

Southport Boy Scout Troop



RETURN—This is the Southport Boy Scout Troop No. 23, which spent last week at Camp Upchurch. In the photo, from left to right and rank, front row, Bob Graham, 2nd class; Ricky McWilliams, 1st class; Anders Hoglund, 1st class; Eddie James, 2nd class; Dicky Bellows, 2nd class; Landis Brown, T. P.; 2nd row, James Manis, 1st class; Chip Graham, 2nd class; Pat Parker, 1st class; Mike Parker, 1st class; Mike Coleman, 1st class; back row, Jack Duffie, Star; Stephen Parker, Star; Pat Duffie, 2nd class; Darrell Wilmoth, 1st class; Jack Keith, 1st class; and Don Brown, Star. One Scout attending camp but not in photo, Johnnie Melton, 1st class.

Forest Fire Control

Green Swamp Airfield

Construction is in the final stages on an aircraft landing strip, 5,400 feet long, carved out of the center of Riegel's Waccamaw Forest located in the Green Swamp of Brunswick and Columbus counties.

This construction job by Riegel's Woodlands department is part of the continuing cooperative effort with the North Carolina Forest Service to combat and suppress uncontrolled forest fires in this area.

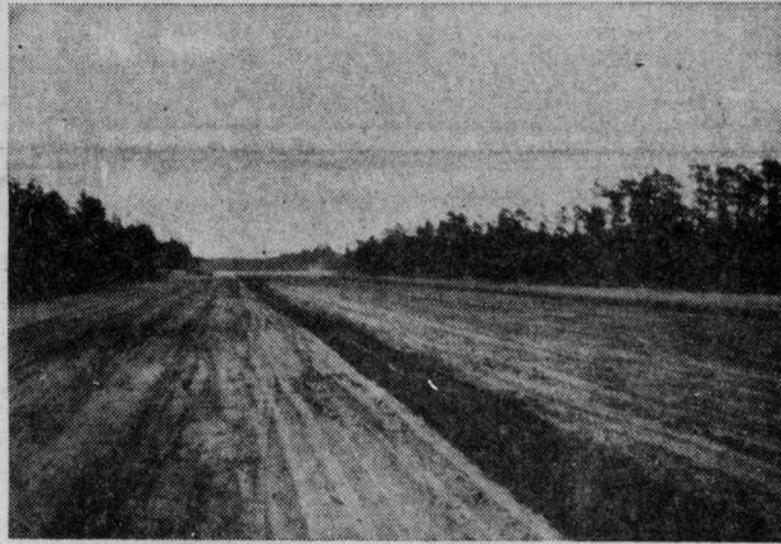
The 250' wide airstrip will provide an operating base for water bombers working on fires in Columbus, Brunswick and parts of Bladen counties. These bombers are operated by the North Carolina Forest Service, and we used all over the state, wherever their use can be effective in controlling wild life.

The amount of water or fire retardant chemical and water mixture the planes carry is limited, and in most cases repeated crops are essential. An operating base near the fire allows faster cycles of attack by each plane.

Scout planes can operate more effectively also with landing facilities near a fire.

With the new airstrip on Riegel's Waccamaw Forest, the total forest acreage in Brunswick and adjoining counties is in a better position for effective use of air support in fire control activity.

Construction began in 1961 on a series of sand ridges, known as Bear Pen Island, located about 16 miles south of Bolton and just west of N. C. 211 highway. These ridges and interrupting bay areas were drained, requiring about two and one-quarter miles of canal. High areas were leveled and low areas filled with a resulting strip of land over a mile long and averaging 250 feet wide being repaired. The center 100 feet



Riegel's Waccamaw Forest Airfield

has been seeded with Bermuda grass and the rest with lespedeza and soil stabilization grasses. The strip lies in a southwesterly, northeasterly direction taking advantage of the prevailing winds for take-off and landing.

An access road in the strip and along the north side has been completed. About center way of the strip, on the north side, a parking area and waterhole has been constructed. The waterhole is fed by springs, providing a permanent water supply.

A water bomber, using the strip, will be able to land at (Continued On Page 4)

Family Groups At Ft. Caswell

Sunday School Week Will Be Observed At N. C. Baptist Assembly Starting Monday

Sunday School week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly (Caswell) this year, July 9-13, will be a family affair. There will be special conferences under the leadership of Dr. Findley Edge, who is a Professor of Religious Education at Southern Seminary. Dr. Edge's conferences will be on the theme of "Teaching for Results." The worship services will be conducted by Dr. Ray Summers, Professor of New Testament at Southern Seminary.

There will be age groups conferences for leadership of all ages. Separate conferences will be conducted for the intermediate and Junior children with Bible study for each group. Provision will be made for children eight years of age and under during all services. Mrs. R. S. Entzinger of the South Carolina Baptist Convention will work in cooperation with Miss Hilda Mayo in conducting a leadership conference for elementary workers.

The theme for the week will be "Outreach for the Unreached— (Continued on Page 4)

Firemen To Get Opportunity To Take Training

An Organizational Meeting Will Be Held Monday Evening At Bolivia To Set Up Classes

An organizational meeting for a Fireman's Training Class to be conducted in Brunswick county will be held Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock at Bolivia High School.

The training will consist of two courses, each requiring 30 hours, with a certificate to be awarded upon completion of the second course. Those planning to take the course will decide the nights when sessions will be held and the length of each.

Captain L. H. Wolfe, training officer of Wilmington Fire Department, and Lt. J. W. Casteen of Wilmington Fire Department headquarters will instruct. According to some authorities these two of the best fire instructors in the State.

Volunteer firemen will be instructed in their own department with their own equipment, with at least one class to be held in Wilmington Fire Department. Separate instruction classes will be carried on at each department in the county, provided that department can furnish a minimum of ten people to take the class.

The Brunswick County Advisory Committee will consist of Howard Williamson, member of the Board of Education and representative from each Volunteer Fire Department in the county. Although separate classes will be held at each fire department, this will be a County Adult Firemanship Training Project.

The chief of each department will be the liaison officer between the instructor and his local department.

George West, director, Wilmington Industrial Center; Ralph Bordeaux, Assistant Director, Wil- (Continued On Page 4)

Gives Schedule For School Year

School Opens For Fall Term During Last Week In August; One Week For Christmas Holiday

The schedule for Brunswick county schools for the 1962-63 school year finds the opening day coming during the last week in August. Provision also is made for one week's vacation for Christmas. These and other dates have been approved by the Brunswick County Board of Education and are as follow:

Following is the complete 1962-1963 school year schedule: August 15, principals begin work; Friday, August 24 and Monday, August 27, teachers begin work; Tuesday, August 28, pupil orientation; Wednesday, August 29, School begins; Tuesday, September 25, 1st month ends.

District N. C. E. A., Tuesday, October 16, 1 day; district (Continued On Page 4)

Boy Scouts At Camp Upchurch

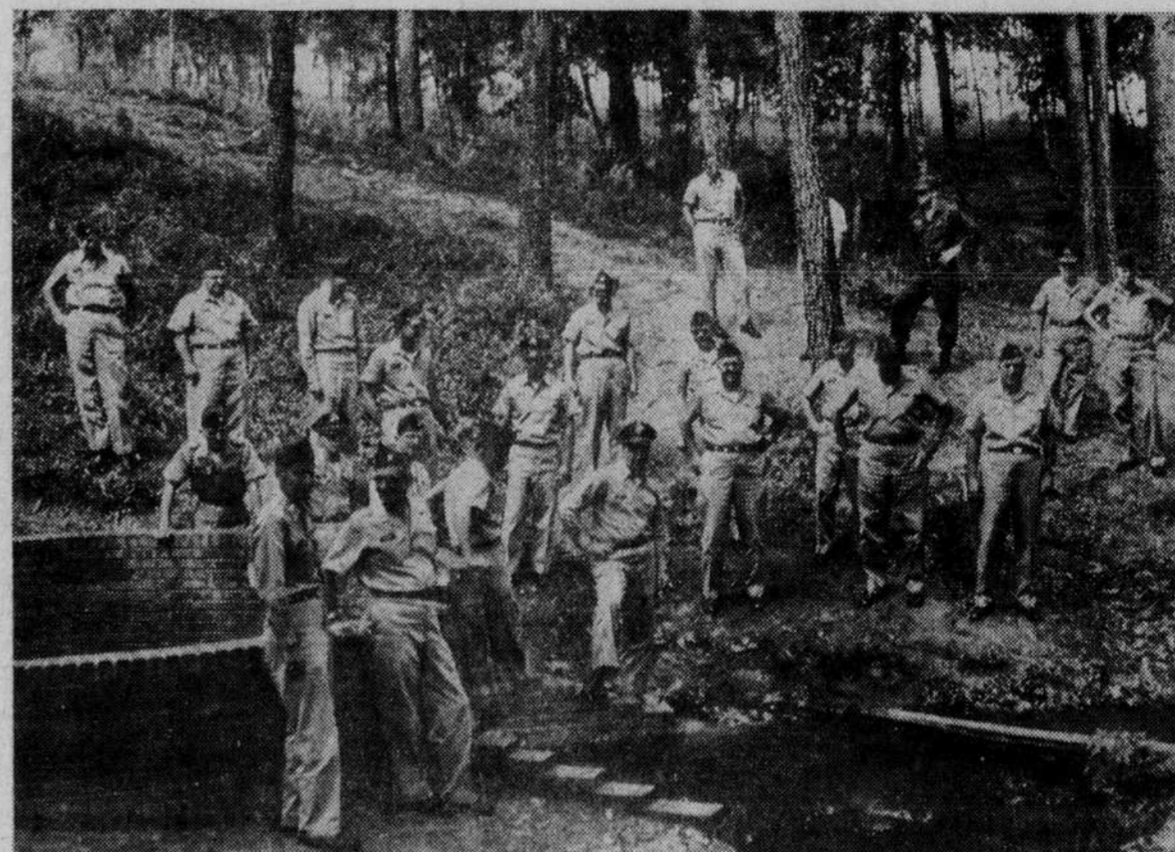
Members Of Southport Boy Scout Troop Make Good Record During Camping Period

Troop 238 of Southport, sponsored by Southport Presbyterian Church, spent last week at Camp Tom Upchurch near Fayetteville. The Troop arrived at camp on Sunday and was released on Saturday. After checking into camp, the Scouts were given a medical examination by the BSA medical doctor. They were then assigned to campsite "Ole Ring." This site consisted of four lean-to Adirondack huts directly on the lake-side.

After unpacking and getting settled, a swimming classification was conducted by the BSA camp officials. The boys were classified into three swimming groups—non-swimmers, beginners and swimmers. None of the troop were classified as swimmers Sunday. At the end of the camp week, twelve had made swimmer.

The daily schedule was as follows: 7 a. m., reveille; 7:15 a. m., chapel; 7:30 a. m., breakfast; 8:30, clean-up campsite; 9 a. m. First and Second Class Scout classes. Scouts already first class and above went to various merit badge classes for which they were eligible. At 10:30, an instructional swimming period; 12:30, lunch; 1 p. m. rest period; 2 p. m. classes resumed as in the morning. At 4:30 p. m., a general swimming period was held. At 5:45 p. m., retreat; 6 p. m., supper. At 8 p. m., a game was held Monday; Tuesday, movies; Wednesday, a council fire; Thursday, another game; and Friday, the awards recognition before the council fire. On Saturday, the pathfinding obstacle course was run and a final swimming period before lunch. After lunch, all (Continued On Page 4)

U. S. Army Field Trip



INSPECTION—Men of the U.S. Army Transportation Terminal Training Unit from Meridian, Miss., are shown here on a visit to the famous Boiling Spring, which is a near neighbor to Sunny Point Army Terminal. These men are spending two weeks at the nearby terminal, the third year they have been here for training.

Sunny Point In Use Again For Army Training

U. S. Army Terminal Transportation Unit From Meridian, Miss., Is Here For Two Weeks

The U. S. Army Transportation Terminal Unit (7468), Meridian, Mississippi, has returned to Sunny Point Army Terminal for the third consecutive year to perform its two-weeks annual active duty for training.

Members of the unit will again perform actual on-the-job training, working side by side with their counterparts at Sunny Point. Since most members of the unit have been to Sunny Point previously and have some knowledge of the area and operation, less time will be required for orientation and familiarization and more time will be spent with actual training.

The U. S. Army Transportation Terminal Unit (7468) has 21 officers and 1 enlisted man at Sunny Point this year. Colonel Warren E. Regland is Terminal Commander; Lt. Colonel Robert H. Harmon, Executive Officer; Lt. Colonel Charles E. Callaway, Director of Operations; Lt. Colonel Theo G. Watson, Director of Administration; Lt. Colonel Ralph S. Treadwell, Director of Logistics; Lt. Colonel Paul H. Bubeck, Comptroller; Captain Howard G. Secrest, Captain Supply Officer; Captain George L. Follett, Chief, Procurement Division; Lieutenant Jerry A. Stewart, Finance Officer; Cap- (Continued On Page 4)

Long Beach Hit By Twister Today

Bolivia Men Are Returned Safely

An uneasy period of watching and waiting had a happy ending early Sunday morning when Mercer Johnson and Louis Harvell, two young men of Bolivia, returned safe and sound from a trip to Bald Head Island after being marooned there for several hours by bad weather.

A general alarm had spread that these men were missing in a small boat after leaving from Southport early Saturday afternoon. The Coast Guard and other volunteer searchers looked for them in vain, and a growing crowd along the Southport waterfront felt a growing uneasiness as the night wore on.

About 3 a. m. word came that the men had made contact with Reese Swan at Bald Head and were safe.

Weekend Storm Is Felt Here

Record Low Temperatures For This Time Of Year Recorded Saturday By Weather Observer

A northeast storm that developed rapidly just off the North Carolina coast brought unseasonably low temperatures and high rainfall to Southport last week.

For a period of nearly 36 hours the center of this low pressure system remained stationary offshore, and residents of the area began to wonder where summer had gone.

Representative temperatures from across the southeastern section of North Carolina showed new record lows in some localities. Here in Southport the lowest recorded during the three-day cool spell was 55 degrees, the recorded low for Saturday.

The temperature was 59 degrees at noon Saturday, however, probably the lowest noon-day reading in some years for this season.

Rainfall for the period measured 2.91 inches, or an average of less than an inch per day. Although this was high, it was as a sprinkle compared to the 13-inch deluge that soaked Oriental, during the same period.

Sunday dawned clear and warm and temperatures rapidly advanced to more normal levels. "If people thought it was hot Sunday," Rev. Drayton Cooper, local weather observer, stated, "it was. Our high officially was 94 degrees."

For the Fourth of July holiday the weatherman were dubious. There should be partly cloudy skies, with some scattered show- (Continued On Page 4)

Festival Wins Weekend Bout With Weather

More Than 300 Entries Received In Second Annual Southport Arts Festival Last Week

The Southport Art Association played host to a crowd of well over 1500 art enthusiasts for the annual Arts Festival which was held here during the past week-end.

The showing of all forms of art, from water color to ceramics, was held this year at the City Hall, the high school gymnasium and The Gallery. Over 350 entries were on display.

The show attracted artists from Maine to the Panama Canal Zone and from 16 cities.

Festivities were opened Friday afternoon when Harold Aldridge, speaking on behalf of the City of Southport, welcomed the visitors to the town. Cheryl Rogers, reigning Miss Brunswick County, cut the ribbon in front of City Hall steps, and Dr. Norman Hornstein, president of the Southport Art Association, acted as master of ceremonies.

One of the sidelights of the festival was the presence of David Stanley, an itinerant artist from Pittsburgh. Stanley is travelling across the country, paying his way through sale of his paintings.

While here, he sold several of his works to local people. "I like Southport very much," Stanley said. "This is the first time I've ever been this far South, and these trees of yours are just beautiful."

Awards were given on Sunday afternoon, and a throng of over 800 jammed City Hall to witness this event. Rain and cloudy skies, which put a damper on the festival on Saturday, gave way to sunshine and many Sunday painters stood around beneath the oaks and talked shop.

During the afternoon, poetry was read under the direction of Southport's Poet Laureate, William Williams.

Several Southport artists took honors at the festival. The judge- (Continued On Page 5)

Two Changes In Church Pastors

Ministers Serving Southport And Shallotte Are Returned By North Carolina Conference

The Rev. L. D. Hayman retired again this year following North Carolina Conference at Kinston, and the Rev. B. H. Lamb was assigned as pastor of Ocean View Methodist Church at Yaupon Beach.

This is one of the two changes that occurred among Methodist ministers serving churches in Brunswick county.

The other sends the Rev. H. E. Harrell to Town Creek as a replacement for the Rev. Charles Eakin.

Returning to their old appointments were the Rev. H. K. Jeanerette to Bethel at Bolivia and Concord at Supply; the Rev. H. T. Pickett to Shallotte Circuit; the Rev. H. A. Phillips to Shallotte Camp; and the Rev. Charles H. Lancaster to Trinity Methodist Church in Southport.

Dr. Clyde S. Boggs returns as Superintendent of the Wilmington District.

Veterans Need Certain Data

Service Officer Reminds Those Seeking Assistance To Bring Along Information

Veterans who need the assistance of their County Veterans Service Officer will obtain earlier and more efficient service if they will observe the following suggestions made by Crawford L. Rourke, County Veterans Service Officer, when planning a visit to his office.

First, the veteran should bring his discharges from all periods of service. Second, the veteran should bring his Veterans Administration claim number. Third, the veteran should bring all correspondence with him that he has received from the VA. Fourth, if the veteran needs assistance with his government insurance, he should bring all policy or policies numbers.

Fourth, whose office is in the Police Station, will be able to (Continued On Page 4)

TIME and TIDE

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. W. S. Doshier had gone to Boston to specialize in gynecology and obstetrics. He was to be replaced by Dr. L. C. Fergus, a native of Wilmington and a graduate of Medical College in Virginia. A Dutch dinner and a beer supper were given in honor of Dr. Doshier.

The Carolina Yacht Club announced that it will hold races in Southport in August. Entries from Miami to Norfolk were expected.

A Raleigh man who visited here for the first time three years ago and had returned whenever possible since then commented on the future of the town and the surrounding area. He stated that the folks upstate would be interested in the area if more advertising was done and they knew more about it.

L. T. Yaskell was elected head of the Brunswick County American Legion post; a former Southport boy and his father had come from New York in a home-made trailer, and a contractor was here looking over the possibilities of shipping facilities in the area.

20 YEARS AGO

A front page picture of Little Coney, the popular swimming site on the Southport waterfront, was featured in the Pilot. Its use by the public had decreased since the opening of roads to the beach area.

Experienced men were wanted by officials in Washington to handle large anti-submarine boats off Cape Fear. Local men who knew the waters of the area were asked to volunteer and several local seamen showed interest. The Fourth of July was properly observed in a celebration here during the past week. A community picnic and dance were held as part of the festive occasion. (Continued On Page Four.)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

DIES IN BALTIMORE

Charles L. Peacock, brother of Mrs. Mary Bomberger of Southport died in a Baltimore Hospital Wednesday. Mr. Peacock was a son of Wesley Peacock and a former resident of Southport.

FAMILY REUNION

Recent vacationers in Southport, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Mendes and son, of Newport, Rhode Island, completed the reunion of the family of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stanley. This was the first time in several years the entire family had been home at once. Other than Mr. and Mrs. Mendes, were Mr. and Mrs. William J. Smith of Southport, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stanley, Jr. and Mrs. Arthur Enlow of Greenville.