

Letters Speak Gratitude Felt For Treatment

Arthur Slepain Writes Letter To Governor Luther H. Hodges Expressing Thanks For Treatment In County

ANOTHER LETTER TO THIS PAPER

These Communications Reflect Reactions Of Visitors Following Air Tragedy At Bolivia

This week a letter of appreciation to the folks in Brunswick county for their kindness during the period following the recent airliner crash came from Arthur Slepain of Bridgeport, Conn., who had been a visitor here during that trying period.

Strangely enough, his communication was directed to Governor Luther Hodges, with a letter to The State Port Pilot, asking that it be published.

Following is a copy of the letter to Governor Hodges:

"Dear Governor Hodges: "I had the unpleasant task, last week, of identifying, releasing, and arranging the shipment of the six members of our community who were involved in the air-plane accident at Bolivia.

"I had occasion to spend considerable time at Southport, and I would be remiss if I did not write to you and tell you how much I appreciate the kindness, sympathy, and help that was given me by the natives of that town.

"The local volunteer unit of the Red Cross went out of their way to be of assistance, and Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Brown of that town did so much to be helpful and make me comfortable.

"I also want to extend my special appreciation for the assistance given me by Sheriff E. V. Leonard.

"It seemed that either he or one of his staff was always at my side offering comfort, aid, and advice. He is truly a great person.

"I am taking the liberty of sending a copy of this letter to the State Port Pilot of Southport, N. C. newspaper asking that they express my appreciation through their columns."

Text of the letter to The Pilot follows:

"I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I, today, sent to Governor Luther Hodges at Raleigh, North Carolina.

"I would certainly appreciate it if you would give some space in your newspaper to this letter."

"It was impossible for me to discuss in this letter the type of persons that I encountered in Southport—they were so helpful, and sympathetic.

"It is a great feeling to realize that mankind is drawn together in time of tragedy."

Brief Bits Of NEWS

ATTEND CONFERENCE

The Rev. L. A. Bridges, the Rev. L. D. Hayman and Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr. attended the District Conference of the Methodist Church in Lumberton Tuesday.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

The Rev. L. D. Hayman, pastor of Yaupon Beach Methodist Church, announces that a church conference will be held on Sunday morning at the hour for morning worship. The purpose of this conference is to present resolutions, motions and to attend to other important business.

NEW GROWER ALLOTMENT

For those farm operators without cotton, tobacco or peanut allotments who wish to file for 1960 new grower allotments for these crops, this is to advise that applications are now being accepted at the county office. The deadline for filing an application for new grower allotments on the above crops is February 15, 1960. Eligibility requirements are available at the County ASC Office.

PRE-MEASUREMENT SIGN-UP

The 1960 pre-measurement sign-up is now in progress and will continue through February 15, unless it is determined that because of the number of requests filed prior to this date ASC officials will be unable to complete work on additional requests prior to planting time. It is advisable that farmers who want the land for their allotment crops measured before they plant to contact the County ASC Office as soon as possible. The closing date for accepting requests may be prior to February 15.

Commendation Is Received By Duffie

Lt. Col. Johnnie D. Duffie Receives Letter Of Commendation From General Charles F. Tank For Crash Action



LT. COL. DUFFIE

Lt. Col. Johnnie D. Duffie, Commanding Officer of the Sunny Point Army Terminal, Southport, was commended last week by Brig. Gen. Charles F. Tank, Commanding General of the U. S. Army Transportation Terminal Command, Atlantic, for his prompt action in supplying personnel and equipment when a National Airlines plane crashed 14 miles from his installation last week.

Col. Duffie was one of the first to arrive at the scene of the crash. Quickly sizing up the situation, he ran to the nearest telephone and ordered all the personnel and equipment that could be gathered immediately and rushed to the scene. These included two officers and 13 Army civilians. Among the items of Army equipment they brought with them were an ambulance, a sedan and a carryall, three quarter-ton trucks, a two-ton mobile crane, two portable powered megaphones, a power generator,

ten litters and 13 blankets. Col. Duffie and his personnel assisted civilian authorities in locating, collecting and evacuating bodies, and in providing illumination for the area, furnishing radio communications, photography and crane operations. He also set up

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Bomb Suspected In Airline Crash

Investigation Reveals Evidence That Initial Trouble With DC-6B Came From Explosive Inside Plane

MURDER - SUICIDE ANGLE INVESTIGATED

Body Of Last Victim Found Thursday Short Distance From Main Section Of Wreck At Bolivia

The Jan. 6 National Airline crash near Bolivia plunged North Carolina, and particularly southeastern North Carolina into deep shock when 34 persons died, turned to sheer horror late last week with realization that the tragedy involved at least 33 cases of murder.

And there is speculation that the "accident" may have been 34 cases of murder.

The 34th person is Julian A. Frank, 32, a New York attorney who lived in fashionable Westport, Conn. with his wife, an ex-model, and their two children.

Found At River

Frank was a prime figure in the accident days before the late Thursday expose that the crash resulted from a bomb plot. He was one of two missing men. The other was Carlos Ramos Valdes, vice-president of a Havana bank, Valdes was found about noon Thursday.

Senator's Theory

A Oklahoma's Senator Mike Monroney, chairman of the Senate's aviation subcommittee made the pronouncement, Thursday afternoon,

"A bomb of some sort caused

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Whiteville Host To Stockholders

Annual Meeting Of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company Group Will Be Held Friday

Dr. Albert G. Edwards, pastor of Raleigh's First Presbyterian church, will be the key speaker for the annual Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. banquet, Friday night.

Superior Court Here Next Week

The January term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of criminal cases will convene Monday, with Judge Herman R. Clark of Fayetteville presiding.

Scheduled for trial are a number of cases in which there is great public interest. Among these are the three men charged with breaking and entering the Sanders Parker store at Grissetown. One of the defendants escaped several weeks ago and was the subject of a wide-spread search before being recaptured.

Septic Tank Is Swindler Bait

Couple Misrepresent Connection With Health Department To Make Exorbitant Charge

In the past few weeks several persons in Brunswick and neighboring counties have had individuals come to their homes and ask them to let them pump the sludge from their septic tanks. Some of these individuals have good intentions and are dependable, but others are not dependable and are only robbing the home owner.

Two men recently represented themselves as representatives of the Health Department to a Brunswick County resident and told him they would have to inspect his tank or condemn it. He allowed them to check the tank and they told him it would have to be pumped or condemned. Rather than have it condemned, the owner let them pump the tank for the "small" price of two (2) cents per gallon. They said their tank on the truck would hold 3,000 gallons. It was empty when they finished. The bill was \$60 but they reduced it to \$50.

This example is typical. The septic tank would hold less than one-sixth of the amount the truck was represented as containing. A 3,000 gallon tank would be about twice as large as those the local fuel dealers use to make deliveries to homes. The men were not representatives of the Local or State Boards of Health. Neither unit makes any charge for inspections nor do they hire people to pump sludge from septic tanks.

"If anyone comes to your house to pump out your septic tank, make him show you a letter from the Brunswick County Health Department stating that he has posted the necessary bond and has a permit to engage in this type work," a department representative advised this week. "If he does not have such a permit, do not let him do any work to your tank. Take his vehicle license number and send it to either Sheriff E. V. Leonard, his

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County Chairman Appoints Leaders For Communities

Mrs. M. H. Rourk Names Committee Heads To Carry March Of Dimes Campaign Into Every Part Of County

SOLICITATION IN SOUTHPORT BEGINS

Mrs. Landis G. Brown Has Committee Members Active In City And Surrounding Area

The annual March of Dimes campaign is underway in Brunswick county, with Mrs. M. H. Rourk of Shallotte serving as county chairman.

She has completed her county-wide organization, and has named the following persons to serve as chairmen for their respective communities:

Mrs. William Mathews, Ash; Mrs. Foster Mintz, Bolivia; Mrs. Norman Bellamy, Boones Neck and Holden Beach; Mrs. J. L. Stone, Calabash; Mrs. Roddy Bennett, Exum; Mrs. Anson Smith, Freeland; Mrs. Rufus Williams, Leland; Mrs. W. A. Long, Longwood; Mrs. Norma Grissett, Grissetown; Mrs. Ernest Stannard, Hickmans Crossroads; Mrs. E. N. Pearsall, Shallotte; Mrs. Fred Edwards, Shallotte Point; Mrs. L. G. Brown, Southport; Mrs. Garland Clemmons, Supply; Mrs. Louise Lewis, Thomasboro; Mrs. Floyd Parker, Myrtlehead; Mrs. Guilford Irvin, Winnabow; C. A. Caviness, colored schools.

Already much of the work in Southport has been completed, with Mrs. Brown enlisting the assistance of a number of local persons to help with collections. She estimates that her job is more than one-half done, although there still are some areas of this immediate section that

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Duttons Named ASC Farm Family

Waccamaw Township Residents Designated Brunswick County Farm Family Of The Year

The Brunswick County ASC Committee, after a long and careful study of several of Brunswick County's more progressive farmers, has selected Auburn E. Dutton and family of Ash as the ASC Farm Family of the year for Brunswick County. Their selection for this honor was based on his cooperation with and participation in the many programs administered by ASC in Brunswick during 1959.

The selection of the farm family of the year is a part of a 12-county cooperative television program which is being sponsored by station WECT, Wilmington, and TV Reporter Ben McDonald. The ASC county committee in each of the 12 participating counties will select their most outstanding ASC farm family of the year and they will appear on one of Ben McDonald's evening news programs where they will be presented an award by the chairman of the county ASC committee.

Dutton is 38 years old, a native of Brunswick County and owns and operates 195 acres of farm.

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Edmund Harding Banquet Speaker

Famous Humorist Will Be Principal Speaker At Annual SENCBA Banquet On February 4

Edmund H. Harding of Washington will be guest speaker at the 14th annual banquet of South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association which will be held at the Cape Fear Country Club in Wilmington on Friday, February 5, at 6:30 p. m. Mr. Harding, North Carolina's Ambassador of Goodwill by appointment of Governor Luther H. Hodges, is well known throughout the south as a witty and interesting speaker.

Invitations are being sent out this week from SENCBA's office in Wilmington. Mrs. Alice McD. Strickland, Executive Secretary, asks that members advise the office as soon as possible if they

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Ready To Run



ARRIVES—This is the new Brunswick County Bookmobile, which made a tour of the county on Saturday and which started its service schedule on Tuesday. Shown at the wheel is Mrs. Susan King, acting librarian. Standing beside the vehicle are Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., chairman of the Library Board; Mayor Roy Robinson of Southport and H. F. Swain, chairman of the board of county commissioners. — (Huntley Photo.)

Ports Authority Holds Meet Here

Session Follows Dinner Honoring Authority Members And Other Visitors Monday Evening

PROSPECTS GOOD FOR DEVELOPMENT

Optimistic Note Sounded By Chairman John M. Reeves And Others Who Spoke To Group

An optimistic note was sounded by members of the State Ports Authority and officials of that organization at a dinner and business meeting held in Southport Monday evening.

It was the first official meeting of that body ever to be held in Brunswick county.

During an information session following the dinner at the Community Building, Senator S. Bunn Frink presided and called upon Chairman John M. Reeves for a statement.

Mr. Reeves spoke of the recent industry hunt carried on by a group of interested North Carolinians in Europe and declared that he considered the most encouraging single aspect of that venture to be the prospect for greater port business for North Carolina. He expressed the hope that it will be possible to divert one of these prospects to this area of the State.

The Ports Authority Chairman made it clear that he and his group consider North Carolina ports to be a State asset, and that they consider all ports important for the service for which they are best suited.

"We have a job to do to educate the people of North Carolina to think in terms of what port

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Episcopal Women Form Committees

Important New Projects Are Being Carried Out By Ladies Of St. Phillips In Southport

Taking a cue from Congress, the Episcopal women of St. Phillips Church have gone into committee operation and while the committees function quietly in the background, the ladies of the church are free to apply themselves to more actual work for the church.

This week, for example, the sewing machines began to turn out fluffs of heart-shaped aprons destined for local sale for Valentine Day. Non-sewing members are taking orders for special pies or cakes that husbands may take home to their wives for Valentine day and thus spare their sweethearts the chore of desert-cooking.

Any men wishing to place orders may call either 7-6140 or 7-4191, according to Mrs. William Mace, president of the group.

Chairman of the committees who are seeing that such work may continue unimpeded by details through the year are: Mrs. Joseph W. Ryne, devotional; Mrs. Frances Key and Mrs. Thomas W. Clarkson, programs; Mrs.

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Bookmobile On First Tour Of County Points

Shakedown Tour Conducted Saturday With Interested Citizens Seeing New Vehicle For First Time

REGULAR SCHEDULE IS BEGUN TUESDAY

This Marks First Service Of This Kind Ever Offered Residents Of Brunswick County

The first official route commitments for the Brunswick county bookmobile were filled Tuesday, when Mrs. Susan King, librarian, covered the Leland route.

People along that route, as well as those in other sections of the county, had an opportunity Saturday to see the bookmobile as it made a "shakedown cruise".

First stop for the bookmobile was Leland post office. Among those who inspected the rolling library facility was Mrs. Phyllis Bergeron, who lives a few miles from Leland and whose husband is employed at Riegel paper plant.

Mrs. Bergeron has been using the Columbus County Bookmobile and is very pleased that Brunswick County now has one for her to use. "We need one", said Mrs. Bergeron, and her son, Jerry, age 14, seemed to agree, as he was most interested in looking over the books.

At Leland also was Professor Homer Thomas, principal of the Leland School, who made arrangements with Mrs. King to have his teachers check out 10 books for a particular unit on which they were working with their students. Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Rourk were also interested in the new service. "I'll tell everybody about it stopping here", said Mr. Rourk. His son, Johnny, 8½ years old, wanted a book on Alaska, and Mrs. King will get it for him. W. E. Russ, who works in the laboratory at Armour, was another interested visitor to the bookmobile there.

Second stop was Bolivia, where it was met by Douglas Hawes, member of the library board, appointed by the county commissioners. Mrs. Carl Willetts, who only recently moved here from New York state, expressed great anticipation of the use of the bookmobile and Miss Bessie Willetts, who formerly helped with the library at Bolivia School, was another interested visitor. Others who looked over the large selection of books were Mrs. Annie F. Williams, Mrs. N. C. Darnell and daughter, Linda, James Johnson, who operates the "Green and White Motel", and Mrs. Sherwood Johnson.

Stopping next at Shallotte, the bookmobile was visited by Mrs. Earnest Parker; Dykes Hewitt, of the Shady Park Service Station, who said "It's a credit to Brunswick County; we've needed this bookmobile for a long time." Carl Andrews, E. H. Kirby, Mrs. E. M. Bellamy, who was glad to learn that the bookmobile will stop very close to her home in Boone's Neck on one of its rounds, and Gayla Milligan were other visitors.

At Thomasboro the bookmobile was met by a large group of young men, who looked over the books and checked some out. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Pierce were also interested in the fact that the bookmobile will stop there every three weeks.

At Soldier Bay Church the bookmobile had its greatest welcome.

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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 21,	
7:21 A. M.	0:48 A. M.
7:41 P. M.	1:03 P. M.
Friday, January 22,	
8:29 A. M.	1:54 A. M.
8:46 P. M.	2:08 P. M.
Saturday, January 23,	
9:37 A. M.	3:02 A. M.
9:52 P. M.	3:17 P. M.
Sunday, January 24,	
10:43 A. M.	4:09 A. M.
10:56 P. M.	4:23 P. M.
Monday, January 25,	
11:43 A. M.	5:12 A. M.
11:54 P. M.	5:26 P. M.
Tuesday, January 26,	
12:38 A. M.	6:12 A. M.
..... P. M.	6:26 P. M.
Wednesday, January 27,	
12:50 A. M.	7:08 A. M.
1:31 P. M.	7:22 P. M.

TIME and TIDE

By JIMMIE HARPER

It was January 17, 1940, and the front page photos that week showed Southport as seen from atop the Pilot Tower. One of the shots had appeared in Life magazine during the last week. It was learned that week that the battleship North Carolina would not visit Southport for awhile—it would not be launched for two years. While up-state folks had been shivering under wintery blasts, local people had been planting shrubbery, flowers and citrus plants; the basketball scoreboard showed that the Bolivia girls and Leland boys were leading the county league (only one game had been played by either); and Long Beach was expected to receive REA power for the first time in the spring.

In Not Exactly that week, Maxie Cooker had explained how to locate mullets in cold weather: feel for them with the oars; Julius, the Orton handyman, had hatched 11 alligators, using his kitchen stove as incubator; and the Finch Bandwagon, playing for a private dance in Southport on Thursday, was soon to go on the road for a one night tour.

It was January 17, 1945, and a front page editorial that week urged readers to participate in the upcoming March of Dimes drive. Jim Ferger, manager of the Orton Nursery, had recently been elected vice-president of the state nursery association; Rice Gwyn, W. J. McLamb and J. H. Milligan had received the Roving Reporter's nomination for the largest tobacco producers in the county; and Emma Lou Harrelson, on leave from the WACES, was visiting home.

Miss Charlene Newton had just celebrated a birthday (number not specified). Among those attending the party were Mary

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