



Fire Razes Giles Residence

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Giles on West Street was gutted by fire about noon Thursday. The walls and foundations still stand, thanks to the Southport Volunteer Fire Department, but the interior of the building was destroyed. (Photo by Spencer)

Republicans In First Meeting Of Committee

The first meeting of the executive committee of the Brunswick County Republican Party was held Friday night at the home of Thomas Harrelson, county chairman.

Following the business meeting, the committee discussed in detail the coming May Primary for which many Republican candidates have already filed and for which more are expected in the near future.

"We feel we will have a strong slate of candidates," said Harrelson. "This year will be the beginning of a new era for the voters in this county, and we intend to offer them a good alternative to the out-of-date policies of the present administration who have gotten out of touch with the people and hampered the development of the county."

Sheriff Harold Willetts stressed the importance of urging interested and concerned citizens to join with the young and growing party.

The members voted to encourage and support those candidates for the Board of Education who are qualified to plan and build the proposed school in the best interest of the whole county and not just for personal or political gain. It was emphasized by Mrs. Frances Key, secretary to the county organization, that the election of these members will take place in May, not in November as with the other positions being voted on.

Delegates to the District Convention to be held on February 26 in Wilmington and

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Easter Seals Mailing

Members of the Southport Jayettes are shown stuffing envelopes with Easter Seals, which are being mailed to several hundred Brunswick county residents this week as the first phase of the annual fund-raising campaign. (Photo by Spencer)

Flag Pageant On Television All Over State

"The Time For Old Glory", a 30-minute television program which grew out of the patriotic color film shown during the Fourth of July Festival in Southport last summer, will be shown over stations throughout North Carolina this week. It may be seen on Channel 6, Wilmington, Thursday evening at 9:30 o'clock.

The program also is scheduled for showing over Channel 3, Wilmington, and over stations in Raleigh, Durham, Washington, Greenville, Charlotte and Winston-Salem.

Gist of the program is "The Incredible Star Spangled Banner", which was shown here last summer. It is the story of the American flag, and the scenes were taken at Brunswick Town, with St. Philips Church in the background. The producer is W. K. Dorsey, member of the staff at Cape Fear Tech, and that institution has been active in its production and promotion.

The newest feature of the program has been an introduction by Governor Robert W. Scott.

C. E. Thompson, Jr., Department Commander for the American Legion, has written to the National Commander, urging that this program be given national recognition and distribution. In his letter, Thompson had this to say:

"I am happy to report on one of our programs which I think merits National consideration.

"It was our belief that a movie should be produced that could be used in our schools, civic clubs and other service organizations that would teach the history of our flag and patriotism. As a result, The American Legion working in conjunction with The Cape Fear Technical Institute, Second Marine Corps, Camp Lejeune, Marine Band, Washington, D.C., and the Sea Chanters Department of Navy also of Washington, D.C., produced a twenty minute movie which is

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VA Spending In Brunswick Sets Record

W.R. Phillips, manager of the North Carolina Veterans Administration Regional Office, disclosed this week that the VA spent \$530,050 in Brunswick County to aid veterans during fiscal year 1969. This includes \$438,824 in compensation and pensions.

Administrator of Veterans Affairs Donald E. Johnson revealed at the same time that the total VA funds expended in the State of North Carolina during the some period amounted to about \$184,355,630, of which \$119,897,216 was in compensation and pension payments.

Funds spent in Brunswick County, Phillips said, also included \$37,002 for readjustment and vocational rehabilitation; \$54,224 for insurance and indemnities; in direct loans; in construction and related costs; and as part of the VA Regional Office and hospital operating costs.

According to Phillips, the VA is the third largest Federal agency and operates the largest (166) hospital network in the free world, as well as administering one of the biggest insurance programs in the nation.



First Contestants

These are the first entries in the Miss Brunswick pageant, to be held on Saturday, March 21, at Shallotte High School. The young contestants are Deborah Ann West, left, and Verma Dale Smith, right.

Shallotte Jaycees Planning Pageant

Miss Brunswick County, 1970, will be selected March 21 when the Shallotte Jaycees sponsor the annual beauty pageant in the Shallotte High School auditorium.

The pageant will be directed by Mrs. Shirley Ward and Mrs. Sandra Huddle, who urge interested young ladies to enter. A list of scholarships and prizes will be announced later, according to the directors.

Ernie Wayne, WWAY sports commentator, will serve as emcee for the pageant.

The directors announced today that two entries have been received for the pageant: Deborah Ann West and Verma Dale Smith, both 18-year old students at Shallotte High School.

Deborah is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel O. West of Shallotte. She is a member of the F.H.A., Science Club, Library Club, Block "S" Club, and the Spanish and French Clubs. She was in the May Court and is a cheerleader.

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County Board Meet Monday

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday and, re-appointed three men as members of the Board of Directors Resources Development Commission, effective March 3 and runs through March 3, 1973: O. W. Cleaton, Leland, D. L. Mercer, Bolivia; W. A. Powell, Southport.

The board directed the County Attorney to proceed with plans that the County might enter into the Home Rule Concept of Local Government as provided for in the last session of the General Assembly. He is to report to the board at the next regular meeting on the progress he has made in this direction.

Homer Davis, vice-chairman, and H. A. Marks, member of the New Hanover County Mental Health Association, came before the board and explained a recently implemented health plan being operated by New Hanover and Pender counties. Brunswick county was invited to join in this plan. The board was favorably impressed but requested more time to study this plan and promised action on this matter within the near future.

The following persons were recommended to Health Director, Dr. Black to administer the dog inoculation program this year: Goley Lewis, North west, Town Creek and Smithville Townships; Lindsey Clemmons, Lockwoods Folly Township and Shallotte, South side of U.S. No. 17; Keith Stanley, Waccamaw Township and Shallotte, North side of U.S. No. 17.

Frank Ballard, architect, will be invited to meet with the board at the next regular meeting.

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Raise Protest Over Site Of Area School

A group of Brunswick county citizens, comprised chiefly of residents of the Bolivia School District, held a meeting Monday night to protest the location of the Southern Area consolidated high school at the site selected by members of the Board of Education at Beaver Dam.

Leaders protest that this site is not centrally located within the boundaries of the combined school district.

They apologize for any delay which may result from their action, but information is that they either have or are prepared to seek an injunction to terminate any plans for construction of the new school at Beaver Dam.

That location is on Highway 211, about five miles from Southport and about 11 miles from Bolivia. Prior to deciding upon this location, members of the Board of Education had investigated 14 other sites but for various reasons had abandoned plans to use one of them for the location of the new school.

In planning three consolidated high schools to serve all of Brunswick county, it has been contemplated that the old Bolivia School District will have to be divided, with part of the children going to the Northern Area School and the others going to the Southern Area School.

Baptists Plan Study Meetings

Spiritual needs and victories in the Northeastern part of the United States is the theme of the book "Mission: The Northeast" which is to be taught by Mrs. Susan Carson on Monday at 7 p.m. at the Oak Island Baptist Church, with members from Oak Island, Southport, Bethel, Mill Creek and several other churches in attendance.

This study is in preparation for

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Women Candidates

Two women have filed as candidates for election to the Board of Education for Brunswick County. They are Mrs. May Barbee, left, and Mrs. Helen Skipper, right. Others who have filed for this office are Norman Bellamy and Arthur J. Doshier. Three members will be elected at-large in a non-partisan general election to be held on the same date of the May Primary.

More Candidates File For Office

Two women have entered the race for member of the Board of Education this week, both from the Southport-Long Beach area. One is Mrs. Helen Skipper, Southport resident and active member of the local Parent-Teacher Association. Recently she gave wide circulation to some of her views concerning the school situation in Brunswick county.

The second candidate is Mrs. May Barbee of Yaupon Beach. Daught Tripp has officially announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for sheriff. He is a restaurant owner from Shallotte Point and previously has served as a law enforcement officer in this county.

His announcement brings to six the number of men who are running for the Democratic nomination for this office, and last week they were joined by Mrs. Nell Redwine Hewett, who says she will seek the nomination. She becomes the first woman ever to seek this office in Brunswick county.

The first Republican to make official announcement for office is J. T. Clemmons, Shallotte business man and civic leader, who seeks nomination and election to the board of county commissioners from Lockwoods Folly Township.

Clemmons In Political Race

At a meeting of the Republican Woman's Club in Shallotte Monday, J.T. Clemmons announced his candidacy for the office of County Commissioner from Lockwoods Folly Township. Clemmons is the second Republican to file for this post.

He and his wife, the former Catherine Hewett, of Supply

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Preparing For Seal Campaign

At the Monday night meeting of the Southport Jayettes, at the home of Mrs. Becky Howard, the program centered on the Easter Seal campaign. Members and guests typed addresses and stuffed envelopes with letters, seals and return envelopes for contributions.

County Chairman, Mrs. A.P. Henry, and her assistant, Mrs. Fraizer, led the assembly line. Mrs. Edith Smith, city chairman, also gave a hand with the stuffing. Mrs. Henry left with 1500 letters to be mailed to citizens, civic clubs, and businesses in Brunswick county. After the work was completed, Mrs. Howard served refreshments to the group while plans for the Miss 4th July pageant were begun.

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, February 19,	
6:39 a.m.	0:28 a.m.
6:57 a.m.	1:04 p.m.
Friday, February 20,	
7:21 a.m.	1:10 a.m.
7:39 p.m.	1:46 p.m.
Saturday, February 21,	
7:57 a.m.	1:52 a.m.
8:15 p.m.	2:16 p.m.
Sunday, February 22,	
8:27 a.m.	2:28 a.m.
8:45 p.m.	2:52 p.m.
Monday, February 23,	
8:57 a.m.	3:10 a.m.
9:21 p.m.	3:22 p.m.
Tuesday, February 24,	
9:27 a.m.	3:46 a.m.
9:51 p.m.	3:58 p.m.
Wednesday, February 25,	
9:57 a.m.	4:22 a.m.
10:27 p.m.	4:28 p.m.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

MONDAY HOLIDAY

All county offices will be closed Monday in observance of Washington's Birthday, which falls on Sunday this year.

HEART BENEFIT

Members of Oak Island Moose Lodge will sponsor a bingo party at 8 p.m. on February 27, with proceeds to go to the Brunswick County Heart Fund.

HEART SUNDAY

Mrs. Donald McHose, Heart Chairman for Southport, says that house to house solicitations will be made Sunday afternoon. She urges a friendly reception and generous response to these volunteers.

FISHING PARTY

Capt Fred Fulford carried out the first fishing party of the season during the past weekend, consisting of lawyers and law enforcement officers from Lumberton. They landed 18 red snappers, 150 blackfish, several bream and flounders and 25 sharks.

DIES IN GREENSBORO

Word was received here this week that Stanguish Arthur Stewart died Sunday at Wesley Long Hospital in Greensboro. He was a retired vice-president of Shelby Mutual Insurance Co. and he and his family were well known in Brunswick County, where they spent their vacations. His funeral services were conducted Tuesday in Greensboro.

Time And Tide

Back in 1940 Brunswick county citizens were appreciative of the tourist industry, as witness the front page story in our issue of February 14. The headline read "Indications Are That Brunswick County Is Now On Verge Of Biggest Tourist Traffic In Her Entire History?". There may be some connection between this attitude and the advertised forthcoming meeting of the Upper Brunswick Good Roads Association at Leland High School. There surely was some tie-in with the fact that pictures of Orton had appeared in the latest edition of the yearbook for the Carolina Motor Club.

The Brunswick delegation got to Raleigh on their mission concerning adult school bus drivers but received scant encouragement. The Southport Public Library announced plans to remain open one night each week; The Pilot mailing list had been analyzed with the resulting discovery that the paper was going to subscribers in 21 states; and back in the days before polaroid commercials, Don Ameche was the star of "Swannee River", feature movie of the week. Oh yes: Playing with him was Al Jolson.

There was a soldier's picture on page 1 of The Pilot for February 14, 1945. He was Warrant Officer Egan Hubbard, who was serving with the U. S. Army in Italy. There was another front page picture, this one of Orton Manor. It ran in connection with a story predicting a multitude of visitors to the gardens that spring. Plagued by the wartime gasoline shortage, an 80 year old Bolivia citizen advertised

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