

Brunswick Recovering From Shock Of Air Crash At Bolivia

Southport Gymnasium Used As Morgue As Identification Of 32 Of The Victims Was Established

VOLUNTEER HELPERS FILLED MANY JOBS

Relatives Of Wreck Victims Here In Numbers On Thursday And Friday Of Last Week

The scene of action in Brunswick county's worst accident in history shifted Wednesday afternoon from Bolivia to Southport, when 32 bodies of victims of the National Airlines crash were brought here to the high school gymnasium.

There the job of positive identification began, with a team of FBI experts in charge. They were

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assisted by Southport doctors, nurses, dentists and laymen who filled multiple duties in carrying out this grim operation.

By the time the first bodies arrived, about 3 p. m. the gym was ready, a nurse was on duty and the coffee bar and canteen were in operation.

Coming down with the first load of bodies was a team of FBI pathologists, identification experts, airline officials, Highway Patrolmen, etc. etc. and then began a period of assembling needed supplies. Blankets to cover all doors and windows in the gym, hospital screens, more blankets, an operating table, buckets and pans for water, stacks of newspapers, searchlights, rubber gloves, towels, more tables and chairs.

By about 7 p. m. all the bodies then recovered were in the gym, local doctors and dentists were assisting the FBI teams, and the first relative had arrived. The identification team went into high gear and the nurses who were supposed to be relieved couldn't find time to stop there were four and sometime six nurses working at the time. They secured hospital instruments and some helped on autopsies; others took blood samples, others helped clean up the bodies. At 4:30 a. m. they called it a night, but were back on duty at 7 the next morning.

In the meantime the canteen and coffee bar had been swamped. Search parties kept coming in, volunteer firemen and Coast Guardsmen on guard duty and litter duty in the gym, Highway Patrolmen, local police, airline personnel, all were fed.

Earlier in the evening the head of the FBI team had asked for assistance in obtaining information from relatives to be used in making identifications. All local ministers were on hand and anxious to help, although 95 percent of the victims were of the Jewish faith. They took on the job of cutting a stencil, mimeographing forms and setting up a suitable desk for the "relative interviews". This desk was manned by the ministers for about 36 hours straight.

Thursday was the rough day. Relatives arrived by the dozens. National Airlines had made accommodations for them in a hotel in Wilmington and the idea was that they were to stay there, interviews were to be conducted there and they were to come to

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

BENEFIT BARBECUE
The Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department will hold a barbecue supper at Leroy Hook's place in Winnabow Saturday, beginning at 6:30 p. m. The public is invited.

JAIL SERVICES
Sunday services were held at the jail Sunday by the Gospel Center Baptist Church of Supply, the speaker was the Rev. Frank Johnson, pastor, who delivered a very impressive sermon. It was accepted by the prisoners.

DREDGING BIDS
Bids for additional maintenance dredging at the Sunny Point Army Terminal are scheduled to be opened in Wilmington Thursday at 2 p. m. The work will require the removal of an estimated 2,000,000 cu. yds. of material from the channels and turning basins. Col. R. P. Davidson, District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, advised today.

Task Completed



THANKS—H. B. Taylor of National Airlines bids farewell to Mrs. Susan King, Executive Secretary of the American Red Cross, prior to his departure Saturday. On the back row are Mayor Roy Robinson, Sheriff E. V. Leonard and Highway Patrolman J. C. Taylor.—(Huntley Photo.)

Expresses Appreciation

H. B. TAYLOR For National Airlines
"National Airlines wishes to express its deepest gratitude to the citizens of Bolivia, Southport and all of Brunswick county for the wonderful help and cooperation throughout the tragedy of the plane crash. We have seldom witnessed such fine human spirit and such generous offers of help when it was most needed. We are deeply grateful.
"It would be impossible to single out every one who has helped, but National would like to express its thanks especially to Mrs. Susan King and all of the Volunteer Red Cross Workers; to Mayor Roy Robinson and city officials including the Volunteer Firemen and Rescue Squad; to the members of the Bolivia Development Club; to Coroner L. B. Bennett; to Sheriff E. V. Leonard and members of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department; to members of the State Highway Patrol; to officers and men of the Brunswick County Civil Air Patrol; to Lt. Col. Johnnie D. Duffie and the personnel of Sunny Point Army Terminal; to members of the U. S. Coast Guard; to the morticians of Brunswick county; to the doctors and nurses; to the ministers of all denominations—in short, to all of the wonderful people who gave so unselfishly of their time and services during this trying emergency."

Methodist Plan Wider Program District Census Office Located

Pastors Of Four Of Six Churches In Brunswick Hope To Expand To Include Other Denominations
The pastors of the several Methodist churches in Brunswick County held their regular monthly meeting Monday at Zion Methodist church Monday with four of the six churches represented.
The Rev. Lawrence Bridges, president, presided. After a review of the past record for the month several matters of interest were brought forward and each was discussed on the merits of its importance. Among those matters was that of enlarging the local organization to include as a county group ministers of all the churches in the county. Plans were set up to hold a meeting in Southport on the first Monday in February at 10 o'clock at which time all pastors interested will gather to discuss and determine the course to be taken in effecting such an organization.
Another item which was discussed was that of arranging for Day Craft Camp for youth, meeting as often as expedient for this type of work and looking to both educational and spiritual training as well as craft work.
Still another item considered was that of arranging for picnic and recreational programs in several parts of the county at places where grounds could be provided and supervised to care for the young people and children. Such places as the church grounds at Yaupon Beach, Zion Church, Shalotte and other parts of the county where the church and pastor privileges could be obtained were considered. This would be non-denominational in scope; but

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Body Of Carlos Ramos Valdaes Of Havana Is Only One Not Recovered; 33rd Body Recovered Saturday

WRECKAGE COVERS AREA OF 20 MILES

CAB Officials Plan To Assemble Wreckage In Effort To Determine The Cause Of Accident

Science and technology have taken over the aerial disintegration of a National Airlines DC-6B, early Wednesday, that killed 34 persons.

Today Civil Aeronautics Board officials are moving ahead with plans to assemble the wrecked passenger plane, study its engines, to ascertain why it failed in the air, tore apart, and dropped its 29 passengers and crew of five to their deaths.

Discovery of wreckage, including portions of the fuselage, along Kure Beach and at Ft. Fisher on the Cape Fear peninsula, strengthened theories that the plane got in trouble some 22 miles from where the bulk of the wreckage was found.

The body of victim 33, identified by the Federal Bureau of Identification, as Julian A. Frank, 32, Westport, Conn. attorney, was found at Snow's Marsh, Saturday by Civil Air Patrol from New Hanover county.

Snow's marsh is just upriver from the isthmus of the Cape Fear. A 34th person, Carlos Ramos Valdes, Havana banker, is still missing.

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Three Students Finish College

Brunswick County Boys And Girl Complete Work For Degree At East Carolina College

Of the 153 students who completed their work at East Carolina College at the end of the fall quarter three candidates for degrees were from Brunswick County, Registrar Robert L. Holt has announced.

They are James Harold Russ, Southport, AB; Betty Jean Gilbert, Bolivia; and Jerry Douglas Watts, Southport, B. S.

With other members of the Class of 1960, graduates of the fall quarter who are eligible for degrees will receive their diplomas at the annual commencement exercises, scheduled for Sunday, May 22.

All of the fall-quarter graduates at East Carolina are North Carolinians except twelve, who come from California, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Virginia, and Washington, D. C. The 141 North Carolinians represent 45 counties of this state.

Those completing their work at the end of the fall quarter include 112 candidates for the bachelor of science degree, which is awarded in the field of teacher education. Sixteen will receive the master of degree; and twenty-five the bachelor of arts degree.

TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARTER

It was January 10, 1940, and the front page photo that week showed two aspects of the beautiful square-rigged schooner Swift, of Ipswich, Mass. She and another vessel, the sharpie Santa Cruz of the same port, had been in Southport during the last week. Their builder, Capt. William Robinson, had circumnavigated the globe in a 32-footer some ten years before, and a lengthy story was devoted to his exploits both as sailor and shipwright. Elsewhere on the waterfront, the training ship White Cloud of New York had visited here en route to San Francisco, the County Chamber of Commerce was requesting that the battleship North Carolina be allowed to visit Southport, and menhaden boats had made capacity catches on the Thursday last.

On the hardwoods: the Shalotte girls had defeated Southport 35-8; their boys had triumphed over the locals 13-9. Not exactly waxed athletic that week and opined that the Texas Aggies should play Southern Cal in a post-post-season game to determine the national football championship; observed that the ever-powerful Yankees had again made an astute trade; and noted that David Watson and Malcolm Frink were playing basketball for ECTC.

It was January 10, 1945, and Col. Ivan Bennet, chief chaplain for the Army forces in The Far East, had addressed a special gathering of students at his Alma Mater, Wake Forest College. W. R. Lingle had been named head of the county March of Dimes; our editorial writer had shown varied taste, clipping

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Bowman Declares He Is No Candidate

Brunswick County Representative Says He Will Not Seek Nomination And Re-election This Year

The first big political news on a local level in this election year is the announcement this week from Representative James C. Bowman that he will not seek re-election.

The Southport lawyer served during the 1957 and 1959 sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly and earned a reputation for being a valuable and respected member of the House of Representatives.

His decision not to seek re-election leaves the field wide open, but already there are rumors of possible candidates. Among these is Senator S. B. Frink, who has been approached by numerous responsible citizens urging him to become a candidate for the house in the forthcoming Democratic primary. Frink said this week that he is "very much interested in following up on some of the things that Jim and I started last year. I'm not sure yet what I will be able to do, but I am interested."

Following is the text of a letter Representative Bowman wrote this week to Kirby Sullivan, chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee:



JAMES C. BOWMAN

"After giving the matter considerable thought and after reviewing the many factors involved, I have been forced to conclude that I will be unable to run for re-election.
"Accordingly, you are advised that I will not be a candidate for

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Ports Authority Will Meet Monday

Receive Funds For Red Cross

Appreciation to the residents of Brunswick County was expressed by one of the relatives of the airplane crash victims in the form of donations to Doshier Memorial Hospital and the Brunswick County Chapter of the Red Cross.

Arthur Slepian of Bridgeport, Conn., made a gift of \$25 to the Doshier Memorial Hospital and \$50 to the Red Cross in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Schine, Mr. and Mrs. Kunin and Mr. and Mrs. Silver, all of whom died in the accident.

Mr. Slepian, who was in Southport to assist in identification of his relatives and friends, said he "had never known people could be so kind".

District School Boards To Meet

Brunswick County Man Is Vice-President Of This Organization

The annual meeting of District Five of the North Carolina School Boards Association will convene at James Kenan High School in Duplin County on Wednesday afternoon, February 3.

James Kenan is a consolidated school located on State Highway No. 24 between Warsaw and Kenansville.

More than 200 superintendents, principals, Board of Education members, local committeemen, county commissioners, legislators and P. T. A. presidents are expected to be in attendance.

The Fifth District is composed of Duplin, New Hanover, Pender, Sampson, Brunswick and Wayne counties.

Registration will begin at 3:30 p. m., followed by a business session, discussion groups and a closing banquet. The meeting will adjourn at 8:15 p. m.

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Capture Still Near Southport

"Boys, you'd better go out and get that still we've been watching," Sheriff E. V. Leonard told his deputies Saturday. "With all these service men plowing through the woods we might be keeping somebody out of trouble".

The result was capture of Dan McKay, Southport colored man, and the destruction of a 250-gallon still and 300-gallons of mash. Location of the plant was near Southport.

Taking part in the raid were Deputies Charles Skipper, Drew Long, Alex Ganey and Milton Bowen.

McKay will be tried Monday in Recorder's court.

Bookmobile To Make Inaugural Tour Saturday

Motorcade Will Make The Rounds Of Brunswick County To Give Citizens First View Of New Vehicle

REGULAR ROUNDS BEGIN TUESDAY

Two Trips Each Week Will Bring Library Service To All Sections Of Brunswick County

The Brunswick County Bookmobile is in Shalotte and will be delivered Thursday after being lettered and serviced; and already plans are being made for a shake-up tour Saturday to various communities in order that citizens may see the new vehicle.

The bookmobile will head a motorcade, and at the wheel will be Mrs. Phil King, acting librarian. With her will be Miss Gertrude Loughlin, who filled this position during the summer. Other persons are planning to make the county-wide tour, and an invitation is extended to interested citizens to join the motorcade.

First point of call will be at Leland at the postoffice from 10:30 to 11 o'clock; Bolivia, Douglas Haves Store, 11:30 to 12 noon; Shalotte, Camp Methodist Church, from 12:30 to 1:30 o'clock; Thomasboro, Pierce's Store, 2 to 2:30 o'clock; Ash, Soldier Bay Baptist Church, 3 to 3:30; Southport, courthouse, 4:30 to 5.

Library officials invite interested citizens in each community to visit the bookmobile during the hours indicated.

The bookmobile will be open for residents of Southport, particularly those who cannot climb stairs, on Monday morning, January 18, from ten to 12, at the City Hall.

Plans have been completed for regular trips throughout the county for the bookmobile, and a schedule of appointments follows:

LELAND ROUTE
Tuesday, January 19
Lanvale, Purvis Home, 9:40-9:55 a. m.
Jackey's Creek, Lewis Station, 10:00-10:15 a. m.
17-74-76 Intersection, Trailer Sales, 10:25-11:00 a. m.
Woodburn, Mac Jones Store, 11:10-11:40 a. m.
Navassa, Navassa Grocery, 12:00-12:15 p. m.

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Draw Jury List For Court Term

Criminal Term Of Superior Court Will Convene Here On Monday, January 25

The following names have been drawn for jury duty at the January term of Superior court, which convenes on Monday, January 25:

J. Dallas McKeithan, Walter C. Wilson, Charles R. King, Wilbert Evans, William R. Sellers, Melton R. Evans, Freeland; Sidney Caisson, H. L. Brown, James P. Clemons, Hobby Davis, Floyd H. Phelps, Tony Hewitt, J. S. Nance, Henry Williams, John P. Varnum, T. K. Hewitt, Supply; Delmas V. Hughes, R. W. Hughes, H. D. Stanley, James D. Smith, J. B. McKeithan, W. O. Ludlum, T. Purvis, Herman Babson, G. O. Jones, Obbie Long, Ash; I. N. Jacobs, L. C. McKay, Sr., Decter Raynor.

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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, January 14,	
1:58 A. M.	8:02 A. M.
2:33 P. M.	8:20 P. M.
Friday, January 15,	
2:37 A. M.	8:37 P. M.
3:10 P. M.	8:55 P. M.
Saturday, January 16,	
3:16 A. M.	9:12 A. M.
3:47 P. M.	9:32 P. M.
Sunday, January 17,	
3:56 A. M.	9:48 A. M.
4:24 P. M.	10:11 P. M.
Monday, January 18,	
4:39 A. M.	10:28 A. M.
5:04 P. M.	10:56 P. M.
Tuesday, January 19,	
5:26 A. M.	11:12 A. M.
5:50 P. M.	11:48 P. M.
Wednesday, January 20,	
6:30 A. M.	12:04 A. M.
6:42 P. M.	

March Of Dime Workers Named

Mrs. Landis G. Brown Is Chairman Of Campaign In Southport Area This Year

The March of Dimes Campaign is now underway in Brunswick county with committees being set up in each community by Mrs. M. H. Rourk, county chairman.

Heading the campaign in Southport is Mrs. Landis G. Brown, who has named the following workers to assist with collections:
The following persons are working in the Southport area:
Mrs. Ray Walton, Mrs. Art Newton, Mrs. C. Ed Taylor, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. Harold St.

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