

Southport Sign



NEW—This is the signboard erected on the River Road about 18 miles from Southport, inviting travelers to visit this city while in the area. It was built and erected by city employees and stands in a pretty pine forest beside the highway.

Department To Alter Drainage Project Policy

Other Actions Taken By Board Of Health Members At Regular Quarterly Session

At a meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Health earlier this month members were briefed on the present status of the Insect and Rodent Control Program, with special reference to the drainage operation. The drainage is undergoing major repairs, and when this is done the program will be changed from inland drainage, done with hurricane rehabilitation funds, to salt marsh drainage, paid for with State Board of Health and Brunswick County funds.

The continuation of the drainage program has been uncertain for several months because of an order from the Federal Department of Health, Educational and Welfare discontinuing the use of surplus property heavy equipment by county health departments throughout the country. It is hoped that the federal government may work out a plan whereby counties may be permitted to purchase this equipment for a nominal amount. In the meantime Brunswick officials will proceed with the salt marsh drainage work wherever apparatus can be used.

The Health Director, Dr. A. H. Elliot, requested and received the board's approval to present to the press essential actions taken during quarterly meetings, the employing of new personnel, etc. A copy of the 1962-63 Budget, based on Merit System salary scale effective July 1, 1962, was presented to the board. After some discussion the budget as presented, subject to the appropriating authorities finding the necessary funds, was approved by the Board.

Board members accepted the audit on the Insect and Rodent Control Program and authorized the payment of the auditor's bill of \$344.85.

Board members present were Dr. Fred M. Burdette, chairman; Ira D. Butler, J. Edward Hahn, Dr. R. H. Holden and R. L. Rabon.

Building New Motel



CONSTRUCTION—Rapid progress is being made on the construction of the new motel at Boiling Spring Lakes. It is located on the bluff overlooking the big lake and is expected to be completed this summer.

District Club Women Meet In County Tuesday

Bolivia Scene Of Meeting Of District Home Demonstration Club Women In Annual Convention

C. D. Pickersell, City Manager of Southport, was the principal speaker at the District Meeting of Home Demonstration Club Women Tuesday at Bolivia, speaking on "Seaports", a topic which fitted in well with the nautical motif carried out in decorations and favors.

The Southport man spoke of the value of waterborne commerce and of the important function that rivers played in the early history of this nation as transportation arteries.

He diverged somewhat to discuss the proposed ferry service from Fort Fisher to Southport and pointed out the fact that this will make at least some of the members of the tri-county 19th District of Home Demonstration Clubs nearer neighbors.

The Bolivia High School gymnasium was the scene of the meeting, and lunch was served in the same building at the noon hour. Fish netting was used prominently in decorations along with seashells and driftwood, and seashells of various shapes and sizes were used as favors and for serving appetizers.

Presiding at the meeting was Mrs. James E. Kirby of Supply, chairman of the District. Special music was furnished by the Bolivia High School Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. A. S. Knowles. The Rev. Robert W. Rollins gave the invocation and the welcome was extended by Ira D. Butler, chairman of the board of county commissioners; J. P. Snipes, principal of Bolivia High School; and Mrs. H. Foster Mintz, vice-president of the Brunswick County Council.

Response was made by Mrs. (Continued on Page 4)

First Big Catch Of Blues Taken Here Saturday

Capt. Basil Watts Has Party That Did Well On The Shoals; Capt. Hoyle Dasher Had Good Off-Shore Trip

The first big break through on bluefish this season occurred Saturday when Billy Hasten and party of Monroe, fishing aboard the Idle-On II with Capt. Basil Watts, came in with 122 of these fish. They averaged about one pound.

That same day Capt. Hoyle Dasher was out aboard the Idle-On IV with Alex Lear and party of Rockingham. They came in with 15 Boston mackerel, 6 bonito, 1 tuna, 60 sea bass and 10 bluefish.

There was a general feeling that more boats would have had good catches to report if they had been chartered for a Saturday trip, but for some reason or other there has been no early rush for fishing trips.

One reason may be that this is still early in the season, and many upstate sportsmen still have not caught the fishing fever. Another possible explanation is that Easter weekend is a time for family affairs, and some of the men may have had difficulty in getting off for a fishing trip.

At any rate, Mrs. Hulan Watts, who keeps up with such things, reports that prospects are good for fishing any time from now on when the weather is good. She says that advance bookings have been good, and she advises sportsmen who can fit in a middle-of-the-week trip to do so in order to avoid the usual congestion for Saturday and Sunday bookings.

Scholarship Goes To Bolivia Girl

Rachel Kye Is Winner Of \$750 Nursing Scholarship Awarded By T. B. Association

Rachel Kye of Winnabow, daughter of Mrs. Ruth R. Kye, is the winner of a nursing scholarship offered by the Brunswick County Tuberculosis Association, according to Mrs. Johnnie Duffie, president of the Southport Woman's Club, the sponsoring organization.

The scholarship is in the amount of \$750 and Miss Kye will enter training in September at James Walker School of Nursing in Wilmington as a result. Applicants for this scholarship were interviewed and judged by officials of the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association from Raleigh.

Miss Kye has attended Brunswick County schools throughout her school career. She is this year valedictorian of the Bolivia High School where she has participated in many activities. In her community and her church she has been a leader as well as a worker in many activities of various organizations.

The scholarship is one of several activities undertaken by the Brunswick Tuberculosis Association and is made possible by contributions to the Christmas seal campaign conducted each year by the Southport Woman's Club. Other activities have been the mass X-ray survey conducted in the county during the past year and the donation of the communion rail at the chapel of the State Sanatorium at McCain.



RACHEL KYE

Spelling Bee At Bolivia School

Representatives Of 5 Consolidated Schools Will Participate In County Contest Thursday

The finals for the Brunswick County Spelling Bee will be held tomorrow (Thursday) morning at Bolivia and the winner will have a hard pair of shoes to fill. The reason for that is the fact that last year's winner in the Star-News Southeastern North Carolina Spelling Championship was Brenda Gail Tripp of Shallotte.

Competing for the honor of being her successor as Brunswick county representative will be ten elementary students, representing the five consolidated schools of Brunswick county.

Within the next two weeks, similar bees are scheduled in 10 other SENCland county and city school systems.

Waiting the winner of each county and city bee is a two-year scholarship (worth \$450) to Wilmington College. Ready for each participant in the various county-level bees is a Paper Mate pen.

The 1962 SENCland spelling champion, to be selected in a regional spelloff set for Brogden Hall May 11, will represent the area in the National Bee in Washington, D. C. June 4-9.

The Star-News Newspapers will pay the expenses of the SENCland spelling champion and one parent during a week's stay in Washington for the National Bee. Following is a list of contestants:

Waccamaw—Kathy Ward, winner, 8th grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Ward; Phillip Hewitt, runner-up, 8th grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Hewitt. Shallotte—Karen Johnson, winner, 6th grade, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey C. Johnson, Roy Gray, runner-up, 7th grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Gray.

Bolivia—Harvey Bell, winner, 8th grade, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell; Timothy McKeithan, runner-up, 6th grade, son of Mr. (Continued on Page 5)

Area Code Key To Quicker Call

This Is Part Of New Concept For Streamlined Long Distance Service For Phone Customers

Want a quicker way to place long distance calls?

A number known as an "area code" can speed long distance calls now, according to H. F. Kincaid, Southern Bell manager, while here on a visit last week.

The area code is the three-digit number identifying certain calling areas in the U. S. and Canada. When the telephone company designed a system to enable telephone users to dial their own long distance calls, no two telephone numbers could be the same if the new system was to work, according to Kincaid.

To avoid duplication of tele- (Continued on Page 4)

Docket - Clearing Court Term Here

Effort Will Be Made Next Week To Clear Up Some Old Records In Civil Case Docket



ERNEST E. PARKER, JR.

Southport Man Is Bar Speaker

Ernest E. Parker, Jr., Is On Program At Institute Held During Past Weekend At Chapel Hill

Ernest E. Parker, Jr., Southport attorney, was one of the speakers at the Institute on Taxation and Real Estate Transactions held in Chapel Hill Friday and Saturday of last week.

This institute is sponsored jointly by the three law schools of North Carolina, Duke, Wake Forest and University of North Carolina, and only men recognized (Continued on Page 4)

Registration To Begin Saturday In All Precincts

The Registrars Met Tuesday With Election Board Members To Receive Instructions And Supplies

Registration books will be at the 17 county polling places Saturday for the first time for the May 26 primary election.

Also, the books will be open at the polling places May 5 and 12 for registration, and at the polls May 19 for challenge.

H. Foster Mintz of Bolivia and board of elections chairman, has urged citizens that have attained age 21, new residents, and those changing their places of residence within the county to take advantage and register.

Mintz noted that during every election persons go to the polls to vote only to find that they have not registered and are therefore unable to exercise their right.

Mintz advises that the books will be at the polling places on the three Saturdays and also stated that during the week the registrars will have the books at their homes and prospective voters may register there.

When the registration books are in the precincts citizens may register at any time.

Registrars met in Southport yesterday (Tuesday) with members of the Brunswick County Board of Elections and received their supplies and special instructions.

Other members of the board are Arthur Sue and L. C. Babson.

Dedication Is Slated Sunday

Dignitaries Will Participate In Ceremonies At Battleship North Carolina Sunday

Admiral Arleigh A. Burke, colorful and respected Naval leader, will be principal speaker at dedication ceremonies of the U. S. S. North Carolina Battleship Memorial Sunday afternoon.

Admiral Burke, who earned the nickname "31-knot Burke" for his lightning thrusts at the Japanese Navy during World War II, is former Chief of Naval Operations, serving as head of the Navy from 1955 until his retirement in 1961. He was instrumental in helping North Carolinians save the famous ship named for their State.

Governor Terry Sanford said it is significant that both the U. S. S. North Carolina and Admiral Burke took part in every major offensive engagement in the Pacific Theatre during World War II.

Admiral Burke, a native of Colorado, graduated from the Naval Academy in 1923, and during World War II commanded various destroyer forces under Admiral William Halsey. Later he served as Chief of Staff on the famous Task Force 58 under Admiral Mitscher. (Continued on Page 5)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

RECEIVES PROMOTION

R. E. Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rifton Sellers of Supply, recently has been promoted to Chief Boiler Tender in the U. S. Navy. He is serving aboard the USS Ellison, whose home port is Charleston, S. C. This vessel is now in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

SISTER KILLED

Mrs. J. D. Lavender of Pineville died last week of injuries sustained when the car in which she was riding with her daughter, Mrs. Spencer Rackley, was struck by a truck and trailer. Mrs. Lavender is a sister of H. J. Henson of Shallotte.

HONORED AT BANQUET

Mrs. Charlotte K. Jones, a past president of the Mecklenburg County Girl Scout Council, will be an honor guest at the annual dinner of that group in Charlotte on Wednesday night. In observance of the 50th Anniversary of Girl Scouting in the U. S. all past presidents of the Mecklenburg County group have been invited.

Traffic Toll Is Cause Of Alarm

Statistics From Last Year Would Be Tragically Impressive If From Any Other Source

In Brunswick County if a fire, structural collapse, or bomb were to destroy the finest building, while filled with a congregation, the calamity would be announced to the world by special broadcast and headline, particularly if the total killed numbered 10, the number sent to the hospital was 196, and the property loss was estimated at \$149,000.

However, that is the cost to our country, as tabulated by a report released last week by the N. C. Department of Motor Vehicles, from motor vehicle accidents during the year 1961. For the state the totals were the terrible amounts of 1,254 persons killed, 34,438 injured, and a financial loss of \$213,376,878. In the total 60,844 accidents there were 100,923 drivers involved, or roughly 1 out of every 21 drivers in the state.

All of these figures are conservative and show data on the "reportable" or serious mishappenings. They make no allowance for the pain, the sorrow and the disgrace that follows catastrophes on the highways. (Continued on Page 4)

TIME and TIDE

Ellen C. Ewing had purchased an option on Bald Head Island from the board of county commissioners. That fact was announced in The Pilot for April 28, 1937. There was a front page picture showing the beauty of the azaleas in Franklin Park.

A group of local men had caught some squirrels and had turned them loose in the park; one of our advertisers was a place called "Honky-Tonk", which announced square and round dances for every Friday night; and visiting yachtsmen—of which a total of 52 had visited Southport during the preceding week—voiced their approval of the basing of a Coast Guard patrol boat here.

Twenty years ago this week the USO building at Southport was dedicated. That was in April, 1942, and that was a war year. One headlined evidence was "Restrictions On New Automobile Sales Now."

A big harvest was being made of cornflowers and bachelor buttons which were being cut and shipped from Eastbrook Nursery at Phoenix to points in the north; commencement programs were in full swing in Brunswick; and there was a sample application form for a War Ration Book across the bottom of the front page.

A front page story in our issue for April 30, 1947, reported that Attorney R. I. Mintz would move his law office from Southport of Wilmington. This was in the days before it was an everyday thing to see a big boat or cabin cruiser on a trailer, so the (Continued on Page 4)

Benefit Dinner Here Thursday

Fried Chicken Supper To Be Served To Raise Money For Painting Community Building

The Southport Woman's Club and Southport Lion's Club are having a fried chicken supper tomorrow night (Thursday) at the Community Building at 6:45 for the purpose of raising sufficient funds for painting the building.

Admiral William S. Maxwell, in charge of the Battleship North Carolina War Memorial, will be speaker for this occasion, and several other interesting features will be included on the program.

Among these will be selections by the Southport Choral Society, who will sing the selections they will use in the State contest in Raleigh on Friday of this week.

Another interesting event on the program will be the announcement of the name of the winner of the television set, first prize in the contest being sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club and the Southport Lions Club in the joint effort to raise funds to finance the painting of the Community Building.

Southern fried chicken will feature the menu for the dinner and arrangements have been made to call for plates to be taken out. However, it is urged that everyone who possibly can do so make plans to enjoy dinner and the program at the Community Building. (Continued on Page 4)

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

| Thursday, April 26, | |
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| 12:18 A. M. | 6:43 A. M. |
| | 6:47 P. M. |
| Friday, April 27, | |
| 12:57 A. M. | 7:44 A. M. |
| 1:25 P. M. | 7:57 P. M. |
| Saturday, April 28, | |
| 2:03 A. M. | 8:48 A. M. |
| 2:33 P. M. | 9:09 P. M. |
| Sunday, April 29, | |
| 3:09 A. M. | 9:49 A. M. |
| 3:40 P. M. | 10:14 P. M. |
| Monday, April 30, | |
| 4:13 A. M. | 10:47 A. M. |
| 4:42 P. M. | 11:17 P. M. |
| Tuesday, May 1, | |
| 5:13 A. M. | 11:41 A. M. |
| 5:40 P. M. | |
| Wednesday, May 2, | |
| 6:09 A. M. | 12:13 A. M. |
| 6:35 P. M. | 12:33 P. M. |