

Civic Association At Yaupon Beach Elects Officers

Clinton Bellamy Is Named President Of Newly Formed Group At Brunswick County Resort Community

SPONSOR PROJECTS FOR IMPROVEMENT

First On List Will Be The Purchase Of Fogging Machine For Use In Mosquito Control Efforts

The Yaupon Beach Civic Association had its organizational meeting on Monday, December 30, at which time the following officers were elected: Clinton Bellamy, president; James Sanders, vice-president; G. V. Barbee, treasurer; Lorraine Bellamy, secretary. These officers and the following committee chairmen will constitute the board of directors: Entertainment committee, Mrs. Kaye Dixon; decoration committee, Boyce Spencer; civic improvement, W. H. Murdaugh and C. E. Murphy; publicity, Mrs. Frances Sanders; and legal committee, E. J. Preatte.

Final preparations for the New Year's Eve party were made and progress on the preliminary work was reported.

Although the association has been formed only a short time, it has already received over 40 memberships. All membership fees go for the civic improvement of the beach, and the first project is a spraying machine to control insects. This machine will be purchased in the spring so that it will be used for the entire 1958 season. Other projects planned are a fire truck, park and recreational development, a boat loading ramp, planting of the boulevards and streets, and a yacht or beach club which will be the center of much of the social activity planned for the village.

There will be some memberships accepted on an invitation basis other than property owners and at present there is no initiation fee. As the work of the civic association progresses and its work becomes better organized, an initiation fee will be charged.

It is planned to have four major entertainments each year and a social get-together each month. Each member will be invited to all these affairs and will be notified by mail of their occurrence.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

In SAMPSON COUNTY

Patrolman George Willets of Leland has been assigned duty at Salemburg in Sampson county.

TP ATTEND CONVENTION

Edwin Clemons, president of the Shallotte Parent-Teachers Association will represent that organization at the State Convention in Raleigh on January 13.

TO ATTEND GENERAL BOARD

E. J. Preatte, who is a member of the Baptist State Convention's General Board, will leave for Raleigh on Sunday to attend an important meeting of that group. The meeting will probably last two days.

SHALLOTTE P. T. A.

The Shallotte Parent-Teachers Association will meet Monday at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. This association has 584 members at present. The major for this year is additional wiring for the primary building.

LICENSE EXAMINER

Max Edwards of Bolivia has recently joined the State Highway Patrol as a driver's license examiner. He has completed training at troop headquarters at Greenville and has been assigned to the Rocky Mount office as relief examiner.

BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Bible Study Week at the Southport Baptist Church begins Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock, when Dr. Elmo Scoggins of Southeastern Seminary begins a teaching series on the book of Hosea, and will continue through Thursday night, January 16. There will be four morning teaching hours at 10 a. m. Monday through Thursday. At those morning hours Dr. Scoggins will give four lectures called "Introducing the Prophets." The public is invited to join in these services.

Ground Breaking Ceremony



BEGINNING—William Webb, chairman of the building committee of the Southport Presbyterian Church, is shown in the foreground lifting the first spade of dirt during the ground breaking ceremony Sunday afternoon at the site on Moore Street in Deepwater Heights. A large crowd was present on a cold, sunny afternoon for this service, which marks the beginning of a new church in Southport.—(Photo by Huntley.)

First Highway Death Of Year Occurs Friday

Negro Man Becomes County's First Highway Victim In One-Car Accident On Unpaved Road Near Holden Beach

Bennie Morgan, Brunswick county negro, was instantly killed late Friday afternoon when the automobile in which he was riding was involved in a one-car accident on a dirt road near Holden Beach.

Driver of the car is reported to have been Thomas Gause, who also sustained serious injuries, as did his brother F. B. Gause. A fourth man, whose name was not available, also sustained serious injuries.

This was the first highway (Continued on Page Four)

Talk To Seniors About College

Representative From East Carolina College Will Be In Brunswick County Two Days Next Week

A representative from East Carolina College will be in Brunswick county next Tuesday and Wednesday to talk to seniors about going to college.

On Tuesday he will be at Shallotte High School at 9:35 a. m.; at Waccamaw High School at 9:35 a. m.; at Waccamaw High School at 11 a. m.; at Southport High School at 2 p. m.

On Wednesday he will be at Bolivia High School at 10 a. m.; at Leland High School at 12 o'clock.

The purpose of this visit is to help stimulate the desire for further study among students of the various Brunswick county schools.

Statistics Show Brunswick Gains

Figures From Dun & Bradstreet Publication Indicate Increase In Business Operations During Past Five Years

Statistics released last week by G. S. Withers, Manager of the Raleigh office of Dun & Bradstreet, Inc., reflect the growth of business firms in eastern North Carolina during the past five years. Figures obtained from a physical count of the Dun & Bradstreet Reference Book for November, 1957, totaled 25,422 manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers in this area as compared to 22,696 listings in 1952—an increase of 12.2 percent for the period.

There were 190 listings in (Continued on Page Four)

Ground Breaking For New Church

Courthouse Fire Still Unsettled

There is no news regarding the settlement of the fire loss at the Brunswick county courthouse, and members of the board of commissioners are now in the process of filing a proof of loss.

The most recent conference between county officials and insurance adjusters left the two interests about \$5,000 apart in settlement of the claim. The commissioners take the position that they are using figures arrived at by four different contractors, all of whom were within a few hundred dollars of the same quotation. The adjusters believe that some of the items for which a claim is being made should not be allowed.

Busy Day For County Court

Variety Of Cases Disposed Of Monday Before Judge Earl Bellamy In Brunswick County Recorder's Court

Tom Mintz, Brunswick county white man, was given a preliminary hearing in Brunswick county Recorder's court, Monday, on charges of statutory rape, and probable cause was found. The defendant was bound over to Superior court without privilege of bond.

Given a hearing on charges of incest, probable cause was found in this case, and bond was set at \$5,000 for appearance in Superior court.

In other cases tried before Judge Earl Bellamy, Dan McMullan pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness and was fined \$25 and costs.

Mary L. Trummell pleaded guilty to public drunkenness and was fined \$25 and costs.

George W. Hewitt pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving and possession and was fined \$100 and costs.

Robert L. Ganey faced two charges of driving 70-mph and reckless operation. He waived appearance and pleaded guilty and was fined \$56.75 and costs in each case.

Robert E. Gore was convicted of driving 70-mph and carrying concealed weapons. He was fined \$60 and costs.

Henry L. Bedault was found not guilty of reckless operation but pleaded guilty to driving 65-mph and was fined \$10 and costs.

John W. Bath pleaded guilty to driving a truck 55-mph and was (Continued on Page 4)

Large Gathering Here, Sunday Afternoon For Ceremony Marking Start Of Building Operations For New Presbyterian Church

CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN THIS WEEK

First Objective Will Be Construction Of Education Building And Fellowship Assembly Hall; Sanctuary Later

Three ministers representing three different denominations participated in the ground breaking ceremony for the new Southport Presbyterian Church Sunday afternoon.

In charge of the program was the Rev. Charles W. Worth, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Whiteville and chairman of the Wilmington Presbytery. The scripture was read by the Rev. Charles Murray, who has been holding morning services at the local Presbyterian church; and prayer was offered by the Rev. L. D. Hayman, pastor of Yaupon Beach Methodist church, who has been holding evening study sessions for the local Presbyterian congregation.

The first spade of dirt was moved by William Webb, chairman of the building committee, and one of the outstanding features was the presentation of the following brief church history by (Continued on Page Four)

New Warnings From Weather Display Tower

U. S. Weather Bureau Puts New Display Signals In Effect, Beginning January 1st

FIRST USE MADE HERE THIS WEEK

New Plan Also Includes Provision For Lights To Be Displayed At Night From Tower

Southport residents who are accustomed to seeing storm flags flying from the U. S. Weather Bureau display tower on the garrison saw a strange combination Tuesday when the new signals that became effective January 1 were used for the first time.

The unusual warning was a red pennant flying above a red pennant, and it warned of winds of gale force (39-54mph). Moreover, this signal went up a few hours after the usual small craft warning had been hoisted to show expected winds of up to 38-mph.

In order of velocity, the next flag above the double-pennants is a square red flag with black center, which warns of winds of whole gale force (55-73mph). The only warning more serious than this is the flag above flag, giving warning of winds of hurricane force (74-mph plus).

The new warning system also provides for a display of lights at night.

For smaller craft warning the light arrangement is red above white. The gale warning is white light above red. The whole gale signal at night red light over red. The night light for hurricane warning is red over white over red.

New Year's Eve Party At Yaupon

Enjoyable Event Sponsored By Yaupon Beach Civic Association; Funds Will Go For Improvements

The third annual New Year's Eve Party was held on December 31 at the skating rink in Yaupon Beach and turned out to be the biggest and best held so far. Over 160 invited guests registered, and there were many who came in late who did not get on the registration list.

The skating rink was beautifully decorated in the New Year's theme with colorful crepe paper, balloons and native shrubbery. The tables were covered with white tablecloths and decorated with centerpieces of candies surrounded by holly and yaupon.

Costume hats and noise makers were given to the guests to help add to their pleasure in heralding out the old year and seeing in the new year. At midnight there was much celebration with the popping of balloons, blowing of horns, and of course, the singing of "Auld Lang Syne." 1958 arrived on a happy sound of new years wishes.

The Yaupon Civic Association, sponsors of the party, considered it to be a highly successful event, and wishes to thank each one for their part in its success. No attempt is made by the association to make money on its parties, but they are strictly for the social (Continued on Page Four)

Brunswick Boats Men In Bad Storm

Reports From Florida Give Account Of Three Men Swimming To Safety; Lost Boats Found

Twice during the past week Brunswick county boats and men have figured in news coming up from Florida, which has been in the grip of a severe storm.

On Friday it was reported that three Shallotte fishermen were safe after swimming ashore from their sinking vessel, the Miss Jan. The men were Jerry M. Phelps, James T. Tompkins and Robert H. Leon.

On Monday there was a report that two boats belonging to Lewie J. Hardee had been lost, and that there was no word from the crew. Later reports indicated that the vessels, the Wave and the Surf, were safe, as were the men in their crew. These included Charles Bruce of Southport.

The Surf was being towed to safety at Miami, while the Wave was able to make it back to port at Key West under her own power.

The loss of these boats was included with a report of the sinking of the yacht Revonac, together with the owner, a New York publisher, and all of her crew. There has been no further word of this vessel.

Work Of Listing Begins In County

Brunswick County Tax Lists Begin Work In Each Of The Six Townships This Week

WORK PROCEEDING SLOWLY SO FAR

Tax Supervisor Asks Cooperation With Farm Census, But Reminds It Has No Bearing Upon Taxation

Brunswick county began listing their property for 1958 taxes on Monday, and yesterday Mrs. Bessie Whately, tax supervisor, reported that the operation was proceeding smoothly.

"One thing that happened the first two days," she said, "is that folks are slow about coming in. We hope they will go on and list for with the sheets already filled in with real estate values, we think that the entire job can be completed before February 1."

"The people have been very good about bringing in a list of their personal property, and that helps speed their listing. I want to remind them that we are using only 50-percent of their actual value for listing purposes, just as we are using that percentage of the new valuation."

Another point that Mrs. Whately wished to have stressed was the fact that farmers are urged to cooperate in furnishing information for the farm census. "I want to make it clear, though, that this information has no bearing upon taxes," the tax supervisor said.

Taxpayers are advised to list with the list in his own township, since he has a sheet already prepared showing the real estate values.

Conference At Yaupon Church

Dr. J. E. Garlington, District Superintendent, Will Preach Sunday Morning And Will Conduct Second Quarterly Conference

The second Quarterly Conference for the Methodist Church at Yaupon Village will be the feature event for this congregation on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Dr. J. E. Garlington, Superintendent of the Wilmington District, will preach at this hour and then preside at the business session of the conference.

The first conference of this nature was held on the event of the organization of the church August 25, 1957. Since that date there has been a steady growing interest in the newly organized church. A complete organization has been put in motion, and a two-acre lot secured on the main highway leading through the Yaupon Beach and Tranquil Harbour developments. The lot has been cleared and is in readiness for a ground-breaking program later on in the early spring. The conference on Sunday will record the results of this venture up to the present time. Further plans will be announced for the winter months.

A hot air blower system has been installed in the skating rink for warming the building during the cold weather.

One outstanding event for the spring is the promised visitation of Bishop Paul N. Garbor, who will spend a few days in the village.

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Engineers To Be Responsible For Inlet Work

Governor Luther H. Hodges Made Announcement In Raleigh Monday Regarding Closing Long Beach Inlet

WILL PROVIDE BASF FOR ROAD

This Work Will Render Many Individually Owned Building Sites Available For New Construction

Announcement was made in Raleigh Friday by Governor Luther H. Hodges that the Wilmington District of the U. S. Army Engineers will close the inlet that was opened across the lower end of Long Beach during Hurricane Hazel in the fall of 1954.

In connection with closing the inlet, there is a project for the State Highway to reconstruct the highway, thus giving accessibility to scores of lots owned by private individuals who have been waiting for an opportunity to build cottages. Several owners have standing orders to start the day material can be hauled to their property.

The decision of the Federal Civil Defense Administration and the Corps of Engineers to move ahead with the work, said the governor, "came as the result of a determined effort on the part of the State of North Carolina to convince the appropriate federal agencies that this major hurricane damage should qualify for federal funds."

Hodges described opening of the inlet as "a tremendous blow to Brunswick County and Southeast North Carolina." He said it brought a loss in revenue both to the county and to individual property owners in the beach community. Closing it will allow the State Highway Commission to replace the highway connecting the south end of Long Beach Island which has been cut off since the inlet was cut, he added.

Make Plans To Honor Teacher

Southport Woman's Club Will Participate In National "Oscars For Teachers" Movement This Year

The Southport Woman's Club is participating in a nationwide "Oscars For Teachers" contest sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs. A teacher will be selected by a committee of judges and will be entered in the district contest. If successful at that level, he or she will be entered in the state contest at which time a state selection will be made to compete nationally.

The selection will be made on the basis of scholastic attainment, teaching experience, humanitarian attitude toward students, outstanding work beyond the call of duty, and an interest in community, state and national affairs.

Recommendations will be received by Mrs. E. J. Preatte, president of the Southport Woman's Club, until January 15. These will be turned over to a committee for screening and selection and the announcement of the teacher to be honored will be made by February 1.

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, January 9,	
4:12 A. M.	10:22 A. M.
4:42 P. M.	10:55 P. M.
Friday, January 10,	
5:06 A. M.	11:15 A. M.
5:33 P. M.	11:52 P. M.
Saturday, January 11,	
6:02 A. M.	12:09 A. M.
6:29 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Sunday, January 12,	
7:05 A. M.	12:53 A. M.
7:28 P. M.	1:09 P. M.
Monday, January 13,	
8:10 A. M.	2:00 A. M.
8:29 P. M.	2:10 P. M.
Tuesday, January 14,	
9:15 A. M.	3:01 A. M.
9:30 P. M.	3:13 P. M.
Wednesday, January 15,	
10:17 A. M.	4:02 A. M.
10:30 P. M.	4:14 P. M.

TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARPER

It was January 12, 1937, and Brunswick county had experienced the first freeze of the year, if not of the season. In that issue of The Pilot it was noted that interest in basketball was on the rise in the county. Three of the schools were hard at work trying to secure indoor playing facilities.

The Southport Civic Club had announced a "far-flung and relentless crusade against prowling cats in the woods. . ." The W. B. & S. bus line had done double duty during the holiday rush and had been duly commended; Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Burris of Camden, N. J., had spent the week in Southport with relatives; and local fishermen were preparing their gear for shad season.

January 13, 1943, found basketball interest still running high. Mine Sweeper 108 had defeated the Navy Base club 24-12. Pleasure driving had been ruled out due to excess gasoline consumption; and women had started to show up for work at the Wilmington shipyard. The Pilot had moved its offices to the corner of the Moore and Howe St. intersection. The location had previously housed a dentist office, a millinery shop and a Coast & Geodetic Survey branch office.

The flowers of Orton were blooming without regard to the absence of an appreciative audience; Southport had been set upon by a monsoon—some 108 hour continuous rain; and Jimmy Freyatta had killed a fox while squirrel hunting. (Continued on Page Four)