

## Construction In Final Phase At Telephone Coop

The huge construction program initiated last fall by Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation remains on schedule, reports Manager W. E. Bellamy, Jr. T. L. Dysard and Son, Inc., of Statesville, outside plant contractor, has completed all construction, except for several lines on which construction will be delayed pending the completion of road improvements. Dysard expects to complete all clean-up operations this week.

Stromberg-Carlson, central office equipment contractor, has completed installation of switching equipment in the Shalotte and Bolivia exchanges and will complete installation of a portion of the Longwood equipment this week.

Lenkurt Electric Co., Inc., contractors for providing trunk facilities between the various exchanges, completed installation of this equipment ten days ago. Western Electric installers plan to complete the installation of toll facilities May 17, barring unforeseen delays.

Subscribers in the Exum area will be transferred from the Shalotte to the Longwood exchange May 11-12. Several subscribers in the Calabash area will also be transferred to the Longwood exchange at that time.

The new facilities in the Bolivia and Shalotte offices will be cutover to operation May 17, if present schedules are maintained. This operation will necessitate changing many of the present subscriber numbers. More number changes in these two exchanges will follow as upgrading from the present 1-2-4, and 8-party system is changed to the planned 1-, 2-, and 4-party system.

After cutover of the Shalotte and Bolivia exchanges May 17, installation of central office equipment will commence in the Holden Beach and Bolling Spring Lakes exchanges. Cutover of these exchanges to service is scheduled for July 19 after which upgrading will follow. Final installation of equipment in the Longwood exchange is tentatively scheduled for August 29.

"We realize these number changes throughout the system within a relatively short period of time will cause a certain amount of inconvenience to everyone," said Manager Bellamy, "but we are trying in every way to make the transition as easy as possible under the circumstances. The improvement in service will more than compensate for the inconvenience."

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**TO GREENSBORO**  
President G. W. Fisher and Moe Kirby will represent the Southport Jaycees at the state convention in Greensboro Friday and Saturday.

**SMORGASBORD SUPPER**  
A smorgasbord supper will be served at Ocean View Methodist Church Friday evening, from 5:30 to 8 o'clock. The supper is sponsored by the WSCS.

**SOFTBALL MEETING**  
A meeting will be held in the court house at 7:30 p. m. Thursday to organize a "slow pitch" summer softball league for adults in Southport. Everyone, regardless of age, is invited to attend the meeting.

**DANCE RECITAL**  
The Betty Cress dancers will appear in a dance recital at Southport High School auditorium Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. Proceeds will go to the school fund.

**JAYCEE BANQUET**  
New officers will be installed at a banquet meeting of the Southport Jaycees Tuesday night. A "Jaycee of the Year" also will be named. The place of the banquet has not yet been determined.

**ON HARBOR BOARD**  
G. E. Henderson of Shalotte was appointed to membership on the Southport Small Boat Harbor Committee to represent the county at a meeting of the County Commissioners Monday. He will serve a one-year term. General James Gore is the other county member, being named for a two-year term several months ago.

## Record Bluefish



**HUGE**—Capt. H. A. Schmidt, skipper of the Idle-On IV, is shown here with the 8-lb., 10-oz. bluefish caught from his boat last week, setting a local record. King Mackerel catches also have gotten off to a good start. (Staff Photo by Allen)

## Weather Interrupts Good Sport Fishing

Just as the fish were beginning to bite last week, the bad weather and windstorm Sunday ruined what promised to be the earliest opening of the fishing season in quite some time. Boat captains are hopeful the season will begin again this weekend.

The largest blue fish ever landed by a boat from Southport was brought in Thursday. The 8 pound 10 ounce 30 inch long blue was landed by members of the Dave Hampton party from Charleston, West Virginia. Fishing with Captain H. A. Schmidt, the party also had 32 kings and 3 bonita.

On that same Thursday, Captain Hoyle Doshier had 36 kings to his credit. Both boats were fishing some two miles inshore from the Fryng Pan Lightship. The season had opened a week before when several small catches were made by Southport boats.

This made the earliest opening of the fishing season in history. "I think the fish showed up so early because of the warm spring we have had," Mrs. Hulian Watts said.

But the bad weekend weather ruined the early opening. Mrs. Watts is hopeful fishing will be in full swing again by the weekend. "I expect the weather to clear up by Saturday so the boats will be able to go out again and bring in the fish," she added.

## Watershed Plan Look Scheduled

A review of draft copies of watershed work plans with local sponsors of the Caw Caw Swamp Watershed will be conducted at a meeting Thursday at 8 p. m. in the Agriculture Building at Shalotte High School.

E. O. Graham, Assistant State Conservationist with Watersheds, along with Lacy Coates and other Soil Conservation Service personnel, will have charge of the presentation of the work plan to the local sponsors.

Recently from his Washington, D. C. office, Don Williams, Administrator of the Soil Conservation Service, gave final approval for the Caw Caw Swamp Watershed Project. The sponsors of this project can expect planning assistance during May and June. It is desirable that all interested people attend this meeting and participate in this review.

## Beach Citizens Seeking Limit For Town Vote

A group of 35 citizens of Long Beach voted in an open town meeting Monday night to make an effort to limit voting in town elections to permanent residents.

Under a special dispensation from the North Carolina State Legislature, all property owners of Long Beach are eligible to cast ballots for town commissioners in town elections by mailed ballot.

Spokesmen for the citizens group, which adopted the name, The Long Beach Citizens Committee, cited cases where the owner of a lot purchased by mail voted in Long Beach elections for several years before ever setting foot inside the town limits.

The citizens group also expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that 4 of the 6 members of the town board are not permanent residents of the town.

The group elected a four-man committee to investigate steps to be taken toward doing away with mailed ballots and requiring members of the city government to be residents.

The committee consists of R. D. Price, chairman; J. L. Hahn; James Kyle and Mrs. Elizabeth Azchary.

The committee is to report its findings to a meeting of the Long Beach Citizens Committee on the first Monday in June.

## County Women Helping Preyer

Three Brunswick county women have been appointed to the Women's Committee for Preyer in preparation for "Preyer Week in Brunswick County," May 18-22, the Raleigh campaign headquarters announced Tuesday.

Mrs. Eugene Fullwood of Southport, Mrs. Nelson Bennett of Shalotte and Mrs. R. C. Holmes of Leland were named to the county campaign staff of Richardson Preyer, Democratic candidate for governor.

County Campaign Manager Kirby Sullivan announced that a reception will be held for Mrs. Preyer on May 19 at the Southport Community Building. The reception will be held during the evening hours.

Preyer himself will be in Brunswick county on May 22 from 8:45 until 12 noon. He will visit the beach area, Leland, Bolivia and Shalotte where he will make his major address.

Mrs. Fullwood is a member of the Democratic executive committee, vice-chairman of Southport precinct No. 2, vice-president of the YDC and public relations chairman of the county Democratic women's club. In addition, she is active in civic, community and religious affairs. She is the mother of three children.

Mrs. Bennett is a former school teacher at Waccamaw, an active member of the 1st Baptist Church in Shalotte and a business woman. She has three children and grandchildren.

Mrs. Holmes is the former Registrar at Leland, a business woman and active in the Leland Baptist Church. She has two children and grandchildren.

## Artist



ART NEWTON

## Art Newton To Exhibit Work

St. John's Gallery opens two exhibits on Sunday afternoon, with a preview showing for gallery members and their guests from 4 to 6 o'clock.

Showing in the South Gallery, a Collection of Fine Prints—A Tribute To Ambrose Vollard, and in the East and West Galleries, Paintings by Art Newton of Southport. These exhibits will open to the public on May 11.

The more than 20 watercolors and one oil being shown by artist Art Newton mainly depict water front scenes realistically painted in pastel colors for which the artist is best known. Also among the watercolors are paintings of Wilmington buildings' local gardens and several figure paintings in miniature. The oil is a western N. C. Mountain scene.

Art Newton is from Southport, where he was born in 1923. After high school, Newton attended the Central Academy of Commercial Art in Cincinnati, Ohio, the Ozentant School of Modern Art and the Cartoonists Illustrators School, both in New York City.

Newton has held several positions with New York firms and is

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# Freak Storm Strikes Coast Of Brunswick Sunday Morning

## Grandstand Demolished



**WRECKED**—BCT Coach Anthony Davis is shown standing in front of the grandstand at the school's athletic field after it had been toppled over and demolished by the force of a heavy windstorm Sunday morning. (Staff Photo by Allen)

Winds of hurricane force hit the coast of Brunswick Sunday morning but left remarkably little damage in the wake of gusts up to 100-mph officially recorded at nearby Oak Island Coast Guard Station.

The freak storm hit the peak of its fury about mid-morning as wind-lashed rain kept many Sunday worshippers in the shelter of their homes. On the waterfront there was a scene of busy activity for persons concerned for the safety of boats of all descriptions.

It was a bad time, too, for members of the emergency crew in the electrical department of the City of Southport, kept busy with broken poles, falling limbs and tangled wires. Electric current was off for three hours at one stretch.

No injuries were reported and the most serious property damage resulted at Brunswick County Training School where a new grandstand was toppled over by the wind. Loss was estimated at about \$3,500. There was some roof damage in the area, and at least five houses at the beach sustained serious loss from this cause. About 3-inches of rain fell during the storm.

Five northbound yachts took refuge from the storm in Southport Yacht Basin, and only one of them made a brief attempt to venture out upon the rough waves of the Cape Fear river. The skipper soon headed back to safety.

The wind was out of the northeast, allowing the trees and other windbreaks to cut down the full force of the blow. Where the full sweep of the wind was unbroken, it reached great velocity. Waves on the river reached 8-10 feet in height, while outside waves were cresting at 30 feet.

Although the height of the storm had passed before noon, high winds continued throughout the afternoon and into the night. So did the rain.

Monday morning dawned bright and fair and the city force spent most of the day cleaning up limbs and other debris which were the aftermath of the storm.

## Contestant



**MISS JEANNE BROWN**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Brown of Southport, will represent Southport in the Strawberry Princess contest in Chadbourne Friday night.

## Bolivian City Seeks Cultural Exchange Here

A plan to exchange information between Bolivia, N. C., and La Paz, Bolivia, has been proposed by an organization similar to the Jaycees in the South American country.

Vice President C. James Cook of the Bolivia-North American Business Council sent a letter to the North Carolina Travel Department proposing the exchange of information by the two Bolivias. The letter has been forwarded to the Bolivia Jaycees.

The South American group proposed exchanging publicity information, cultural objects, commercial and economical information, and gifts at first. They suggested student exchanges in the future.

One of the ideas made by the La Paz group was to have an exchange fair where the South American group could display products, handicrafts and goods made in Bolivia, N. C. The local Bolivia could stage a fair with products, handicrafts and goods from the South American country.

"These are merely some ideas but we do wish to show our enthusiasm in arranging a get-together with our sister city of Bolivia, N. C.," Vice President Cook said in his letter.

The aims of the Business Council which is an organization similar to the Jaycees, are to establish

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## Democrats Plan County Convention

### Candidate



**DR. I. BEVERLY LAKE**, candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor, will be in Brunswick county tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon and part of Friday.

## Superior Court Term Concluded

Several cases were completed during the civil term of Brunswick County Superior Court last week in Southport with Judge E. Maurice Braswell presiding.

In the case of the woman who drove her automobile into a barber shop in Shalotte entitled Andrew B. Gray versus Lena Grissett Gore and Grover R. Gore, the jury awarded Gray \$12,000 for injuries suffered in the accident. But both parties and the court thought the amount excessive and reduced it to \$10,000. The Gores were taxed court cost.

In another case growing out of the accident, Andrew E. Gray, Jr. was awarded \$4,000 by the jury. Again both parties thought the amount excessive and reduced it to \$3,500. The Gores were taxed court cost.

In still another case, Jerry Malcolm Gray and the Gores agreed to compromise. Gray was awarded \$500 and the Gores were taxed court cost.

In the matter of the will of Raleigh Varnum, deceased, a conflict arose between Nina V. Cox, Doris V. McKeny, Norlee Varnum, Roy O. Varnum, Frances Louis Varnum Hewett, and Sherman Leon Varnum, and Dale Varnum and Connie Varnum.

Both parties admitted that they were not satisfied whether the paper-writing was the last will

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The Brunswick County Democratic convention will be held at Bolivia High School Saturday at 2 p. m., reports Party Chairman Kirby Sullivan, who will not seek re-election.

All candidates running for office on the Democratic ticket will be given an opportunity to speak. Senator Carl Mearns and Sankey Robinson, both of Columbus County and candidates for the Democratic nomination for state senate, are expected to be present for the convention.

In addition, spokesmen for the candidates for governor and lieutenant governor will be heard.

Delegates to the state convention in Raleigh on May 20-21 will be elected Saturday.

Before the convention, at 1:30 p. m., the county executive committee will meet to elect new officers. The group, composed of the chairman and vice chairman of every precinct in the county, will elect a chairman, vice chairman and secretary-treasurer. Chairman Sullivan said he would not be a candidate for re-election.

He said that J. B. Ward has been elected chairman of the Longwood precinct, Mrs. Geneva Boyd vice-chairman, Mrs. Eula Browning secretary, and W. E. Nye and John A. Russ, members.

## Funds Approved At Long Beach

Mayor E. F. Middleton announces that Long Beach's application to the Urban Renewal Administration for planning funds has been approved.

These funds will be expended under a contract with Community Planners, a division of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. The total cost of the planning projects will be \$13,650 over a two year period. The federal grant is for \$9,100 with the town paying the balance of \$4,550 over a two year period.

The contract with Community Planners is for base mapping, land use study and development plan, sub-division regulations and zoning ordinance, street nomenclature and house numbering.

John A. Donnelly, planner with the Division of Community Planning will meet with the newly appointed Planning Board May 18 to discuss the contract signed by the Board of Town Commissioners with the State organization.

The Planning Board is composed of Harold H. Bird, chairman, O. G. "Nick" Coleman, Willard F. Ferrell, Bill Love and F. O. May.

## 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	THURSDAY, May 7	LOW
3:33 A. M.	10:15 A. M.	
4:04 P. M.	10:40 P. M.	
	<b>Friday, May 8</b>	
4:30 A. M.	11:07 A. M.	
4:00 P. M.	11:37 P. M.	
	<b>Saturday, May 9</b>	
5:24 A. M.	11:57 A. M.	
5:54 P. M.		
	<b>Sunday, May 10</b>	
6:17 A. M.	0:31 A. M.	
6:47 P. M.	12:46 P. M.	
	<b>Monday, May 11</b>	
7:11 A. M.	1:24 A. M.	
7:40 P. M.	1:35 P. M.	
	<b>Tuesday, May 12</b>	
8:04 A. M.	2:15 A. M.	
8:32 P. M.	2:24 P. M.	
	<b>Wednesday, May 13</b>	
8:58 A. M.	3:09 A. M.	
9:25 P. M.	3:14 P. M.	