

Shell Collectors Meet Saturday At Chapel Hill

Meeting Of State Organization Originally Scheduled For Yaupon Beach, But Weather Causes Change In Plans

WILL MEET HERE LATER IN YEAR

State Organization Formed By Persons Who Engage In Shell Collections As Favorite Hobby

The March meeting of the North Carolina Shell Club was scheduled to be held at Yaupon Village and was to be a collecting trip, but because of the cold, late winter weather this beach meeting has been postponed until June. The spring meeting will be held Saturday, March 1, at 2 o'clock at the Zoology Building, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

An unusually interesting and helpful program has been prepared. A lecture, illustrated by moving pictures on living marine shells, will be given and two beautiful collections of shells will be displayed. One is from Africa and the other from the Admiralty Islands in the South Pacific. Herman Weil of Goldsboro had the opportunity of buying a fine collection of native and foreign shells at a very low price and he will offer these at cost as a service to the club. He will probably have many shells he collected at the famous Samiel Island for free distribution.

Almost everyone who walks the North Carolina beaches picks up some of the beautiful shells that are found there. Many people have made a hobby of collecting sea-shells and enjoy learning the names and the life histories of the animals, called mollusks, which produce them. Some of these mollusks have amazing habits, such as those that carry a portable drill that can bore into the stoutest clam shells; or those that make long strings of cells of a plastic like substance, each cell containing numerous eggs and having a trap-door for the young mollusk to pass through when hatched and ready for life; or those that manufacture a substance somewhat like bubble-gum and actually make a raft of bubbles on which they float about on the surface of the sea.

North Carolina shell collectors have formed a club which meets four times a year. Among the 50 or so members of this club are college professors, school teachers and just plain shell collectors. There is one boy, eleven years of age, who is quite an authority on North Carolina shells. He lives at Morehead City and has presented a nice collection of shells from that region to the museum at Raleigh. Several collectors from Wilmington, Long Beach and Holden's Beach are enthusiastic members of the club.

Visitors are always welcome at the meetings of the club. It is hoped that a carload of interested people in Brunswick will get together and attend the meeting at Chapel Hill. They are promised an interesting afternoon. The president of the club is the Rev. G. Scott Turner of Buies Creek.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

PIE AND CAKE SALE

A pie and cake sale will be held Saturday morning at 10 o'clock on the Leggett porch. The sale will be sponsored by the Mary Rebekah Circle of Trinity Methodist Church.

ART EXHIBIT

An Art exhibit featuring the paintings of Waters Thompson of Southport is being shown this week in Southern Pines. Most of the paintings are of birds, a favorite subject for the local artist.

ACP EMERGENCY

Farmers who believe in the Agricultural Conservation Program must act immediately as there is danger of a drastic reduction in the next year's program. Many Congressmen who favor ACP think farmers are not concerned about it. Farmers are urged to write their congressman and senator and tell them they are interested in ACP and need ACP assistance. "ACP has benefited every farmer in the county directly or indirectly," ASC officials said this week.

Three Candidates For Sheriff



RUNNING—Here are three men in the race for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Brunswick County. Left to right, they are Clinton Bellamy, Southport; Talmadge Varnam, Supply; and C. Drew Long, Shallotte. None of these men have ever been elected to public office, although Long served as deputy under ex-Sheriff E. V. Leonard. Bellamy ran for the Democratic nomination for the House of Representatives four years ago, but lost to Kirby Sullivan. Four other men have announced their candidacy for this office in the coming May primary election.

Brunswick Man One Winner In State Contest

T. J. Gilbert Is Fifth Place Winner In News And Observer Farm Income Contest This Year

T. J. Gilbert who lives between Supply and Bolivia has proven that something can be done about reduced farm income, reports County Agent A. S. Knowles. In the face of reduced income from tobacco in 1957, Gilbert and his wife sat down and mapped a program to take the place of tobacco reductions and improve their farming operation.

They entered the News and Observer Farm Income Contest along with 45 other farmers in Brunswick county. They won first place in the county contest and fifth place in the state contest. Fifty-seven counties had entries.

The Gilberts did an outstanding job of improving their conditions. They put in a small dairy and were selling about 7 cans of milk every other day. They increased the number of hogs fed and sold. They increased their acreage of small grain and soybeans.

"The example set by this young couple in 1957 should inspire hundreds of farmers to plan for increasing the income on their farm," said the county agent. "They followed approved practices." T. J. attended a luncheon in Raleigh last Friday where he was honor guest of the News and Observer. Senator W. Kerr Scott was the guest speaker for the occasion and at the conclusion of the program T. J. was awarded \$125 for his achievements.

Checks Paid To Elderly Citizens

February Payments In Old Age Assistance To Residents Of This County Total \$7,999

During the month of February, checks amounting to \$7,999 were received by 276 elderly Brunswick County citizens under the Old Age Assistance program, Mrs. Bina Roberts, Brunswick County Superintendent of Public Welfare said this week. "These checks enabled some to live in their own homes or with relatives, while others were enabled to pay their board in a licensed boarding home," said Mrs. Roberts.

The average Old Age Assistance grant in Brunswick County is \$30 per month. This varies a fraction of a dollar from month to month. Of this amount, nine-tenths, or \$27, is paid by the Federal Government. The remaining \$3 is paid one-half by the State and one-half by the county.

"Actually, a needy old person received this \$30 at a cost of less than \$1.50 to Brunswick county," said Mrs. Roberts. "This is because the State sends equalizing funds to the low income counties to make sure the tax burden is no greater on them than on the wealthier counties. Last year Brunswick county received from the State equalizing fund for the Old Age Assistance program alone the amount of \$4,800. After equalizing funds are applied on the county's part, the county really only pays about one dollar of each eleven dollars disbursed.

Requirements for eligibility for Old Age Assistance is that the applicant be 65 years of age and (Continued on page four)

Celebration For Dredging Project

Ribbon Tying Ceremony Will Be Held To Mark Closing Of Hurricane Inlet On Long Beach Thursday, March 6

GOVERNOR HODGES WILL BE SPEAKER

He Will Be Joined By Other Distinguished Visitors In A Noontime Ceremony Marking End Of Successful Job

A formal ceremony is being planned for next Thursday at noon to mark the closing of the inlet across the lower end of Long Beach, and Governor Luther H. Hodges will join with high-ranking officials of the U. S. Army Engineers and the Civil Defense Administration in celebration of the successful completion of this project.

Program plans call for Governor Hodges to fly to Wilmington on the morning of March 6. There he will be met by a helicopter and transferred to the site of the project. He will be joined by other dignitaries and by several hundred interested visitors, who will want to take this opportunity to see the governor and at the same time witness one of the most unusual engineering projects undertaken along the coast of North Carolina since the rock dam was built at Fort Fisher.

The work performed by the USE Dredge Henry Bacon in connection with this operation has been hailed as a major achievement by men who were familiar with the difficulties presented by the inlet-closing project. The inlet was cut by the winds and waves of Hurricane Hazel during October of 1954, and several efforts to close it were unsuccessful.

Several weeks ago the U. S. Army Engineers accepted responsibility for closing the storm-washed inlet, and included in their plans was the use of the pipeline dredge, Henry Bacon. It was felt that if this powerful vessel could get into position to pour the spoil from her 24-inch lines into the opening, a closing would result. Progress on this project has more than justified the faith and equipment. On February 13 the inlet was closed, and work has continued in an effort to build (Continued on page four)

January Bond Sales Increase

Chairman Prince O'Brien Reports Purchase Totaling \$3,703.55 In County During This Period

In North Carolina, January sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds were the best for any one month for the past 12 months, it was reported this week by Prince O'Brien, Volunteer Savings Bonds Chairman for Brunswick County.

In Brunswick County, the sales were \$3,703.55 which represents 6.3 percent of the county's goal of \$58,800 for this year. The combined E and H sales of \$4,744,111 represents 9.7 percent of the annual goal of \$49 million and is also a record performance of achievement against (Continued on page two)

Local Chairman Has Good Report On Polio Drive

Mrs. S. B. Frink Reports Collections Totalling \$685 From Southport Alone During March Of Dimes Drive

HOUSE TO HOUSE COLLECTIONS HELP

Local Chairman Expresses Appreciation For Cooperation Received From Committee Members

Mrs. S. B. Frink, chairman for the Southport Yaupon Beach and Long Beach communities in the March of Dimes campaign, has reported collection of \$685 for that cause.

Of this amount, a total of \$491 came from door to door collections, and Mrs. Frink was warm in her praise of the splendid cooperation of committee members that made this possible.

In addition, there was a total of \$99.45 raised through the school; \$25 through clubs and organizations and \$69.54 through coin collectors.

Mrs. Frink says that she desires to express her appreciation to everyone who helped with this program and she also had a word of thanks to citizens of the community for their generous response.

The following served as committee members: City Manager Carl W. Galloway, Principal Thomas C. Webb, Rev. Leo Hawkins, Chief of Police Lewis Clark, Policeman E. F. Gore, Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, Mrs. Earl I. Brown, Mrs. Lewis Doyle, Mrs. Leslie Bellows, Mrs. William L. Styron, Miss Lottie Mae Newton, Mrs. E. C. Blake, Mrs. E. L. Oliver, Mrs. John Swan, Mrs. Neils Jorgensen, Mrs. Hugh Fain, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. W. M. Houghton, Mrs. M. M. Hood, Mrs. R. R. Lewis, Mrs. W. S. Lewis, Mrs. Bryant Potter, Mrs. E. B. Brunson, Mrs. Hettie Arthur, Mrs. Clinton Bellamy, Mrs. Douglas Norton, Mrs. Jimmie Bigford, Mrs. W. L. Aldridge and Mrs. Tom Tyler.

The current season was scheduled to close at midnight Friday, Feb. 28, but because of the bitter cold of recent weeks hampered fishermen from gathering oysters the Department decided to extend the season for taking oysters from publicly-owned beds. The present season now will extend through March 10.

Funeral Sunday For Joe Ramseur

Death Occurred Friday Morning At Memorial Hospital In Chapel Hill Following One Week's Illness

Joseph P. Ramseur, prominent Brunswick county citizen and manager of Pleasant Oaks Plantation, died Friday morning at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. He was 48 years of age.

He had been stricken one week earlier, and had remained until Thursday as a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital at Southport. At that time, upon advice of his physician, he had been taken to Chapel Hill for an operation, which it was hoped would relieve his condition.

The deceased was active in many activities, having served for several years as a member of the local board at Southport high school and also as a member of the board of Stewards of Trinity Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annie Laurie Ramseur; and by two daughters, Mrs. Joan Lewis and Miss Carolyn Ramseur; and by his father and mother, Mr. (Continued on page 4)

TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARPER

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It was March 2, 1938, and again a bevy of local bathing beauties appeared on the initial sheet of The Pilot. This time the group included Doris Harrelson, Mercedes Watts, Wilma Barnette and Marion Frink. On the opposite side of page one appeared a picture of the old New River (Price's Creek) lighthouse. Accompanying the cut was a story of heroism displayed during the Civil War by a local pilot, Captain John William Anderson.

The county basketball tournament was to open the next week, with the Bolivia girls and Waccamaw boys the favorites in their divisions. The county fire warden had set off on a wild goose chase when the Aurora Borealis had made a freak appearance over the northern part of the county. At least 35 trawlers were fishing regularly out of Southport. The WPA had allotted some \$14,000 to the construction of high school gyms throughout the county, and the Civic Club was planning a deep sea fishing expedition on March 10.

A picture of old St. Phillips church at Orton graced page one of The Pilot on March 3, 1943. It illustrated a story explaining that the church was originally called His Majesty's Chapel in the

Advances Theroy On Earth Tremors

Goldsboro Editor Thinks Theory Of Keziah's Ghost Should Not Be Taken Too Lightly In Matter

By HENRY BELK

Let this horseback geologist advance a theory explaining the earth tremors that scared parts of Brunswick and New Hanover Counties the other day. On five days hand running shocks accompanied by a low rumbling were

Earth tremors were felt in the Southport area again on Thursday and Friday of last week, bringing to five the number of consecutive days on which one of these mysterious disturbances occurred. As yet, they have not been explained.

left at Southport and Carolina and Wrightsville Beaches and other points in the area. On each day the tremors hit at practically the same hour.

"They sounded like a jet breaking the sound barrier but continuing for eight to ten seconds,"

said James Harper, editor of the State Port Pilot, "except that the sound continued for much longer than a jet pushing through the sonic barrier."

At Whiteville, at Goldsboro and at other points reports of the tremors brought the facetious remark that the noise was the ghost of the late Bill Keziah directing attention to his beloved Brunswick County. Keziah, who died some months ago and was buried in his native Union County, was for more than thirty years a one-man publicity bureau and Chamber of Commerce for Brunswick County. Keziah was more vocal for Brunswick than a Texan who has had several drinks is for Texas.

If Bill had been alive, the whole world would have had more appreciation for and news about the mystery of the earthquakes in the picturesque land of rivers, (Continued On Page Four)

New Appropriation For Farm Program

Telegram Received Tuesday Night From Congressman Alton Lennon Advises Appropriation Of Additional \$250,000,000

SUPERIOR COURT IN SESSION HERE

Superior court is in session here this week for the trial of civil cases. Judge Malcolm B. Seawell of Lumberton is presiding.

Monday was devoted to trial of divorce cases and several matters of minor importance. Yesterday Judge Seawell attended the funeral of Judge Henry A. Grady.

This morning there was evidence that court would continue through the remainder of the week, with several important cases on the docket.

Big Docket In County Court

Another Busy Day For Judge Earl Bellamy And Other Court Officials In Recorder's Court This Week

In Recorder's court here last week the following cases were disposed of before Judge Earl Bellamy:

Elbert Simmons pleaded guilty to charges of public drunkenness and sentence of 30 days on the roads was suspended upon condition of good behavior for 2 years.

A nol pros was taken in the case charging Elizabeth Robinson with failure to yield right of way. Wyman Satchiff asked for a jury trial on charges of driving 70-mph, drunk driving.

David Williams asked for a jury trial of charges that he was driving drunk, assaulted an officer and resisted arrest. Bond was set at \$200.

Albert W. Best, Jr., asked for a jury trial of charges of driving 70-mph. Bond is \$100.

Warren D. Owens was found guilty of public drunkenness and was fined \$25 and costs.

Wilbur Tharp pleaded guilty to charges of drunk driving. Sentence of 90-days on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of \$100.

William O. Suggs was found not guilty of passing a parked school bus.

Horace, Jeanette, Joseph and Sherwood Gore were found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon and affray. Each of the first three was given 6 months, sentence being suspended upon payment of \$20 fine and costs. A previous suspended sentence again to Sherwood Gore was ordered into effect. Harry Gore was found not guilty.

Burnett Pollard was charged with fraud, but the case was not pressed.

Luther C. Pressley pleaded guilty to operating a motor vehicle after revocation of license and was fined \$200 and costs.

The case charging W. L. Smith with public drunkenness was not (Continued On Page Two)

Naval Reserve Unit Going On Active Status

Last Of Twelve Drills Without Pay Held This Week, And Prospect Is For Local Organization To Achieve Pay Status

MAY JOIN WITH ANOTHER UNIT NOW

However, Drills Will Continue To Be Held Here And Full Scale Operations Should Follow

On Monday evening the Southport Naval Reserve Unit held its twelfth consecutive meeting without pay, a schedule that was necessary to prove that a demand existed for a recognized unit in Southport.

Lieut. Commander D. D. Overby has announced that the local unit will be able to go on a pay status as soon as they can be qualified, beginning next Monday.

Due to the cut-back in military reserve units caused by the missile program, it may be necessary, temporarily, for men of this new unit to go into an existing unit. However, they will meet their drills in Southport as usual. As soon as funds become available for the electronics unit scheduled in Southport, that unit will be recognized here.

The unit when it reaches its full strength will have a total of 50 enlisted men and five officers. To date there have been thirty enlisted men and two officers mustering each Monday evening. At the moment there are two officers in the unit, Bernice Russ and Johnnie Vereen. Two enlisted men who will fill very important positions in the unit are Hubert L. Holmes of Shallotte and Odie E. Fullwood of Southport.

This is the second military unit initiated and sponsored by Carl W. Galloway. The first was a National Guard unit of one hundred men who are now having a \$127,000 building constructed for them.

When at full strength the Southport Naval Unit will bring from twenty-five to thirty thousand dollars per year into Southport and Brunswick county, Galloway says.

Resort Pioneer Dies In County

Funeral Services Conducted Monday Afternoon For Luther S. Holden, Who Died Saturday After Long Illness

Luther S. Holden, pioneer beach developer, died at his home Saturday afternoon following an extended illness. He was 73 years of age, and was well known throughout the State.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Bolivia Baptist Church, with the Rev. Manley Hewett and the Rev. Paul Hardy in charge. Burial was in the Concord Methodist Church cemetery at Supply.

Survivors include 5 sons, Massey T. Holden, Richmond, Homer L. Holden, Bolivia, Rodrick H. Holden, Wilmington, John F. Holden, Holden Beach; and Kemp Holden, Moultrie, Ga.; two daughters, Mrs. Lawrence F. Duvall and Mrs. Betty Stike of Wil- (Continued On Page Four)

Willetts Funeral Held Saturday

George F. Willetts Died Suddenly At His Home Near Winnabow Thursday

The death of a venerable Brunswick county citizen occurred Thursday when George F. Willetts died suddenly at his home. He was 82 years of age.

George F. Willetts, 82, died suddenly at his residence, Winnabow, Route 1, at 10:15 a. m. Thursday.

He was a native of Brunswick County, a son of the late Alfred Willetts and Louisa Flowers Willetts. He was married to Mrs. Mary Leighton Willetts, who died in 1951.

Surviving are six daughters, Mrs. D. L. Potter and Mrs. J. H. Mills, both of Leland, Mrs. E. R. Alburger and Mrs. Lillian Thomas, both of Merion, Penn., Mrs. Roy Varnum of Reno, Nev., and Mrs. Dorothy Cyphers of Winnabow; four sons, A. L. Willetts, H. L. Willetts of Bolivia, Roosevelt Willetts of Philadelphia,

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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, February 27,	
1:24 A. M.	8:08 A. M.
1:46 P. M.	8:28 P. M.
Friday, February 28,	
2:27 A. M.	9:14 A. M.
2:54 P. M.	9:32 P. M.
Saturday, March 1,	
3:32 A. M.	10:17 A. M.
4:00 P. M.	10:35 P. M.
Sunday, March 2,	
4:33 A. M.	11:14 A. M.
5:02 P. M.	11:34 P. M.
Monday, March 3,	
5:32 A. M.	12:08 A. M.
6:00 P. M.	12:10 P. M.
Tuesday, March 4,	
6:26 A. M.	12:28 A. M.
6:54 P. M.	12:58 P. M.
Wednesday, March 5,	
7:19 A. M.	1:21 A. M.
7:47 P. M.	1:47 P. M.