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Gala Fourth Of July Schedule

SATURDAY, JULY 3	SUNDAY, JULY 4	MONDAY, JULY 5
EXHIBITS 9:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.M. Jr. Woman's Club Art Show (City Hall) St. Philips Church (W. Moore St.) Slide Program (Library) Sidewalk Art Show (Post Office) Mobile Museum of History (Howe St.) Fire Prevention Van (Howe St.) 1:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M. Heritage House (Community Building) SPECIAL EVENTS 1:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M. — Open House, U.S.C.G. Cutter Mendota 2:15 P.M. — Golden Knights (Ft. Johnston) 3:00 P.M. — Air Force Fly-over (Waterfront) 4:00 P.M. — Queens' Motorcade (Downtown) 8:00 P.M. — Miss 4th of July Pageant (Baptist Assembly Auditorium, Ft. Caswell)	EXHIBITS 1:00 P.M. — 5:00 P.M. Jr. Woman's Club Art Show (City Hall) St. Philips Church (W. Moore St.) Slide Program (Library) Sidewalk Art Show (Post Office) Mobile Museum of History (Howe St.) Fire Prevention Van (Howe St.) 1:00 P.M. — 6:00 P.M. Heritage House (Community Building) SPECIAL EVENTS 11:00 A.M. — Church Services 1:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M. — Open House, U.S.C.G. Cutter Mendota 3:00 P.M. — Queens' Tea (Brunswick Town) 4:00 P.M. — Children's Field Events (Taylor Field) 6:30 P.M. — Donkey Ball Game (Taylor Field) 8:00 P.M. — Scottish Pipe Band (Waterfront) 9:15 P.M. — Kachada Indian Dancers (Waterfront)	EXHIBITS 9:00 A.M. — 5:00 P.M. Jr. Woman's Club Art Show (City Hall) St. Philips Church (W. Moore St.) Slide Program (Library) Sidewalk Art Show (Post Office) Mobile Museum of History (Howe St.) Fire Prevention Van (Howe St.) 9:00 A.M. — 6:00 P.M. Heritage House (Community Building) SPECIAL EVENTS 11:00 A.M. — Parade 1:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M. — Open House, U.S.C.G. Cutter Mendota 1:30 P.M. — Musket Firing Exhibition (Taylor Field) 2:30 P.M. — Boat Races (Waterfront) 7:30 P.M. — Calliope Concert (Whittlers Bench) 8:30 P.M. — Boat Ticket Drawing (Whittlers Bench) 9:00 P.M. — Patriotic Movie (Waterfront) 9:30 P.M. — Fireworks Display (Waterfront)

Answer Soon On Bald Head

Will the state pay \$5 million or more for Bald Head Island?

The General Assembly is expected to answer that question when it decides on an appropriations bill that was introduced in the Senate on Tuesday. The bill seeks \$4.75 million for the state to acquire the controversial island at the mouth of the Cape Fear River near Southport.

Sen. Russell Kirby from Wilson County introduced the bill not at the request of the governor, he said, but for another senator he would not name. Gov. Scott has advocated condemnation of the property, but present owner William Henderson has said that to do this, the state might have to pay as much as \$20 million.

Today (Wednesday) there will be debate of a Bunn Frink bill that would prohibit state acquisition of Bald Head and would pave the way for private development. "I have not talked to one senator yet who would favor expenditure of \$5 million in state funds to buy the island," said Frink, a representative of Brunswick County in the

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Festival Art Show Planned

Preparations for the eleventh annual Southport Arts Festival, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club, are nearly complete. The festival will be open Saturday through Monday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. except on Sunday when it will be open from 1:30-5. There have been numerous inquiries about entries in all of the categories — oils, including water colors, graphics, crafts and the Junior Show. Entries must be placed on Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and be ready for hanging.

The judging will take place on Saturday from 9 until 10:30 a.m. This year's judge is Luther Sowers, head of Art Education in the Wilson City Schools. Mr. Sowers says that he is looking forward to the Arts Festival as well as seeing "Southport's famous old fashioned Fourth of July Celebration."

This year's festival promises to be even larger than those of past years. Any interested artists please address their questions to Patricia Foy or Tina Lerch of Southport.

Parade On Monday

Biggest, Best Festival Begins Here Saturday



Completes Her Year

This is Miss Dianne Rees, who for the past year has worn the crown of Miss Fourth of July. Her successor will be named Saturday night.

Innocent Mrs. Alma Is Smiling Again...

Her lawyer described Alma Ward as a woman without a friend who had no reason to smile all week.

But just before lunch on Friday, a Superior Court jury found the South Lees registrar not guilty of fraud and forgery charges that stemmed from the November 3 general election.

Few people thought Mrs.

Ward would be found guilty of the crimes; most felt that 12 jurors selected at random could not render a verdict. No one familiar with the case expected the decision to free her.

Mrs. Ward was charged with forging the names of Republican judges in the poll book, removing a page from the poll book, making a false entry in the poll book and making an erasure on the tally sheet. Misdemeanor offenses of failing to administer oaths to vote counters and failing to keep the ballot boxes in her safe keeping were dismissed by Judge Henry McKinnon as "too trivial" when compared to the five felony charges.

No testimony was offered in behalf of the defendant, so the statements of SBI Agent J.B. Barrett were not refuted. He said Mrs. Ward told him she made an erasure on the tally sheet, had the poll book in her possession at all times until it was returned to the Board of Elections, and wrote the names of all persons who voted in South Lees precinct that day.

The names of Alonzo Ward and his wife Lillie appear on the poll book, though she testified that neither she nor her invalid husband voted.

The five-day trial was attended by few spectators. Republican Judges Tommie and Dorothy Sarvis were there until the end. So was Maxie Lee Ross, who worked regularly on his daily crossword puzzle. His wife Leah, the Democratic poll judge, was nearby.

Judge McKinnon told the jury that "regardless of the verdict, the airing of the case should have some beneficial effect on elections in your county and in your state." He said he has learned of voting practices in Columbus County that should not be

One of the most well-rounded programs in the history of Fourth of July celebrations in Southport will begin here Saturday and continue through the early hours of Monday evening as citizens of this community play host to thousands of visitors for the annual Fourth of July Festival.

Exhibits which will be open during the three days include Heritage House at the Community Building; Junior Woman's Club Art Festival at the City Hall; the Color Slide Program at the Public Library Building; the Sidewalk Art Show, next to the postoffice; the Mobile Museum of History and the Fire Prevention Van, both on Howe St.

Special events on Saturday will include visitation board the US Coast Guard Cutter Mendota, the Sky show by the Golden Knights at 2:15 p.m.; the U.S. Air Force Fly-over at 3 o'clock; THE Queen's Motorcade at 4 o'clock; and the Miss Fourth of July Pageant at 8 o'clock at the N.C. Baptist Assembly.

Special events for Sunday include invitations from all congregations to visitors to worship at the 11 o'clock hour; the Queens Tea at Brunswick Town at 3 p.m.; the Childrens Field Events at Taylor Field at 4 o'clock; the Donkey Baseball Game at 6:30 o'clock; the concert by the Scottish Pipe Band on the waterfront at 8 o'clock; and the program by the Kachada Indian Dancers, also on the waterfront, at 9:15 o'clock.

Congressman Alton Lennon (Continued On Page Ten)

CP&L "Hung Up" On Quality

Harold Banks of Southport has a "hang up" — about quality.

He walks through mud, climbs places where men of fainter heart would dare not tread, and travels thousands of miles in search of quality.

Banks and his assistants, Bill Phillips and George M. Simpson, are responsible for Carolina Power & Light Co.'s

quality assurance program during construction of the firm's nuclear electric generating plant near Southport — the first nuclear plant in North Carolina.

The three men are the power company's on-site representatives, according to W.B. Kincaid, head of CP&L's power plant design and construction department.

Brown & Root, Inc., is building the facility for CP&L.

The CP&L men are responsible for assuring that the unit is built to designated requirements, specifications and codes.

A large number of reports and inspections — officially called audits — take up the majority of their time.

Paperwork covering preliminary audits, since construction began early in 1970, fills nearly two dozen file drawers. The men will make thousands of audits before the first unit is operating in 1974.

Banks is familiar with the complex procedures necessary for operation of nuclear units. He was an officer in the Navy Nuclear Program, and ship superintendent for construction and repair of nuclear units from 1959-68.

He was in charge of the quality assurance program for CP&L during construction of the power company's nuclear generating unit in Hartsville, S.C. That unit went into operation earlier this year.

Phillips has the sure footedness of a mountain (Continued On Page Ten)

Saturday Night Pageant Will Pick Festival Queen

The Miss Fourth of July Pageant to be held Saturday night at 8 o'clock in Hatch Auditorium at the N.C. Baptist Assembly, will feature the No One In Particular Singers from High Point. The group consists of three girls and three boys who specialize in choral arrangement of popular music. They have performed for many civic functions in High Point. The program they have planned for the pageant will include Burt Bacharach's "Walk On By," a medley of the Carpenters' hits and "Aquarius."

Also on the entertainment line - up for the pageant will be Rick Johnstone and John Richards, two Southport men who play guitar and sing; Rebecca Griffin, Miss Reidsville of 1971, who sang in last year's pageant; and Cindy Sellers, who has performed in the Miss Fourth of July Pageant for the last two years.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the crowning of the queen at which time a new song, "Our Miss Fourth of July," written especially for the pageant by Lella Pigott, will be sung by Cindy Sellers. Mrs. Susan Bellamy

Herring, organist, and Miss Cheryl Blackburn, pianist. Miss Dianne Rees is the reigning Miss Fourth of July, and she will crown the young lady who is chosen Saturday

night to be her successor and to preside over this year's Fourth of July festivities.

Ten local young ladies are contestants for this year's (Continued On Page Ten)

Time And Tide

There was an early crop year in Brunswick in 1936 and during the last week in June several farmers had put in tobacco. This was in our edition for July 1, June also had been a warm month, and one headline said: "Month of June Passes On Leaving Citizens Sweltering From Heat."

Southport music lovers still were sending off prediction cards in the Hit Parade contests, and there had been 10 more local winners that week. There was a front page prediction that Brunswick would go for Clyde R. Hoey in the second primary Saturday; Will Rogers was starring in "The Connecticut Yankee," which was playing at the movies; and a parole had been granted Jesse C. Walker, convicted killer of a Brunswick County sheriff.

In our July 2 issue for 1941 there was an announcement of the opening date for the Border Belt Tobacco Market, with August 5th having been set. Orton Plantation owner J. Lawrence Sprunt said that he was pleased with progress that had been made in expanding the plantation gardens during the year.

June that year had not been excessively hot; reports from Frying Pan lightship were that shark and barracuda were out there in great numbers; and Southport boys were collecting scrap aluminum for sale.

There was a front page bulletin in our edition for June 26,

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Quality Assurance Engineers

Harold Banks, left, and Bill Phillips inspect a blueprint on the construction site of the Carolina Power & Light Co. nuclear generating plant near Southport. Banks and Phillips and George M. Simpson are responsible for CP&L's quality assurance program during construction of the plant, which is the first nuclear generating unit in North Carolina.