

## At 50th Anniversary Banquet



ATTEND—Presiding over the 50th Anniversary Banquet for the Southport Woman's Club here Thursday night was Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., left. Mrs. George Ross of Wilmington, district president, was on hand to install the new officers. Mrs.

C. Ed Taylor was one of the charter members of the club and she and Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, who was unable to attend, were made honorary Life Members. Mrs. A. E. Huntley, right, is the new club president.—(Huntley Photo.)

## Child Fatally Injured When Struck By Car

Three Year Old Rhonda Lynn Moore Dies Enroute To Hospital Following Tuesday Accident

Three-year-old Rhonda Lynn Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Moore of Wilmington, was killed early Friday evening when she was struck by an automobile on U. S. Highway No. 17 near Supply.

Driver of the automobile was Mrs. M. T. McRacken of Southport, who told Corporal O. H. Lynch of the Highway Patrol that she swerved to the right to avoid hitting the child when she saw it crossing the road. The child was struck by the left front fender and death was attributed to a brain concussion.

Coroner L. B. Bennett investigated, and reported that death resulted from an unavoidable accident. The child was rushed to Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, but died enroute.

According to accounts of events leading to the accident, the child was crossing the highway to go to a nearby store to purchase bubble gum when it ran into the side of the McRacken automobile.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN**  
Mrs. Robert Jones has been named acting librarian for the Southport Public Library.

**BROOMS AND CAKES**  
Southport Lions Club members still have a few fruitcakes for sale and a good supply of brooms are available.

**ON TELEVISION**  
Mrs. Phillip King, acting librarian for the Southport Public Library, appeared on Ben McDonald's "Main Street, North and South Carolina" program Tuesday night.

**HOME BURNS**  
The old Swain home in the Bethel Church community burned last Wednesday night. The Thomas Harnelson family were occupants, and have moved into the West home on the River Road.

**SATURDAY DANCE**  
A pre-Christmas dance will be held Saturday night from 8 to 12 o'clock in the Community Building. The sponsor will be the Southport Lions Club and music will be by hi-fi.

**LELAND TURKEY SHOOT**  
A turkey shoot is being held on Tuesday and Friday each week during the holiday season at the range across the road from Paul's Drive-In at Leland. Contestants may shoot for either a turkey or a ham and may bring their own gun. This event is sponsored by the Leland Volunteer Fire Department.

## Club Celebrates 50th Anniversary

Golden Anniversary Banquet For Southport Woman's Club Was Celebrated Thursday Evening

HIGHLIGHTS OF PAST ARE REPORTED

This Was Accomplished By Use Of Three Costumed Skits, Showing Early Activities Of Organization

Highlights from the past were presented at the 50th Anniversary Banquet of the Southport Woman's Club here Thursday evening as a half-century of service to the community was celebrated.

Scene of the meeting was the Community Building, which was decorated for the occasion in the Christmas motif. The theme of the Golden Anniversary was carried out in several appointments.

Following a four-course dinner prepared and served by members of the Daughters of America, a dramatization of some of the highlights of the club's achievements proved to be an interesting part of the program.

Participating in the skits were Mrs. Huntley, Mrs. A. E. Weeks, Mrs. Bobby Jones, Mrs. E. J. Prewatte, Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. Leslie Bellows, Mrs. C. A. Graham, Jr., Mrs. John Swan, Mrs. Bryant Potter, Mrs. Ed Harnelson, Mrs. L. J. Hardee, and E. E. Parker, E. J. Prewatte and the Rev. Lawrence Bridges.

The concern of the women of Southport that the dead be handled with more dignity led to the purchase of the first hearse ever used here. It was a custom-made conveyance, made by the late K. Tobiasen. The club had custody of the hearse for at least two years, for there was a later record of providing funds for repainting.

The women of the town were the first to be concerned with the dark, unlighted streets; and the first street light ever erected in Southport was the one they purchased and had turned on.

A lending library was one of Continued On Page 3

## Waccamaw Bank Pays Dividend

President C. L. Tate Announces Payment Of 45-Cents Per Share For 4th Quarter Of Year

C. L. Tate, President of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, announced today that the Board of Directors had authorized the payment of the 4th quarterly dividend of 45c per share payable on December 16 to all stockholders of record as of December 10, 1959.

During the year 1959 the Waccamaw Bank has paid four quarterly dividend payments of 45c per share each, making a total annual dividend of \$1.80 per share. Continued On Page 4

## Garden Club To Sponsor Contest

The Southport Garden Club will sponsor an outdoor Christmas decoration contest this year. The judges will be accompanied by Mrs. H. T. St. George and the judging will take place Christmas Eve.

There will be 1st and 2nd prize for door, 1st and 2nd prize for overall decoration, 1st and 2nd prize for living Christmas tree, and a prize for the most unusual decoration.

## Good Progress In Census Work

Farmers Who Have Not Yet Been Contacted Are Urged To Hand In Or Mail Their Questionnaires

Brunswick and New Hanover farm citizens are becoming increasingly interested in the regular 5-year Farm Census.

To date, over 2200 A-1 questionnaires have been filed. This is over 93 percent of the number of A-1's that are reported to census. That milestone may be reached by the dozen enumerators early this week, based on the splendid performance of last week.

It is still not too late for farm operators to drop their filled questionnaire in the mailbox, addressed either to his local enumerator or Stuart D. Patrick, 617 Castle Hayne Rd., Wilmington. No postage is required.

Census takers, or enumerators handling these questionnaires, which are checked by the supervisor, then forwarded to Parsons, Kansas, are:

For Brunswick County—Eugene Baines, Mrs. H. W. Benton, Mrs. Charlie O. Holden, Harry Jenrett, Mrs. E. J. King, Mrs. Earl Long, John H. Mills, Jr., Mrs. Aldreth Phelps, Mrs. Bryan Potter, Mrs. Harold Willetts.

When the final count is made for counties, states, and for the nation, every dollar of farm income, every head of livestock, every acre of harvested land that is unreported will take away from the glowing picture of farm improvement in Brunswick County. This is the biggest and most intensely instructive farmer-government cooperative enterprise ever done.

The individual figures are confidential. By getting totals of various crops in different areas, the economy of each area and of the nation as a whole is strengthened by application of the knowledge obtained.

For example, most families spend about one-fourth of their income to buy food. Because of Continued On Page 2

## Couple Wanted For Thefts In County Taken

Man And Wife From Farmville Arrested In Memphis, Tenn., And Charged With Series Of Thefts

A newspaper account of the theft of several typewriters and electric saws from Union High School helped to lead to the capture of a man and his wife in Memphis, Tennessee, last week.

They are Joseph James Ellis and wife, Joyce Faye Ellis, of Farmville, who are charged with the Brunswick county thefts. However, their return to this State may be some time away, as they also are wanted for a series of thefts in and around Memphis, and even over in the State of Arkansas.

The first break in the case came when Herbert Bryant, who operates a service station on Highway No. 17, called Deputy Drew Long and reported that a white woman had pawned an electric saw to him for some gasoline and some milk for her child.

A check proved that the saw had been stolen at Union High School. The woman told Bryant that she had been to Florida to visit her sick father, and that she had run out of money on her way home. After he had arranged to extend her credit, Bryant saw her drive up the road, turn around and head back South. He had the presence of mind to take her license number, and this he furnished to Deputy Long.

Sheriff E. V. Leonard contacted the State Bureau of Investigation, who checked out ownership of the car, and began to watch the activities of the Ellis couple.

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## Highway Folks Hold Hearings Here Tuesday

Division Engineer T. J. McKim And Other Highway Officials Hear Request For Road Improvements

FERRY PROJECT IS ALSO DISCUSSED

Representative J. C. Bowman And Senator S. B. Frink Both Urge Favorable Consideration Of This Project

Officials of the Third Division of the State Highway Commission held a public hearing Tuesday afternoon in Southport with representative groups of citizens from several sections of Brunswick county appearing to present arguments in favor of local projects.

T. J. McKim, division engineer, was present and was in charge of the meeting.

In remarks before the meeting, Representative James C. Bowman and Senator S. B. Frink spoke out in favor of the Southport-Carolina Beach ferry service. They urged the division officials to expedite this work in every possible manner.

Also speaking in support of this project was City Manager C. D. Pickrell, who also thanked the highway officials for some recent projects carried out here in Southport. This sentiment was also expressed by Mayor Roy Robinson.

McKim said that he wished to speak fairly and frankly to the citizens when he told them that it will be impossible to change present plans for construction and improvement. He expressed an interest in obtaining factual information for use in setting up projects for the next fiscal year, and says he will visit throughout the county.

Appearing before the highway group were J. W. Stanley, Horace Brady, Jewell McKeithan, W. P. Gore, J. C. Stanaland, J. G. Wilson, E. C. Herring, J. G. Long, H. C. Grissett, Kirby Sullivan, and commissioners F. H. Swain, R. E. Belamy and Durwood Clark.

## Funeral Held For Dave Ross

Prominent Citizen Of Freeland Community Buried Monday; Was Well-Known Throughout The County

Dave Ross, 66, former postmaster and law enforcement officer of Freeland, died at Moody Rest Home, Lumberton, early Saturday morning, after a year of declining health.

The deceased, who once served as chairman of the Brunswick county board of elections, was well known throughout the county. He was a justice of the peace for many years and had served in other public duties.

For several years he reported activities of his community for the county newspaper. Final rites were held, Monday at 3 p. m. at New Britain Baptist Church by the Revs. Gaston Hester and Dayton Fowler, with burial in New Life Church Cemetery. Continued On Page 4

## Submarine Duty



MYRON N. HELMS, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Helms of Southport, is welcomed aboard the submarine USS Requin, by his Commanding Officer, Lt. Cdr. A. L. Maynard. Helms reported aboard the Requin, a unit of Submarine Squadron Six at Norfolk, Va., October 15. Before entering the Navy in October 1957, he attended Southport High school and was employed by Shannon Gulf Service in Long Beach.

## Farmers Attend Tobacco Meeting In This County

Roy R. Bennett, Extension Specialist In Tobacco, Talked To Brunswick Farmers About Problems

GOOD ATTENDANCE FOR THIS MEETING

Specialist Sees Need For Closer Coordination Between Interested Parties In Production Of This Crop

Brunswick county tobacco farmers attended a meeting Wednesday night at Waccamaw high school at which Roy Bennett, extension tobacco specialist, discussed some of the plans for the future production of this crop.

Bennett commented that the marketing problems, grading, sorting, tying, the chemical problems like use of MH-30, and varietal questions could be thrashed out and agreements reached on what is wanted and what can be produced if all phases of the industry — growers, companies, warehouse, grading service Tobacco Stabilization, farm or organizations, research, extension and USDA—that have obligations and responsibilities in tobacco work would get their representatives together and recognize some basic facts.

Farmers commented on the lack of payment for practices like sorting and grading. Bennett observed that prices of low grade tobacco sometimes come near prices for the best leaf. Ungraded tobacco often brings as much or more than graded tobacco.

Elusive "We might as well recognize what is known and what is not known about quality tobacco and realize that it is a changing and elusive thing. Quality is defined differently by companies and individuals and may vary from year to year," Bennett said.

"For instance, to the question of why do we not do a better job of sorting and preparation for the market, might be said, pay for the extra work instead of penalizing for it." Bennett and farm leaders like Continued On Page 2

## Observance Of Christmas Begins

### Policeman



HERMAN STRONG, who has reported for duty as the new Chief of Police for the City of Southport. He was sworn in Tuesday by Mayor Robinson.

Christmas Music Will Feature Morning Worship Service At Trinity Methodist Church Sunday

BAPTIST CANTATA SUNDAY NIGHT

Special Events At Yaupon Methodist Church; Schools Get Out For Holidays Tuesday

Christmas celebration reaches a high peak of interest here Sunday, with special programs at three of the churches.

At Trinity Methodist Church the presentation of Christmas music by the choir will take place at the morning worship hour, with selections being sung from four different cantatas.

At Southport Baptist Church the choir, under the direction of Lew Hardee, will present "King All Glorious" on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

At Yaupon Beach Methodist Church the young people will have a Christmas program on Sunday morning, preceding the Christmas sermon by the Rev. L. D. Hayman. His sermon topic will be "Sunrise Expectancy As Witnessed In The Long Ago". There will be a program by the children's department on next Wednesday evening.

Schools will get out for the holidays on Tuesday at noon, and classes will not be resumed until January 4.

County offices will close at the conclusion of business on Tuesday and will not reopen until December 28.

## Exhibits Shown Of Club Work

Wednesday Night Meeting At Piney Grove School Features Reports Of The Year's Achievements

Culminating twelve months of hard team work and many hours of constructive social activities, the Association of Community Development Clubs of the Brunswick County School District I dedicated its December meeting, held at the Piney Grove Community Center Wednesday night, to an exhibit on reports on accomplishments for the year.

The Association of Community Development Clubs is the mother organization of three organized community groups, St. James-Rutland Chapel Community Development Club, the Zion-Hill Community Development Club, and the Piney Grove Community Development Club.

Organized under the supervision of the Vocational Agriculture Department of the Brunswick County Training School, each of the four areas of community development activities, Home Improvement, Church Improvement, Food Preservation, and Home Craft and Farm Shop, is carried on under a special chairman along with the club president. These activities are coordinated on the association level by a chairman of each area.

The achievement program was presided over by Richard Randolph, president of the Association of Community Development Clubs, who brought greetings to the members, and expressions of gratitude to the community developer of the community development program. The music was furnished by a special choir made up of members from the various community clubs.

Reports on the effect of the Community Development Program on the local community were given by the three local community club presidents. Anderson Chapman reported for St. James-Rutland Chapel Community. Irvin Monroe reported for Zion-Hill Community and John O. Randolph related the impact the program has had on the Piney Continued On Page 2

## Highway Cases Are Completed

Verdict Returned In Favor Of J. B. Willetts; Compromise Reached In Two Other Cases Against The Highway Commission

The two weeks term of Superior court for trial of civil cases came to a close here yesterday afternoon. Judge Raymond Mallard of Tallor City was the presiding jurist.

Among the cases disposed of was the suit last week of J. B. Willetts against the State Highway Commission, in which the jury awarded a verdict of \$5,500 for the plaintiff.

The cases of Elmore Willetts against the Highway Commission and of Dora Galloway against the Highway Commission were compromised.

Trial of the case of R. S. Willetts against the Highway Commission was postponed. On Monday a compromise agreement was reached in the matter of N. C. Gas Corporation against H. O. Peterson.

## Continue Study Of High Bridge

U. S. Engineers Still Have Under Advisement Question Of Future Policy With Intracoastal Waterway Structures

The study with respect to vertical bridge clearance requirements on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway which has been underway by the Corps of Engineers since early in 1958 is still in progress. A public hearing was conducted in Jacksonville, Florida, in April, 1958, as a part of the study and by public notice dated September, 1958, all interested persons were informed that the Chief of Engineers had determined that no immediate change would be made in the present standard clearance of 80 feet.

However, it was announced that the study would be continued in order to secure additional detailed data to permit a more thorough analysis of all of the factors involved. A part of the continued study was to be a survey of actual usage of the waterway by tall vessels for a period of a full year.

Information is furnished that the full year's survey has now been completed and that final results are being tabulated. It is expected that the committee of officers appointed by the Chief of Engineers to make the study will make its report to the Chief of Engineers by February, 1960. The final decision of the Chief of Engineers will be announced as promptly as practicable after it is made. In the meantime, any interests Continued On Page 4

## TIME and TIDE

It was December 13, 1939, and the newest industry in the county was commercial catfishing. The story indicated that there was a good northern market for these creatures, but along about the fifth paragraph, when it was announced that the fish must be cleaned (i.e. skinned) locally, the industry seemed to be dying. Then there was a story about Spaniards having been in the locality as early as 1523; the ruins of St. Phillip's church were being highlighted again; and the Christmas lights were up in Southport.

Names, too, made news that week. David Adams had set the season's high in shrimp catches during the past week with 72 bushels on Friday; Mack McGlamery was putting on a "swing and sway" affair in his waterfront cafe that night; David Watson, Not Exactly advised, would be "wearing an ECTC uniform when the basketball season opens"; and everybody in town had played bridge at least twice during the past week.

It was December 13, 1944, and someone had apparently caught a coyote on Long Beach. Said animal was described as being a cross between a dog and a fox. The Southport Woman's Club was again sponsoring a Christmas lighting contest; D. C. Andrews was back in the states after serving 11 months in the South Pacific; and the county schools were to have five days off for Christmas.

It was learned that week that the Old Plantation Christmas would be held as usual at Orton, though few of the young folks would be present. James and A. T. McKeithan had seen one another for the first time in three years—in England; Frank Niern 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, December 17,	
9:00 A. M.	2:48 A. M.
9:19 P. M.	2:23 P. M.
Friday, December 18,	
9:34 A. M.	3:26 A. M.
9:55 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
Saturday, December 19,	
10:10 A. M.	4:05 A. M.
10:34 P. M.	4:38 P. M.
Sunday, December 20,	
10:50 A. M.	4:47 A. M.
11:19 P. M.	5:19 P. M.
Monday, December 21,	
11:35 A. M.	5:35 P. M.
0:00 P. M.	6:05 P. M.
Tuesday, December 22,	
0:12 A. M.	6:27 P. M.
12:27 P. M.	6:41 P. M.
Wednesday, December 23,	
1:12 A. M.	6:57 P. M.
1:27 P. M.	7:11 P. M.