

Progress On Caw Caw Project

BEFORE — This picture shows Caw Caw swamp main at the double bridges looking downstream before any work was done.



AFTER — This picture shows Caw Caw swamp main at the double bridges looking downstream after the clearing has been done in preparation for the excavation of the canal.

Watershed Work Should Start On Caw Caw

Construction was begun on the canals of the Caw Caw watershed project on July 19, by H. L. Respass, Jr. of Plymouth. The contract was awarded to Respass when he submitted a low bid of \$140,781.00 for the clearing and digging at the bid opening on June 14.

There will be an estimated 205 acres of land to be cleared along the area of canal excavation. There will be approximately 17 1/2 miles of canal excavation with approximately 405,200 cubic yards of digging to be done.

At the present time the primary work being done is that of

Mrs. Aldridge State President

Mrs. Harold Aldridge of Southport was elected president of the State Association of Assistant and Deputy Clerks of Superior Court at the annual convention held last week in Greensboro.

Mrs. Arthur James accompanied Mrs. Aldridge to Greensboro.

The Southport woman, who is deputy to Clerk of Court J. E. Brown, has served as vice president of the organization during the past year.

The 1967 convention will be held at the Blockade Runner at Wrightsville Beach.

Commissioners Set Tax Rate At \$1.60

A budget amounting to over \$1-1/2-million including funds for the operation of Brunswick County Schools, was tentatively approved by members of the board of county commissioners at their last meeting and was based upon a rate of \$1.60, the same as last year.

Biggest item of expense was the operation of the schools, where \$456,983.53 has been budgeted for the next fiscal year. The commissioners levied 60-cents for school purposes, which was broken down as follows: \$111,600 for current expenses; \$90,000 for capital outlay; and \$16,473 for school debt service. In addition to these funds, \$238,910.53 is anticipated from State and Federal funds.

Current expenses total \$291,674.06 of which it is anticipated that \$126,000 will come from the 35¢ levy, based upon 90-percent anticipated collections. The balance will come from State and Federal funds, fees and other revenue.

The public assistance program will cost \$529,485.74 during the next 12 months, with only a 16-cent county levy for these purposes. The balance will come from State and Federal funds and other sources.

A copy of the proposed budget is published elsewhere in today's paper.



MISS JEANNETTE SCOTT

Miss Scott Now In Book Store

Miss Jeannette Scott, who has worked at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly here each summer since 1961, on September 1 will assume the position of manager of the Baptist Book Store at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest.

Miss Scott has worked in the Baptist Book Store at the assembly. Since 1964 Miss Scott has

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Board Approves Faculty Change In Some Schools

No action has been taken upon the request made by the Brunswick County Board of Education last week for a school bond election in the amount of \$1,600,000.

Other matters of routine business were taken up by the board at the last Tuesday night meeting.

The following resignations were accepted: Bridges A. Sabiston, Jr. and J. M. Teeter from the Leland School faculty; Phyllis Gore from the Waccamaw faculty; Delores Murphy and Joyce N. Clemmons from the Lincoln School faculty; and Harold and Joan Reynolds from the Bolivia School faculty.

The following teachers were approved: Jewel Phipps, Charles L. Wolf, Rayburn Rhodes and Edward M. Boteler, Leland High School; Bridges A. Sabiston and Ronnie Wayne Benton, Bolivia High School; Jane M. Brendle, Clarence Michael Russ and Lola R. Haynes, Waccamaw High School; Phyllis Gore, Joan M. Reynolds and William H. Reynolds, Shalotte High School.

The Brunswick County School Child Insurance for the 1966-67 school year was awarded to the Standard Life and Casualty Insurance Company of Rock Hill, S. C. W. A. Russ is Brunswick County Agent.

The board approved installation of steam heaters in the Brunswick County High School gym and in the Leland High School boys dressing rooms.

Good Fishing Reported Here First Of Week

Fishing suddenly became very, very good in Southport the first of this week, with a half-dozen of the charterboats bringing in catches ranging from 250-300 Spanish mackerel from trips to the shoals on Tuesday. They were back at the dock by noon.

One of the parties caught so many fish they didn't know what to do with them, so they took what they needed and gave the rest to Doshier Memorial Hospital. This was the Rufus White party of Greensboro, fishing with Capt. Basil Watts aboard the Idle-On II.

The man who caught the first sailfish reported taken off Southport was out that same day with Capt. Hoyle Doshier aboard the Idle-On IV and helped to catch 250 fish. He was R. E. Brown of Charlotte, who caught his sailfish about 25 years ago while out aboard the Botfly.

On Saturday a member of the John Brantley party fishing with Capt. Walter Lewis aboard the John Ellen caught a 6-ft., 7-inch sailfish, the first reported here this season.

This was some of the news from the big boats. On Monday afternoon Harold Spencer and Larry Stubbs ran out on the shoals in an open cockpit boat and came in three hours later with 104 big bluefish, the largest of which weighed 3-lbs., 4-ozs.

Time And Tide

It was back in the days of 1936, August 12 to be exact, that a front page story reported a rash of optimism over the prospects for a Coast Guard Air Base in Brunswick. There was other service news: A crew from Oak Island Coast Guard Station had gone offshore at midnight, only to find that the flickering light they had spotted was from a Southport fishing boat which had decided to remain outside overnight.

During the heat of August, announcement was made of the dates for the various hunting dates for the coming season; good catches of shrimp and fish had been reported at Southport; and the Southport Tennis Club was getting ready to stage a men's double tournament.

On August 13, 1941, we had a front page headline which gave September 8, as the opening date of Brunswick county schools. The Border Belt Tobacco Market had opened and farmers were well pleased with prices—26-27 cent per pound.

"Just Among The Fishermen" was the title of a new column of The Pilot, and the name suggested the subject matter. The legionnaires had held a fish fry; a prisoner in the local bastille had attempted suicide—a busy week in town, no less.

In The Pilot for August 14, 1949, announcement was made of the opening of the Shalotte branch of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. There was a front page announcement of a \$1,000 prize being offered in a locally-sponsored fishing rodeo, and there was evidence that a party fishing with Capt. Hulan Watts, was off to a flying start. The front page picture was of a 5-ft., 8 inch sailfish caught by a fisherman out with him on a Gulf Stream trip.

The first ship for the Brunswick River Lay-Up Basin had been brought in through the Southport harbor; and warning signs had been placed at the very dangerous Jackie's Creek bridge on US No. 17.

August 8, 1951, and a front page story in The Pilot told of the proposed visit on the following Friday by members of the N. C. Press Association for a luncheon in the Community Building. The importance of the forestry industry to Brunswick was underscored in a report of County Forest Warden D. L. Mercer of fire losses

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Border Belt Sales Begin

SOLD — This was a scene in one of the warehouses in Whiteville Tuesday as the highest prices in history were paid for tobacco on the opening day of the Border Belt Tobacco Market. Blocked sales were reported from all warehouses and farmers were ready for the opening. (Clemmons Photo).

On Border Belt

Opening Day Prices High

"Let's Go!" was the signal that ushered in the 1966 sales season of tobacco in Whiteville early Tuesday, and before many hours had passed it was apparent that this was to be a record-breaking opener.

From the onset of sales, prices were high. For example, at Moore's warehouse, the initial auctioneer's chant for the first five piles ended with "73-73-73-73-71-71-68." These five baskets, which weighed around the maximum allowed of 200 pounds, were grown by Ed Redwine of Shalotte.

Redwine, like other farmers talked to at the warehouse pay-window, was completely pleased with his sale.

The Whiteville market, with its three sets of buyers, tabulated a \$65.85 average Tuesday, having paid producers \$630,754.90 for 957,766 pounds of leaf.

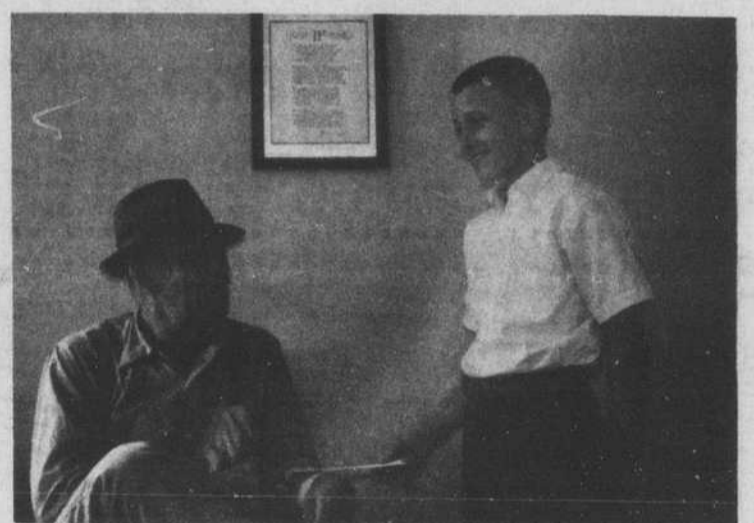
This was an outstanding improvement over the opening day in Whiteville last year, when there was only 627,872 pounds sold untied, for a \$59.94 average.

Most of the offerings Tuesday were loose leaf. Untied tobacco may be sold on the Border Belt during the first 12 marketing days.

The average for the entire N. C.-S.C. Border Belt, composed of 19 markets, was \$66.22 per hundred.

Redwine, who sold the 1,888 pounds contained in the five baskets mentioned above, viewed the 1966 season with optimism. He said the tobacco he sold Tuesday came from the first two

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Present Check

SPONSOR — Rice Gwyn presents Kenneth Hewett a check to cover expenses to the 4-H Wildlife Camp being held this week at the Millstone 4-H Camp, Ellerbe, N. C. Kenneth is a member of the Busy Bees 4-H Club.

Committeemen To Be Voted By Mail

The 1966 ASC Committee elections will again be held by mail and ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters of record by not later than August 30. They must be returned to the local ASCS Office or postmarked by not later than September 9. Any eligible voter who does not receive a ballot should call or visit the ASCS Office. Ballots will be tabulated publicly by the County Committee on September 14, beginning at 8:30 a.m., at the ASCS office in Shalotte.

Nominations for Community Committeemen may be made by petition, providing that there is only one nominee on each petition, that each petition is signed by at least six eligible voters and that such petition is received at the ASCS Office in Shalotte by no later than August 16. An eligible voter may sign as many petitions as he desires. Persons nominated by petition will be placed on the slate if found eligible and willing to serve. Persons not found eligible will be notified of their ineligibility and right of appeal. Appeals must be filed with the County Committee as soon as possible but not later than 15 days from date of notification.

All nominees should be persons who are currently engaged in the operation of a farm, well qualified for committee work, and representative of the various sections and types of agriculture in the community. In this county there are six communities, the names and boundaries being the same as the townships.

It is the duty and responsibility of County and Community Committees to nominate at least six persons eligible to hold office in each community. They may select additional nominees if they desire.

No person shall be denied the right to vote or hold office because of race, color, creed, or national origin.



CAPT. W. H. BARNETT

Capt. Barnett Dies Suddenly

Capt. W. H. Barnett died suddenly Monday evening while visiting his daughter, Mrs. Wilma B. McHose, and her family, who were here on vacation from New Shrewsbury, N. J. Capt. Barnett has made his home at Daytona Beach, Fla., for the past several years.

He was a retired officer of the U. S. Coast Guard, which he served as a Lieutenant Commander during World War II. Prior to that time he had served for several years as officer in charge of the Oak Island Coast Guard Station and his family lived in Southport.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday in the chapel of Baggett McIntosh Funeral Home in Daytona Beach, Fla. Burial will be in Belview Cemetery.

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Smithville Not Named To Honor Governor Smith

Smithville was not named in honor of Governor Benjamin Smith but as a practical joke by his fellow members of the State Assembly when articles of incorporation were passed in 1792.

This was brought out by James M. Harper, Jr., Monday night as he talked to members of the Brunswick County Historical Society about the History of Southport.

The speaker said that Smith's fellow law makers apparently thought there was little chance that the venture would succeed and insisted upon paying him the dubious honor of naming the town Smithville instead of Nashtown as had originally been proposed.

The name was changed in 1887 to Southport when Chicago businessmen envisioned a thriving seaport here and felt that it would be easier to promote their project for a town with an euphonious name like Southport than it would be to push a run-of-the-mill name like Smithville.

Prior to the incorporation of Smithville, a village had grown up about Fort Johnston, the speaker related. Not only did the families of the men stationed at the fort live here, but so did Cape Fear River pilots and their families. In the summer the town was a favorite resort and vacation area for residents of Wilmington, who made the trip down river by steamer.

Harper pointed out that Fort Johnston was not located here at the mouth of the Cape Fear to ward off the pirates, who had infested the region at times, but to protect the colony against Spain during King George's War.

The speaker praised the efforts of the Brunswick County Historical Society in keeping alive the spark of interest in the history of this region and expressed the hope that from the ranks of its membership someday will come an interesting, compact history of Brunswick County.

He was introduced by Mrs. Harry L. Mintz, Jr., who was in charge of the program. The meeting, which was held at the fellowship hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southport, was presided over by the president, Mrs. M. H. Rourke of Shalotte.

Hewett Boy In Wildlife Camp

Kenneth Hewett, member of the Busy Bees 4-H Club, is representing Brunswick county at the 4-H Wildlife Conservation Camp being held this year at Millstone 4-H Camp near Ellerbe. Kenneth is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hewett of Supply.

Approximately 100 4-H members from throughout the state are in attendance at this camp. Specialists, extension agents and donors are also in attendance. The camp started Monday and will conclude Saturday.

The 4-H Wildlife Conservation Camp serves as incentive for participation in the wildlife project and rewards boys and girls for outstanding project work. It also provides the opportunity for qualified project members to learn conservation in greater depth.

Rice Gwyn is sponsoring the scholarship to camp again this year. Mr. Gwyn has sponsored the award for the past several years.

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, August 11, | |
| 2:21 A M | 9:04 A M |
| 3:15 P M | 9:58 P M |
| Friday, August 12, | |
| 3:27 A M | 10:04 A M |
| 4:15 P M | 11:04 P M |
| Saturday, August 13, | |
| 4:33 A M | 11:04 A M |
| 5:15 P M | 11:58 P M |
| Sunday, August 14, | |
| 5:39 A M | 12:04 A M |
| 6:15 P M | |
| Monday, August 15, | |
| 6:33 A M | 0:52 A M |
| 7:03 P M | 12:58 P M |
| Tuesday, August 16, | |
| 7:33 A M | 1:40 A M |
| 7:57 P M | 1:52 P M |
| Wednesday, August 17, | |
| 8:21 A M | 2:28 A M |
| 8:45 P M | 2:40 P M |