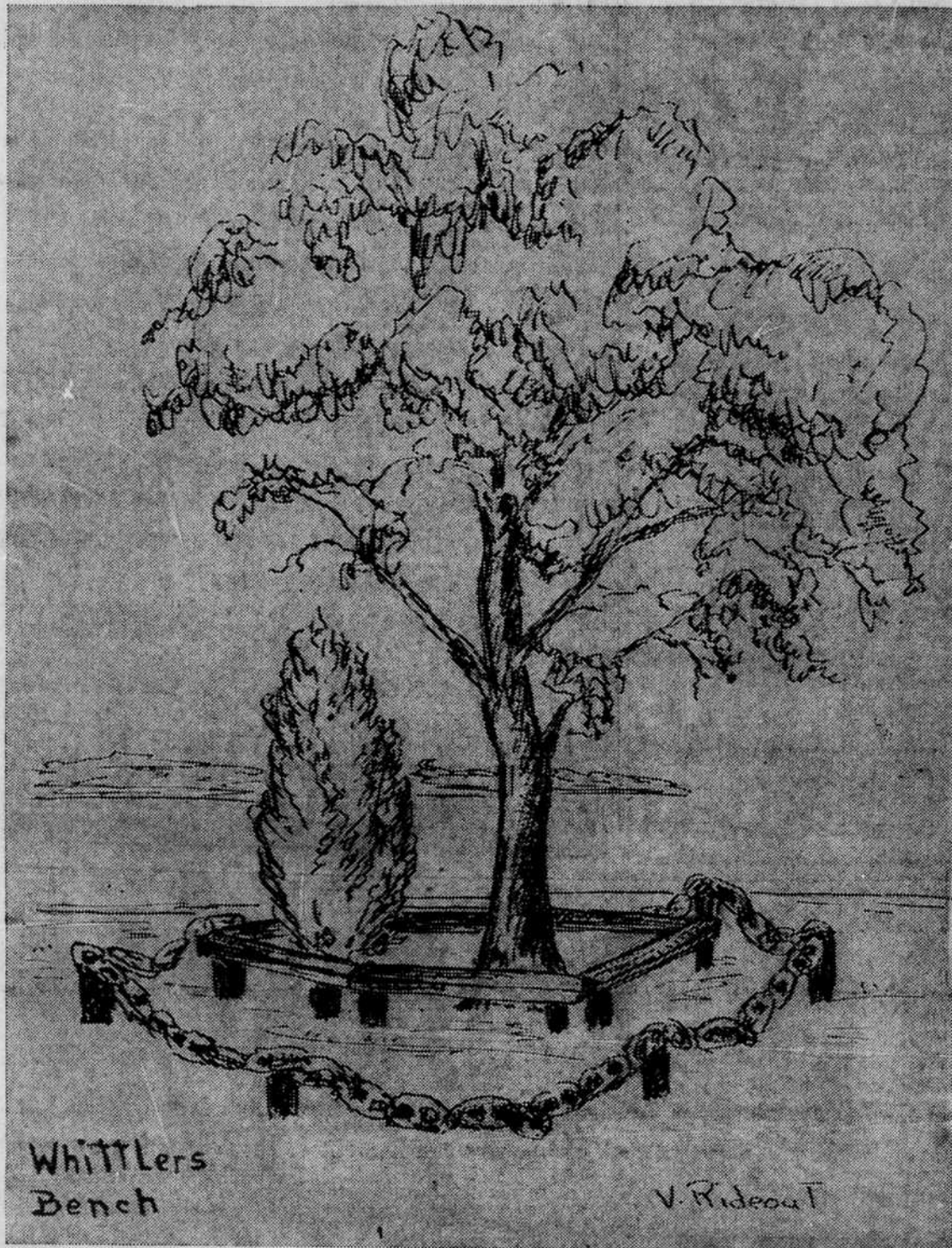


Artists Conception



LANDMARK—This week the city forces operated on the planting around the whittler's bench on the Southport water front, but the long range objective is to preserve this interesting tie with the past as a permanent local landmark. The above pen drawing was done by Mrs. Joseph Rideout and shows the bench as it will be when improvements are completed.

Whittlers Get New Lease On Life In Project

Historic Sites Committee And City Foresees Combine To Insure Future Of This Landmark

Southport's famed Whittler's bench is undergoing a renovation this week as the result of efforts of the Historic Sites Committee of the Southport Woman's Club. Headed by Mrs. Johnnie Duffie and with the cooperation of City Manager C. D. Picklerel, the committee has been able to carry out plans which will result in the whittler's bench continuing as a major point of interest of the town.

Stumps of the two old poplars, "William Jennings Bryan" and "William McKinley" have been removed and will be replaced by

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Long Reappointed As Superintendent

Announcement Of Local School Committees Made Following Monday Night Meeting

John G. Long was reappointed Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools Monday night by unanimous action of the board of education.

The motion was made by Arthur J. Doshier and was seconded by L. C. Rourke. Other members present were C. Y. Coleman, Roy Sellers and Howard Williamson.

Coleman was elected by unanimous vote to continue in his position as chairman of the board. Local school committee members were named for all Brunswick county schools with the exception of Leland. Williamson asked for additional time to secure his committee there.

The following appointments were made: Southport: James Wolfe, Mrs. Continued On Page 5

Higher Interest On Saving Bonds

Latest Extension Offered On Old Series E Savings Bonds Is 3-3/4 Percent Interest Rate

"The latest extension offered on the oldest Series E Savings Bonds at a full 3-3/4 per cent annual interest rate is a boon to the thousands of people in this state who will hold bonds bought between May 1941 and May 1949," Prince O'Brien, Brunswick County Volunteer Savings Bond Chairman, said this week.

He referred to the recent announcement by the Treasury dealing with E bonds that begin to reach the end of their extended maturity in May of this year. This second 10-year extension was promised back in 1959, but the terms and interest rate were not announced at that time. Under the new ruling, these bonds will return 3-3/4 per cent each year, compounded semi-annually, based

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No Decision On Battleship

There have been no new developments in the selection of a site as the permanent berth for the Battleship North Carolina, but it is possible that a decision may be reached this week.

Legislation providing for the appointment by Governor Terry Sanford of a Battleship Commission is in the Legislature, and there appears to be no opposition. Within 10 days after the passage of the bill, the governor is to name a 15-man commission, and the idea persists that Sanford will appoint members of the advisory committee to this permanent board.

They will then meet and make a decision regarding the permanent berth for the battleship.

Four Brunswick Students Teach

Four East Carolina College Students Now Engaged In Practice Teaching Duties

East Carolina College's student teaching program, listed with quarter includes 218 seniors who are conducting classes in more than thirty-two public schools in Eastern North Carolina. Sixty-seven are doing work in the primary and grammar grades, 143 in high schools, and eight are teaching either art or music at all grade levels.

Brunswick County students who are participating in the student teaching program, listed with their assignments are: Mary Z. Bennett, Shallotte, Wahl-Coates Laboratory School on the campus of East Carolina College, 2nd grade; William A. Kopp, Jr., Bo-

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Cancer Society Members Hear Mrs. Tyson Talk

Bill Smith, County Crusade Chairman, Outlines Plans For Fund Campaign

The Brunswick County Unit of the American Cancer Society met at the County Agriculture Building in Supply Wednesday night with representatives of practically all areas of the county present. Mrs. Foster Mintz, vice-president, presided.

Discussion of service activities resulted in the definition of amount and types of service available to Brunswick County residents. Mrs. C. D. Picklerel of Southport is the newly-appointed service chairman. Members of a cancer patient's family, physicians and nurses may contact her to determine what aid can be given in each case. Services will be available in terms of funds for drugs or medical services, or of transportation to physicians or hospitals for treatment.

Mrs. Bert Tyson, District Field Representative, was introduced by Bill Smith, County Crusade Chairman. She gave an inspiring and helpful presentation concerning crusade organization and operation.

Smith announced plans for the Brunswick County Crusade to be conducted this month. Area representatives were asked to solicit business firms prior to the middle of the month. On April 15 the house-to-house canvassing of individual givers will begin. The goal for this year slightly exceeds that of last year, but there is no question that the citizens of Brunswick County will meet it, Smith said.

Boosters Will Sponsor Banquet

Southport High School Athletes Will Be Guests Of Honor At Event In May

A meeting of the Southport Booster's Club was held Thursday in City Hall. It was reported that \$1,904.47 was still due on the lights for the athletic field, and the Finance Committee headed by Mrs. Frances Burdette, reported that plans were being formulated to inaugurate a "Dollar-a-Month" Club.

James F. Howard was appointed chairman of the trustees of Taylor Athletic Field to formulate policies concerning use of the field by the various baseball organizations.

May 6 was set for the annual athletic banquet for Southport High School at the Lions Club Building. The following chairmen were named: Mrs. E. C. Blake, banquet; James M. Harper, Jr., program; T. Lee and Thomas Bowmer, student participation; James Wolfe, letters to be awarded.

Otis Garner was appointed chairman of the baseball diamond improvement and grandstand committee, and was also appointed to look into the feasibility of a Father and Son baseball game to benefit the light fund.

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Welcome Abroad



VISITOR—Former Vice-President Richard M. Nixon is shown at the left as he arrived at the airport at Accra, Ghana. On hand to greet him was Dr. David Stratmon, Southport native, who was serving at that time as Cultural Affairs Officer at the American Embassy. At the right of the above picture is the wife of the Southport man.

New Minister Assumes Duties At Local Church

The Rev. Drayton Cooper Will Serve As Pastor Of Southport Presbyterian Church And At New Hope

The Rev. Drayton Cooper, who recently completed his theological studies at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, has begun his service as pastor of the Southport Presbyterian Church of Southport, and the New Hope Presbyterian Church, Winnabow.

Cooper, a native of Sumter, South Carolina, is a graduate of Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina, and prior to his entering the ministry was associated with several radio and television stations in South Carolina and Georgia. He was associate news editor at WSPA Radio and Television in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and worked in the news department of WSB Radio, Atlanta, Georgia.

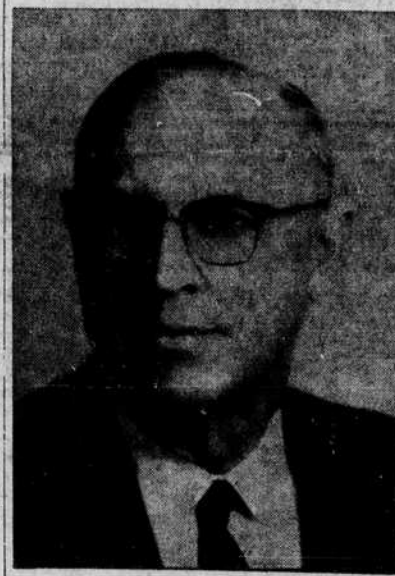
While in the seminary in Decatur, he served a clinical internship as pastor of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church, Edisto Island, South Carolina, and was also student supply pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Williston, South Carolina. During his first year at Decatur, he served as assistant to the pastor of the North Decatur Presbyterian Church, one of the outstanding suburban churches in the Presbyterian Church's General Assembly.

Cooper is married to the former Hazel-Thomas King of Lake City, South Carolina. She is a graduate of Agnes Scott College,

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Southport Man In Overseas Position

Candidate



MAYOR ROY ROBINSON, who is the first to announce his candidacy for re-election in the Southport City election on May 2. He is now completing his second term as mayor.

Azaleas To Be At Best Sunday

Coming Weekend Promises To See Flowers Of Brunswick At Peak Of Their Beauty

Brunswick county's famed azaleas are in full bloom. "This is one of the most beautiful displays of azaleas we've ever had," said Alex Bogie, manager of Orton Plantation.

A gradual warming trend this spring produced an even maturing of the azaleas. "We have a small azalea (Kurume) which usually blooms before the tall variety (indica)," Bogie explained. "But both varieties are in full bloom together this year."

He expects the beautiful show of azaleas to continue for several weeks. "The azaleas have just reached a peak," he said. "And they will remain in full color well into April."

A host of other flowers have joined the azaleas in bloom, turning Southeastern North Carolina into a virtual "fairy land" of blazing color.

"Flower lovers in the area are pleasantly surprised with the blooming of the pansies. They have been in bloom for nearly two weeks, and it looks as if they will continue to hold their color for at least two more weeks."

Thousands of visitors from many parts of the nation have come to see the beautiful display of flowers.

"For the next several weeks the azaleas will be in full bloom," Bogie concluded.

The five-mile drive along the shores of Greenfield Lake in Wilmington, offers an endless array of color from the beautiful flow-

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Dr. David Stratmon Going To Khartoum, Sudan, As Cultural Affairs Officer At U. S. Embassy

David L. Stratmon, a native of Southport who has been assigned by the U. S. Information Agency to a post in Khartoum, Sudan, visited his grandmother, Mrs. Mary Martha Gordon, here last week.

Dr. Stratmon, who has just returned from an intensive two-year course in Arabic at the USIA Area Language School at Beirut, Lebanon, will serve for the next two years as Cultural Affairs Officer at Khartoum, Sudan.

Accompanying him are his wife, Freddie M., a native of Gary, Indiana, and their three children, Laurie, 18, David, Jr., 5 and James, two. Mrs. Stratmon attended Roosevelt High School in Gary and his daughter is now attending Frebel High School there.

Dr. Stratmon received his B. A. degree from Howard University in Washington, D. C. in 1947 and from 1948 to 1950 served as agent-cashier and administrative assistant with the U. S. Public Health Service at Monrovia, Liberia. He received his M. A. degree in Public Administration from the University of Michigan in 1952 and his Ph.D. in Political Science in 1955.

His first post abroad with USIA was in Ghana where he served as Cultural Affairs Officer from 1956 to 1958. During the war he served in the European Theater with the First Army from 1943 to 1945.

Big Still Blown At Thomasboro

One Of Largest Outfits Destroyed In Recent Years

What has been called the largest bootleg whiskey operation ever destroyed in Brunswick County and one of the largest ever dynamited in Southeastern North Carolina, was torn up by agents of the Federal Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division near Thomasboro, Friday.

Four men were charged with violation of the Internal Revenue laws pertaining to the manufacture of non-tax-paid whiskey.

Arraigned before U. S. Commissioner Robert E. Lewis in Wilmington, Friday evening, were Robert Joe Stealey, 29, of Ellin; Robert Leslie Mincey, 45, of Longs, S. C.; Jennings Dozier Edge, 26, of Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.; Route 1; and Earlie C. Weavil, 60, of Fair Bluff.

Weavil, Stealey, and Mincey waived preliminary hearing and were bound over to the June term of U. S. District Court in Wilmington. Edge demanded a preliminary hearing and it was set for Friday, April 7, in Lewis office, at 3 p. m. All four have

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Dr. Lawrence Lee To Speak Sunday At Saint Phillips

Man Who Started Project For Excavation Of Ruins At Brunswick Town Will Speak At Special Service

Dr. E. Lawrence Lee Jr., associate professor of history at The Citadel in Charleston, will be the principal speaker at commemoration services climaxed the Azalea Festival April 9. Services will be held on the ruins of St. Philip's church near Orton plantation and Old Brunswick at 3 p. m.

The commemoration services will begin with a Celebration of Holy Communion (Episcopal) at 11 a. m. presided over by the Rev. Thomas Clarkson, rector of St. Philip's church at Southport. Rev. Clarkson is a descendant of Col. Maurice Moore, who laid out the town of Brunswick in 1725.

Services honoring the early settlement of Old Brunswick will begin at 3 p. m. with selections provided by the 2nd Marine Division Band and Chorus from Camp Lejeune.

Following a short invocation at 3:30 p. m. will be a Presentation of Colors. After an opening prayer, the Marine Band Chorus will sing "In Solemn Silence," with the congregation joining in the chorus of "God Bless Our Native Land." A scripture reading and the Lord's Prayer will be led by Rev. Alexander Miller, Stanley, South, archaeologist at nearby Old Brunswick, will introduce Lee as the principal speaker.

Following Dr. Lee's historical address, the Marine Band will play "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and will include the congregation in a rendition of "Faith of Our Fathers." A benediction (Greek Orthodox) will mark the close of services, with the Marine Band playing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

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Navy Ships Will Pass Thursday

Two Destroyers, One Submarine And Other Surface Units Will Attend Azalea Festivities

Two Navy destroyers, a submarine and four mine sweeping boats will pass through Southport tomorrow (Thursday) on their way up the Cape Fear for a visit in Wilmington during the North Carolina Azalea Festival the week end.

The submarine USS Chivo and destroyers USS Lowry and USS Kraus will be open for inspection Friday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons from 1 until 4 o'clock.

The smaller mine sweeping craft will be used to take Festival visitors on short cruises on the Cape Fear River. Navy officials said there would be no charge for the trips but that groups would be limited to 10 persons on each trip per boat and that the minimum age limit would be 13.

Visitors will be able to inspect the submarine at the Customhouse dock and the destroyers and the mine sweeping boats will be at the Sprunt Docks.

The USS Lowry (DD 770) was commissioned in 1944 and was named after Comodore Reigert

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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, April 5,	Thursday, April 5,
11:22 A. M.	5:46 A. M.
	5:53 P. M.
Friday, April 7,	Friday, April 7,
0:03 A. M.	6:45 A. M.
12:25 P. M.	6:55 P. M.
Saturday, April 8,	Saturday, April 8,
1:06 A. M.	7:50 A. M.
1:33 P. M.	8:04 P. M.
Sunday, April 9,	Sunday, April 9,
2:15 A. M.	8:56 A. M.
2:44 P. M.	9:15 P. M.
Monday, April 10,	Monday, April 10,
3:22 A. M.	9:58 A. M.
3:51 P. M.	10:20 P. M.
Tuesday, April 11,	Tuesday, April 11,
4:25 A. M.	10:57 A. M.
4:52 P. M.	11:22 P. M.
Wednesday, April 12,	Wednesday, April 12,
5:24 A. M.	11:51 A. M.
5:49 P. M.	

Brief Bits Of NEWS

REVIVAL SERVICES
Revival services are now in progress at Bolivia Baptist Church. The Rev. N. B. Edge is the visiting minister. Services will continue through Sunday, April 9, and will be held at 7:30 each evening.

BOLIVIA FIREMEN
A meeting of the Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department will be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the high school auditorium. First steps in perfecting this organization already have been taken, and it is urged that all persons who are interested in the project attend the next meeting.

ART ENTRIES
Local artists are reminded to enter their work in the outdoor exhibit sponsored by the Southport Artists Association on Sunday between 12:30 and 5:30 p. m. Entries must be delivered to Franklin Square by noon. Paintings, drawings and water colors must be mounted, matted or framed.