

Work Begins



ACTIVITY—Construction began last week on the new National Guard Armory at Shallotte, and in the above photo Shallotte Chief of Police Leon Galloway appears to be an interested observer as two workmen pour a section of the foundation for the new building.

Cemetery Care Being Studied For Southport

Aldermen Name Committee To Investigate The Long Range Plans For Perpetual Care Of Cemeteries

In order to assure continued maintenance of all Southport cemeteries in a manner in keeping with the balance of the city's operations, and at the same time offer some means of perpetual care for both cemeteries, some means of investing the funds from the proceeds of the sale of lots, together with some regulations as to the future development, is being considered by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.

At present, all sales from the proceeds of Northwood Cemetery go directly into the general fund. No other white cemetery sells lots in Southport. The John F. Smith colored cemetery is not operated by the city but the city street department does a token maintenance of this property. This cemetery is operated by a committee, representing the colored churches.

The Northwood Cemetery offer lots 18 ft. X 15 ft. which were originally designed for six graves. Originally there were 407 lots surveyed in this cemetery. About two-thirds of these lots have been sold. Northwood Cemetery has undeveloped property equal in size to that which has already been developed, for future expansion and development.

The Mayor has appointed a Cemetery Committee to make a complete study of the future operation and maintenance of all the cemeteries in Southport. This committee includes C. L. Rourke of the Board of Aldermen, the City Attorney, the City Auditor and City Manager, and that this committee is to serve as a fact finding committee only. Their finding will be passed on to the board of aldermen for final consideration.

Extends Welcome



GREETINGS—Lt. (j.g.) Christopher M. Holland, Jr., left, is shown here being greeted by Mayor Roy Robinson last week upon his arrival to Southport aboard the new Coast Guard Patrol Craft. Lt. Holland is skipper of the new 95-ft. vessel which will be based here permanently.

Firemen Douse Dangerous Fire Friday Evening

Blake Builder's Supply Saved From A Destructive Blaze Through Efforts Of Southport Volunteer Fire Department

Quick action on the part of members of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department prevented a fire of major proportions Friday night when they answered a call to the Blake Builder's Supply office at the Sawdust Trail and put out a fire in the main office building before it had spread beyond the room in which it had started.

Shortly after the building supply business had closed up for the day Horace Pigott and Mrs. Hugh Spencer noticed smoke coming from the building next door to the Spencer Service Station. Pigott went closer to determine the cause, and when he told Mrs. Spencer that there was a blaze inside the Blake office, she phoned in the alarm.

In a matter of minutes the first fire truck was on the scene, and fortunately this piece of equipment carried several fire extinguishers. The firemen went to work, and actually before other vehicles arrived the fire was under control.

The Blake office building is of frame construction, and located in adjoining rooms was a quantity of paint, turpentine, oils and other highly inflammable materials. The fact that the fire never got outside the office prevented a fire of great destruction.

Control of the situation is even more remarkable in view of the fact that the scene of the fire is outside the city limits and well beyond the reach of the nearest fire hydrant.

From best information, the fire came from the faulty performance of the heating system, a hot-air plant with the heating unit in one side of the office.

While the area of the blaze was restricted, the damage amounted to several hundred dollars and includes damage to office equipment and machinery and smoke damage to some merchandise. The loss was covered by insurance.

Veterans Must Submit Report

Annual Income Questionnaire Must Be Submitted By Veterans Concerning Non-Service Disability

Veterans and widows of veterans who receive non-service connected disability pension or death pension are reminded by Crawford L. Rourke, Brunswick County Veterans Service Officer, that their annual income questionnaires must be submitted to the Veterans Administration on or before January 31st.

The County Service Officer said that if the annual income questionnaires is not sent in, the Veterans Administration will stop payment of the pension. Rourke will be happy to help Veterans Administration beneficiaries prepare, secure, and send in the income questionnaire.

The County Service Officer urge all veterans who have not sent in their annual accounting to contact his office, located in

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New Coast Guard Patrol Boat Here

*New 95-Foot Craft Arrives Here To Replace 83-Footer; Occupies Berth At Yacht Basin

The new Coast Guard patrol boat assigned to Southport arrived here last week and was greeted upon her arrival by Mayor Roy Robinson and other city officials and private citizens.

The new patrol craft has a 95-foot vessel and is under the command of Lt. (j.g.) Christopher M. Holland, Jr. It came here from Norfolk, Va., as a replacement for the old 83-footer, which had been in service here for several years.

The new patrol boat is the WPB 95303. She has a steel hull and is powered with a 2,000-hp diesel engine.

The old 83-footer had a wood hull.

The new patrol craft has a complement of 14 men and at present she has 13 men in her crew. Of this number, 5 are from the old 83-footer, including both of the chief petty officers.

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Equipment For Class Available

Coordinator Of Commercial Fisheries Education, Tells Of Training Aids Which Are Available

A recent survey conducted by J. G. Long, County Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Major H. J. McGee, Jr., Coordinator of Commercial Fisheries Education of North Carolina, indicated an interest in adult evening classes within fishers occupation of Brunswick County. The program is administered through the County Superintendent's office with the approval of the County Board of Education.

Major McGee has five, six-cylinder Gray Marine diesel engines and will locate two in Brunswick County, should public interest demand. Tools for these courses have been approved and are on purchase.

Other courses available are: net mending, navigation, ship to shore radio, rigging, (equipment in order), boat building, crab pot

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Renovation Of Old Post Office

The old Southport post office on Moore street is undergoing a complete renovation and will be the future home of Arrington's, a local store featuring ladies ready-to-wear and clothing for other members of the family.

Not only is this building famous as the site of the post office for many years, but the upstairs was used as the law office of Cranmer and Davis and later was used by Judge R. I. Mintz as his law office and later still by Dwight McEwen for the same purpose.

More recently it has been used as an artist's studio.

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Hearing Slated On New Bridge

A High Level Span Over The Intracoastal Waterway Near Carolina Beach Will Be Up For Discussion

The State Highway Department will hold a public hearing at Carolina Beach Thursday in connection with the proposed new bridge over the Inland Waterway on US 421.

Commission officials emphasized that the hearing will be concerned with the bridge structure only and a future public hearing will be held on the routing approach north and south of the bridge.

The public hearing is slated for 2 P. M., Thursday, in the Carolina Beach Town Hall and is for the purpose of hearing any comments locals citizens may have on the economic impact or other effect of the bridge construction.

Under the proposal to be presented, a 2,060 foot long bridge would be built approximately 475 feet east of the existing structure with a 65 foot clearance above mean high tide provided at the Inland Waterway Channel. A 100 foot horizontal clearance will be proposed. Provisions for the 65 foot vertical clearance would eliminate the need for a draw span in the \$1,600,000 structure. Specifications call for a 56-foot clear roadway allowing four lanes of traffic separated by a raised median strip. Three-foot sidewalks will be proposed for pedestrians.

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January Term Superior Court Begins Monday

Judge William Y. Bickett Of Raleigh Will Preside Over Term Of Criminal Court Here Next Week

Three men will face trial in Brunswick County Superior court here next week on charges of armed robbery and conspiracy of armed robbery.

These men are John C. Whaley and Virgil Sanderson, who face the first of these charges; and Troy Brown, who is being held for trial on the latter count. All three are charged with being participants in the robbery of the Willetts Service Station near Leland before Christmas.

Presiding over this forthcoming term of court is Judge William Y. Bickett of Raleigh. There are other cases in which the defendant faces a serious charge.

Bruce Boswell is charged with rape; Joseph M. Powell faces charges of manslaughter; Mathew Jordan is being held on a similar count; and Carl Reeves is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

All of these cases will be turned over to the grand jury for action. On the trial docket are numerous other cases.

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Methodists In Whiteville Meet

Dr. J. Lem Stokes Will Be Speaker At District Missionary Rally (Tomorrow) Thursday Night

Dr. J. Lem Stokes, II, President of Pfeiffer College, who will address the Methodist District Missionary Institute scheduled for Thursday at the Whiteville Methodist church will be speaking on a subject close to his heart.

Born in Korea, the son of Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Stokes, missionaries of The Methodist Church, President Stokes has a record of almost continual membership on some committee or commission promoting the missionary enterprise of the church. Currently, he is vice-chairman of the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Western North Carolina Methodist conference.

"Since I joined the Western North Carolina Conference in 1931, I have constantly sought ways to promote the cause of

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Bolivia Pageant Saturday Night

First Preliminary Event In Selection Of Miss Brunswick County Will Be Held At That School

The first local pageant in the chain of events which will lead to the selection of Miss Brunswick County will be run off Saturday night at Bolivia. Six contestants have entered this event.

Girls entered in the Bolivia pageant are Jackie Lewis, Marion Reynolds, Delores Hufham, Elaine Brittain, Betty Maggard and Tonda Willetts.

The Bolivia pageant will be held in the high school auditorium and will begin at 8 o'clock. It will be under the direction of Mrs. Frank Hogg, and the local sponsor will be the senior class at Bolivia High School.

There will be an impressive group of prizes for the contestants and the winner will have an opportunity to advance to the county finals which will be held at Shallotte on the evening of March 11.

Sponsors of the selection of Miss Brunswick County are the members of the Shallotte Junior Chamber of Commerce, who have gone all-out in their effort to line up a series of five preliminary contests which will bring a group of outstanding contestants to the finals.

The next local pageant will be held at Waccamaw High School on the evening of January 28.

John D. Eriksen Dies In Hospital

Retired Sea Captain And Former Mayor Of Southport Died Last Night In Fayetteville

John D. Eriksen, retired mariner and former Mayor of the City of Southport, died last night at the Veterans Hospital in Fayetteville where he had been a patient for only a few days. He was 72 years of age.

The deceased was a native of Norway and came to Southport when he was a young man. He was married to the former Esther Doshier and the couple had no children. An aunt, Mrs. Thomas Larsen, is his nearest surviving relative in the United States. Three brothers, Einar, Olaf and Bernhard Eriksen, all of Norway, survive. In addition, he has one uncle Kristian Torgrensen, and two aunts, Mrs. Margareta Blickfelt and Miss Dorothea Torgrensen, also of Norway, who are among his survivors.

Eriksen was elected mayor in the spring of 1935 and served for 14 years as head of the city government. He was senior warden at St. Phillips Episcopal Church and was active in the American Legion.

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Budget Includes Local Projects

Included in the 1962 budget for the Wilmington District, U. S. Army Engineers, are two items for improvements in Brunswick County.

One item provides for \$12,000 with which to make a study of needs at the Southport yacht basin, with consideration to the matter of ample space and facilities.

The second provides the sum of \$15,000 for the maintenance of a clear channel in Lockwoods Folly River from the intracoastal waterway to the highway bridge.

Piney Grove Is Given Honors

Community Development Club Wins Over-All Placing Among Negro Communities Of Area

In a recent announcement by J. W. Crawford, Community Development Specialist, N. C. State College, the Piney Grove Community near Bolivia has won the Over-All Placing among the Negro Communities in area judging in the SENCLAND Area Development Association.

In a letter to J. A. Francis, Teacher of Agriculture and supervisor of the winning community development program, the State Community Development Specialist also named the Brunswick County Community as a winner in each of the other three incentive award placings. In the area of Increased Income, Piney Grove community won 1st place; in Home Improvement, this community took 3rd place; and in the area of Youth Activities, Piney Grove won another 3rd place.

The Piney Grove Community is one of three communities organized under the Adult Education program carried on by the Vocational Agriculture Teacher at the Brunswick County Training School. The other two communities are Zion Hill and St. James-Rutland Chapel. In an earlier County run-off of the Community Development Contest, St. James-Rutland and Zion Hill won 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, behind Piney Grove. These three communities are a part of an Association of Community Development Clubs that serves as a coordinating agency for all activities of a community development nature.

The presidents of the various community development groups are as follows: William K. Johnson is president of the Piney

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Organize New Adult Training Class In County

Organizational Meeting Is Planned For Monday At Anchor Hotel For Men Interested In Training

A meeting will be held at the Anchorage Hotel, Shallotte Village Point, on Monday, January 23, at 7:30 p. m., for all persons who are interested in establishing classes in any of the various departments of commercial fishing.

The group present will determine the class or classes to be offered, time, place and other arrangements. Major Henry J. McGee, Jr., Commercial Fishing Coordinator for the Department of Trades and Industries, Raleigh, J. G. Long, Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools, will be present.

Among the classes that can be offered is navigation, communications, diesel, gasoline motors, net mending, rigging, boat building and any other class that the group feels will be beneficial to commercial fishermen.

These courses are offered through the Brunswick County Board of Education by the Department of Trades and Industries, State Department of Education, Raleigh, with Federal matching funds.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

SMORGASBOARD

A smorgasboard supper will be served at Ocean View Methodist Church Friday, beginning at 5 o'clock.

BARBECUE SUPPER

Members of the Eastern Star will serve a barbecue supper on Wednesday evening, January 25. Phone GL 7-4962 for tickets.

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD

The Brunswick Brotherhood Association is sponsoring a meeting at Elah Baptist Church January 19 at 7:30 p. m. R. T. Greene State Director of Retirement Plans, will be the guest speaker. The subject of his message will be "Stewardship in the Life of Menn". It is hoped that all churches in the association will be represented.

LIONS TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) evening at 6:30 at the Lions Club building. Hugh Morton, a member of Governor Luther H. Hodges Battle-ship Advisory Committee, will be present and will show color slides of both the Battleship Texas and of the Battleship North Carolina. Visitors are invited to attend this showing, which should begin at about 7 o'clock.

TIME and TIDE

A picture of the Brunswick County Hospital (Doshier Memorial) appeared on the front page of The Pilot for January 22, 1958. It carried with it the story of the report of the previous year, and this reflected the great good for which this institution was responsible in the matter of the health of Brunswick county citizens. The Hungarian ship Csikos, aground in the Cape Fear since Sunday, had freed herself by her own power Tuesday night. There was a front page story on how to set out a dogwood tree—no doubt inspired by an editorial of the previous week urging a program of beautification for Southport; news of international import appeared in The Pilot that week: Rudyard Kipling, famed English poet, was dead.

An influenza epidemic during the Waccamaw High School to be closed temporarily during mid-January of 1941. This was reported in our edition of January 22 of that year. Another front page story had to do with a new theatre building for Southport, with work in progress to convert the former Northrop store building into a new and larger theatre.

Several Southport boys, including Johnnie Simmons, were interested in the Wilmington Golden Gloves Tournament; a group of Maryland sportsmen, including Joe Brooks, noted author of wildlife books and stories, were here for a few days of hunting in Brunswick; and Leland had won a double-header from Shallotte in the first game of pre-tournament championship play in Brunswick.

It was January 16, 1946, and a group of out-of-state hunters were posed for a front page picture showing their bear dogs and

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