

Congressman Is Ready To Assist Fishing Meeting

Points Out That He Has Made Prior Attempt To Bring About Public Hearing On Problems

Congressman Alton Lennon said Monday he had arranged for a public hearing to be held on fishing conditions and access routes to the lower Cape Fear river several months ago but that it fell through for lack of response.

Congressman Lennon's statement resulted from a request by Southport Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson to hold a public hearing of the problem of easier access to fishing waters off the Brunswick county coast.

It turned out that Congressman Lennon was two steps ahead of the Southport officials on the problem. He had requested a hearing be held several months ago but he says it fell through for lack of response.

Kure Beach Mayor Stanley G. Cheek wrote to Congressman Lennon in August concerning New Inlet and the tidal waters west of the inlet in the vicinity of Federal Point. Congressman Lennon then set up a public hearing with the Corps of Engineers.

On October 25, he asked Mayor Cheek to select a date and place for such a hearing. He did not receive a reply.

The next thing Congressman Lennon knew was that Mayor Tomlinson wanted to meet with him on the fishing water problem—the same type of meeting Congressman Lennon had set up months ago.

"I have not heard a word from Mayor Cheek or anyone else concerning the problem until I received Mayor Tomlinson's letter in January," Congressman Lennon said. "I simply cannot understand why I've not heard from Mayor Cheek, especially since the arrangements for the public hearing were made because of his request."

Congressman Lennon was referring to a meeting held in Southport January 6 in which some 30 residents of Southport and Kure Beach discussed easier access routes to the fishing waters off the North Carolina coast. At the conclusion of the session, Mayor Tomlinson wrote a letter to Congressman Lennon requesting a meeting the next time he was in the area.

"I can not understand why someone from Kure Beach attending the meeting did not explain about the arrangements I had made for the public hearing," he stated.

The congressman has talked with Southport City Manager C. D. Pickens about the matter. He said Mayor Cheek did not attend the Southport meeting but that someone from Kure Beach mentioned that there had been correspondence with Congressman Lennon concerning the matter.

Congressman Lennon has suggested that Mayors Tomlinson and Cheek establish the date, place and addresses of persons who should be notified about a hearing. He offered to advise Colonel J. S. Grygiel so he can move forward on the plans for the hearing.

The discussion would determine the feasibility of accomplishing a project through New Inlet for shallow draft craft. It would include the stabilization and deepening of the channel from the ocean into the basin and to the boating facilities.

"The serious situation now existing in the project area, because of the rapid shoaling of the channels, is of great concern to those using the facility," Congressman Lennon stated.

Colonel Grygiel, in answer to a request, told Congressman Lennon in October that the Corps of Engineers had decided to make a reconnaissance report on the problem. He said a public hearing should be held to insure that the required reports, including all improvements desired by local interests could be appraised. He suggested.

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

HEADS ASSOCIATION
Rev. Robert Childs, pastor of the Southport Presbyterian Church, has been elected president of the Wilmington Area Presbyterian Minister's Association.

ATTEND CONFERENCE
Bolivia Mayor Arliss Willetts and Alderman Douglas Hawes attended the Governor's Conference for Mayors in Smithfield Thursday. During the conference the "Smithfield Plan" of town beautification was discussed in detail.

Shalotte Building



CONSTRUCTION—This big new building is being erected as the future site of a furniture store. It is situated on U. S. 17 on the outskirts of Shallotte. It has a 100-foot frontage and is 80-feet in depth. The owner is Eli Kravitz and the contractor is Floyd King. (Staff Photo by Allen)

Board Discusses Plan For Setting Up New Service

Citizens From Several Sections Met Monday With Commissioners To Urge Quick Action

The proposed Resources Development Commission was discussed by a development specialist at a meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Monday in Southport.

Manager Roy Stevens of the Jacksonville Greater Chamber of Commerce told the board how Onslow county selected the members of the commission, hired a development engineer and solved other important problems.

He recommended establishing a \$30,000 budget for the commission to operate on each year. "The commission must not be hampered by lack of funds," Manager Stevens stated.

Board Chairman Herbert F. Swain pointed out that only a small vote put the commission over in Brunswick county and no one knows for sure where the great majority of the people stand on the matter. Under these circumstances, he said a \$30,000 budget might be too high at the present time.

Chairman Swain suggested that if the board moved to quickly on the question citizens against the commission could call for an election to vote it out.

Jaycee Development Chairman William Powell said there was no way the people could vote the commission out. He stated that there was no law on the books pertaining to the removal of a commission once the people vote it in. "It would take a special act of the legislature to allow the people to put the commission out of existence," he said.

Manager Stevens stated he had never heard of a commission voted out of existence. He said he had visited 19 different commissions in the state and had found very little dissent and then only from those which failed to spend the proper amount of money to make it successful.

"Objections come for penny-pinching commissions, not from ones which spend the proper amount of money," Chairman Powell stated.

"Without the proper amount of money, there is no use having a development commission," Manager Stevens stated. "It will only fail."

Chairman Swain said the board has proved itself to be a supporter of the resources development commission and will continue its support. "We are taking out time to insure that we are getting the very best men to serve on the group," he stated. "This is a very important committee and we want to be sure we get off on the right foot."

During the meeting Manager Stevens discussed various aspects of the proposed commission from his experiences derived from organizing a similar one in Onslow county.

In his county the commission is composed of one representative from each of the five townships, the county agent, two members from the Chamber of Commerce and one at large representative.

Republicans Keep Willetts Chairman

George Clark Of Wilmington Principal Speaker At Republican County Convention Saturday

A speech by George Clark on organization and the election of new party leaders highlighted the Brunswick County Republican Convention held in Bolivia Saturday afternoon.

"The Republican party needs to set-up county organizations which will not stop functioning until the votes are counted in November," Clark told about 90 county Republicans.

Clark stressed the need for strong Republican organizations in all 100 counties in the state. Clark gained prominence in 1960 when he was defeated in a bid for the state senate although he took New Hanover county.

"To receive votes in elections, you must be well organized," he said. "Organize and you will win."

Clark said the New Hanover Republicans were considering several organizational changes. They include enlarging the executive committee to include precinct chairmen, having a member on the executive committee in charge of precinct organization, and setting up women's groups, Young and Teenage Republican organizations.

"We plan to enlarge the executive committee so as to keep as many people informed as possible" he stated.

Clark believes the organizational work will pay off for the party in November. "There is no doubt in my mind the Republican party will take New Hanover county in November," he declared.

In conclusion, Clark said he could not stress organization strongly enough. "Organization is the key to success at the polls," Clark said.

After Alford Willetts was voted chairman of the convention and Guy Willetts secretary, various county Republican officials were present.

Southern Bell Pays Big Taxes
Advalorem Tax Paid In Brunswick Is Only Small Part Of Big Tax Load By This Utility

Southern Bell Telephone Company paid last week a check in the amount of \$4,453.07 to Brunswick County as payment for advalorem taxes.

H. F. Kincaid, local Southern Bell manager, said the check was mailed to Ressie R. Whatley, Brunswick County Tax Collector.

"This \$4,453.07 payment by Southern Bell stays here in Brunswick county and helps provide schools and police protection," Kincaid said.

This payment is part of an estimated \$10,127,000 total tax bill which Southern Bell will pay to the state of North Carolina and its municipalities and counties for the year 1963. This estimate does not include income, social security and excise tax payments to the Federal government, which amount to \$23,450,000 in North Carolina.

When these latter payments are included, according to Kincaid, approximately 30 cents of every dollar paid by the telephone user for telephone service goes for taxes.

County Chamber Of Commerce Is Now Objective

Monday Night Meeting At Shallotte Brought Discussion Of Plans For Distributing Folders

The membership of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce has gone on record as favoring expanding the organization to make it county-wide in fact as well as in name.

No negative votes were cast when J. D. Griffin of Holden Beach moved that the chamber go on record favoring having Brunswick County as a whole in the organization. Griffin's motion came after general discussion revealed that most of the group were adverse to calling the organization, which at the present time is made up of membership from Shallotte and the southern Brunswick beaches, the Shallotte Branch of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce.

During the discussion, Griffin, chairman of the promotion committee, stated that a new Brunswick County brochure was made possible through county-wide cooperation. The brochure was financed through sale of ads in a business directory. Almost half of the ads came from outside the Shallotte area.

Some 14,000 copies of the brochure were purchased by individual businesses and municipalities in the county. The balance of the first printing of 24,000 will be distributed through the Department of Conservation and Development, local facilities, and through Chamber of Commerce in cities from New York to Mobile, Alabama.

The brochure project was the chamber's prime activity during its first year of operation. During the coming year an effort will be made to distribute more copies of the attractive promotional piece.

However, the main concern of the members present at the Monday night meeting was the

McLamb Is The First Candidate

Present Judge Of Recorder's Court Will Seek Democratic Nomination For House

W. J. McLamb, currently serving as Judge of Recorder's Court, broke the political ice in Brunswick county Saturday when he filed as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for members of the House of Representatives.

If he is nominated and elected to this post, it would not be a new experience for McLamb, for he was elected to the House in 1942 and served as Representative from Brunswick in the 1943 session. Later he served for 10 years as Recorder, and after an interim period, was elected again to that post two years ago.

In addition to his political interests, McLamb is a successful farmer and contractor and formerly was in the automobile business in Shallotte.

His announcement creates a wide open field for Judge of Recorder's Court with no immediate

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Coveted Award



EAGLE AWARD—Jack Duffie, son of Col. and Mrs. Johnnie Duffie, receives his Eagle Scout Award from Lt. Gen. Creighton W. Abrams, commanding general of the V US Army Corps, in Frankfurt, Germany. Jack began his scout work in the Southport-Wilmington area. He is now a member of the Trans-Atlantic Council in Germany. Col. Duffie is currently the Transportation Officer for V Corps. He formerly was commanding officer at Sunny Point.

S & L Application For Shallotte Office

Hobson Kirby Named Member Of Board Of Directors Of Southport Savings And Loan Association

A decision to formerly apply to the North Carolina Insurance Commission for permission to open a branch office in Shallotte highlighted a stockholders meeting of the Southport Savings and Loan Association Friday in Southport.

The finance committee of the association considered area interest, the extensive building program, business expansion and general progressiveness as well as the financial feasibility before making formal request for the Shallotte branch, President Harold T. St. George told the stockholders.

This will be the second time the Southport Saving and Loan Association has tried to establish a branch office in Shallotte. In November of 1960, the finance committee investigated the possibilities and feasibility of opening a Shallotte branch. The committee met with the deputy commissioner of the State Insurance Department, by whom state chartered saving and loan associations are governed, and discussed the matter in detail. The proposal was rejected at that time.

E. Hobson Kirby of Shallotte was elected to serve as a director of the association at the meeting Friday. He replaces Joel L. Moore of Southport who died last year.

H. T. St. George as re-elected president; D. C. Herring vice-president; W. P. Jorgensen, secretary-treasurer; and the following members as directors: H. Foster Mink, Lewis J. Hardee, S. B. Frink, James B. Church and Kirby.

A report of a successful year of operation was presented to the stockholders at the meeting Friday. "The past year's operation has been very successful and we added substantially to our total savings, total asset and total reserves, while we increased our volume of home financing in the county," President St. George stated.

As of December 31, 1963, total assets of Southport Savings and Loan Association stood at \$3,782,579, a gain of over \$500,000 in total assets reported in 1962. Net savings gains during 1963 total \$181,110, increasing the institution's total savings balances to \$3,093,527.00.

Southport Savings and Loan currently is paying 4 1/2% dividend rates on all regular savings accounts. Totals dividends paid during 1963 reached a record \$124,853, and the association's total number of savings accounts increased to 1,749.

"For more than two decades, the home mortgage lending in which savings and loan associations traditionally specialize has proven to be one of the soundest possible investments and one which has made it possible for associations to pass on their relatively high earnings to their savers," Presidents St. George stated. "In addition, savings and loan financing activities have helped build and improve

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Select Same Men As Members Elections Board

Democratic Executive Committee Takes Step In Effort To Work Out Agreement For State Senate

The Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee recommended holding a meeting with Bladen and Columbus counties to work out a senatorial agreement at once during a meeting in Bolivia Thursday night.

First the Executive committee voted in favor of a rotation agreement providing for each of the three counties in the State Senatorial district to be represented by a senator every six years.

"Mindful of the fact that the Columbus County Democratic Executive Committee has gone on record favoring a different proposal, we recommended a joint meeting," Chairman Kirby Sullivan stated.

The Brunswick group suggested that either the entire executives committees of the three counties meet at once and try to work out a solution or that a delegation from each executive committee of not less than six, plus the chairman, meet at once, with each delegation being fully empowered to act for the entire committee.

"Either of the two methods meets with our approval and we will agree to whichever method Bladen and Columbus counties prefer," Chairman Sullivan stated.

E. J. Prevatte of Southport, Douglas Hawes of Bolivia, Joseph N. Gainey of Leland, Mrs. H. Foster Mink of Bolivia, Mrs. L. B. Frink of Southport, Mrs. L. B. Benton of Shallotte and Chairman Sullivan were appointed to serve on the committee if the second plan is adopted by the other two counties.

Because of greater population, the Columbus Democratic Executive committee voted in late December for a two county rotation. Under the plan, Columbus would have a senator every term and Brunswick and Bladen every third term.

Mrs. L. D. Benton of Shallotte

Former County Official Dies

Leo F. Medlin, Prominent Citizen Of Southport Township, Died Wednesday

Funeral services for Leo Franklin Medlin, 57, of the Northwest Community, who died Wednesday, were held at 11 a. m. Friday at the All Souls' Episcopal church at Northwest. The Rev. Edward Jordan officiated.

The deceased is former member of the board of county commissioners and a former official of the ASC organization in Brunswick county. He was a prominent farmer and businessman of the Northwest township section.

Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Jean Gaylord Medlin; two daughters, Mrs. Carol M. Carroll of Northwest and Mrs. Martha M. Williams of Athens, Tenn.; three brothers, E. E. Medlin of Northwest, W. T. and John R. Medlin, both of Virginia Beach, Va.; five sisters, Mrs. Mary M. Page and Mrs. S. D. Williams, both of Northwest, Mrs. Willie Mae Turbeville and Mrs. Paul Gallit, both of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Wilbur Martin of Aynor, S. C.; and four grandchildren.

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.

HIGH	LOW
Thursday, February 6,	
2:11 A. M.	8:36 A. M.
2:18 P. M.	8:50 P. M.
Friday, February 7,	
3:04 A. M.	9:34 A. M.
3:13 P. M.	9:44 P. M.
Saturday, February 8,	
3:59 A. M.	10:30 A. M.
4:06 P. M.	11:27 P. M.
Sunday, February 9,	
4:51 A. M.	11:22 A. M.
4:59 P. M.	12:27 P. M.
Monday, February 10,	
5:39 A. M.	12:10 A. M.
5:48 P. M.	
Tuesday, February 11,	
6:25 A. M.	0:13 A. M.
6:34 P. M.	12:55 P. M.
Wednesday, February 12,	
7:08 A. M.	0:57 A. M.
7:16 P. M.	1:37 P. M.

TIME and TIDE

It was February 4, 1959, and Rudolph I. Mintz was named resident Judge of the Fifth District. Extended coverage insurance rates were raised from 20-cents to 40-cents per \$100 for property north and east of the inland waterway and the deductibles changed from \$50 to \$100.

Walter A. Edge was elected president of the Southport Boosters Club. The first fatal highway accident of the year 1959 occurred near Mace Monday. James A. Smith of Freeland was attending the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company's farming conference at State College.

It was February 3, 1954, and former Representative Cornelius Thomas was the first man to announce his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the board of commissioners. Temperatures during the night ranged from 19-degrees to 70-degrees.

Miss L. A. Rees was named assistant cashier of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company in Southport. The Southport Savings and Loan Association increased assets by 47.65 percent during 1953.

It was February 3, 1949, and the county voted two to one to reject the sale of beer and wine with only Southport and Leland in favor for such sales. School buses were repaired after the county said they needed servicing.

A midnight intruder entered the homes of two Southport residents Monday night and escaped. Chapel Hill Baptist Church in Shallotte was making plans to install new pews.

It was February 2, 1944, and Frank Sherrill of Charlotte permitted the county to use Bald Head Island for a maneuver

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