

## Whiteville Newspaper Editor Dies Suddenly

Editor And Publisher Of The News Reporter Also Was Half-Owner Of The State Port Pilot

A community bowed its head in shock and grief Saturday as it paid the final homage to Leslie Stuart Thompson, 58, editor of The News Reporter of Whiteville. Mr. Thompson, editor of The News Reporter since 1938, died suddenly and unexpectedly about 4:35 a. m. Friday at Columbus county hospital. He had been stricken with a heart seizure about 3 a. m. at his home. There was no intimation of such an attack.

The services at Whiteville Methodist church of which he had been a steward since 1938, were followed by interment at Columbus Memorial park.

The Rev. P. O. Lee, pastor of the church, assisted by the Rev. L. D. Hayman, Southport, and Dr. C. E. Garlington, Wilmington district superintendent, gave voice to the final homage as paid by one of the largest groups in recent history.

Mr. Thompson's death was entirely unexpected by his family and friends. The day, Thursday, followed the pattern of a normal press day, and civic club meeting night.

At 12:30 a. m. Friday, his wife, Mrs. Margaret Farrior Thompson, called him to end his reading—a practice common with him—and go to bed.

About 3 a. m. he arose, apparently not feeling well. His falling signalled the difficulty he was in. Medical assistance was summoned, and he was rushed to the hospital.

Conscious and apparently in no discomfort to the end, he met death quietly.

Surviving with his widow, are a daughter, Mrs. James C. High; his brothers Bradley O. Thompson of Lumberton, and Emerson M. Thompson of Burgaw, and a sister, Mrs. P. D. Jones of Burgaw.

The rites Saturday saw as pallbearers five nephews, Robert Floyd of Fairmont; Edwin Floyd of Cary, Stuart Thompson of Burgaw; the Rev. E. M. Thompson, Jr., of Stantonsboro, and Chester Ashley of Fairmont, and James M. Harper, Jr., co-owner with Mr. Thompson of the Southport newspaper.

A delegation from the North Carolina Press association, of which he was president in 1955-56, represented the North Carolina organization.

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### Brief Bits Of NEWS

**DANCE IS PLANNED**  
Billy Melton and his orchestra will play for a dance at the Community Building on Saturday, August 29. It will be sponsored by the Live Oak Garden Club.

**ATTENDS CONFERENCE**  
County Superintendent of Schools John G. Long is attending a conference for superintendents of schools in session this week at Mars Hill College.

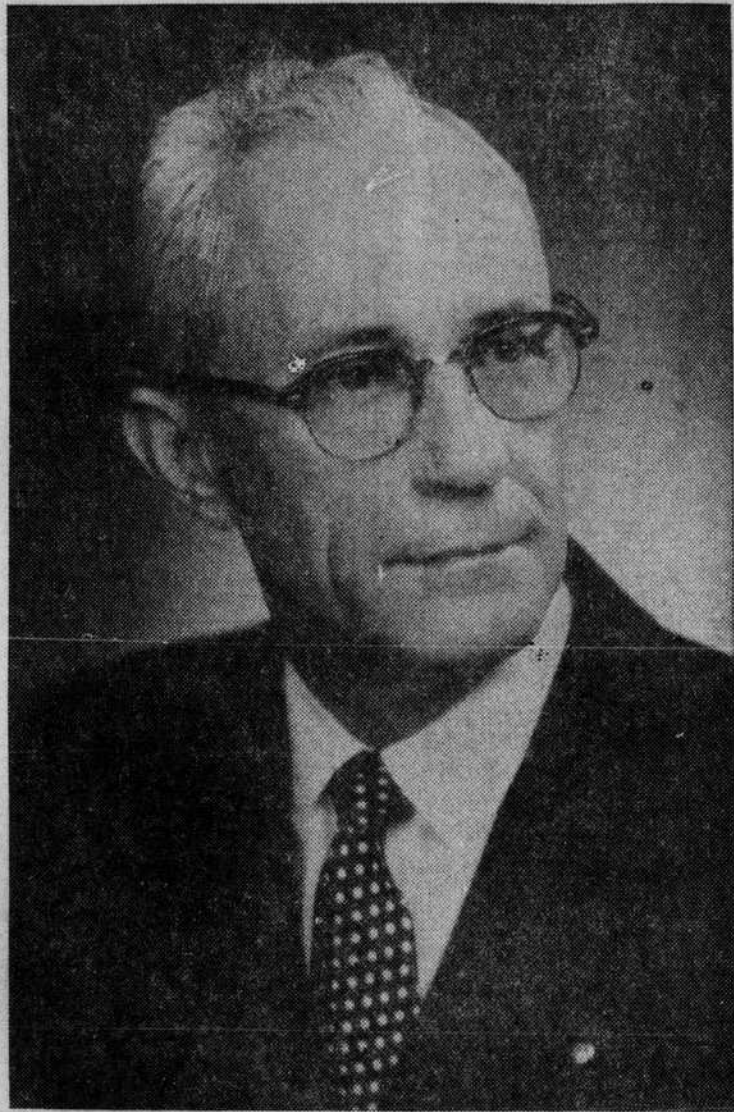
**BOLIVIA MEETING**  
The Bolivia Community Development Club will hold its regular meeting on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the school cafeteria.

**COMMUNION SERVICE**  
Communion service will be held Sunday morning at 8 o'clock at St. Phillips Episcopal Church with the Rev. Thomas S. Clarkson in charge. Regular morning worship will be held at 11 o'clock.

**RETURNS HOME**  
Mrs. Ella Aldridge has returned from the University of North Carolina where she took work in special fields of Public Health Nursing during the summer months.

**BACK FROM TRIP**  
Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey Coleman and son have returned from a visit to Colorado, where they visited their son, Airman Eric Coleman, who is in the U. S. Air Force and stationed at Lowery Air Force Base.

**RETURNS HOME**  
Floyd W. Kirby of Supply has returned to his home from James Walker Memorial Hospital Monday where he had been a patient since sustaining a broken hip two weeks ago. He is making satisfactory progress, and on Tuesday visited his store.



LESLEI STUART THOMPSON (Photo by Baldwin)

## Preliminaries For ASC Farm Election

Polling Places Selected And Community Election Board Members Named By County Committee

COMMUNITY ELECTION DATE SEPTEMBER 10

Eligible Farmers Urged To Participate In Each Step Of ASC Elections For This Year

Preliminary plans are being completed for the forthcoming ASC election, scheduled to be held on Thursday, September 10.

Already the county election board has met and has designated polling places, together with a list of community election officials. This latter group now is in the process of compiling a list of nominees for each community, and these will be turned over to the ASC County Office Manager in order that they may be publicized.

Provision is made for nominations to be made by petition, and the final slate of candidates will be published at least two weeks prior to the election of community committeemen.

At the September 10 election the committeemen will be named, with one of them to serve as delegate to the county convention which will be held on September 25. At that time the new county committee will be elected, and this group will take office on October 1.

It has been pointed out that all persons actively participating in the farm program are eligible to vote or to hold office, whether they be landlord or tenant. "The main thing we want," said County ASC Chairman Lonnie Evans this week, "is to have every eligible person participate in this election."

## Dredging Begins At Sunny Point

The Dredge Pullen Of Norfolk Dredging Company Has Started Maintenance Work At Wharf No. 1

The dredge Pullen of the Norfolk Dredging Co. got started late Saturday night on the 1.6 million cu. yd. maintenance dredging job at the Sunny Point Army Terminal, the Corps of Engineers at Wilmington announced this week.

The Pullen's first work is in the entrance channel of the lower wharf with the discharge of material. (Continued on Page Four)

## Second Training Group At Sunny Point This Week

Twenty-Three Officers And Two Enlisted Men Of Reserve Group From Boston, Mass., In Annual Field Training

TRANSPORTATION MEN IN CIVILIAN LIFE

Men Have Benefit Of Working Side By Side With Employees At Sunny Point Terminal

During the past two weeks, the USAR Transportation Ammunition Terminal (7457) from Boston, Massachusetts has been performing its annual field training at the Sunny Point Army Terminal at Southport. The unit is commanded by Colonel Timothy J. O'Leary who is the Director of Transportation for the City of Boston, Massachusetts.

The unit has an authorized strength of 23 officers and 2 enlisted men. Many of the personnel of the unit are active in the transportation field in civilian life. Lieutenant Colonel Carl W. Kearsley owns and operates the Suffolk Storage Warehouse Company; Captain John J. O'Hare is the Sales Manager of the Reo Truck Agency at Boston, Massachusetts; Captain Robert Z. Zartarian is the District Manager of the Universal Carloading Corporation at Springfield, Massachusetts; and Captain Arthur J. Gould, who is the Yardmaster of the unit, is an employee of the New Haven railroad.

Among the members of the National Defense Transportation Association are Colonel O'Leary, a past President of the New England Chapter, and Lieutenant Colonel Kearsley who is the Regional Vice-President for Massachusetts.

## Name Committee To Zone Beach

Yaupon Beach Residents Proceeding With Plans To Control Types Of Buildings

A special session of the town council for Yaupon Beach was held Monday evening to consider the proposition of adopting a zoning ordinance.

After extended discussion concerning the establishment of a suitable ordinance for the Town of Yaupon Beach and the appointment of a zoning commission, Commissioner E. G. Sinclair offered the following motion:

"Be it ordained by the town of Yaupon Beach that, in order to avail the town of the zoning regulations and provision of the General Statutes of North Carolina, a zoning commission with all the powers conferred by law is hereby appointed to recommend the boundaries of the various districts and appropriate regulations to be enforced therein, the zoning commission to be composed of the following persons:

"Bill Sharpe, chairman, G. V. Barbee, Jr., E. C. Setzer, A. A. Dixon, A. E. Rozar, A. E. Hamill, and P. R. Vann members. The motion was seconded by (Continued on page 6)

## Spinning Rod Is Tarpon Tackle

Fred Willing was the second local fisherman to land a tarpon, and this occurred several years ago. Last week he scored again, and this gives some idea of just how difficult it is to catch a silver king.

His latest catch was a 32-lb fish caught while spin casting off the point of Bald Head Island. He was using a 10-lb test line, and it required a half-hour to land the fish.

## Lions Hear Dr. Stuart Willis

Noted Expert In Field Of Tuberculosis Gives Interesting Information On Progress Made In This Field Medicine

Members of the Southport Lions Club heard Dr. Stuart Willis, leading authority on treatment of tuberculosis, describe Thursday night some of the great progress that has been made in this field of medical science, yet he warned "tuberculosis is far from being washed up".

Dr. Willis is from Chapel Hill and is head of North Carolina Sanatoria. He came to Southport at the invitation of Lion Morris Cranmer. He was introduced by Dr. M. H. Rourk, former District Governor and currently International Counselor.

Dr. Willis said that 25 years ago 75,000 died each year in the United States from tuberculosis. Last year he said that figure had dropped to 14,000. "The strange thing is that just about as many cases are discovered each year now as there were 25 years ago. The big difference is in the response to treatment," he said.

Use of the wonder drugs has brought about this great change, he said, and now a vast majority of the patients are able to return from the hospital to resume normal living.

He urged that public concern for control of tuberculosis not be relaxed, for it has been only through improved detection methods and proper treatment that significant progress has been possible, he declared.

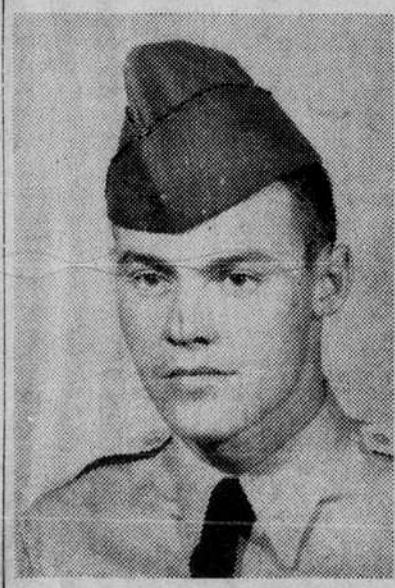
## Miraculous Escape



RESCUE—Eight persons were rescued from the two above vehicles following their head-on collision Thursday morning on Highway 74-76, and their escape was just in the nick of time. Immediately after they were pulled from the wrecked cars, the two vehicles burst into flames. All eight passengers were hospitalized in Wilmington.

## Major Tragedy Is Averted Thursday

Hospital Trip By Helicopter



KENDALL L. HARDEE

Shalotte Man Commissioned In National Guard

Kendall L. Hardee Is Member Of First Graduating Class For N. C. National Guard Officer Candidate School

Kendall L. Hardee of Shalotte, a recent graduate of the North Carolina National Guard Officer Candidate School at Fort Bragg, holds the distinction of being a graduate of the School's First Class.

Hardee was among thirty-four candidates who received diplomas and the gold bars of a Second Lieutenant on 20 June. Rigid military bearing and Esprit de Corps was displayed by the first class at impressive graduation exercises. Major General Capus Wayne, State Adjutant General, addressed the graduates and approximately 1,000 visitors which included the families and friends of the candidates. Other distinctions (Continued on Page Four)

Quick Action By 3 Nearby Construction Workers Free Eight Persons From Flaming Wreckage

VICTIMS ESCAPE WITH FEW MINOR INJURIES

Head-On Collision Occurs In Brunswick County On Highway No. 74-76 Thursday Morning

Quick action on the part of three nearby construction workers prevented a mass cremation following a highway accident on 74-76 in Brunswick county Thursday.

The men jerked two flaming automobiles apart, broke windows and pried open jammed doors to release four women and four children from what seemed certain, fiery death.

One of the women was Mrs. Francis Gabreski, pregnant wife of the nation's No. 1 jet ace pilot.

"Soon as we looked out the door and saw the cars in the ditch and burning," said shop foreman R. P. (Rung) Spivy, "we grabbed our fire extinguishers and went running."

"We could hear one of those little girls a-cryin' inside, but the cars were jammed together and afire in their front sections. My two men and I ran back and got our wrecker, hooked up and pulled the cars apart. That little girl inside kept cryin' louder and louder, but we pried open the doors. One woman was unconscious. We picked up all but two little girls and moved them out. The little girls got out by themselves. A big crowd was gathering around by that time.

"I'm certain the fire would have gotten them if we hadn't had the tools and got to them when we did. And it was lucky that it happened just about 75 (Continued On Page Six)

## Ordered To Stop Work In County

Action By Consolidated Board Of Health In New Hanover County Last Week May Upset Brunswick Set-Up

The Consolidated Board of Health of New Hanover county has ordered Dr. C. B. Davis, city-county health director now on leave of absence, to give up his part-time duties as Brunswick County health officer, effective Sept. 1.

The action requiring Dr. Davis to devote full time to his official duties as health director for Wilmington and New Hanover County came at a meeting of the Board Wednesday.

To compensate Dr. Davis for his loss of pay from Brunswick County, the Board recommended that his present salary of \$9,120 be increased to \$11,520.

Dr. Davis, who is attending a post-graduate course in chronic diseases at the University of Minnesota on a U. S. Public Health Service scholarship, is expected back the latter part of this month.

## Improvement Is Shown In Weed Sales For Week

Grade For Grade Average Still Favorable, But Volume Of Low-Grade Leaf Hurts Market Average

GOOD DEMAND FOR BETTER QUALITY

Volume Has Been Lighter Than Usual Thus Far As Farmers Have Been Completing Harvest

Tobacco marketing along the Border Belt continued to show much the same picture as it has since it opened.

The grade-for-grade averages for the poorer qualities continue to hold high, but the volume of low grade leaf kept total dollars down. There was some recession for the low qualities, but they appeared still well over support. There were exceptions in spots along the belt where some better tobacco is making a bigger showing.

The U. S. department of agriculture reports this:

"There was no marked change in average prices. However buyers began bidding \$1-\$2 above support for more of the top grades.

"Quality of offerings was better as more good leaf appeared on the floors and less primings. "Volume was fairly light especially on the Border markets. Deliveries were heavier towards the latter part of the week and heavy sales are expected to continue."

Government figures show these results as of the end of the second week of sales:

Whiteville 3,714,322 pounds for \$2,124,637; Tabor City 1,288,562 pounds for \$750,700; Chadbourn 1,429,126 pounds for \$870,707 and Fair Bluff 968,470 pounds for \$565,496.

As for the markets south, the USDA reports "the bulk of the Georgia-Florida tobacco crop has been sold." Ten of the 28 markets announced closing dates. Quality was dropping as the remnants came in.

The Georgia-Florida average is now \$58.77 as compared to \$58.23 for the same period last year. Volume is 2 1/2 times greater at 137.3 millions against 50.9 millions pounds last year.

## Grandson Dies Following Wreck

Officers Still Investigating Circumstances Surrounding Death Of Charles Roger Eason

Charles Roger Eason, 20 year old New Hanover county youth, died early Saturday morning of injuries sustained in an automobile accident that occurred on the Carolina Beach road.

Investigating officers are not satisfied with their findings surrounding this fatality, and they are still at work on it this week.

This young man was a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Drew of Southport. He was born here April 15, 1939, the son of Preston J. and Mary L. Drew Eason.

Surviving besides his parents, are four brothers, Jackie, Bobby, Allan, and Larry, all of the home, and a sister, Agnes, also of the home.

Funeral services were conducted Monday afternoon at 3 p. m. in the Chapel of Andrews Mortuary. (Continued on page four)

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

High Tide	Low Tide
Thursday, August 13,	
2:32 A. M.	8:53 A. M.
3:26 P. M.	9:44 P. M.
Friday, August 14,	
3:39 A. M.	9:57 A. M.
4:30 P. M.	10:46 P. M.
Saturday, August 15,	
4:44 A. M.	10:58 A. M.
5:29 P. M.	11:43 P. M.
Sunday, August 16,	
5:44 A. M.	11:54 A. M.
6:24 P. M.	0:00 P. M.
Monday, August 17,	
6:39 A. M.	0:04 A. M.
7:15 P. M.	12:46 P. M.
Tuesday, August 18,	
7:30 A. M.	1:22 A. M.
8:02 P. M.	1:35 P. M.
Wednesday, August 19,	
8:17 A. M.	2:07 A. M.
8:45 P. M.	2:21 P. M.

## TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARKER

It was August 9, 1939, and a front page cut-line that week announced that County Register of Deeds R. I. Mintz had recently passed the state bar exam. Red Cross lifesaving classes had already paid off in full: Claude McCall and Johnnie Simmons, just out of these classes, had figured prominently in the rescue of a small boy from the surf of Wrightsville Beach. Gene Austin, always a local favorite, had recently appeared in Wilmington; the Vanderbilt yacht Alva had been piloted into Southport harbor by a member of the local pilot's association; and another yacht, this one an 18-foot kayak paddled by a New Jersey couple, was also in port.

Hunting licenses were to be put on sale at the last of the week, in plenty of time for the opening of marsh hen season. The steeple of Southport Baptist Church, recently visited by a stroke of lightning, was being put back into order. Irony lies in the fact that this same steeple had undergone these same repairs, for the same reason, only four years before. The freighter Illinoisan, aground on Battery Island since Monday of the preceding week, had been re-floated; our editorial writer had wondered if upriver traffic had not better rely solely on local pilots in the future; and Long Beach surf fishing had taken a sudden jump.

It was August 9, 1944, and the opening of county schools had been postponed due to a polio epidemic. The storm of the past week had brought back memories of other storms long before. Oldtimers had recalled one in 1898 which drove 30 damaged sailing ships into the harbor. On the recent storm, trees at Ft. Caswell, Orton, and in Franklin square had suffered; two shrimp (Continued On Page Two)