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An explosion Saturday night in the storage area for the Southport Fuel Division of Godwin Oil Co. resulted in serious burns for the driver, Elmer Creech, and major damage to the truck, which is

shown above in flames being combatted by members of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department. (Photo by Spencer)

4-Hers Active In Exhibitions

Brunswick County 4-H members, along with their parents and friends participated in the 14th Annual Southeastern North Carolina 4-H Honor Program held at Hoggard High School, Wilmington, Friday and Saturday. This event is sponsored by the Star-News newspapers.

Out of 32 exhibits entered by Brunswick 4-H'ers, 16 awards were received, 8 blue, 7 red and 1 white. Recipients of these awards:

Van Hewett, wastebasket, (Continued On Page Four)

Man Rescued From Fire

An explosion occurred Saturday night at the old Southport Ice Plant, now used by the Southport Fuel Division of Godwin Oil Co. for fuel storage, while a delivery truck was being loaded.

The driver, Elmer Creech of Long Beach, was badly burned and is a patient at Doshier Memorial Hospital suffering from burns on his face, hands and body. The fact that he still is alive is something of a miracle and is due to the quick and effective efforts of Junior Bevel, who lives near the scene of the explosion.

When he heard the report,

Bevel ran out of his house and over to where he spotted the smoke and flames. He pulled the truck and used his own hands to snuff out fire which was burning the victim's clothing.

Creech, according to members of the Volunteer Fire Department, kept saying something about "the other fellow", and members of the Fire Department conducted a frantic search for a second victim of the explosion. Later it was determined that Creech was speaking while in shock and that there really had been no second person involved.

It remains a mystery as to just what caused the explosion and the resulting fire. Creech says he was not smoking and that he has no idea what caused the trouble.

Quick action by the Fire Department prevented greater loss, which was confined to a loading shed and extensive damage to the fuel truck.

Food Stamp Sales Noted

According to information received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service in Wilmington, food stamp sales in the six participating counties of Southeastern North Carolina during October totaled \$761,126 of which \$239,478.25 was paid by recipients, the remaining \$521,647.75 representing the bonus food coupons which are paid for by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Mrs. Gerald Dowdy, Officer-in-Charge of the Food and Nutrition Service Field Office in Wilmington stated that a total of 34,165 persons in 10,496 households participated in the program during the month.

Brunswick County reported that 2,394 persons in 624 families bought food stamps, receiving a total of \$54,201.00 for which they paid \$16,709.00, receiving a bonus of \$37,492.00.

Food Stamps are issued to families with limited incomes who are certified by their local Departments of Social Services. The cost of the coupons to each family is based on its income and the number of the household. Recipients usually pay approximately 25 to 30 percent (Continued On Page Four)

Time And Tide

An invitation had been sent to President Franklin D. Roosevelt to visit Southport while on a forthcoming Southern tour. The fine fishing here had been held out as one of the big attractions. That was front page news in The Pilot for November 11, 1936. Readers may note that press day that week fell upon Armistice Day, and arrangements had been made for patriotic speakers to appear in chapel at each of the consolidated high schools of the county.

Local fishermen were spending their spare time fishing for rockfish off Walden Creek bridge; Powell Crowley, owner of the Cincinnati Reds, had been a visitor here aboard his yacht, Sea Owl; and there was a new column in that issue of The Pilot - "Pictured Personalities."

The tenderest hunting scene we ever saw was a front page photo in The Pilot for November 12, 1941. It showed a pretty lady hunter, armed with a shotgun, looking sadly at a buck that had been slain, and she was in the act of patting the poor (Continued On Page Four)

County Board Ponders \$100,000 Soil Mapping

The board of commissioners has expressed interest in a soil mapping survey of Brunswick County that would cost about \$100,000.

Meeting with the county board on Monday, District Conservationist Maynard Owens stated that he, Arlin Weaver and L.D. Hunnings wanted to determine the extent of interest and the capability of the county to pay some of the soil scientist's salary and other expenses.

The approximate cost to the county for this mapping program would be 14 cents an acre, Owens reported, which figures to be about \$100,000.

The board advised Owens, Weaver and Hunnings that it was "definitely interested but would have to determine the county's ability to participate in this program."

In other business transacted by the county board on Monday, a request for the extension of state road 1506 to the West Boiling Springs Road was forwarded to the N.C. Highway Commission. Arthur Greene, mayor of Boiling Spring Lakes, endorsed the extension and Ralph King, superintendent of Brunswick County schools, said the extension would expedite the routing of buses to the new South Brunswick High School.

Another petition was received, asking that a road in the Halawasa subdivision near Leland be added to the state secondary road system. This request was forwarded to the highway commission, also.

J. F.G. Moffitt, director of Brunswick County Civil Defense, spoke to the board about bills received by his office for services rendered in getting supplies to Oak Island while the bridge was not in operation. He was told to investigate the matter and report to the commissioners

at their next meeting.

The board has received sealed bids for a front end loader to be used in connection with the sanitary landfill operation in Brunswick County. Bids from E.F. Craven Company of

Greensboro, Gregory Poole Equipment Company of Wilmington and North Carolina Equipment Company were received, with total cost statements ranging from about \$30,000 to \$36,000. County Manager Jerry

Lewis was instructed to compare these bids and present his recommendation at the board's first-Monday meeting in December.

E.M. Underwood, a certified public accountant who worked with the Brunswick County audit this year, said that the county's financial position "is very good," but he recommended changes that would save time and result in a better bookkeeping system.

Supt. King and Richard Conrad, chairman of the Board of Health, discussed the paving of the driveway leading to the old county home building that houses the board of education offices, the health department and the Department of Social Services.

The parking problem, King told the county board, is caused by the food stamp program that is administered by the Department of Social Services.



MRS. HILDA TOWNSEND

Librarian New State Director

Mrs. Hilda W. Townsend, ESEA, Title I Librarian at Leland High School, has been elected to serve a four year term as director of the North Carolina Association of School Librarians.

The action was taken at the North Carolina Library Association Convention in Winston-Salem November 3-6.

Mrs. Townsend is a native of Columbus County and taught there for several years after graduating from Meredith College in 1945. She has served as a teacher-librarian at Leland High School for seven years and is

now serving in her second year as full time librarian in the school.

She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in English with related fields in history, French and Greek. She is currently enrolled in the East Carolina University Graduate School where she is working toward a Master of Library Science Degree.

Mrs. Townsend is a charter member of the Beta Beta Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa, a sorority for outstanding women educators, and a member of the Eta Chi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, and honorary society in education.

Man Arrested For Marijuana

A 24-year-old Brunswick County man was charged with possession of marijuana Wednesday afternoon in Whiteville.

Larry Wayne Reynolds of Rt. 1, Supply was arrested by Whiteville Police Officer Jimmy Harrelson shortly after twelve o'clock.

The officer reported that he went to a South Whiteville service station and found Reynolds in the rest room. While he waited outside, Harrelson said, Reynolds came from the rest room but rushed back inside when he saw the police car.

Reynolds reportedly was unable to dispose of the marijuana before Harrelson made the arrest. The misdemeanor offense is scheduled to be tried in Whiteville District Court on December 31. Reynolds is free under \$200 bond.

Nature Trail Committee Holds Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Brunswick Town Nature Trail Committee of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., was held at Brunswick Town, Tuesday. The committee also met with the Southport and Woodbine Garden Clubs following their business meeting.

President for the committee meeting were Mrs. W. Marion Odom, of Ahoskie, state president of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., Mrs. Ernest Parker, Southport, chairman, Mrs. A.W.

Blount Wilmington, Mrs. Barron Mills, Laurinburg, and Mrs. James T. Barnes, Southport, committee members. W.G. Faulk, Jr., Historic Site Manager of Brunswick Town, met with the committee.

Interesting plans were made by the committee for the Nature Trail and a new brochure was planned for the Trail. Completion of a new bridge across the pond at the Trail was discussed. Arrangements were made for a tour of the Nature Trail as a

part of the annual meeting of the Garden Club of North Carolina to be held in Wilmington next April. Chartered buses will bring delegates to the convention to Brunswick Town for a tour of the trail and a box lunch.

The Southport and Woodbine Garden Clubs provided a picnic lunch. Mrs. M.M. MacHose is president of the Southport Garden Club and Mrs. James A. Eaton is president of the Woodbine Garden Club.



Officials of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., met Tuesday at Brunswick Town for the annual meeting of the Nature Trail Committee. Shown left to right are Mrs. E.E. Parker, Jr., of Southport, chairman of Brunswick Town Nature Trail Committee; Mrs. W. Marion Odom of Ahoskie, State President of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc.; Mrs. A.W. Blount of Wilmington, member of the Nature Trail Committee. — Brunswick Town Photo.



Three North Carolinians participated on the program of the National Newspaper Association's Fall Meeting and Trade Show in New Orleans, La. Senator Sam J. Ervin was speaker at a Saturday morning program and was introduced by Mrs. Margaret Harper, secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association. Orville B. Campbell, publisher of The Chapel Hill Weekly, participated as a member of a panel for an afternoon program the same day.