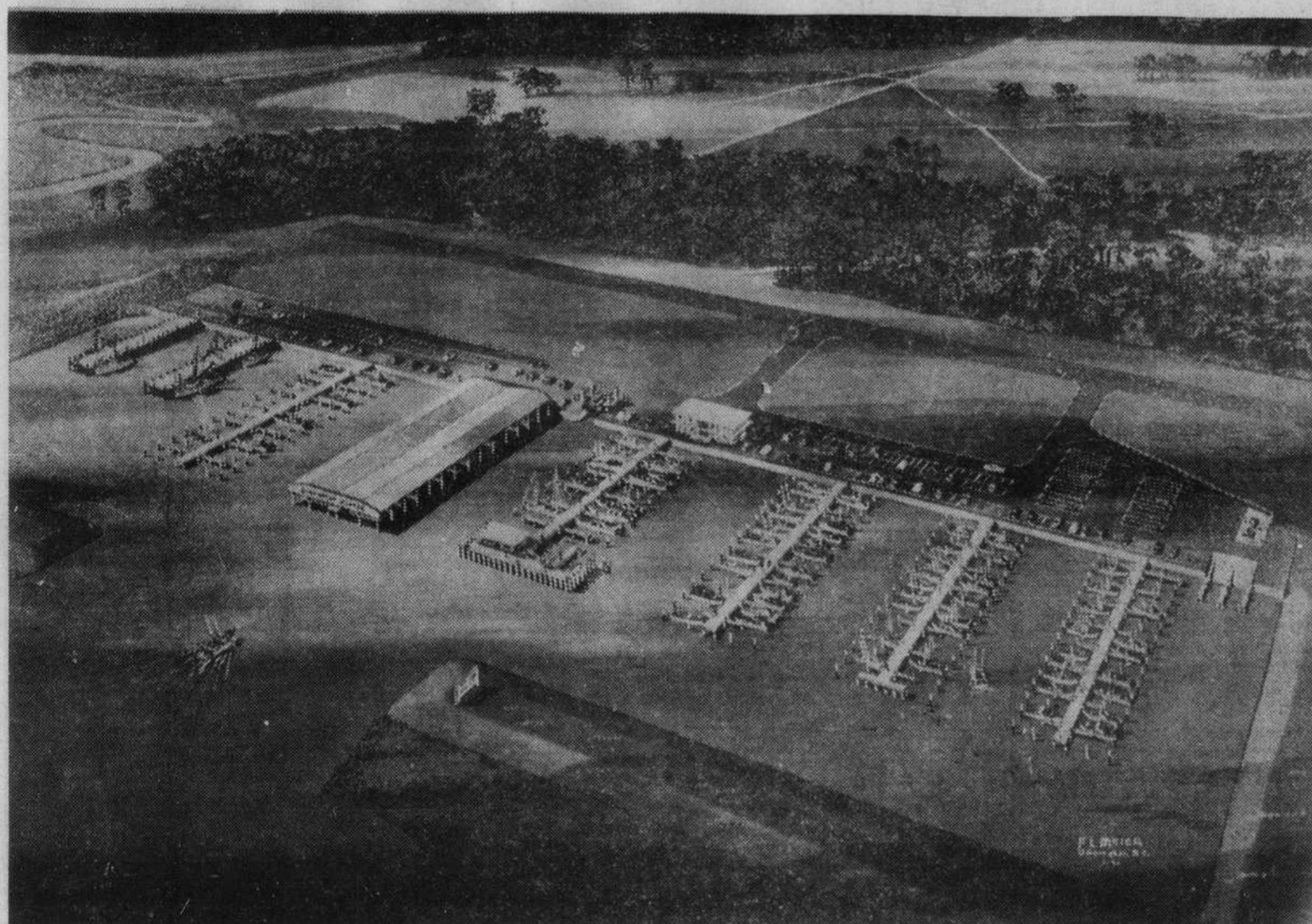


Projection Of Southport Small Boat Harbor



CONSTRUCTION—Work is scheduled to begin this week on the Small Boat Harbor at Southport, a \$500,000 project of the State Ports Authority. Above

is shown an artist's rendering of this project, which is expected to be completed by next spring.

Southport Man Presents Local Jaycee Project

The Southport Junior Chamber of Commerce's work in the field of community development represented the state of North Carolina at the Jaycee National Community Development Seminar at Norman, Oklahoma, this week.

During the meeting, judges will select the national winner in the field of community development from the 50 state entries from the United States.

Thomas S. Bowmer is representing the Southport Jaycees at the seminar. He arrived in Oklahoma Sunday after a plane trip from Wilmington. He expects to return to Southport sometime Thursday.

Bowmer was selected to attend the meetings after G. W. Fisher, the former club president, announced that he would be unable to make the trip to Oklahoma.

The state Jaycee organization is paying the full expenses of Southport's representative, Bowmer, at the national seminar.

The Southport club won first place in the field of community development in competition with all the other Jaycee Clubs in North Carolina at the State Convention in Greensboro in early May. In addition to a trophy, the club won the right to represent the state at the national meetings.

In order to win the state award, the club had to submit a four page report describing the community development projects the group had worked on during the past year.

The Southport Junior Chamber of Commerce has published an Industrial Brochure; helped establish an Industrial Resources Development commission in the county; worked to have ferry service established between Southport.

Construction On Boat Basin Ready

James W. Davis, executive director of the State Ports Authority, announced this week that work is scheduled to begin at once on the Small Boat Harbor at Southport, a \$500,000 project.

Davis said that contracts have been awarded for dredging, bulkhead and pier construction, site preparation and electrical improvements. Contract for erection of the administration building will be let at a later date, Davis said. He estimated that the project should be complete and the facilities ready for use by March 1, 1965. He expressed the belief that some facilities may be usable prior to completion of the over-all project.

Plans call for 110 boat berths, parking area, launching ramp and washing rack, boat lift well, easy access to the highway and other feature which will make this a modern facility in every respect.

"We of the State Ports Authority are proud to get this project underway," Davis said. "I am completely confident of its success as a sound project for our authority. I also believe that its establishment here will have an important bearing on the future economic development of this entire area and that it will be an important factor in the economy of Brunswick county."

Storm Damage Loans Available

Emergency loans have been made available through the Farmers Home Administration for farmers of Brunswick County, announced Rep. Alton Lennon.

This action was taken, according to Lennon, because of extensive and losses to crops, particularly to tobacco, as the result of several hail, rain and wind storms during the past few weeks.

These loans are being made available by the Department of Agriculture through June 30, 1965, Lennon pointed out.

Jerry T. Murray, county supervisor of FFA, said the loans are available to farmers who are temporarily unable to obtain credit to need from other sources. Loans can be made to purchase feed, seed, fertilizer, living expense and other items required to continue normal operations, he said.

Murray pointed out that loans can also be made to replace machinery or buildings damaged by the storms.

These loans will be scheduled for repayment when income from crops or livestock financed is normally received," Murray said.

The interest rate will be three per cent, according to Murray, Continued On Page Four

Fish Farm Plan Introduced By Southport Man

The Board of Conservation and Development heard a Southport man's request for a fish farm pilot project in Brunswick county at the group's quarterly meeting in Morehead City this week.

Lewis Hardee made his presentation of fish farming for salt-water species Sunday. He suggested that the shoreline of Brunswick county would be an excellent place for the experimental project.

Under Hardee's proposal, the creeks along the shore line would be dredged to create a natural nursery for salt water fish. The dredging would prevent the creeks from drying up during low tide and protect the growing fish and other marine life, he declared. The marshland with its seagrass would provide additional protection and a source of food, he pointed out.

Fishing in the nursery areas would be prohibited by law, under the plan submitted by the Brunswick county shrimp dealer.

Hardee suggested financing the program with state funds and possible matching money from the federal government. "If the program pays off, we could close other areas along the coast for nursery purposes," he added.

The advisory board to the C&D also recommended new dates for the oyster season. The present season runs from October 15 to March 15.

A law allowing shrimping for personal use proposed by Carter Rep. Thomas Bennett and Continued On Page Four

Shalotte Will Enter Crab Derby

The Shalotte River Association has unanimously decided to hold a crab derby in the county to the state event at a meeting in Shalotte Monday night.

The crab race will be held on the main street in Shalotte early in August. The winner will represent the county in the State Crab Derby later in the month.

The group also asked Mayor Roney Cheers and the town board to investigate the possibilities of establishing a food processing co-op in Shalotte. They suggested that the board work with the county Resources and Development Commission and report back at the next meeting.

Al Martin Is New Red Cross Head

At a meeting of the Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross on Wednesday night, at which Mrs. Susan T. King presided, the following officers and chairmen were elected:

Chapter Chairman, Al Martin; vice-chairman, Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr.; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Al Martin; Disaster chairman, Major Leslie R. Bellows; First Aid Chairman, P. O. Leggett; Gray Lady Chairman, Mrs. Charles E. Blake; Home Service Chairman (temporary), Mrs. Robert L. Jones; Nursing Chairman, Mrs. Virginia Walton; Medical Advisor, Dr. L. G. Brown.

The following were named to the board of directors: Lt. Col. Ralph Caldwell, Waccamaw; Pearson E. Dubar, Sr., Shalotte; Mrs. A. H. Cromer, Long Beach; R. C. Nicolson, Mrs. Warden Lewis, Rev. Robert R. Childs, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Young, William Warnett, all of Southport.

Following the election of officers, chairman Martin took charge of the meeting. He announced on Page Two

Jury List For Superior Court

A group of 40 Brunswick county citizens were selected to serve during the civil term of Brunswick County Superior Court beginning August 10th with Judge James C. Farthing of Lenoir presiding.

The jury was named at Monday's meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners. Citizens selected for jury duty Continued On Page Four

Southport Area Contributes To Red Cross Fund

Southport and beach area citizens and business firms contributed more than \$1,000 to the Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross during a fund raising drive, Area Chairman Al Martin reported Monday.

The drive in the Southport area netted \$1,026.94, with the Negro citizens and groups giving \$315 of the total amount.

Area Chairman Martin said he can not tell how the drive is progressing in other areas because the local chairmen have not reported.

Mrs. Civella Lewis was the top collector for the drive with \$169.11, while R. E. Nicolson had \$120 and Mrs. A. H. Cromer \$81.75.

Other high contributions included Southport professional organizations, \$101.63; Negro house-to-house canvass, \$78.34 and Negro basketball game, \$66.75.

The \$1,026.94 collected by the Red Cross in the Southport area came from the following sources:

Mrs. Civella Lewis (door to door), \$169.11; R. E. Nicolson, \$120; Sunny Point Army Terminal, \$48.75; Mrs. Kathryn Savage (highway businesses) \$32.53; Ormond Leggett, \$15; Post Office, \$8; City employees, \$11.25; hospital employees, \$5.60 county employees, \$24.60; Southport High School, \$25; Mrs. A. H. Cromer, Long Beach, \$81.75; A. E. Rozar, Yaupon Beach, \$25.71; Mrs. A. E. Lewis, Caswell Beach, \$5; professional organizations, \$101.63; Dan Shannon, Long Beach, \$37.91; total \$711.84.

Colored residents campaign: Brunswick County High School, \$47.10; proceeds from ball game, \$66.75; churches, \$46.01; I.L.A. local, \$28.40; Eastern Star Lodge, \$5; Businesses, \$18.50; House to house canvass, \$78.34; NAACP \$10; American Legion Post 10; American Legion Auxiliary \$5, total \$315.10; Grand total \$1,026.94.

Latest Tobacco Marketing And Grading Plans

Tobacco prices for 1964, new government grades and a grading demonstration will be some of the features at a special meeting on tobacco marketing for tobacco growers in the Vocational Agriculture Department of Waccamaw High School on Thursday July 30 at 8 p. m., according to Ralph C. King, local teacher of agriculture.

John H. Cyrus, a tobacco marketing specialist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, will be present to discuss the current problems facing the tobacco industry and the tobacco grower with emphasis on preparing tobacco to meet the 1964 market demand. Cyrus will employ an actual demonstration in tobacco grading and will use a special tobacco grading light in his discussion.

All tobacco growers and persons who will be involved in the preparation of tobacco for market are urged to attend this meeting. "Some may wish to bring a few sticks of tobacco from a particular curing to have it separated into its proper grades," King said. "They are invited to do so."

REA Head Holds Court For Jury To Hear Case

By STEVE WALL
SHALLOTTE—Dr. E. D. Bishop, executive director of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, flipped a filter-tip stub from his Franklin D. Roosevelt cigarette holder and called the court to order.

The Rural Electric Administration, and particularly the cooperative (BEMC) which he directs, was on trial and the time had come to explore the facts to arrive at the truth.

His jury was a sort of Roman tribunal — a banker, minister and a businessman. They had been invited by Public Relations director Marvin Lewis to BEMC's eye-appealing, flower and shrub surrounded headquarters here to hear the REA story, how it started ticking in the late 1930's under guidance of President Roosevelt and how the lure of instant light and power has attracted, for BEMC, some 12,000 patrons as of today. Tomorrow the figure may rise.

But the triumvirate: The banker—Wayne Hughes, cashier of the First National Bank of Tabor City; the minister — Rev. James H. Johnson, pastor of the Tabor City Baptist church; the businessman — Paul Rogers, Jr., associated with the East Carolina Wholesale Company of Tabor City.

They had heard conflicting stories about REA, a bout REA's refusal to sell out to private power and thus forfeit the birthright of those who founded the agency some 25 years ago; about REA being made a political football in the General Assembly wherein founders would lose control and ownership of their distribution lines, and about charges that the government was lending REA 2 per cent money and borrowing at a higher rate with taxpayers picking up the difference.

Dr. Bishop was as calm as the Ancient Mariner's sea. Let's put first things first, he began, and the story of BEMC and its 12,000 members unfolded:

Borrowed Money
He read from a clipping taken from a report of the U. S. Secretary of the Treasury, issued January 1964. The report said, beginning with 1936 and ending in 1961, REA had paid an average of 2.24 percent interest on money borrowed from the federal REA to build distribution lines and transformer stations throughout the country to bring light and power to rural districts, the district which private power refused to serve in the dark days because it would not be a profitable venture.

In the next column, the report said the federal government had paid an average of 2.28 per cent on money borrowed from the public to lend to REA to help in developing rural sections.

The difference, Dr. Bishop pointed out, is 0.04 per cent, an infinitesimal slice of a penny.

But note, he explained, the increase in value of property for tax purposes created by spreading light and power throughout the countryside is "four to five times greater than this difference."

He went on while the jury listened and questioned:

Power and light rates for any co-operative are formulated by the Board of Directors and approved or disapproved by the U.S. REA. Rates for a co-operative vary from one to another and no rate will be approved unless it is Continued On Page Four

Southport Artist Drowns In River

The body of Arthur E. Newton, well known North Carolina artist, was found in the edge of the marsh bordering the Cape Fear river about a quarter mile above Southport Saturday afternoon. He had last been seen alive late Thursday afternoon, and Coroner L. B. Bennett attributed his death to accidental drowning.

Other members of the Newton family were at the beach Thursday night, so there was no alarm over the disappearance of the Southport man until late Friday. Saturday morning members of the Southport and Long Beach Rescue Squads began a search for him, with the river the focal point. The body was located shortly after noon.

Funeral services were conducted at 5 o'clock Saturday at the graveside by the Rev. Charles Lancaster, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church of which the deceased was a member. He was buried in the old Southport cemetery.

Art Newton was the familiar name by which he was known. Born in Southport, Newton had studied at the Central Academy of Commercial Art in Cincinnati, Ohio; the Ozenfant School of Mod-



ARTHUR E. NEWTON

ern Art in New York City, and the Cartoonists - Illustrators School, also in New York. Early in his career, he served as artist for Avon Cosmetics and James Gray, Inc., publishers, both in New York, and for Station WECT-TV, Wilmington.

For the past six years Newton Continued On Page Four

County Tax Rate Is Set At \$1.60

Members of the board of commissioners in session Monday tentatively approved the budget for the next fiscal year based on a tax rate of \$1.60. This represents an increase of 25-cents per hundred over last year's rate of \$1.35.

Included in the new tax breakdown is provision for a 10-cent levy for the Resources Development Commission which was authorized by vote of the people in January of this year. Also reflected in the increase is a 55-cent levy for the Board of Education. This compares to the levy last year of only 35-cents.

The apparent 20-cent increase granted the schools is misleading in that the 35-cent levy last year was 5-cents less than had been levied in prior years for school purposes. Faced with a shortage of funds, the Brunswick County Board of Education was given permission to borrow \$21,000 to meet operational expenses for the current fiscal year. Of the 55-cent levy for next year, 10-cents is for debt service, which will repay the \$21,000 loan.

The new budget is based upon a valuation of \$34-million and con templates 90-percent collection. An unusual feature of this year's Continued On Page Four

Final feed grain payments are now being prepared with payments expected to start Friday, ASCS Manager Ralph Price announced Tuesday.

He said each participating farmer in the county will be notified by post card when he should come to the ASCS office in Shalotte for his feed grain payment. Farmers should wait until their notices arrive before contacting the office. "Do not come and call for your payment unless you have a notice," Manager Price said.

Training Union Session Starts

More than 700 Baptists throughout the state are participating in the first of the two week sessions of Training Union work at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly, according to Manager Fred Smith.

Under the direction of James P. Morgan, secretary of the Training Union Department of the Baptist State Convention, the campers, who range in age from adults to beginners, will undergo church membership training.

Rev. Gioele Settembrini, pastor of the Protestants and Other Americans United Church in Washington, D. C., will lead several discussions on the problems of church-state relationships. He will talk in particular about the U. S. Supreme Court's ban of prayer in the schools.

Mrs. Agnes Pylant of Nashville, Tenn., a retired secretary of the church recreation department, of the State Baptist group will talk about the recreational aspects of church work. She is a graduate of Texas Christian University, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, The Curry School of Expression and the WMU Training school. She has worked in churches in Alabama, Florida, Texas and Tennessee.

Mrs. Pylant is author of "Valentine Banquets," "Playtimes," "Fun Plans for Church Recreation," and "Church Recreation" on a church study course book. She is co-author with Mrs. Clyde M. Maguire of "Tell-Well Stories" and "More Tell-Well Stories". She has compiled several booklets in the "Choice Series" on social recreation. Mrs. Pylant also has written numerous articles concerning banquets, parties, and Continued On Page Two

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Funeral Sunday For Mrs. Ward

Mrs. Velma Fulcher Ward, 54, died in the U. S. Naval Hospital in Camp Lejeune, Friday, after a short illness. She was a member of the Daughters of America, the Order of Eastern Star and of the Trinity Methodist church here.

The deceased had been very active in religious, social and civic activities. She was an active member of Trinity Methodist Church, of the Order of Eastern Star, Daughters of America and of the Southport Woman's Club. She was registrar for Southport Precinct No. 1 at the time of her death.

Final rites were held Sunday at 3 p. m. at Trinity Methodist Church by the Revs. Charles Lancaster, L. D. Hayman and Edward B. Jordan, with burial in Northwood Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Worth B. Ward; two daughters, Miss Sally Ann Ward and Mrs. Lena W. Fisher, both of Southport; a brother, Phillip Rudolph Fulcher of Leland; and a half-brother, Phillip Agnew Fulcher of Southport.

Active pallbearers were Archie Dixon, Dave Garrish, C. Bellamy, Floyd Dilsaver, Billie Doshier, John C. Davis, John Barbee and Glennie Howard.

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, July 23	FRIDAY, July 24	FRIDAY, July 24	SATURDAY, July 25	SUNDAY, July 26	MONDAY, July 27	TUESDAY, July 28	WEDNESDAY, July 29
6:46 A. M. 1:09 A. M.	7:22 P. M. 1:06 P. M.	7:28 A. M. 1:50 A. M.	8:00 P. M. 1:45 P. M.	8:06 A. M. 2:30 A. M.	8:36 P. M. 2:25 P. M.	8:43 A. M. 3:08 A. M.	9:11 P. M. 3:04 P. M.
9:21 P. M. 3:46 A. M.	9:46 P. M. 3:45 P. M.	10:02 A. M. 4:24 A. M.	10:25 P. M. 4:27 P. M.	10:48 A. M. 5:05 A. M.	11:08 P. M. 5:15 P. M.		

Brief Bits Of NEWS

OFFICE CLOSED
The Shalotte driver's license examination office in Shalotte will be closed Tuesday in order for J. L. Sessions to attend an in service training school.

BAKE SALE

Members of the WSCS of Trinity Methodist Church will sponsor a bake sale featuring home cakes, pies, cookies and candy, Saturday morning next door to the post office in Southport.

ACCEPTS POSITION

David Dixon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dixon of Southport, recently accepted a position with the Driver's License division of the Department of Motor Vehicles. He is presently undergoing training in Raleigh before assignment.