

Acquisition Of Smith Island By U.S. Is Proposed

Bill Introduced In Congress
Would Make Provision For
Study Of This Area With
Object Of Future Purchase

SHRINKING PUBLIC BEACH AREAS CITED

Bill Introduced By Rep.
James E. Murray Of Mon-
tana, Would Seek To
Preserve Recreation
Facilities

Smith Island, (Bald Head) off the southeast tip of North Carolina, would be surveyed for possible purchase as a national shoreline recreational area, under a bill just introduced in Congress.

The bill calls for the federal government to spend fifty million dollars in acquiring ten ocean and lakeshore areas, and four hundred thousand dollars on a survey of ten others, including Smith Island and two on the coast of South Carolina.

Rep. Alton A. Lennon (D-NC) expressed much interest in the proposed survey of Smith Island.

The study would determine "what action should be taken by the United States to save and preserve" Smith Island, with 11,900 acres; Debidue Island, near Georgetown, S. C., 8,400 acres; and Kiawah Island, near Charleston, S. C., 7,300 acres, along with seven other areas.

Among the ten to be acquired, only one is in the Southeast Cumberland Island, A 25,000-acre "paradise" in Georgia, just above the Florida line.

Also, the bill would authorize ten million dollars in federal grants to the states to help them preserve "unspoiled shoreline areas."

Senator James E. Murray (D-Mont), in introducing the bill, said undeveloped shore areas are "fast disappearing," as private developers snap them up and prices are rising fantastically.

Murray recalled that federal acquisition of twelve shore areas was recommended in 1935, but only a part of one project—Cape Hatteras recreation area in North Carolina—was actually acquired.

At that time, four hundred miles of shoreline with 602,000 acres of land could have been bought for twelve million dollars, he said. The ten shore areas to be bought under the new bill would cost eight-fifty million dollars. Murray voiced hope that, if Congress voted fifty million, the Park Service could raise the remaining thirty-five million through gifts and aid.

Director Conrad L. Wirth said a Park Service survey in 1954, covering the Atlantic and Gulf Coast from Maine to Mexico, showed an "alarming fact" that "one of our greatest recreation resources—the seashore—is rapidly vanishing from public use."

Park Service officials covered nearly 3,700 miles of general shoreline in eighteen states including North Carolina. They

Latest Marlin Catch



SECOND—Dr. N. M. Hornstein, Southport physician, is shown standing beside the 179-Lb. blue marlin he brought in early last week. This was the second marlin caught this season by Dr. Hornstein, but the first was the larger of the two. He was leader in the \$1,000 Blue Marlin Contest for several weeks, but has lost that place to L. T. Davis of Wilmington.—(Huntley Photo.)

County Employees Get 10% Increase

Provision For This Made In
Budget Adopted On Monday
By Board Of County
Commissioners

FIRST CHECKS AT NEW FIGURE MAILED

Other Provisions Of Budget
Include Funds For Construction Of Agriculture
Building At Supply

A 10-percent salary raise for all county employees is included in the new budget adopted Monday by the board of county commissioners. The new budget also makes provision for \$11,250 for the construction of a new agriculture building.

In addition to the 10-percent raise for all employees, the budget provides for an increase of \$25 per month in the travel allowance for the sheriff and for each of his deputies. The sheriff already was receiving \$50 per month for travel, while the deputies were receiving \$25 per month prior to the increase.

These increases became effective on July 1, and were reflected in checks mailed out last week by County Auditor, Mrs. Ressie R. Whatley.

The county tax rate remains (Continued on Page 8)

Reception For New Home Agent

Mrs. Thelma Upchurch
Takes Over Duties Of
This Position, Succeeding
Mrs. Treva Croom

Mrs. Thelma Upchurch reported for duty as the new Brunswick County Home Economics Agent Monday, and plans are being made for an informal reception in her honor Friday evening at 8 o'clock in the educational building of Concord Methodist Church at Supply.

Members of the home demonstration clubs invite people from all sections of the county to attend. (Continued on Page Five)

Large Audience Enjoys 'Messiah' Friday Evening

LARGE AUDIENCE
Large Chorus Comprised Of
Young People From The
Church Choirs All Over
State Gave Thrilling Performance

TALENTED SOLOISTS FEATURE PROGRAM

Church Music Conference
Concluded With Rendition
Of This Famous
Oratorio

One of the most successful conferences of the summer season reached a thrilling climax Friday night when Handel's "Messiah" was presented by a chorus of several hundred voices, supporting a quartet of outstanding soloists.

The chorus was comprised of young men and women from church choirs from all over North Carolina, and under the direction and training of Harvey Woodruff of Charlotte they gave a splendid performance.

Walter Carringer, internationally known tenor from Murphy, headed the list of talented soloists. Others were Dorothy Roberts, alto, Mars Hill; Barbara Morris Lewis, soprano, Charlotte; and James Barry, bass, minister of music at Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte.

A string quartet made up of Major Kutschinski, Raleigh, first violin; Mrs. Robert Norwood, Asheville, second violin; John T. Lavery, Durham, viola; and Mrs. Fred Kelly, Salisbury, cello, assisted with the program.

The organist was Paul Langston and the pianist was Carolyn Byers. A trumpet solo was played by James Robertson.

The program brought to a close the Church Music Conference which attracted more than 1,000 persons. The presentation of this classic of religious music was open to the public, and the huge auditorium was filled to capacity. Many in the audience were from Southport and Brunswick county.

Supply Resident Drowns Monday

William Clyde Sellers Of
Supply Drowned Monday
Afternoon While Attempting
To Swim Inland Waterway

William C. Sellers, 2-year-old resident of Supply, drowned Monday afternoon while swimming in the Intracoastal Waterway between Seaside and Sunset Beach.

The report is that he became exhausted while racing another man across this waterway and his companion was rushed to the hospital at Southport after being pulled from the water in bad condition.

Coroner L. B. Bennett said that the Sellers death resulted from accidental drowning. The deceased is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Sellers of Supply.

Funeral services are being held this (Wednesday) afternoon at 3 o'clock at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with the Rev. Elbert Rogers in charge. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Sanders Family Now In Alaska

Mrs. James T. Sanders
Writes Interesting Report
Of Celebration Held Recently At Juneau

When her family left Southport to go to Alaska several months ago Mrs. James T. Sanders promised to write some letters that would include information of general interest to readers of The Pilot. Following is the text of one of her letters received this week:

"When we left Southport I told you I would try to write something of interest about Alaska, and Juneau in particular, some time. I believe the 4th of July celebration and the Statehood celebration might just about fill the bill.

"The entire past year has evidently been spent preparing for the event, and they went all out and spent a fortune. The celebration lasted 3 days, the 3rd, 4th, and 5th. On the 3rd a ball was held and a queen selected to rule over the three-day event. A cute girl by the name of Dottie Pederson was selected queen, and she had 7 princesses (who had her competition)."

"At 1 p. m. the afternoon of (Continued on Page Six)

Overseas



W. W. HOUGHTON

Houghton Goes To France For New Assignment

Had Served As Safety Director At Sunny Point Since Activation Of U.S. Army Terminal

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Houghton and family sailed from the port of Savannah, Ga., Tuesday aboard the USS General Patch for France, where Mr. Houghton will be stationed at Orleans as an Ammunition Inspector with the U. S. Army European Command.

The Houghtons left Southport last week for Newark, N. J., where they boarded the General Patch for the trip down the east coast. The ship visited the port of Savannah to pick up additional U. S. Army personnel that is being transferred to European stations.

The Houghtons had lived in Southport since the early days of Sunny Point, where he had served as Safety Director. In this capacity he had much to do with the safety record that has been established at this nearby U. S. Army installation.

He has been succeeded as Safety Director at Sunny Point by Hugh Donnelly, who now resides at Yaupon Beach.

Electric Shock Proves Fatal

Lloyd McKennon Dies Of
Injuries Sustained While
Working Friday At V-C

Lloyd McKennon, big Negro workman at the V-C Fertilizer plant at Navassa, was instantly killed Friday when an electric current passed through his body.

At the time of the accident the deceased was operating a sewing machine and Coroner L. B. Bennett said that apparently a short circuit occurred causing his death. He was rushed to a Wilmington hospital, but was dead upon arrival.

Officials of V-C reported that McKennon had worked for them for 7 years and that he was a faithful employee. He weighed in the neighborhood of 300-lbs.

Dr. Stuart Willis To Address Lions

Superintendent Of North
Carolina Sanatoria Will
Be Speaker At Meeting
Tomorrow (Thursday)

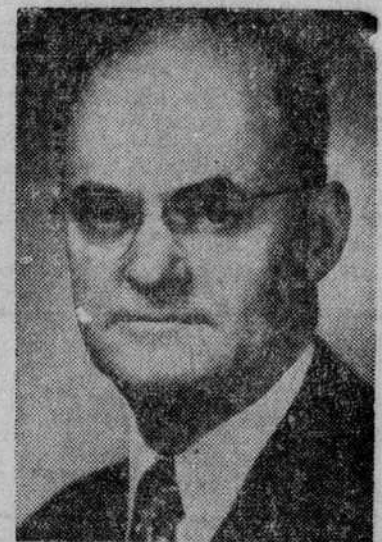
Dr. Stuart Willis of Chapel Hill, superintendent of North Carolina Sanatorium, will be the speaker tomorrow (Thursday) evening at the regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club.

Dr. Willis is recognized as being one of the foremost authorities in the United States in the field of tuberculosis, and his talk here tomorrow evening is expected to be of great interest.

He is no stranger to Southport and has spent many vacations here. He is connected with the Crammer family, and his appearance before the Lions Club was arranged by Lion Morris Crammer.

Dr. Willis was born in High Point. He was formerly superintendent and medical director of the Maybury Sanatorium, Northville, Michigan. He received his AB degree from the University of North Carolina and his MD and MA from Johns Hopkins.

He has held the office of Secretary of the National Tuberculosis Association and is currently a member of its Board of Directors,



DR. STUART WILLIS

a position which he has held for many years. He has served as Chairman of the National Tuberculosis Association's Committee on Medical Research and Chairman of the Study Section on Tuberculosis of the United States Public Health Service.

For many years he has been a member of the Board of Directors (Continued on Page Four)

Early Tobacco Sales Hurt By Lower Grades

Some Of Better Grades Are
Running Higher Than
Last Year, But Over-All
Average Suffers From
Poor Quality

EARLY AVERAGE IS
PEGGED AT \$57.35

Brunswick County Farmers
Are Still Faced With The
Problem Of Housing
Much Of Season's
Crop

Despite grade-for-grade averages running ahead of last year, relatively large amounts of poor tobacco have kept market averages down both here and throughout the North and South Carolinas' markets.

The U. S. Department of agriculture figures show the North Carolina markets sold 6.6 million for \$57.35 during Thursday and Friday, the opening days. The North and South Carolina average was \$58.96.

According to the report, the average is 49 cents off from last year.

The report substantiates local observations that "average prices by grades were mostly \$1 to \$3 above quotations for the first week of last year."

However, the USDA said, The most noticeable decline was for nonrescripts down \$1 to \$2 to \$35 and \$30.

"Individual grade averages exceeded their respective loan rates from \$1 to \$23. However, the majority of cutters and better grades of lugs were auctioned off at the loan level."

The government reported that marketings consisted of a large percentage of low and fair primings and nonscript and less good lugs and primings.

"Over one half of the marketings were primings. The principal offerings were low to good primings, fair and good lugs, nonscript and low cutters."

The market is expected to pick up in the Whiteville area. Charles D. Raper, county agent, noted that some 25 percent of the tobacco is still in the fields.

The Border Belt tobacco research station indicated farmers are giving leaf a better chance to mature in the fields.

Heavy July rains are given some credit for some delays in the harvesting and curing processes.

The general market picture held particularly true for Whiteville where reports were strong on the large amounts of low tobacco sold. Price however was holding up on the grades.

For the first two days, government figures indicate 1,399,174 pounds for a \$57.34 average.

Tabor City's first two days were 450,008 pounds for \$58.06, and Fair Bluff, 358,060 for \$59.50, the preliminary government figures show. No information was immediately available on Chadborn.

From further south in the Georgia-Florida markets, now in the third week of sales, the volume is reported heavy with leaf bulking the offerings for the second week.

The average at the end of the second week was \$58.79, as compared to \$59.06 for the same period last year.

Last week's offerings were composed of low to good quality with low and fair leaf and fair lugs predominating.

Brunswick To Get Bookmobile Soon

New Policeman Is Hired Here

City Manager C. D. Pick-
errell reports that former
Chief of Police Louis Clark
turned in his equipment Friday
and left Southport without
giving any notice of his
intention of quitting or any
idea about his immediate
plans.

Pickerrill reported that
Foxy Howard, a former
resident of Southport who now
is living in Hamlet, has been
employed as chief of police.
He had considerable experience
in law enforcement while
in service.

Charlie Johnson will continue
as a member of the city
police force, Pickerrill said
Tuesday.

Members Of Board Of County Commissioners On Monday Voted To Include This In Budget For 1959- 1960

TIES IN WITH LOCAL LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT

Action Of Board Relayed
To State Library Officials
Who Will Assist In
Putting Program In
Operation

Members of the board of county commissioners made application Monday to the State Library Commission for services which will bring a bookmobile into operation to serve all the communities in Brunswick county.

The immediate problem will be to obtain Federal funds for the purchase of the vehicle. The plan is to purchase a chassis, which then will be sent to a factory where a suitable body will be built.

Another problem is to employ a full-time, qualified librarian who can have charge of the operation of the bookmobile as well as be in charge of the public library. One of the requirements is that a person must have had 30 hours college credit in library science.

Steps already have been taken to start the ball rolling in these two important matters. Meanwhile, a visit is expected next week from Miss Frances Gish of the State Library Commission, who will help set up the library program for the county.

Among other things, a revolving inventory of 2,000 books will be available from the State Library.

In addition to their action of making formal application for library service Monday, members of the board of commissioners appointed the following persons on the library commission: Mrs. M. H. Rourke, Shallotte; Douglas Hawes, Bolivia; and Durward Clark, Leland.

Lengthy Session Of Court Held

Variety Of Cases Before
Judge Earl Bellamy Monday
Following Two Weeks
Of Superior Court

Last week a long list of cases that had piled up during the previous two weeks when Superior court was in session, were disposed of as follows:

Fred D. Waddell, improper equipment, \$10 and costs; Demond O. Briggs, reckless operation, \$25 and costs; Johnnie E. Hooks, had check, costs and restitution; Charles L. Hare, allowing unlicensed driver to operate, \$10 and costs; Jack L. Hewitt, driving too fast for conditions and on wrong side of road, \$15 and costs.

Jesse James, too fast for conditions and on wrong side of road, \$20 and costs; Anne W. Kyle, stop law violation, costs; O. W. McClelland, reckless operation, \$25 and costs; Leonard G. Muldrow, 70-mph and no registration, \$10 and costs; Rachael Marlowe, not guilty of assault; Elwood Marlowe, assault of female, not guilty; Rachael Marlowe, assault, not guilty.

David Ping was found guilty of being drunk and disorderly and trespass. He asked for jury trial and bond was set at \$500; Lawrence M. Prince, reckless operation, \$25 and costs; Durwood Benson, assault with deadly weapon, 6 months suspended upon payment of fine \$50 and costs, notice of appeal with bond set at \$300; Tony Tysinger, assault with deadly weapon, 60-days, suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs, notice of appeal with bond set at \$200.

Glenn Parker, assault and breach of peace, 60-day sentence suspended upon payment of \$25 fine and costs and 2 years good behavior. Notice of appeal was given and bond was set at \$200. He was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon.

W. B. Robinson, failure to sur- (Continued on Page Four)

Local Officials Attend School

Mrs. Joy Gregory And Mrs.
Victoria Aldridge At 8th
Annual Conference For
Assistant And Deputy
Clerks Of Court

Mrs. Joy Gregory, Deputy, and Mrs. Victoria S. Aldridge, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court for Brunswick County attended the Eighth Annual Conference of Assistant and Deputy Clerks of the Superior Court last weekend at Chapel Hill. This is the sixth time the event has been held in Chapel Hill; others have been conducted in Charlotte and Southern Pines.

President H. L. Lewis, Jr., Assistant Clerk of Pitt County Superior Court, presided over the opening night session on Thursday. Albert Coates, Director of the Institute of Government, extended the welcome of the town, the University of North Carolina, and the Institute of Government to the group. Judge William J. Bundy of the Superior Court de- (Continued on Page 7)

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 6,	
8:52 A. M.	2:49 A. M.
9:07 P. M.	3:01 P. M.
Friday, August 7,	
9:35 A. M.	3:30 A. M.
9:49 P. M.	3:47 P. M.
Saturday, August 8,	
10:22 A. M.	4:11 A. M.
10:35 P. M.	4:35 P. M.
Sunday, August 9,	
11:14 A. M.	4:57 A. M.
11:25 P. M.	5:28 P. M.
Monday, August 10,	
0:00 A. M.	5:48 A. M.
12:12 P. M.	6:27 P. M.
Tuesday, August 11,	
0:22 A. M.	6:44 A. M.
1:15 P. M.	7:31 P. M.
Wednesday, August 12,	
1:25 A. M.	7:47 A. M.
2:21 P. M.	8:38 P. M.