



Loading Oyster Shells For Planting

W. R. Carter's crew load shells on a privately-owned barge in Shallotte. Oyster shucking house owners earn addition dividends by selling half their shells to the State for planting in designated oyster management areas.

Oyster Culture Is Important For Brunswick

Although there are nearly a hundred different species of oysters found throughout the world, only a few are of economic importance. The American or Eastern oyster is the oyster of commerce in North Carolina. Through the years it has become the most "cultured" of all shellfish occurring in the State's waters. The native Eastern oyster can be grown in our coastal sounds and shallows and will probably continue to be North Carolina's most profitable estuarine enterprise through a rising era of marine agriculture (the cultivation of natural produce from the brackish and salt waters). Just as the crop yields from the land have increased many times through improved farming, so can the sea's resources according to many of our marine scientists.

Oyster culture, a single branch of aquaculture, was initially promoted in Roman times when the intense pleasure of eating oysters depleted many natural beds. Oyster culture has since been pioneered by the Japanese and peoples of southwest Asia where feeding an immense population has long been a problem. Today, such countries as France, Holland, and the United States have made advances in artificially cultivating shellfish. It is not known exactly where oyster culture in America was first attempted, but as early as 1840, coastal bottoms were utilized in

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Burning Permit Law Effective From October 1

County Ranger Kenneth Johnson this week reminded citizens of Brunswick county that between October 1 and June 1 it is necessary to obtain a burning permit before doing any burning within 500 feet of any woodlands.

The State Law relating to the burning of brush reads as follows: "Starting fires within 500 feet of areas under protection of State Forest Service—it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in any of the areas of woodland under the protection of the State Forest Service or within 500 feet of any such protected area during the hours starting at midnight and ending at 4 p.m. without first obtaining from the State Forester or one of his duly authorized agents a permit to start or cause to be started any fire or ignite any material in such above mentioned places between the first day of October and the first day of June, inclusive. No charge shall be made for the granting of said permits.

"During periods of hazardous forest fire conditions, the State Forester is authorized to cancel all permits and prohibit the starting of any fires in any of the woodlands under the protection of the State Forest Service or within 500 feet of any such protected area. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provision of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$50.00 or imprisoned for a period of not more than 30 days.

Burning permits may be obtained here in Brunswick county by contacting any of the following: Mrs. R. R. Bennett, Exum; M. B. Etheridge, 2 miles west of Longwood, Ash; J. W. Evans, near Myrtle Head Church, Freeland; Elwood Fulford, Fulford's Gulf Station, Supply; Gene Hewett, Vern's Esso Station, Shallotte; Asa McChesbee, McCumbee's

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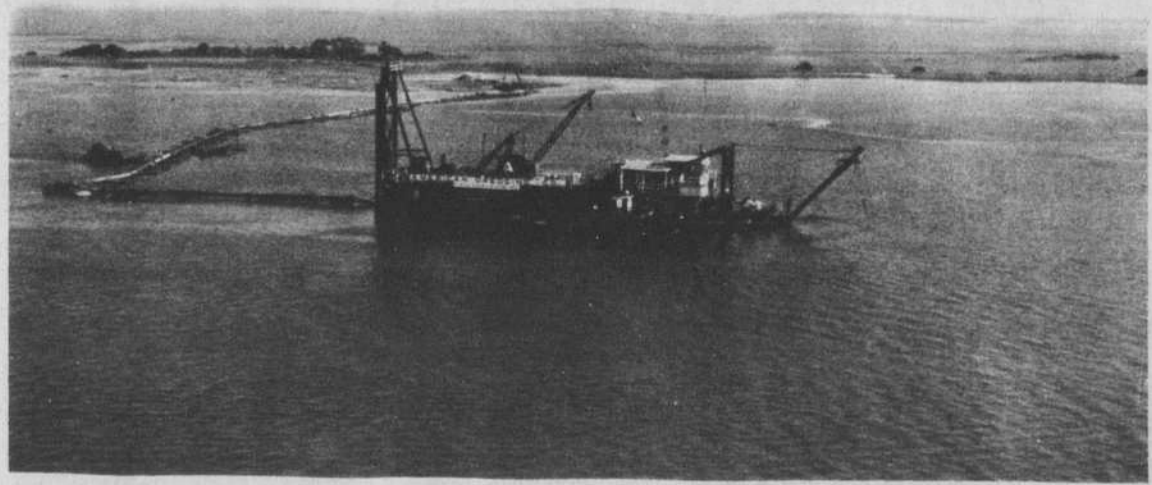
New Officer Is Stationed Here

Second Lieutenant Major C. Newsom, III, of Roanoke Rapids, has recently arrived for assignment and duty at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point.

LT Newsom received his schooling in Roanoke Rapids High School following which he attended North Carolina State University, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering in 1966, and received his basic training and advanced individual training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Following this he attended the Engineer Officer Candidate School at Fort Belvoir, Virginia, and was commissioned in the U. S. Army Engineer Corps in July 1967.

LT Newsom was recently married to the former Mary Lindy Smith of Raleigh, who is a graduate of Sweet Briar College, located in Sweet Briar, Virginia. He will perform duties in the Engineer Division while assigned to Sunny Point.

He and his wife will reside at Yaupon Beach, during his tour of duty at the terminal.



Dredge Enlarges Battery Island

This is the dredge Maryland of the American Dredging Co., currently operating in the Southport harbor and pumping soil ashore at Battery Island, shown in the top picture. The 18-inch dredge is cutting the river channel to a 40-foot depth. (Aerial Photo by Spencer)

Editorial Makes Hastie Take His Pen In Hand

An editorial in The Charlotte Observer last week aroused the ire of J. Drayton Hastie, president of Reeves Broadcasting Corporation, because it used Boiling Spring (Lakes) as a whipping boy for an editorial about disbursement of Powell Bill funds.

Text of the editorial follows: "North Carolina has reduced the opportunities for a legal shakedown of its highway fund by real estate developers.

"Time was when a resort subdivision could be incorporated into an instant receipt of the state's Powell Bill money (gasoline tax money allocated to cities and towns by formula for local street work). Now incorporation is more difficult. The subdivisions have to function more nearly like bona fide towns to collect.

"But as The Observer's Raleigh bureau pointed out in recent articles, all is still not well. The camel's nose is still inside the tent.

"Boiling Springs, a speculative vacation and retirement subdivision near Southport, gets 10 times as much money under the Powell bill as it does in taxes from its corporate and individual property owners—\$2,854 in local taxes and \$28,066 in state Powell Bill money.

"No other 'paper town' does quite as well by the Powell Bill as Boiling Springs. It benefits from the fact that its developers cut more than 50 miles of 'roads' through their land where 25 houses now stand. So despite the fact that Boiling Springs has no official population at all, the mileage factor brings it a fat dividend from the Powell Bill's allocation formula.

"If other developers turn bulldozers loose in their empty acreage, they can approach this bonanza, too. Whether they do or do not, the situation is still bad.

"Shutting off this unintended state subsidy for real estate promoters and vacation home owners is difficult. Town and city representatives would rather tolerate the leakage of their funds than give up the allocation of Powell Bill money strictly by formula. They don't want anyone in Raleigh arbitrarily making decisions that

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Lemon Tree Bears Fruit

This is a lemon tree in the yard of the W. F. Ferrell home at Long Beach and it is loaded with fruit. The Ferrell home is shown in the background.

Accreditation Is Concern Of P. T. A.

George Williams, superintendent of Brunswick County Schools, was the speaker at the meeting of the Southport Parent-Teachers Association Thursday night and the theme of his talk and of the discussion which followed was accreditation.

Williams explained that Southport High School is accredited under the old standards used by the State Board of Education but said that there are deficiencies which will prevent accreditation under the new rules unless these are corrected. He reported that this year has been granted as a time during which these deficiencies can be eliminated.

Eventually, the talk drifted into a discussion of whether it is wise to spend money for major changes at existing schools when the apparent need is for consolidation. Williams expressed the conviction that the erection of one, two or three modern, consolidated high school holds the answer for the future of good educational opportunities in Brunswick county. He said he favors the two school plan.

The meeting was presided over by William Powell, and during the course of the question and answer period questions were asked by E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., Phil King, Dr. N. M. Hornstein, Sanford Lee and Arthur J. Doshier, the latter a member of the Brunswick County Board of Education.

Also participating in the presentation, and helping to field the questions, were Ralph King, assistant superintendent of schools, and Paul Brummett, supervisor.

Since most of the questions had to do with the present status of Southport High School its deficiencies and the things that will be necessary to correct them, a letter received by Principal Tancel M. Lee on June 21 is printed below for the purpose of providing factual answers:

tration to provide improved educational opportunities for the youth of this community.

"We would like to express the appreciation of our subject supervisors, consultants and general supervisors to all members of the administration, faculty and student body for the courtesies and consideration shown us during the period of evaluation.

"Observations made by individual members of our Department concerning their area of particular concern have been mailed to this school and to the superintendent. Each such report already sent to the school as well as this report is a part of the total evaluation of this school. Information contained in the school preliminary and annual reports is also considered in determining the effectiveness and quality of learning in a school.

"Observations by the general supervisors are contained in this report. References may also be made to all, part or none of a subject supervisor's evaluation. A number of our comments may be general and others more specific. Recommendations are made in some cases. We hope that these will be helpful to the school in immediate and future planning.

OBSERVATIONS: The central staff is commended for the coordination that is being provided to the schools. The school staff is commended (Continued On Page Five)

Bishop Garber Coming Sunday

Zion Methodist church will observe Homecoming on Sunday with Bishop Paul N. Garber as speaker at the 11 o'clock worship service. This will be followed by lunch on the grounds. A short program in the afternoon has been planned, including special music and the consecration of the new parsonage by Bishop Garber, Rev. Clyde McCarter, District Superintendent, and Rev. T. R. McKay, pastor. All members, friends and former pastors are invited to attend.

Better Library Annual Meeting Set For Friday

Upwards of 300 persons expected to attend the annual meeting of North Carolina Librarians for Better Libraries (NCBL) at the Statler Hotel in Raleigh Friday.

Mrs. A. P. Henry, J. Winnabow is voting member Brunswick county.

David Stick of Kitty NCBL president, will preside over a noon luncheon, which will open the one-day program. Stick will install new officers, who will be elected by the board of directors that morning.

Featured speaker at the luncheon will be Dorothy D. Corrigan of Rockford, Ill., trustee consultant to the Illinois State Library and a past president of the American Library Trustees Association. Her topic will be "Help for the World of Peanuts."

Following the luncheon, delegates will attend workshops which will pursue the topics: (1) How to Organize a Local Group of Citizens for Better Libraries; (2) Activities for Local Groups; and (3) Public Library Financing. Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., of Southport will participate on a panel discussion in this latter group.

NCBL is a statewide organization of library-interested citizens formed in June 1966 to work for improved public library facilities and services throughout the State. Membership is made up of representatives in each of the 100 counties.

The organization's goal is that every Tar Heel eventually have access to an adequately stocked, properly staffed public library meeting minimum standards.

The first annual meeting—held last March after being postponed from the preceding October—attracted 340 persons, including 48 members of the General Assembly, which was in session at the time.

Board Meeting Monday Night

The Brunswick County Board of Education met Monday evening in the Board of Education office, and in the absence of Chairman Delmas Babson, vice-chairman Arthur J. Doshier presided.

The board approved the teacher contracts for the 1967-1968 school year for Diana S. Mintz, Southport, and Thomas J. Curry, Jr., Union.

The Board approved the 1967-1968 school budget in its final and complete form. The Leland School District Budget also was approved by the Board.

The Board accepted the resignation of Carolyn Hornstein as E.S.E.A. bookkeeper, and Patricia Carter was employed as her replacement.

Extension of the shop building at Brunswick County High School and painting of the Southport High School auditorium were approved.

Norman Bellamy and James G. Thompson were named official delegates to the North Carolina School Boards Association meeting to be held in Chapel Hill on October 26.

The board approved the attendance of D. L. Ganey, Jr., at an Attendance Counselor Workshop in Chapel Hill.

The purchase of a refrigeration unit for the Leland School was authorized.

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, October 5	
8:45 A M	2:40 A M
9:03 P M	3:10 P M
Friday, October 6	
9:39 A M	3:22 A M
9:51 P M	4:04 P M
Saturday October 7	
10:33 A M	4:10 A M
10:45 P M	4:58 P M
Sunday, October 8	
11:27 A M	5:04 A M
11:45 P M	5:58 P M
Monday, October 9	
12:33 A M	6:04 A M
	6:58 P M
Tuesday, October 10	
0:51 A M	7:04 A M
1:33 P M	8:04 P M
Wednesday, October 11	
1:57 A M	8:10 A M
2:39 P M	9:04 P M



New Officer At Sunny Point

2nd Lieut. Major C. Newsom, III, recently has arrived for duty at Sunny Point Army Terminal and will perform duties in the engineering section at the terminal. With him in the above photograph is his recent bride, the former Mary Lindy Smith of Raleigh.

Contract Awarded For New Postoffice

Representative Alton Lenson announced this week that the Post Office Department has awarded a contract for the construction of a new post office at Shallotte to be located on the corner of U. S. Highway 17 and Pine Street.

The new facility will be constructed according to Post Office Department specifications and leased to the government on a basic 10 year lease with four 5-year renewal options. The estimated cost of the one-story, air-conditioned building will be \$55,777, and it is scheduled to be completed in May 1968.

Safety Device For Hospital

Watson Electrical Construction Co. of Wilson, has completed the installation of an ungrounded electrical system with a warning device and isolated transformer in the operating and delivery rooms of Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport. This system has been needed since 1962.

This system is required in all hospital operating rooms, delivery rooms, and other locations where flammable anesthetic agents are administered. This protective warning system gives a visible signal if a conductor in the circuit should become grounded due to insulation failure or similar cause, thereby creating the danger of an electrical spark, which would ignite the flammable vapors present. This system prevents an electrical shock hazard to both patients and personnel, and assures further safety factors.

Planning Board Collects Data

The overall economic development program for Brunswick county has been completed and filed with the Economic Development Administration according to an announcement by William A. Powell, chairman of the Brunswick County Planning Board.

Powell stated that the report compiled by the Resources Development Commission and the East Carolina University Regional Development Institute has been approved by E.D.A. Brunswick county is now eligible for E.D.A. loans and grants. At the present time 29 counties and the Cherokee Reservation are qualified for these loans and grants. Most of these are in the extreme west and eastern third of North Carolina.

To qualify under the E.D.A. programs a county is notified when it becomes eligible and the governing board must make application. After the application is made, an O.E.D.P. must be compiled and filed with E.D.A. Annually a report must be filed on the progress made on the projects listed in the O.E.D.P.

Once the O.E.D.P. has been filed and the county qualified, the development board of the county is the official contact with E.D.A. In the case of Brunswick county this is the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County.

Roy A. Stevens, director of the Resources Development Commission, states that information

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Time And Tide

Thirty years ago this week 25-tons of shrimp were caught by the local fleet. Some 125 boats from various ports along the North Carolina coast were here to take advantage of the big run of shrimp in the area.

In regard to the proposed yacht basin for Southport it was announced that the local citizens were to pay for the bulkhead which would cost an estimated \$12,000. As evidence of the fine fishing of all kinds, Capt. J. B. Church, skipper of the menhaden boat John M. Morehead, was excused from jury duty by Judge E. H. Cranmer. The reason was that if Capt. Church were confined in the court for a week, the boat and its crew would miss out on a whole week of fishing.

Twenty-five years ago this week a Wilmington taxi driver was fatally burned in a mysterious explosion at The Pines near Leland. The blaze was apparently caused by a faulty gas jet. His woman companion remained in serious condition at the local hospital. Charles Newton, a Southport man, escaped death when he survived the crash of a bus on which eleven other lives were lost near Lumberton. The guns of Fort Fisher that were never surrendered had been given to the United States Government; 5,917 surgical bandages were made by 76 Southport women putting in a total of 594 work hours during the month of September.

Twenty years ago this week, converted Navy minesweepers were to be used as menhaden boats here at the Brunswick Navigation Company. The 137-foot vessels are powered by the two 500-hp engines and traveled in excess of 18 knots per hour. The new boats doubled the load capacity over the smaller boats in use.

A beautiful 72-pound, 8-ounce sailfish had been caught here that week. The fish was entered in the Fall Fishing Rodeo with a chance to be worth a total of \$5,000 to the lucky angler, Dr. Elliot Motley of

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

LIONS TO MEET The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:30 o'clock in the Community Building.

YARD OF MONTH Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donnell received the October Yard of the Month award from the Southport Garden Club for October.

RECEIVES DEGREE Mrs. Catherine Walton Barbee of Yaupon Beach was among the 34 students who completed requirements for graduation during the summer session at Wilmington College. Mrs. Barbee was awarded the Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in history and a minor in English.

COMMISSIONERS MEET T. S. BOWMER, chairman of the Brunswick County Jury Commission, reported to the Board of County Commissioners Monday on progress being made. The board agreed to payment of \$20 per day and 7-cents per mile travel for service on this commission. Clerical help necessary for performance of duties will be at the rate of \$1.75 per hour. The commissioners endorsed participation in the Lower Cape Fear Council of Governments.