie, Old Dock and Crusoe areas.

Anderson said that as the work progresses there will be some periods of no power. These normaly will occur from 8 to 11 a. m. and 1 to 4 p. m.

The "outages" Anderson said will be kept at a minimum to avoid inconvenience to power users. He also said specific notices will be attempted in affected areas.

## 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, November 28,	
12:29 A. M.	6:29 A. M.
12:54 P. M.	7:09 P. M.
Friday, November 29,	
1:21 A. M.	7:24 A. M.
1:43 P. M.	8:00 P. M.
Saturday, November 30,	
2:13 A. M.	8:22 A. M.
2:34 P. M.	8:51 P. M.
Sunday, December 1,	
3:06 A. M.	9:20 A. M.
3:25 P. M.	9:42 P. M.
Monday, December 2,	
3:57 A. M.	10:15 A. M.
4:16 P. M.	10:31 P. M.
Tuesday, December 3,	
4:45 A. M.	11:08 A. M.
5:04 P. M.	11:18 P. M.
Wednesday, December 4,	
5:32 A. M.	11:56 A. M.
5:52 P. M.	12:03 P. M.

## TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARPER

It was December 1, 1937, and Thanksgiving '37 had become history. Now everyone was looking forward to Christmas, especially the merchants, as was apparent by looking at the advertising of this issue of The Pilot. Everyday life was normal. There had been a County council P. T. A. meeting, and the local shrimpers were experiencing a drop-off from the high production of recent weeks.

Ernest Parker, Jr. was recovering from gunshot wounds received in a hunting accident, Mr. and Mrs. William Kopp had announced the birth of a son, and the Honky-Tonk continued to feature round and square dances every Friday night. Turkey hunting seemed to be the sport of the hour.

Headline: Service Men Urged To Take Out Life Insurance Early. Dateline: December 2, 1942. (Eds. note: That's the best time.) W. H. Barnette had been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant in the Coast Guard. Dorman Mercer had become the new County Forest Warden, succeeding Dawson Jones. Mrs. Edna Maulsby had entered a prize-winning essay in a nation-wide contest, and The Pilot announced that "Cows will do their patriotic duty only if kept warm."

Mid-term exams were coming up at Southport High School before Christmas, and the Rev. Cecil Alligood had had recent good luck fishing in Walden Creek. On the home front, Red Cross (Continued On Page 4)