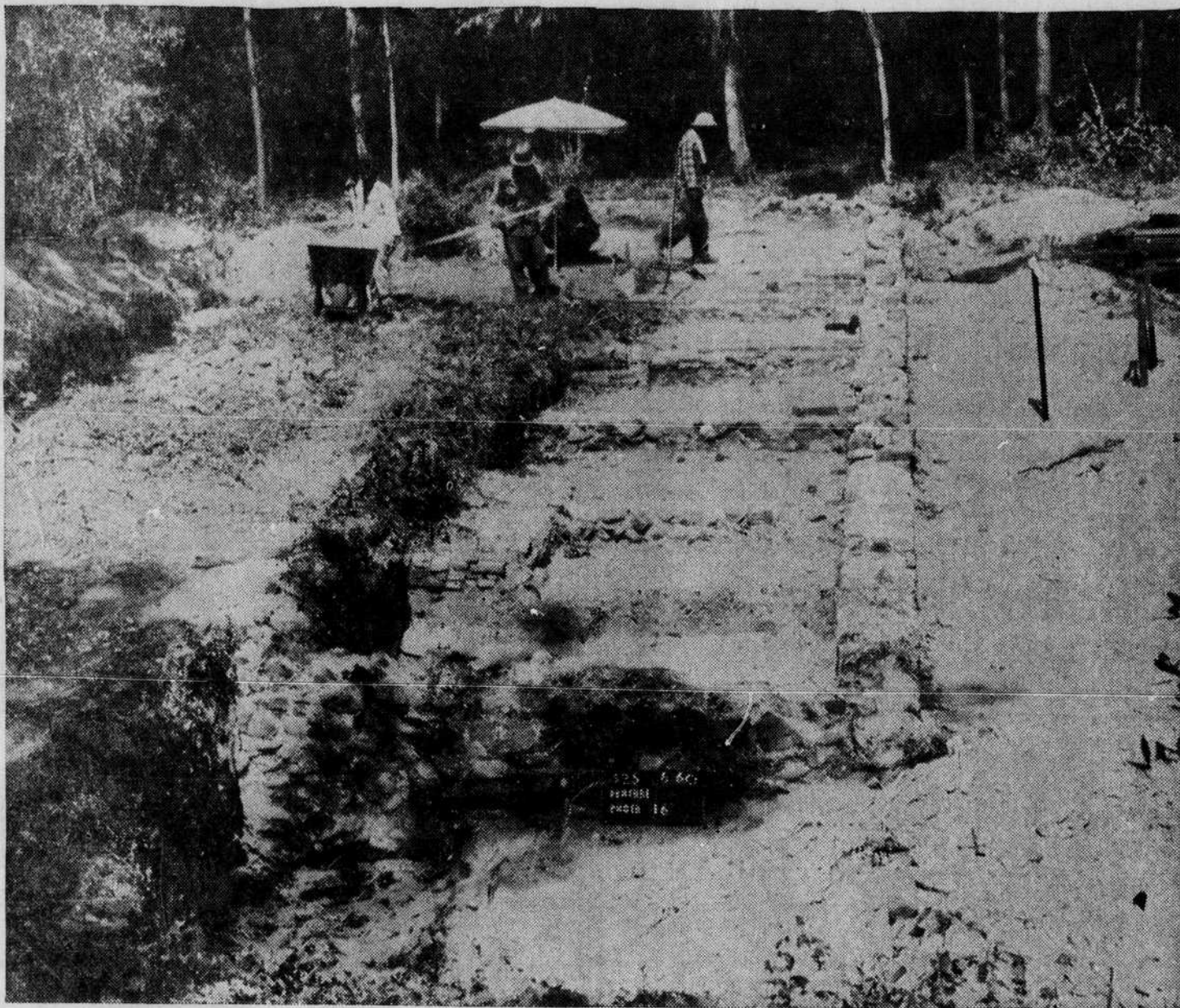


"Publick House"



ANCIENT INN—This is the foundation of an old "Publick House" at Brunswick Town, uncovered last summer by the archaeologist in charge of the project which is being carried on at that site

under the State Department of Archives and History. Old records show that this building once was owned by Cornelius Harnett, Sr., father of the Revolutionary War hero.—(Stanley South Photo.)

Ancient Building Foundation Now Being Unearthed

Work At Brunswick Town Exposes Ruins Of The First "Publick House" In Use In This County

By Stanley South
During the summer of 1960 the excavation at Brunswick Town State Historic Site was centered on the uncovering of the ruins of an inn or "Publick House". The mortared stone foundation was uncovered by the archaeologist on lot 27, and measured 18 by 70 feet. There were six rooms in the inn, with a fireplace in each room. The rooms were only ten feet wide which gave little room for more than a bunk and a chair in each. The arrangement of the six rooms in a long row similar to modern motels prompted the laborers as well as tourists to refer to the ruins as the "motel", however, such buildings at Brunswick Town and other English colonial towns were known as "Public Houses". Here the tired traveler could find a lodging for the night, and food and drink. Keepers of public houses were required by law to examine the papers of sailors and make sure they had written permission to spend the night ashore. If they did not, they were held at the public house after eight o'clock in the winter, and nine o'clock in the summer.

During excavation of the "Publick House" on lot 27 the archaeologist discovered three hen eggs buried in the yard, two of which had the chicken bones intact inside the eggs. These eggs were buried before the Revolution, perhaps they were setting eggs that did not hatch. An interesting observation in this regard is the practice of some people in the area today who bury the unhatched eggs from a setting.

Also of interest in regard to the public house ruins was the discovery of a silver spoon that was made by Daniel Boyer in Boston. This object is one of the new

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Fishing Pier Men Form Organization

Two Brunswick County Men Named On Organizational Committee Of Newly Formed Promotional Group

Thirty sports fishing piers of Atlantic Beach. The group unanimously agreed that the three mile limit frequently mentioned was not a recommendation of the sports fishermen in their petition to the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development for a solution to the problem created when commercial fishing boats trawled too close to fishing piers.

Others attending from the SENECLA area were J. D. Bigford, Dan L. Walker, Bryon E. Watson, Long Beach; G. V. Barbee, Jr., Yaupon Beach; Frank Collier and J. C. Bane, Carolina Beach; W. D. McKee, Surf City; J. T. Gresham, Jacksonville; R. L. Church, Surf City; and E. P. Bortz, New Topsail.

Special Seating Arrangements At County Pageant

Shallotte Jaycees Promise That One Thousand Seats Will Be Available In High School Auditorium For Coming Event

Folks who have misgivings about seating arrangements for the Miss Brunswick County Pageant at Shallotte on the evening of March 11 can set their minds at ease, according to J. T. Clemmons, president of the Shallotte Jaycees, this week.

The two-week period between the final preliminary and the program at Shallotte will be filled with busy activity, not only by the Jaycees but by the five finalists and those who have dedicated themselves to the business of trying to develop a winner. There are new dresses to make, new routines to perfect and little flaws to be ironed out before the big event on March 11.

Master of Ceremonies at Shallotte will be Gil Burnette, Wilmington attorney and himself a Jaycee; and Mrs. Hannah Block of Wilmington is helping to get everything ready for the Brunswick county finals.

Tickets for the forthcoming event are on sale at Southport at Watsons Pharmacy and Kirby Prescription Center; at Shallotte at Coastal Drug Store and Shallotte Drug Store; at Bolivia at Elmore Motor Co.; at Leland at U. L. Rourke's Grocery; and at Ash at L. C. Babson's Store and at Wilson's store. Members of the Shallotte Jaycees also have tickets for distribution.

A special event that has been arranged for Wednesday night of next week is a skating party at Shallotte Skating Rink at 7:30 o'clock. It is being sponsored by the Jaycees, and proceeds will help defray expenses of the pageant. A special invitation has been extended to all contestants in the five pageants held in the county to be present for this occasion.

Wildlife Plants Now Available

Sportsmen Have Opportunity To Cooperate With Game Management Program By Planting Strips

Wildlife food plants for habitat improvement are now available to sportsmen and landowners of Brunswick County, the Wildlife Resources Commission said this week.

Wildlife Biologist Andrew Weber stated that "101 thousand bicolor lespedeza plants in addition to sericea lespedeza and annual seed mixtures were distributed in the county last year."

Shrub lespedeza provides late winter food after the natural foods have been exhausted for quail and rabbits. The plants are perennial, shade tolerant and will grow on poor soil. Field borders, odd corners and old plant beds make

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New Small Grain Plan Is Proposed

ASC Office Has Been Given Outline Of Proposal To Pay Farmers For Voluntary Crop Reduction

A survey of all farms in Columbus county which produce feed grains will get under way in the next day or so by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee.

The survey is being conducted throughout the major feed grain producing area which includes this county, as an advance step in connection with proposed federal feed grain programs now under discussion. The proposals would include adjusting the 1961 acreages of corn and other feed grains.

To put such a program into operation for 1961 crops in a manner which would be fair to all growers, accurate data must be obtained immediately for the possible establishment of feed grain base acreages for all farms in the major feed grain producing area.

Such information will include the acreage history of corn, grain sorghum, barley, and oats, as well as the acreage devoted to other crops and land uses, for all farms in the area where one or more of these feed grains were produced within the past two years.

ASC community committeemen are meeting today to receive the necessary instructions and forms to make the survey. In Columbus county the 90 committeemen will make farm to farm visits to obtain the needed information by March 10. It will be helpful if all farmers will list the acreage of all crops grown on their farm during the past two years so they can readily fill out the questionnaire when interviewed.

The proposed bill before Congress

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Brunswick Scene In Travel Show

Hugh Morton Transparency Of Orton Plantation Will Hold Place Of Prominence In Ohio

A Brunswick county scene—a huge color transparency of Orton Plantation—will be a prominent part of the North Carolina exhibit at the Ohio Valley Travel Show which opens Sunday at Cincinnati.

On hand for this event will be Governor Terry Sanford and with him will be Hugh Morton of Wilmington, who took not only the picture of Orton, but one of the Piedmont and one of the mountains as well.

Upward of 30 Tar Heels, led by Governor Terry Sanford, Conservation and Development Director Hargrove Bowles, Jr., and President Lynn Nisbet of the Travel Council of North Carolina, will man the state's first travel promotion mission to an out-of-state travel exposition.

Target of their mission is in-Continued On Page 5

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 23	
2:14 A. M.	8:46 A. M.
2:43 P. M.	9:00 P. M.
Friday, February 24	
3:08 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
3:59 P. M.	9:55 P. M.
Saturday, February 25	
4:02 A. M.	10:39 A. M.
4:33 P. M.	10:48 P. M.
Sunday, February 26	
4:53 A. M.	11:30 A. M.
5:22 P. M.	12:37 P. M.
Monday, February 27	
5:41 A. M.	12:15 A. M.
6:06 P. M.	
Tuesday, February 28	
6:23 A. M.	0:23 A. M.
6:49 P. M.	12:57 P. M.
Wednesday, March 1	
7:02 A. M.	1:06 A. M.
7:28 P. M.	1:35 P. M.

Bill Introduced In Legislature On Ward Plan

Southport Would Have Two Wards, Divided In Just Same Manner That Present County Precincts Are Located

A bill reducing the number of voting wards in Southport from three to two and providing for staggered terms for town aldermen was introduced in the House Thursday.

Rep. S. Bunn Frink of Brunswick said he introduced the measure at the request of the Southport Board of Aldermen.

Under the bill, three aldermen would be elected from each of two wards. There are now three wards in Southport and two aldermen are elected from each ward.

The bill also states that the aldermen "shall be voted upon in the general municipal election by the qualified voters of the city

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Decision Soon On Battleship Site

Engineer Visited Proposed Locations For Permanent Berth Of Battleship North Carolina Monday

Cyril Adams, consulting engineer from Houston, Texas, came here Monday morning to inspect the site that has been offered by the citizens of Southport as a permanent berth for the Battleship North Carolina.

Adams was accompanied by Thomas Morse, superintendent of State Parks and a member of the Battleship Advisory Committee, and by Hugh Morton, member of the Board of Conservation and Development and also on the battleship committee.

On hand to greet them was James C. Bowman of Southport, another member of the Battleship Advisory Committee; C. D. Pick-errell, Southport City Manager; E. B. Tomlinson, L. J. Hardee, D. C. Herring and James M. Harper, Jr., representing the Southport Development Corporation.

Prior to their trip to Southport the three visitors had flown to Morehead City where they had inspected the site at Fort Macon. After their visit here they inspected the sites at Wilmington and at Carolina Beach.

The party was able to reach the proposed location at the mouth of Price Creek by means of a winding woods road that had been made passable through the cooperation of City of Southport forces. A bulletin board had been erected at the site, and pertinent charts and drawings were displayed for the convenience of Adams, who got down to the practical factors which applied to getting the ship into a berth at this location.

Both he and the other two visitors appeared to be favorably impressed with the location, although none of them would make any comparison between this site and others that had been inspected.

Adams left Monday night to return to Houston, and before he left stated that he would make his recommendation within a few days. This is expected to have considerable weight with Battleship Advisory Committee members, whose recommendation will in turn be made to Governor Terry Sanford.

Before the trio of visitors returned to Wilmington, they and other members of the party were guests at a seafood luncheon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bowman.

During the luncheon period Morton said that the selection of a suitable location for the battleship

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Arrange Dinner To Discuss Plan For Golf Course

The Developers Of Boiling Spring Lakes Hope To Be Able To Proceed Immediately With This Project

The developers of Boiling Spring Lakes will be hosts at a dinner in the Southport Lions Club Building on Monday, March 13, which will be held for the primary purpose of determining the degree of local interest in the organization of a country club, compete with a golf course.

The developers have plans for proceeding immediately with this project, and their purpose is to give local citizens a first look at these plans.

The dinner is being planned as something special, and no pains are being spared to make this an all-out effort to get the citizens of this area behind the country club project in its early stages of development.

Harold Green, who recently has taken over as sales manager, said this week, "I believe that the construction of a championship 18-

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Southport Man Faces Charges

Former Postmaster J. B. Russ Is Charged In Federal Warrant With Post Office Shortage

J. B. Russ, 49, former Southport postmaster, has been charged with the misappropriation of post office funds and falsifying official records to conceal shortages.

Russ was arrested last week by federal agents and appeared before U. S. Commissioner R. E. Lewis.

He will be given a preliminary hearing on the charges in the commissioner's office on March 10.

Russ, who was postmaster at Southport during the first half of 1960 when the alleged offenses occurred, is specifically accused of making false reports showing more postage stock on hand than

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Chess Tourney Planned Here

The Southport Chess Championship will be held at St. Phillips Parish House on March 2.

The games will start between 7:30 to 8 p. m. and all players must pay club dues. First prize will be \$50, second prize will be a United States Chess Federation Membership or Chess Federation members and third prize will be a North Carolina Chess Association membership.

Cub prize for boys and girls under 13 years of age will be a chess book. The Junior prize will be a North Carolina Chess Association membership, for those under 19 years of age.

Rabies Clinics For Brunswick

Dog Owners Being Urged To Cooperate With Program Aimed At Eliminating Rabies As Health Threat

Beginning March 4 and continuing through April 8, everyone in Brunswick County will be given an opportunity to contribute to a community effort with public health importance as a series of clinics will be held in all townships for the vaccination of dogs against rabies, or hydrophobia.

All a dog owner needs to do is to take his dog to one of the many clinics and have him vaccinated. The fee for this service at these clinics will be \$1 for the one year vaccine and \$2 for the three year vaccine. All dogs should be vaccinated when four (4) months old.

The State of North Carolina has made tremendous progress in reducing this human health hazard but a continuous effort in all counties will be needed to eradicate the disease. The Brunswick County Health Department has obtained the services of a licensed veterinarian to administer the three year vaccine and four rabies inspectors to administer the one year vaccine.

To comply with the North Carolina Rabies Law the Brunswick

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TIME and TIDE

It was the first week in March, 1936, and plans were perfected for the Brunswick County Basketball Tournament, to be played in the Southport gym. That famous old wooden structure had just been given a new bill of health when contractors had inspected it and had pronounced it safe for use for the tournament. Figures released from the WPA office showed that approximately 15-percent of the Brunswick population was dependent upon that source for their cash income.

On our front page was a picture of "Little Coney", already a legend in the water sports activity of the town; a wing of the old Southport High School building was being moved from the grove to the campus of BCT; and there was a helpful hint to the farmers: "Cottonseed Hulls Make Good Hen Nests."

There was a big front-page picture of a good looking boy in our edition for March 5, 1941. It was of Warren Wilson, Clemson College athlete, who was being billed at the time as a fine prospect for the heavyweight boxing title. He has relatives here. There also was a front page shot of Bald Head lighthouse, which was being equipped with a radio beacon.

It looked like a good fishing season ahead, what with word that the waters of the Cape Fear were literally teeming with small fish and local boatmen were having unusually good luck with whiting. On another sporting front, one upstate visitor, after hunting here for a few days, had ventured the guess that there were more foxes than people in this county.

You'll never guess what was on the front page of The Pilot for February 27, 1946—a three-column picture of the Battleship

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

BARBECUE SUPPER
A barbecue supper will be served at Zion Methodist Church Saturday evening, beginning at 6:30 o'clock. Home made cakes and pies also will be on sale.

TANK DISMANTLED
The job of dismantling the old Southport water tank has been going on for the past week, and this morning only the four legs of the structure and their supporting rods remained.

HOUSE DAMAGED
Reports from Holden Beach are that a house was blown from its foundation during the height of the strong winds which hit this area Saturday. There were no other reports of major damage, although gusts were from 50-miles per hour or greater.

HELP HEART DRIVE
The Shallotte Jaycees, under the direction of their president, J. T. Clemmons, held a roadblock in Shallotte Sunday for the benefit of the Heart Fund Drive. They collected \$26.69. Those taking part were Billy Gurganus, Winfred Williams; Sam Inman, R. W. Cheers, Harry White, Thurston Mintz, Dykes Hewett, R. C. Arnold, Grover Holden and Roger Hewett.