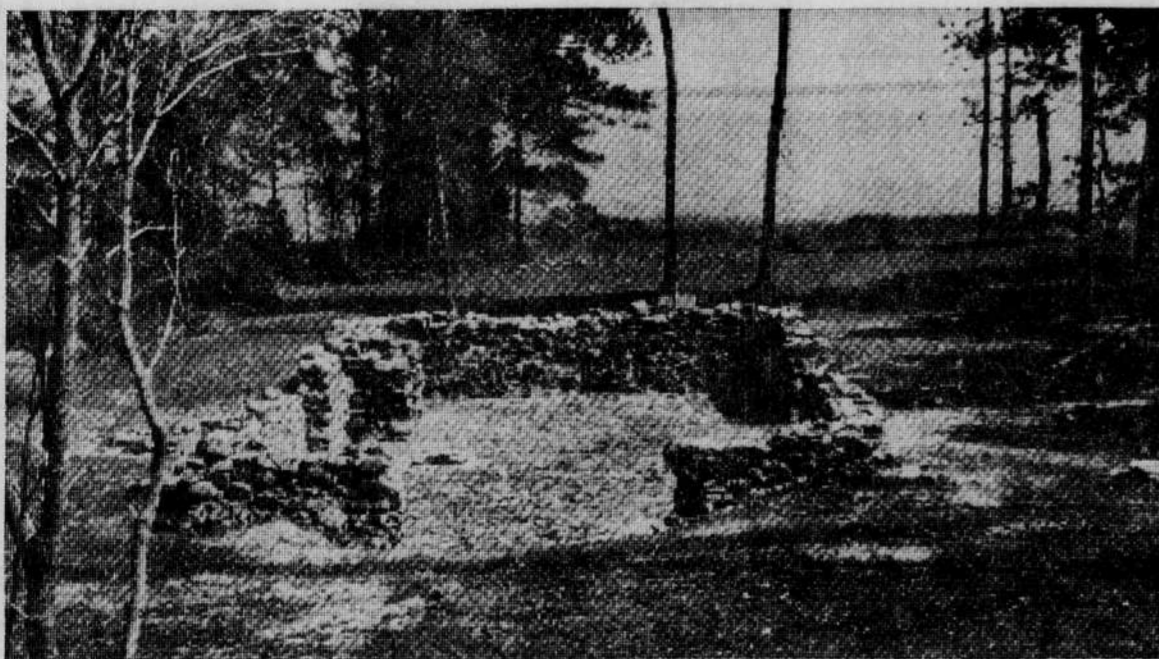


## Ancient Foundations



**EXCAVATION**—This is the foundation of the Nathaniel Moore home at Brunswick Town and in the background is the Cape Fear river. This and several other interesting illustrations are included in a recent information folder prepared by Stanley South, archaeologist in charge of the project. It is being carried out under the direction of the Department of Archives and History.

## Folder Provides Information On Historical Site

Stanley South, Archaeologist in Charge, Has Interesting Printed Information Regarding Project Being Carried Out At Brunswick Town

Brunswick Town, until recently a little-known ghost of the past, has now developed a literature of its own.

Stanley South, archaeologist in charge of the Old Brunswick restoration, is its spokesman; a Department of Archives and History pamphlet its medium.

The recently published pamphlet, designed to clarify the history of Brunswick Town and outline the aims of the restoration, gives a chronological sketch of the town's growth from its inception in 1726 to its final abandonment in 1830. A brief history of Ft. Anderson, constructed on the town site during the Civil War, is also given.

Much of the pamphlet is devoted to the work currently going on—the re-discovery, and partial restoration of structures in the town.

The work of locating the old streets and the foundations of early homes and shops in the town was begun by Dr. E. Lawrence Lee in June, 1958. Jungle-like underbrush was cleared from parts of the site, revealing many remains of house foundations built of ballast stone. In August, 1958, a permanent archeologist was assigned to the project to begin excavations in order to recover, not only the early house foundations, but the objects lost or discarded by the people of Brunswick some two hundred years ago.

To date, seven of the sixty foundations located have been completely uncovered by the archeologist and many objects of scientific and historical interest

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## Counterpart Training



**TRAINING**—Lt. Col. Myriam Smith, center, is comptroller for the Headquarters Transportation Ammunition Terminal group from Mobile, Alabama. She is seated between Lt. Col. L. W. Doyle, former comptroller, on the right and Russell Hewett, deputy comptroller, left, as she is engaged in counterpart training at Sunny Point Army Terminal.

## August 11 Set For Opening Of Border Markets

Possibility Exists That Date May Be Advanced To August 9 In Event South Carolina Markets Change Date

### TRACE HISTORY OF WHITEVILLE MARKET

This Year Will Mark 50th Anniversary Of Tobacco Marketing In Columbus County Town

August 11 has been officially set as the opening date for the Border Belt tobacco market this year—but there are certain reservations.

It will be the opening date unless the South Carolina markets decide to open on August 9. In that event, the border markets will move up their opening to coincide with that of the South Carolina markets.

So far however, South Carolina apparently is sticking to its August 11 day also.

For Whiteville, 1960 will signal the 50th year of continuous, growing tobacco sales.

J. A. Maultsby recounted some of the history of the market and of tobacco production in this area.

"Frank M. Ray came down here from Mt. Airy in the late 1890s and was the first to begin growing tobacco," Maultsby recalled. "He got my father, J. D. Maultsby interested, and from these two, others joined in the spreading enterprise."

There was a warehouse here in 1902, built on Main street where the old Lea's warehouse was, Maultsby recalled. "It was about 60 by 100 feet in size, a frame building. It lasted a year."

That initially attempt at tobacco auctioning died after the first year, and the building was acquired by J. T. McKenzie and turned into a livery stable.

"In 1910 the old Bank of Whiteville put up \$1,500, and the old Bank of Columbus put up \$1,000 and they built the old Growers' warehouse," Maultsby said.

It is still standing and is known as Nelson's warehouse on Virgil street. It was operated by

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## Built Of Cardboard—

# Strange Craft Stops Here

Wilson Native On His Way To Florida From Washington, D. C., By Way Of Intracoastal Canal

Folks along the Southport waterfront may not have noticed anything unusual about the craft pictured above when it came to Southport last Wednesday, but its Arlington, Va., skipper realizes the uniqueness of the craft—and its mission.

A R. Patterson has been driving the 14-foot "paper boat" from Washington, D. C., with the ultimate destination of Miami in mind—if the boat holds together.

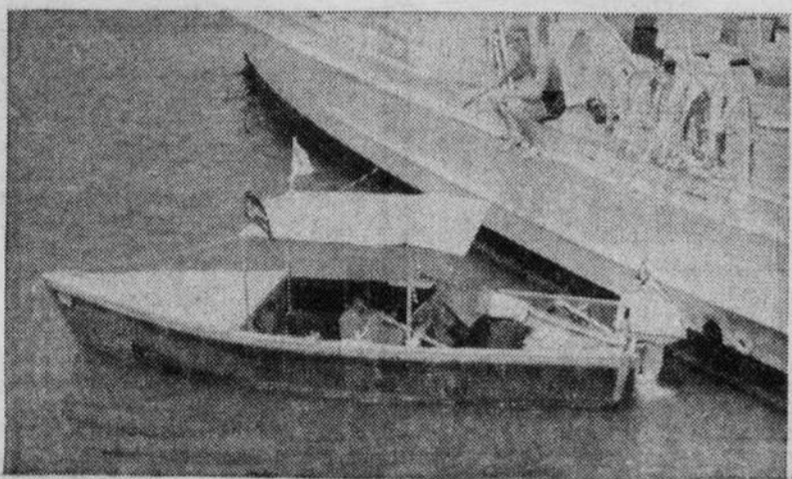
Patterson, a native of Wilson, built the boat of scrap lumber, sheathed with corrugated box board. The cardboard was obtained from the firm for which he works at practically no expense to him.

The only parts of wood are the frames, transom and gunwales, Patterson said. The corrugated material is built up in layers, glued together with rubber cement.

Unfortunately, the trip hasn't worked out as well as he dreamed it would.

"I should have built the keel of wood, too," he said. "That's been my main source of trouble—oyster shells and sand."

Patterson said a kayak and dinghy he built of the material



... But Still Afloat

have held up well. But the material does not appear too practical for a longer boat without additional framing supports.

There are too many stresses and strains, caused by simple wave action when the boat is driven by a high-speed motor, he indicated.

"I've learned quite a bit about boat construction on this trip and how a boat should be built," Patterson said. He indicated, however, that despite his misfortunes along the way, he was continuing the trip.

Patterson was also surprised to learn that his adventure is not unique. In the 1880's, and adventure-some and penny-pinching New Englander took a paper boat down the Eastern Coast of the United States.

His adventures are recounted in a book, "Voyage of the Paper Canoe," which can be found in

the Wilmington Public Library.

The original adventurer was royally entertained by Wrightsville Sound residents when he spent a few days there. His boat—built of brown paper on wood frames—was paddled and sailed over a route which later became the inland waterway.

The account of his trip is still fascinating today.

## Watermelon Case Tried In Court

Four Youthful Defendants Joined In Court By Two Others Who Faced Charges Of More Serious Nature

Four boys, three of them from Southport, were tried Monday in Brunswick county Recorder's court and pleaded guilty to charges of destroying public property and petty larceny (watermelons).

Evidence showed that the marauders were not content to take and eat of the fruit, but that they were unnecessarily wasteful in that they busted melons they did not eat. Furthermore, they tore down a gate in the course of their depredations.

For these transgressions they were required to make restitution amounting to \$10 each to the prosecuting witness, J. B. Cochran, to pay costs and to remain of good behavior for 2 years.

The defendants were Arthur LeClerc, Donald Burris, Charles Trott and Harry Wilder.

Leon Hilburn was tried for larceny and receiving and was given 12 months, judgement being suspended upon payment of costs and

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## Anniversary Of Tranquil Harbor

Sales Manager Homer J. Ingle Recalls First Sale, Other Interesting Incidents

Homer J. Ingle recalled this week that the first sale of a lot at Tranquil Harbour was to C. D. Brothers of Lumberton.

That was three years ago last week, and the developers of this thriving resort development ran a full page advertisement in which they plan to repeat in at least one large upstate daily.

Ingle said that more than 3,500

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## New Miss North Carolina Named

Miss Ann Farrington Of Winston-Salem Is First Cousin Of Southport Attorney Davis Herring

Miss Ann Farrington Herring was crowned Miss North Carolina Saturday night in Charlotte to climax this year's beauty pageant sponsored by the North Carolina Junior Chamber of Commerce.

The victory was of particular interest to Southport people, since the winner is the first cousin of Southport attorney Davis Herring. Her parents are Dr. and Mrs. Owen F. Herring of Winston-Salem. She has visited Southport and Long Beach many times. In fact, her parents are scheduled to be at the Baptist Assembly next week, but it is doubtful that the new Miss North Carolina will be with them. She has many commitments prior to her competition in Atlantic City for the title of Miss America.

There was one other local angle to the Charlotte contest. Miss Tenita Deal of Hickory, third runner-up, was escorted by William E. Hickman of Southport.

## Spanish Mackerel Showing Up Here In Big Numbers

Capt. H. A. Schmidt Had Biggest Catch Of Season Of These Fish Monday, With 325 On Shoals Trip

It appears that the fishing famine that has plagued this area for several weeks finally has ended, and the most conclusive proof that this is true came Monday when a Fayetteville party fishing aboard the Idle On III with Capt. H. A. Schmidt brought in 325 Spanish mackerel.

This was the first big catch of Spanish mackerel made here this season, although two Southport boats had hit them a fair lick on Sunday. These boats were the Botfly of Capt. Rob Austin, which had 100 of these fish, plus an assortment of others; and the Rip-Tide of Capt. Glenn Trunnell, which had a few over 100.

Capt. Ray Stubbs was out Monday aboard the Carol-Lynn and had 114 Spanish mackerel. One of the best catches of these fish was reported by Capt. Fred Fulford, who was out Monday with only one man fishing, and came in at 10:30 after catching 80 of these fine fish.

The fact that Spanish mackerel have been slow to show up here this season has been attributed to the fact that there have been few menhaden in the area. It may be of considerable significance that the biggest catches of the year of menhaden also were made on Monday.

At any rate, Southport charter boatmen are optimistic about the future and are lining up bookings that will carry them through some of the best weeks of the fishing season.

## Reserve Officers In Strange Roles

Heart Victim



DR. L. C. FERGUS

## Dr. L. C. Fergus Passes Suddenly

Former Southport Physician Dies In Los Banos, Cal., Hospital Following Heart Attack

Dr. L. C. Fergus, native of Wilmington and former resident of Southport, died last Tuesday night in the hospital at Los Banos, Cal., following a sudden heart attack. He was 50-years of age.

Dr. Fergus moved to Southport in the late thirties to take over the practice of Dr. William S. Doshier when the latter left here to go to Boston, Mass., to specialize. He practiced medicine here and was chief of staff at Doshier Memorial Hospital until June, 1947, when he and his family moved to Los Banos.

Dr. Fergus enjoyed the reputation for being an outstanding physician and surgeon, and during the years he was in Southport he performed a prodigious amount of work, being the only active doctor in Brunswick county for months on end during the war years.

According to information relayed by a member of the family, Dr. Fergus came in from a meeting of the Lions Club and complained to his wife that he felt bad. He asked her to get his medicine bag for him, then decided to go for it himself. A few minutes later Mrs. Fergus received a call from the hospital, saying that Dr. Fergus was there and in a critical condition. She rushed over, and found her husband under oxygen. A few minutes later he died.

Dr. Fergus was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Fergus of Wilmington. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Fergus of the home; a daughter, Mary Mahoney Fergus of the home; a son, Leroy Clark Fergus of the home;

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\*Men Of Headquarters Transportation Ammunition Terminal Of Meridian, Miss., Desert Civilian Occupations

MOBILE UNIT ALSO AT SUNNY POINT

Two Groups Will Complete Their Annual Summer Training Program Here This Week

There are no doctors or Indian Chiefs in the crowd, but otherwise there seems to be an almost complete complement of men from other walks of life this week at Sunny Point Army Terminal with the Headquarters Transportation Ammunition Terminal (7468) from Meridian, Miss.

There is a similar unit from Mobile, Alabama, and the same holds true with regard to their assignment to strange duties. As a matter of fact, their forces are unusual in that they include Lt. Col. Myriam Smith, the only WAC in either outfit. She is comptroller for the Mobile unit.

The Meridian group is under the command of Col. Oliver W. Brackman, whose civilian duties are with the Forester-Flintkote Co. His deputy is Lt. Col. Warren E. Ragland, a District engineer for Southern Bell.

Down the line there are attorneys, accountants, postal employees, salesmen, scientists, engineers and one man who is a cattleman. A count-down seems to favor post office employees among the men who man the jobs of this military outfit.

There are two men in the field of radio and television, and at least one holds a compatible assignment.

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## Man Is Charged With Boat Theft

Deputy Sheriff Drew Long And Owner Harlee Hewett Recover Craft Early Sunday Morning At Village Point

A shrimp boat is just a little too big to steal and get away with, at least that is what Joseph B. Milliken discovered early Sunday morning when he was greeted at the dock at Shallotte Point by Deputy Sheriff Drew Long and Harlee Hewett.

The latter is the owner of the shrimp boat that had disappeared from Georgetown, S. C., late Saturday afternoon. With a boat there are only a few ways to go from Georgetown, and a little checking revealed that this one had headed north in the inland waterway.

That is when Hewett called in Deputy Sheriff Long for consultation. Between them they checked the progress of the craft as it passed bridges and other check points. And that accounts for the fact that when he docked at Shallotte Point they were there to greet him.

Milliken still was in jail Tuesday.

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## Boiling Springs Sales Continue

Strong Demand For Lakefront Lots Continues; Engineers Must Have Time To Stake More Lots

Crowds continue to flock to the Boiling Springs development on Allen Creek each weekend and developers are making every reasonable effort to allow engineers to catch up with sale of property.

Engineers also are busy continuing their plans for a dam across Allen Creek and a boundary survey also is in progress.

Charlie Pratt, in charge of sales, said this week that all lake front lots on Spring Lake were sold out the first weekend. The next lake to be staked was named for the late Bill Keziah, and demand for property bordering on this body of water also was brisk.

The last lake to be staked out

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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, July 28,	
10:38 A. M.	4:37 A. M.
10:46 P. M.	4:55 P. M.
Friday, July 29,	
11:26 A. M.	5:18 A. M.
11:33 P. M.	5:45 P. M.
Saturday, July 30,	
12:19 P. M.	6:04 A. M.
	6:42 P. M.
Sunday, July 31,	
0:27 A. M.	6:58 A. M.
1:20 P. M.	7:46 P. M.
Monday, August 1,	
1:28 A. M.	8:00 A. M.
2:27 P. M.	8:54 P. M.
Tuesday, August 2,	
2:35 A. M.	9:05 A. M.
3:33 P. M.	10:00 P. M.
Wednesday, August 3,	
3:43 A. M.	10:10 A. M.
4:37 P. M.	11:02 P. M.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**BASEBALL GAME**  
Southport will play South Wilmington here Sunday afternoon in a Cape Fear league contest.

**SCHEDULE BAKE SALES**  
The WSCS of Trinity Methodist church will hold a bake sale on August 6 and again on September 3.

**NEW BARBER SHOP**  
Roland Clark has opened a new barbershop in Southport, located across the highway from Doshier Memorial Hospital. S. L. Rogers is also working at this shop.

**ART ASSOCIATION**  
A group interested in forming an Art Association in Southport will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ryne Friday night at 8 o'clock. Anyone having such an interest is invited to attend.

**BOLIVIA BOOSTERS**  
The Bolivia Athletic Boosters Club will meet at 8 p. m., Monday, August 1. Due to the importance of business to be discussed, all parents have been urged to attend.

**IN CHICAGO**  
Homer J. Ingle, sales manager for National Development Corporation at Tranquil Harbour, spent the later part of last week in Chicago on the eve of the Republican National Convention. He says that he had intended to remain in Chicago for the convention, but that business engagement made it necessary for him to fly to Southport for the weekend. He has missed being at Tranquil Harbour on Sunday only one time since sales began three years ago.