

## Letter Reveals Shrimp Activity In English City

Lt. Col. Wm F. Murphy Discovers That Shrimping Is Important Business In Southport, England, As Well As In Southport, North Carolina

### CRITICAL CHANGE IN MARKETING HABITS

Information Contained In This Article Reveals Different Method For Hauling For Shrimp In Shallow Waters Off English Coast

EDITOR'S NOTE: Lt. Col. William F. Murphy, former executive officer at Sunny Point Army Terminal, is now stationed in England. Recently he wrote to say that he has not yet managed to make his proposed visit to Southport, England, but that recently he came across an article in a London newspaper telling of proposed changes in the shrimp industry in the English city. Col. Murphy was interested to learn that shrimping is carried on at Southport, England, as well as at Southport, North Carolina, and he sent us the following clipping:

"The shrimp carts were out on the sands here today in a westerly gale. The fishermen huddled against the sideboards for shelter without much success, but the horses had the worst of it as they pulled the carts through the surf at axle depth. It seemed a hard way to make a living.

"As dusk was falling one of the carts came back across the sands, to the pier. Two nets 6 ft. wide at the mouth and 20 ft. in length has been trailed through the water from a beam across the cart a 'boomer outer' the fishermen call it. When the nets were emptied there was a fine selection of seaweed and flotsam, but only a few pints of shrimps. It is a precarious occupation at this time of the year.

"Before morning the catch will have been boiled and prepared by the community of Marshside, a Southport suburb, where 'shrimping is a habit', as one of the local people explained. But Marshside is wondering today whether the Government's clean food measures will forcibly break the habit and kill an old industry.

"Although the huddle of houses that is Marshside is not as depressing as the name suggests, the place has a workaday air. There are men in blue jerseys tending shrimp boilers in the back yards and the best known names of the district are those of the handful of old-established shrimp merchants who are leaders of the industry. An odd place to be rubbing shoulders with fashionable Southport, the visitor might think, but then visitors do not often stray into Marshside. If they did they would find a number of the older people sitting round their firesides picking or peling shrimps. This system of outwork has gone on for generations. The fishermen currently pay 2s. a quart and a fast worker can do up a quart in an hour.

"The Food Hygiene (Amendment) Regulations, 1957, published yesterday, are being called here a 'death blow' to the shrimp (Continued on Page 4)



## Highway Deaths In Brunswick Total 9

Three Camp Lejeune Marines Killed In Auto Accident On Highway No. 17 On Christmas Day

### ANOTHER DEATH DURING DECEMBER

Brunswick Was Headed For Best Record In Recent Years Until Deaths During Past Month

Three young men lost their lives in an automobile accident on highway No. 17 on Christmas day near the South Carolina line, bringing a note of sadness to an otherwise happy holiday season. These, coupled with the death of a woman near Bolivia earlier in December, brought to 9 the total number of highway deaths in Brunswick county during 1957. It is singular that almost one-half these deaths came during the final month of the year, and that all four occurred on highway No. 17.

There were 13 highway deaths in Brunswick during 1956.

The latest victims were killed Wednesday when the car in which they were riding crashed into a tree. Three others were injured. The three men, Camp Lejeune Marines, were identified as Pfc. Gerard Edward Fredette, Jr., 19, of Westhaven, Conn., Cpl. James T. Corrigan, Jr., 19, of New York City and Pfc. Richard D. Wiatrak, 20, of Clinton, Penn.

Three other Marines, one seriously injured, are: Cpl. James H. Dussan, 18, of Toledo, Ohio, who suffered a brain concussion; Cpl. Charles E. Hattman, 21, of Corapolis, Penn., and Cpl. Ronald F. Seyno, 21, of Cransville, Penn.

## Shalotte Man Back From Trip

James D. Bellamy Spent Full Week At Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Arizona

When this winter is over and an accounting is made of the cold weather, James D. Bellamy, Shalotte farmer and supervisor of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Drainage District will come up missing, for he was one of the one hundred of the nation's outstanding conservation-minded farmers and ranchers who have just returned home after collecting their reward for being named national soil conservation champions. The day the thermometer was 14-degrees in Brunswick, the reading was 85-degrees where he was in Arizona.

Bellamy was one of the winners of Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's tenth annual Soil Conservation Awards program covering the fiscal year 1956-1957. The grand award was a week's vacation trip to the Wigwam, a luxurious guest resort on Goodyear Farms, Litchfield Park, Ariz.

Each winner was named by a board of impartial judges, comprised of leading agriculturalists, in 50 competing units covering every state in the country. The soil awards program is designed to increase good soil conservation practices. Grand prizes are awarded to soil conservation districts in the 50 competing units who are considered outstanding for the year in regular soil conservation work. The winning soil conservation district in each competing unit or state sends its governing body member who has worked the hardest and accomplished the most.

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## Norman Bellamy Named President Of Inlet Group

Lockwood Folly Inlet Improvement Ass'n. Held Third Meeting Saturday At Sabbath Home Baptist Church

### FULL SLATE OF OFFICERS NAMED

Meeting Attended By Congressman Lennon, Representative Bowman And Fred Whitaker, Executive Secretary N. C. Fisheries

A spontaneous community effort begun in September to effect the improvement of Lockwood Folly Inlet has become a full-fledged organization under the name of the Lockwood Folly Inlet Improvement Association. The action took place at the third meeting of the group in the Sabbath Home Baptist Church at Holden Beach on Saturday.

Elected president of the association was Norman C. Bellamy of Supply, who was one of the original steering committee with Lucian Fulford and Bill Grady. Other officers elected were Earl Bellamy, vice-president; Goodman Fulford, treasurer; and Mrs. Norman Bellamy, secretary.

Among those attending the organizational meeting were Congressman Alton Lennon of the Seventh District, Brunswick County Representative James C. Bowman of Southport, and Fred Whitaker of Kinston, executive secretary of the North Carolina Fisheries Association.

A principal part of the meeting was taken up with the review of material being compiled for presentation to the Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army, at a public hearing which will be set after the passage of a resolution through the Public Works Committee of the Congress. Congressman Lennon in advising the group congratulated those present for the work they had done. He pointed out that previous attempts to secure relief from the navigational hazard and handicap of Lockwood Folly Inlet had come to an unsuccessful conclusion for lack of preparation and cooperation on the local level.

The work being done now in preparation for the public hearing is in cooperation with the North Carolina Fisheries Association. The association group hopes that the public hearing can be scheduled some time in the Spring of 1958.

## Announce Winners In Light Contest

Winners in the outdoor Christmas contest sponsored by the Southport Garden Club were as follows:

Living tree: First, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Russ; second, Mrs. Alberta McLeod; third, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter.

Overall: First, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman; second, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Wells; third, Mr. and Mrs. John D. O'Daniel.

Doorway: First, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Livingston; second, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Burdette; third, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Hickman.

Judges for the contest were Dr. and Mrs. Randolph Gardner and Donald Tydings.

## Lengthy Docket Tried In Court

Long List Of Cases Before Judge Earl Bellamy In Brunswick County Recorder's Court Here Monday

A variety of cases was disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday with the session being held once more in the Community Building. The following judgments were handed down:

William W. Skipper, reckless operation, \$75 and costs. Harvey Everett, pleaded guilty to charges of driving with improper equipment and without operator's license. He was fined \$35 and costs.

Joshua J. Soles pleaded guilty to permitting the operation of a vehicle with improper equipment, but was found not guilty of permitting driving without a proper license. Costs were combined with another case.

R. G. Causey, Richard Causey and George K. Causey were all charged with being drunk and disorderly. Judgment was withheld until March 14, with provision made that each defendant not further molest the other, and pay costs.

Harry Gore was found not guilty of possession of non tax-paid liquor.

Ezekiel and Willie Bland were defendants in cases charging affray and disorderly conduct. The former was given 30 days, the latter 90 days, both sentences being suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior for 2 years.

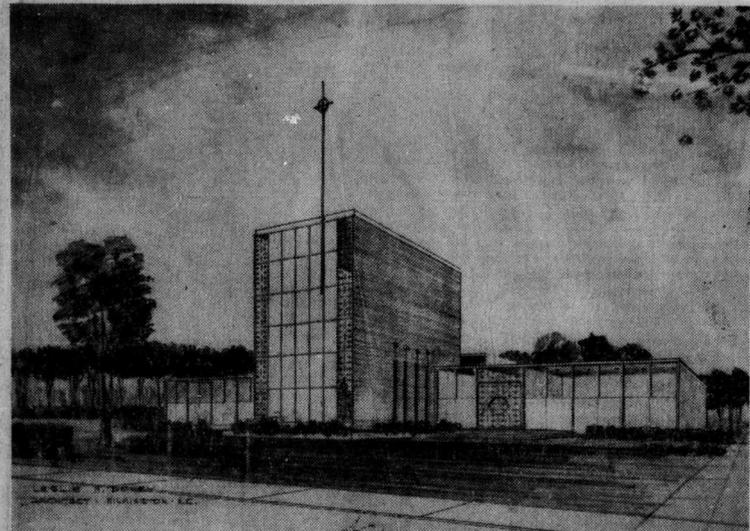
Earl Gore was found guilty of disorderly conduct and was given 4 months on the roads, judgment suspended upon payment of costs and fine of \$50, with the further provision that he be of good behavior for 2 years. John Jenrette was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and was given 6 months, judgment being suspended upon payment of \$20 to the clerk of court for Willie Bland, 2 years good behavior, fine of \$25 and costs.

Bernice Hill was found not guilty of assault.

Francis Skipper was found not guilty of assault.

Harits Ludlum was found guilty of non-support, but judgment was withheld upon payment of \$10 per week to clerk of court for his wife until child is born. Lilly May Ray was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly, resisting arrest, assaulting an officer, and being a public nuisance (Continued on Page Four)

## New Presbyterian Church



START—This is an architects drawing of the new Southport Presbyterian Church, for which ground-breaking ceremonies will be held here Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Actual work of construction will begin the following day, with completion of the educational building and fellowship hall scheduled to precede work on the sanctuary.

## Board Confers With Insurance Fire Adjusters

Board Of County Commissioners Have Estimates From Several Different Contractors Upon Which To Base Claim

Members of the board of county commissioners have been in conference this week with fire insurance adjusters with regard to settlement of the claim for damage sustained by the Brunswick county courthouse during the fire on December 13.

In preparation for these discussions, members of the board secured damage estimates from Robert L. Jones, Fred Spencer and DeArmond Swain and from Wilmington architect, Julian Altonbell working in conjunction with a Wilmington contractor. In addition, R. E. Bellamy, one of the members of the board, made an estimate of his own.

It is significant that even though these four estimates were made independently, when they were compared it revealed that they fell within \$400 of each other. All were slightly over the \$30,000 figure for damage to the building, with loss to furniture and equipment estimated at more than the full amount of coverage, which was \$10,000.

No final action resulted from yesterday's conference, but it is reported that the figures submitted by the independent contractors estimating the damage. However, one county official said today that there appears to be a good chance to reach an agreement within the next few days.

Meanwhile, the courthouse remains in partial use, with the register of deeds occupying the offices formerly used by the board of education. That body is located in the garrison building on the waterfront. The Brunswick county (Continued on Page Four)

## Ground Breaking For Presbyterians

### Air Rifles Get Boys In Trouble

### Ceremony Will Be Conducted Sunday Afternoon At 2 O'Clock At Site Of New Church In Deepwater Heights

### CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN ON MONDAY

### First Phase Will Be Construction Of Education Building Including Fellowship Hall

Members of the congregation of Southport Presbyterian Church will observe ground breaking ceremonies at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon for the construction of the educational building and fellowship hall on their site in Deepwater Heights.

The Rev. Charles W. Worth, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Whiteville, is chairman of the Home Missions Committee of the Wilmington Presbytery and will be in charge of the program here Sunday.

William Webb is chairman of the building committee and will turn the first spadeful of dirt. The new building will follow plans that were prepared about one year ago by Leslie Boney, Wilmington architect. The present contract is for the construction of the educational building and the latter will be used for church services until the sanctuary is completed at a later date.

General contractor is Leon Smith, Southport building contractor. He recently purchased the old Presbyterian Church and Youth Center, and beginning this week Sunday School and church services will be held in the manse, located on the yacht basin. First efforts toward the new construction program were started in January, 1956. A suitable site was acquired in the new residential development east of town, and last year the grounds were cleared.

Presbyterian church officials extend a cordial invitation to the general public to participate in the Sunday ceremony.

## Request Farmers For Information

### Important Findings Result From Information Furnished By Farmers In Annual Farm Census

North Carolina's farm landowners will be asked to cooperate during January in the state's 1958 Township Farm Census.

The annual census will be taken as farmers list their 1958 taxes. Tax listers cooperate in the undertaking so that needed data may be obtained concerning North Carolina agriculture.

The census is required by law and the state Department of Agriculture and boards of county commissioners are charged with the responsibility of carrying it out. All agricultural agencies cooperate in the statewide survey. The information obtained is held in confidence and used only for the purpose of compiling accurate statistics on land use, crop acreages and livestock numbers.

David S. Weaver, director of the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service, advised farmers not to confuse the annual North Carolina Township Farm Census with the Federal government's general agricultural census every five years. "Through the annual North Carolina Farm Census said Weaver, we have the machinery for obtaining vital statistical data that helps keep this state on the right road, agriculturally."

Weaver is but one of the state's leading agricultural figures who has cited the importance of the annual farm census. Others include L. Y. Ballentine, state commissioner of agriculture; D. W. Colvard, dean of agriculture at N. C. State College; A. G. Bullard, state supervisor of vocational agriculture education; Horace Godfrey, state ASC administrator; H. J. Isenhower, state director of (Continued on Page Four)

## All In Readiness For Tax Listing To Start Monday

List Of Appointments Given For Several Listers, With Other Announcements To Be Made At Later Date

### TAXPAYERS URGED TO LIST AT HOME

County Tax Supervisor Says Much Confusion Can Be Avoided By Listing With Lister In Own Township

The task of listing property for 1958 taxes begins Monday, with tax listers in each township having in their possession tax abstracts that have been filled out with the new real estate values.

This will be the first opportunity that property owners will have to learn the results of the revaluation program, and there is more than the usual amount of interest in the forthcoming listing.

Mrs. Ressie R. Whately, Brunswick county tax supervisor, stresses the importance of property owners bringing a list of their personal property with them when they go to list. "Real estate is being listed at one-half its assessed valuation," she said this week, "and personal property will be listed at this same rate."

Mrs. Whately also pointed out that taxpayers who may be displeased with their new valuation figures will have opportunity to register their complaints with the Board of Equalization and Review in March. "Do not fuss with your tax lister or try to get him to change your values," she says, "for he does not have that authority. That is what the Board of Equalization and Review is for."

She also stressed the importance of each property owner listing in his own township.

Following is a schedule of appointments that will be followed by listers in four of the six townships:

Following is the schedule for Ed. O. Rabon, lister for Town Creek: Hawes store, Bolivia, Jan. 6, 9 a. m.-12 noon; Frink store, Piny Grove, Jan. 6, 12 noon-2:30 p. m.; Lofton Lewis store, Bolivia, Jan. 7, 9 a. m.-12 noon; Goley Lewis store, Bolivia, Jan. 7, 12:15-2:30 p. m.; Dark Branch Montgomery store, Jan. 8, 9 a. m.-12 noon; Dudley's place, Lower Town Creek Bridge, Jan. 8, 12:15-2:30 p. m.; Creech Brothers Grocery, Jan. 9, 9 a. m.-1 p. m.; Charlie Robbins, Jan. 9, 1 p. m.-3 p. m.; Pen Benton home, Jan. 10, 9 a. m.-12 noon; G. L. Skipper's store, Jan. 10, 12:15-2:30 p. m.; J. L. Bishop's store, Jan. 13, 9 a. m.-1 p. m.; A. P. Henry's store, Jan. 14, 9 a. m.-12 noon; S. & W. store, Leland, Jan. 15, 9 a. m.-12 noon.

Following is the schedule for Carl Ward, lister for Smithville township: Southport, Monday through Friday, each week of January 1958: Howell Point, 9 a. m. to 12 noon, 11th of January; Cox's store, 1 p. m. to 3 p. m., 11 of January; Mrs. Arnold's store, 9 a. m. to 10:30 a. m., 18th of January; Willie Hewett's store, 11 a. m. to 1 p. m., 18th of January; Beach road, Garner's store, 9 a. m. to 11 a. m., 25th of January; Lawrence Smith's store, 12 noon to 3 p. m., 25th of January.

Following is the schedule for M. L. Hewett lister for Lockwood Folly: M. D. Reeves home, (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, December 26,	
11:23 A. M.	5:03 A. M.
11:45 P. M.	5:38 P. M.
Friday, December 27,	
6:50 A. M.	5:48 A. M.
12:05 P. M.	6:22 P. M.
Saturday, December 28,	
12:31 A. M.	6:37 A. M.
12:49 P. M.	7:09 P. M.
Sunday, December 29,	
1:21 A. M.	7:32 A. M.
1:38 P. M.	8:00 P. M.
Monday, December 30,	
2:12 A. M.	8:31 A. M.
2:31 P. M.	8:53 P. M.
Tuesday, December 31,	
3:08 A. M.	9:32 A. M.
3:26 P. M.	9:47 P. M.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### LIONS TO MEET

The Southport Lions Club will meet Thursday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the community Building. There will be a meeting of the board of directors at 5:45 o'clock.

### HOLIDAY TODAY

This is New Years Day, and a holiday routine is in force for city and county employees and at the postoffice, bank and Savings & Loan Association.

### PARSONAGE COMPLETED

The Methodist parsonage has been completed and the Rev. Lawrence Bridges is expecting to move in this week. The home is of brick construction and is located in Deepwater Heights.

### ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC

The regular monthly Orthopedic Clinic, conducted by the Crippled Children's Section of the State Board of Health, will be held at James Walker Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, Thursday, January 9, from 8 a. m. to 12 noon.

## TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARPER

During the past week the calendar had turned over a new leaf, and now it was 1958. Wednesday, January 6. Already tobacco beds were appearing throughout the county, and that issue of The Pilot was plugging a new sport—that of hunting diamond-back terrapins with dogs.

The men's basketball team of Southport High School had defeated that of Whiteville on Tuesday night with Captain Vic Bartels playing a leading role. R. L. Thompson had been recently appointed alderman in the 1st Ward, and while high school faculties were returning, college students—thirteen in number—were leaving for their respective campuses.

On January 6, 1943, it was announced that Doshier Memorial Hospital had been fully accredited by the American College of Surgeons. The Southport bank had been entered on the previous Saturday night, but to no avail, and it had been learned that the local menhaden boats had been granted a reprieve. Our "Not Exactly" editor had observed that there were but two community water systems in Brunswick county, with one of those being at Longwood.

This issue of The Pilot boasted one of the most colorful society pages ever, with three recent Brunswick County brides pictured there. They were Mrs. John Whittaker, Mrs. John Griffin, and Mrs. Jack McCracken. The Wilmington shipyard, which was employing many local laborers, had been recently awarded the (Continued on Page Four)