

The Watson Family



HONORED—This is Mr. and Mrs. David Watson and children of Raleigh, who recently were honored as the Family of the Year in the Neusiok Girl Scout Council. From left to right the children

are Tom, Jill, Susan, David, Jr., Kay and Marion. The father is a native of Southport and is the son of Mrs. Ida Potter Watson.

FHA Farm Loan Program Shows Recent Gains

Farmer's Home Administration Is Gaining Momentum In This County And In Nation

The farm housing loan program of the Farmers Home Administration is picking up new momentum, not only throughout the nation, but here in Brunswick county.

That's the word from T. D. Anderson, county supervisor in charge of the agency's lending program here. He said this renewed farm housing loan activity follows the early February announcement that an additional \$50 million is now available to the FHA for its four percent loans to farm owners to build or repair farm houses and essential farm buildings. Such a loan may extend over a 33-year period.

The new loan money broke up a log-jam of applications that were being held because funds had been exhausted. Nationwide, loans are now being processed at the rate of about \$5 million a month but indications point to a probable doubling of that pace.

In this area Anderson said he looks for the main demand to continue to be for loans for new construction, although farm owners may need the credit to repair or remodel dwellings, put in modern kitchens, install pressure water supply systems, central heating, bathrooms, and other conveniences. Other uses include building, repairing, or modernizing barns, dairy and poultry facilities, and other farm service buildings. Farm owners find much of this type of construction necessary to cope with changing agricultural conditions.

Anderson pointed out that by-products of this loan program include employment of carpenters and other skilled and unskilled labor, and increased business for concerns that handle building materials and equipment items.

Eligible to borrow are owners of farms that annually will produce at least \$400 worth of commodities for sale or home use based on 1944 prices, but who cannot be adequately financed through other sources.

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AUTHENTIC—The young man in the above photo is not one of the early settlers of Brunswick, but is R. V. Asbury, Jr., of Wilmington, who conducts visitors on tours of Brunswick Town on weekends.

Name Committee To Make Study Of Fishing Row

Will Consider Controversial Matter Of Shrimp And Fishing Trawlers Operating Inside Three-Mile Limit

Members of a newly formed committee selected by commercial and sports fishermen to make recommendation regarding use of shrimp and fish trawlers in State coastal waters within the three-mile limit and in Pamlico Sound have been named.

Personnel of the committee, which comprises representatives of commercial, sports and pier fishermen, was announced today by Eric W. Rodgers of Scotland Neck, chairman of the commercial fisheries committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development.

Rodgers said he has asked the special committee to hold its first meeting in Morehead City at 10 a. m. on April 7 to make its recommendations. This committee's recommendations first go to the Commercial Fisheries Advisory Board, then to the commercial fisheries committee of the Conservation and Development board, and then to the full Conservation and Development board for action.

Members of the special sports and commercial fishermen's committee, the naming of which was suggested by the State Board of Conservation and Development at its meeting in Raleigh in January, and the groups they represent are:

Bill Robinson, Kure Beach, and Lonnie D. Small, Holden's Beach, pier fishing operators; Kenneth M. Sprunt, Wilmington, and Turner Battle, Rocky Mount, the North Carolina Wildlife Federation; Garland F. Fulcher, Oriental, and Charles Davis, Beaufort, the North Carolina Fishermen's Association; and Clarence Rose, Vandemere, and James Howard, Beaufort, representing commercial fishermen who are not members of the N. C. Fishermen's Association.

The special committee of commercial and sports fishermen is Continued On Page 4

City Election To Be Under New Bill

Recent Changes Approved By Board Of Aldermen Will Affect Forthcoming Municipal Election

A bill introduced two weeks ago by Representatives S. Bunn Frink to redefine the wards and setting out terms for holding a municipal election for the City of Southport, was passed into law Thursday by the State Senate. The House previously had approved the measure, which provides for two wards instead of three.

Following are excerpts from the bill under which the next city election will be held on May 2 of this year:

"Section 1. The City of Southport shall be divided into two wards as follows:
"Ward No. 1 shall be that portion of the city lying to the eastward of the center line of Howe Street from the point where this line, projected, intersects the channel of the Cape Fear River; thence along the center line of Cape Fear Road to the northern line of the limits of the City of Southport.

"Ward No. 2 shall be all that portion of the city lying to the westward of the above described line.

"Section 2. Three aldermen shall be elected from each of the two wards of the City of Southport and the person, or persons, filing as a candidate from either ward shall be a resident and qualified elector of such ward.

"Section 3. The members of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Southport, shall be voted upon in the general municipal election by the qualified electors of the ward from which the candidate has filed. The candidates for the Board of Aldermen from each ward who receive the highest number of votes in the town at large shall be declared duly elected to the office for which such candidate has filed.

"Section 4. At the municipal election to be held in May, 1961, two members of the Board of Aldermen shall be elected for a term of four years from Ward No. 1, as described in Section 1 above, and one member from Ward No. 2, as above described, shall be elected for a term of four years. Biennially thereafter, one member of said Board from one ward and two members from the other ward shall be elected, alternately, for terms of four years each.

"Section 5. The Board of Aldermen of the City of Southport shall prepare, or cause to be prepared under its supervision, new voter registration books for each of the two wards above described and said Board is hereby authorized and directed to transfer the

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Introduces Bill For Commission To Handle Ship

N. C. Battleship Commission Would Be Created By Appointment Of Governor And Would Have Charge Of USS North Carolina

A permanent "N. C. Battleship North Carolina Commission" was proposed Thursday in a bill introduced by Sen. Lunsford Crew of Halifax.

The 15-member commission would replace an informal commission which is now trying to save the famous World War II battleship and locate her as a tourist attraction at some coastal Carolina port.

Crew said there was urgency about the legislation, since the Navy intends to cut up the ship for scrap unless funds can be raised in North Carolina to bring her to the State by next summer.

The bill requires Gov. Sanford to name the commission within 10 days after the measure becomes law. Crew told the Senate he hoped to have a public hearing on it sometime this week, and then pass it by next weekend.

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Frink Puts Doshier On School Board

Representative S. Bunn Frink has included the following names in the omnibus bill for appointment by the State Legislature to membership on the Brunswick County Board of Education:
Howard F. Williamson, Leeland School District, and C. Y. Coleman, Waccamaw School District, 4-year term; Arthur Doshier, Southport School District, 2-year term.

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Boiling Springs Will Incorporate

Bill Introduced In Legislature Provides For Incorporation Of New Development

Boiling Spring Lakes in Brunswick County would be incorporated under legislation introduced Wednesday in the House by Brunswick Rep. S. Bunn Frink.

About \$15 million has already been spent in developing the 14,000-acre area five miles south of Southport, Frink said.

The developers plan that the town will have complete independent services, he said.

The legislation would set up a governing body for the resort area similar to that in other coastal resorts Frink said. His bill provides that Harold Greene, manager of the development, would become mayor of the town. The developers, Carl E. Kleimo, Henry B. Smythe, Grange S. Cuthbert III and Douglass M. Bradham, a group of New York City and Charleston, S. C., businessmen, would be the initial commissioners.

They would serve until 1963 when an election by mail would be held among all property holders. The elector would be supervised by the county elections board chairman. Those elected would be appointed by the Governor.

TIME and TIDE

There was a historic note on the front page of The Pilot for March 25, 1936: There was a story that the grave of Elizabeth Watters is at Phoenix in Brunswick County, she being a daughter of Thomas Hooper, he a signer of the Declaration of Independence. There also was a story that Elmore Motor Co., the Chevrolet dealer at Bolivia, had moved into a newly completed building across the road from its old location.

The Navy YP-56, formerly the Coast Guard Patrol Boat Nautaguck that had been stationed at Southport for several years, had stopped here on her way to her new base in the Panama Canal Zone. Willets Motor Co. had an advertisement extolling the virtues of Ford automobiles and offering them for sale at from \$510 up—new cars, mind you!

Back in 1941 Southport High School had a debating team, and on the Friday following our issue for March 26 the local teams were to go against representatives from Whiteville and Bladenboro in the famous triangular debate of that era. The query? "Resolved that the United States should require one year of military training for every able bodied man before he is 23-years-of-age." Southport ladies already were doing war-service work, but at the moment the British were to be the beneficiaries.

A call had been issued for nominating conventions, the prelude to the municipal election for the City of Southport; and there was a want ad in The Pilot, placed by a High Point manufacturer, wanting to buy dogwood logs.

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Costumed Guide At Old Brunswick

Members Get New Placques

C. D. Pickerrell, secretary of the Southport Development Corporation, Inc., has recently mailed out attractive new membership placques, along with a statement of dues for the coming year. He said this week that he is pleased with the early response, but wishes to remind members that their dues are needed to pay the expenses of the corporation.

Pickerrell reported that this week he has had a contact from an outside business interest which he hopes to be able to attract into this area. An inspection trip is in prospect.

Variety Show Is Presented Here

St. Patrick's Day Event Attracts Large Audience With Scores Of School Students Participating

A St. Patrick's Day variety show was presented at Southport High School Friday evening, with a large student participation and an overflow audience.

Directing the production, which included lavish costumes and pretty song and dance routines, was Mrs. Dallas Pigott. She was assisted by Mrs. E. J. Prevatte, Mrs. Bryant Potter, Mrs. W. R. Jenkins, Mrs. Johnnie Duffie, Mrs. Davis Herring and Mrs. James Barnes.

Appropriate for the day, most of the games were Irish. In fact, the scene was set for the entire show with an opening tableau about fairies and the little people.

Featured performers included Martha Mallison, Brenda Pendergraph and Brenda Jordan singing "Pretty Kitty Blue Eyes"; Cheryl Price and Brenda Wilkes, singing "Rose of Tralee"; and David Ray Garrison, singing "A Little Bit Of Heaven."

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Weekend Visitors To Historic Site In Brunswick County Have Look Into The Past

Thousands of visitors from North Carolina and many other states have been conducted on tours of Brunswick Town, a reclamation project on the west bank of the Cape Fear river 12 miles above Southport, during the past two years, Stanley South, archaeologist in charge, said this week.

The big undertaking of uncovering the extensive ruins of the colonial town was begun two years ago by the State Department of Archives and History.

Visitors to the State Historic Site in Brunswick County are greeted each Sunday by Guide R. V. Asbury, Jr., dressed in the clothes of the type worn by Brunswick's people more than 200 years ago.

The young Wilmingtonian is thoroughly familiar with the history of Brunswick Town, which was established in 1723 and abandoned, after its destruction by the British, in 1776.

The hundreds of visitors to the site last Sunday asked Asbury many questions. Some of the questions are tough ones, and cause him to turn to the records for an answer. Others he hears over and over again, such as "Where did these stones in the foundations of the homes come from? What happened to the people who lived in the town? Did the mosquitoes run them out? How many people lived here? Are they going to build back some of the houses?" Most of these questions are answered in a pamphlet Asbury passes out to each visitor, as they walk along "Second Street" or "The Street on the Bay," and view the excavated ruins of the town.

Displays along the streets tell of the various types of china fragments, building materials, iron tools, sewing materials, toys, and other objects recovered by the archaeologist from the ruins of each house. The visitor is free to talk with Asbury, or walk and study the displays and signs interpreting the town.

For the past two years state archaeologist Stanley South has been excavating the ruins of Brunswick Town and discovering some of the secrets that have been buried since the British burned the town in 1776. Sixty foundations of homes and stores have been located, and ten of these have been uncovered from the rubble of two centuries for the

Bill Proposes Salary Raises

Legislation Introduced By Representative S. Bunn Frink Monday Night Will Raise Pay Of Employees

Rep. S. Bunn Frink Monday night introduced legislation setting salaries of elected appointed officials in Brunswick county, taking the power from the Board of County Commissioners and placing it in the legislature.

The bill would raise the salaries of the Register of Deeds, Clerk of the Superior Court, and the Sheriff from \$3,900 per year to \$4,500.

The County Coroner would receive an increase of from \$10 per day to \$15 per day, plus seven cents per mile travel expense.

The salary of the County Recorder's Court Judge would remain at \$2,220 per year.

In addition, the Sheriff will be paid \$1,200 per year as travel expense for travel within county and seven cents per mile for travel outside the county.

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during week. These hours approximately correct furnished the Coast Guard through the Cape Fear Pilot

High Tide	Thursday
0:38 A. M.	
1:09 P. M.	
Friday	
1:31 A. M.	
2:04 P. M.	
Saturday	
2:25 A. M.	
3:02 P. M.	
Sunday	
3:19 A. M.	
3:59 P. M.	
Monday	
4:12 A. M.	
4:49 P. M.	
Tuesday	
5:01 A. M.	
5:35 P. M.	
Wednesday	
5:46 A. M.	
6:18 P. M.	

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