

Library Books Come In Every Month In Year

Expansion Of Southport Public Library Has Been Speeded By Gifts From Many Friends

It's Christmas throughout the year for the Southport Public Library, as gift books are received constantly.

Among the more recent donations are a five-volume set of "The World's Great Events" given by Captain Reuben B. Drew of Brooklyn, N. Y. Another sea-faring man, Captain James B. Church, has also shared his extensive library in the form of the "Library of Oratory" and the Library of Inspiration and Achievement as well as many miscellaneous volumes. Both Captain Drew and Captain Church express their hope that the books they presented to the library will be reminders to coming generations of the great legacy of the past, available to them through books.

Among out-of-town donors, Bill Sharpe of State Magazine continues to be the library's number one "Santa Claus". At least two or three volumes are sent to the Southport Library every month by him. Frank Farrow of Wilmington and Henry G. Catucci of Washington, D. C. have also presented books in recent weeks. Mr. Catucci owns a cottage at Long Beach and his family spend their summers there.

Religious volumes have been given to the library by Moody Bible Institute, and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon).

And in Southport, if Mrs. Susie Sellers Carson and her mother, Mrs. Ledrew Sellers, have to move one more time the library will own practically all their many books. These two have given over 100 books to date.

Others in Southport who have donated books to the library are Mrs. Alice St. George; Ronald and daughter, Carolyn; A. E. Huntley; Duffey A. Perdew; Ronald Hood; Mrs. Ray Spencer; and Mrs. Flangie Huckaby.

Gifts from county resident include additional volumes from Ike Vereen of Exum and Mrs. E. E. Holden of Holden's Beach, as well as donations from Mrs. L. C. Babson of Freeland, Mrs. Dan Shannon of Long Beach, Mrs. Aileen Hewitt, Ralph McCullum and Mrs. Clemmons of Lanvales.

Thanks to these interested friends, and with the money available for the purchase of new books, the library system now has holdings of over 9,000 volumes. It is expected that by the end of the fiscal year there will be at least 10,000 books available to Brunswick County residents.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

TOWER REPAIRS

City employees have been busy this week making repairs to the U. S. Weather Bureau display tower on the Garrison. The upper portion of this structure sustained damages in Hurricane Donna that have made it unusable since then for displaying storm warnings.

RECEIVES PROMOTION

Lt. Jack Swan, native of Southport and now on duty with the U. S. Army at Fort Ord, Cal., recently has been promoted to the rank of Captain.

CHRISTMAS MASS

Midnight Mass will not be celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southport on Christmas Eve but will be held instead on Christmas morning at 9:30 o'clock.

AT ST. PHILLIPS

Holy Communion will be celebrated at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in Southport on Christmas Eve. Carol singing will begin at 11:30 and communion will be held at midnight.

STILL IMPROVING

Reports from Doshier Memorial Hospital indicate that the condition of H. T. Sanders, who suffered a serious heart attack on Thanksgiving night is showing improvement.

LICENSE EXAMINER

The Driver License Examiner's Office at Bolivia will be closed Friday December 23. The office at Southport will be closed Monday, December 26, and Monday, January 2. These offices will be closed in observance of Christmas and New Year's holidays.

Christmas Program On Television



PERFORMERS—These are students of Mrs. Lingle's grade at Southport High School as they appeared in a half-hour Christmas show on television over WECT Monday afternoon. Because of their unusual arrangement on their raised stage, simulating a Christmas tree, their names do not appear in order. The group includes: Beverly Price, Jeranne Donnell, Vickie Harper, Patty

Smith, Chuck Smith, Renee Horne, Judy Poindexter, Sandy Allen, Charles Clevenger, Mike Helms, Patti Gail Swain, David Britian, Sarah Pigott, Rodney Melton, Helen Walker, Ann Souterland, Jean Styron, William Walker, Claire Glore, Beverly Ludlum, Jerry Poteet, Rose Marie Gregory, Don Jordan, Jerry Dilsaver, Debra Arntsen, and Joe Feak.

Protests Action On Ferry Service

Rep. James C. Bowman Sends Telegram Requesting Additional Consideration Of Project

Representative James C. Bowman has expressed displeasure over the announcement made earlier this month by the State Highway Commission that no action is recommended in the establishment of ferry service between Southport and Fort Fisher.

Today he dispatched the following telegram to J. Melville Broughton, Jr., chairman of the State Highway Commission: "Press releases indicate commission about to reconsider negative action, Fayetteville meeting. Re: Sea level ferry purchase and operation. Accordingly, urgently request summary negative action, without notice, on Fort Fisher-Brunswick county ferry at same meeting also be reconsidered. Particularly in view of promises made to me by members of commission and highway officials that ferries now in use at Alligator River would be made available for Fort Fisher-Brunswick crossing when new bridge completed across Alligator. Will appreciate advice regarding this request." The telegram was signed "Jim Bowman" and dated December 18, 1960.

Trespass Law May Be Invoked

Long Beach Officials Hope To Call Halt To Practice Of Removing Cedar Trees From Beach Lots

Long Beach's Chief of Police J. D. Bigford stated this week that he has received numerous complaints from property owners about individuals cutting Christmas trees, yaupon, mistletoe and even removing shrubbery from their property.

Chief Bigford said that anyone cutting or removing trees, yaupon, mistletoe or other plants from any property in Long Beach without the written permission of the property owner will be prosecuted. He suggested that those written permission, to save embarrassment, contact him before entering the property.

The police chief continued, "All property in Long Beach is privately owned, and such disregard of individual property owner's rights can give this entire county a bad name."

Vacations Set For Employees

Brunswick county schools got out today at noon for Christmas vacation. County and city employees likewise completed their pre-Christmas work today, with Thursday and Friday being added to Monday as Christmas holidays.

The two banks in Brunswick county will remain open Saturday, but will be closed on Monday. Many of the business firms likewise will observe Monday as a holiday, since Christmas falls on Sunday this year.

Emphasis Upon Safety Goes On

"The Christmas Spirit should not be of the bottled variety if the person using it plans to drive a car," Sgt. A. H. Clark, officer in charge of Dist. VI, Troop E, N. C. Highway Patrol announced.

"Each year at this season we have a great deal of difficulty with people taking 'one too many' at a party or social gathering and then trying to drive," Clark said.

"In an effort to overcome this situation 'Operation Flood-Light' a part of the over-all 'Close Out Sixty' program will be instituted in Brunswick County," he reported.

"We are hoping that the motorist publicity will give us their cooperation and assistance. If they will, we can reduce the accident picture in Brunswick County," the Patrol official said.

To emphasize the project Clark pointed out that Patrolmen will use portable generators and floodlights to set up checking stations on roads and highways throughout the county.

"These 'Flood-light Operation' will not be confined to the main highways, but the secondary roads will be closely checked. We will have all available men on duty through the Holidays," he said.

Battleship May Be Brought To Carolina Site

Advisory N. C. Battleship Committee Recommends This Action To Governor Luther H. Hodges

James C. Bowman, Southport attorney, attended a meeting of N. C. Battleship Commission in Raleigh Thursday and helped to present a recommendation to Governor Luther H. Hodges that the famous man of war named in honor of this State be returned to a permanent berth and preserved as an historic shrine.

Gov. Hodges was urged to petition the Navy Department to delay plans for scrapping the vessel until July 31.

This would give citizens of North Carolina time to raise funds for towing and displaying the famous warship, the committee said.

"Some day this ship could be a great tourist attraction" for the State, Gov. Hodges told his press conference as he revealed the action.

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Robbers Run Off With \$14,000 Loot

The Willetts Service Station Near Leland Is Scene Of Armed Robbery Early Tuesday Night

Sheriff E. V. Leonard said this morning that members of his department were working with S. B. I. officers in an effort to track down two young white men who held up the Willetts Service Station near Leland last night about 8:45 o'clock.

The place is owned and operated by Mrs. Marie Willetts.

According to reports, two men, one of them masked, walked into the station and demanded that any money on hand be turned over to them by Mrs. Alice Benton, who was in charge at the time. She is 70-years of age and is the mother of Mrs. Willetts.

Mary Fisher, and the thieves forced them at gunpoint to go to the back bedroom, where they were tied up with their hands.

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Bookmobile To Rest For Week

There will be no Bookmobile runs during the week of December 26 to December 30. The schedule will be resumed on January 3, 1961, with regular runs to Bolivia on Tuesday, January 3 and Waccamaw on Thursday, January 5. Full schedules will be given in next week's issue of The State Port Pilot.

Personnel of the Brunswick County Library System wish to extend to all library patrons best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Southport Boy Held In Robbery

Leon H. Hilburn, Southport High School Student And Athlete, Being Held For Theft At Local Bank

A Southport high school student, 16-year-old Leon H. Hilburn, has been arrested for the recent robbery of several pieces of business equipment from the Southport branch of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co.

Hilburn, who is from a good family and who was a member of the high school football team for the past two seasons, is being held in New Hanover County jail under a federal warrant with bond set at \$1,000.

The Southport youth also is charged with forgery of a check for \$400, and is being held under an additional \$1,000 bond on that count.

Theft of the equipment occurred two weeks ago during the weekend. Discovery of the loss was made Monday morning by Cashier Prince O'Brien, who called local police and the F. B. I. The following day Southport Police Charlie Johnson found all of the stolen articles hid behind some crab traps near the rear of the bank building.

Hilburn is reported to contend that he was alone in this amateur effort at robbery and said that he did it on the impulse of the moment after walking out of a soda shop across the street.

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Armory Project Is Given Boost

Weed Allotment To Remain Same For Next Year

Slight Increase In Acreage In United States Will Be Used To Special Purposes, Not For General Increase

The national marketing quota for the 1961 crop of flue-cured tobacco has been announced at 1 billion 122 million pounds, according to Lonnie Evans, chairman of the Brunswick County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee.

This quota, converted to acres, results in 715,817 acres available for allotment in 1961. Acreage available for allotment in 1961 totaled slightly less at 715,110 acres.

For North Carolina, the 1961 allotment is 471,246.58 acres. Brunswick County's 1961 allotment is 3,289.20 acres. The ASC office also announces that the discount variety program for flue-cured tobacco will be continued in 1961.

For most farms, according to Evans, the 1961 allotment will be the same as for 1960, since the small national increase will be used as a reserve for correcting errors, adjusting inequities, and establishing allotment for farms that have no flue-cured tobacco history during the past five years.

As directed by present legislation, flue-cured tobacco prices for the 1961 crop will be supported at 90 percent of parity since marketing quotas will be in effect. In the last flue-cured tobacco marketing quota referendum, held December 15, 1958, quotas for the 1959, 1960, and 1961 crops were approved by 95.4 percent of the growers voting.

Lt. Col. Duffie Likes Southport

Letter Written By Commanding Officer Of Sunny Point Army Terminal, Expresses Feeling Of Good Neighborliness

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This week we received the following letter from Lt. Col. Johnnie D. Duffie, and rather than to delegate it to the Letters To The Editor column, we have decided to make a front page story of it, in the belief that it is of interest and is important to every citizen of Southport.)

This week marks the advent of Christmas, period in which the Christian World celebrates the birth of Christ with prayer, thanksgiving, and gift exchanging. It is traditional in our society to attempt to brighten the lives of our loved ones and friends with our thoughtfulness and generosity.

It was just one year ago this week I arrived at Southport and Sunny Point to begin this present tour of duty. On this happy and pleasant anniversary this letter is sent to you with the sincere desire that its simple thought, expressed in my very feeble manner, may be conveyed to the citizens of Southport and Brunswick County.

As was previously noted, we are all very thoughtful and generous in our gift giving. It sometimes appears that most of us are not as generous and thoughtful as we could be in the matter of expressing a few kind words to our loved ones and friends. In spite of the fact that it costs nothing, dollar-wise, to look a person in the eyes and tell him or her that they are a friend and that we really appreciate their friendship, we are as a rule rather reticent to do so. It has been my experience that this form of expression results in a feeling of warmth and peace that material things cannot possibly approach.

During my first year here, there has been several occasions that caused the true character of the people of this area to be shown. When it became necessary, there was a concerted effort on the part of everyone to render the needed assistance and/or sympathy. There would be no let up until the job was done, and of

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*County Commissioners Made An Appropriation Totaling \$10,000 To This Project Here Monday; \$5,000 To Be Used Immediately

The Shallotte Armory project got a big boost Monday when members of the board of commissioners voted to give \$5,000 toward the local sponsor's share of \$24,695.82. The county board also passed a motion to give an additional \$5,000 in September.

This help from the county removed a tremendous burden from the shoulders of several volunteer workers who have undertaken the promotion of a project which will bring a \$153,026.73 building to this county. They had received a pledge of \$5,000 from the Town of Shallotte, and this amount already has been made available. There have been several cash contributions made, and the committee still faces the big task of raising the difference between the \$15,000 already pledged from municipal and county sources and the total amount of the sponsor's share, \$24,695.82.

Various means are being tried to secure these funds, among them being important contributions that are being made by members of the National Guard. There is a feeling of optimism that the remainder of the required funds will be raised in order that contractors may begin work soon after the first of the year.

It will be necessary for every cent of the local sponsor's share to be turned over to the state agency before any work can begin.

Of the total cost of the building, the federal share is \$102,051.26, or 25-percent of the cost. The State share is \$26,779.70 and represents 17 1/2-percent of the total cost. The local share is \$11,477.00, or 7 1/2-percent. However, these costs are based upon a Class A armory. Shallotte sponsors felt that their total needs will be better served with a Class B armory, and received approval for that type construction. However, the additional cost must be borne entirely by the local agency and adds \$12,718.82 to the cost, for the total of \$24,695.82.

Contracts already have been let for the various services as follows: General construction, Glazier Construction Co. of Wilmington, \$121,871; plumbing, Fault Plumbing Co. of Garner, \$7,900; heating, Carl B. Mimms, Plumbing and Heating Contractors, Raleigh; and electrical work, Graves Electric Co., Wilmington, \$6,650; architects fees for inspection and supervision, Ballard & McKim, Wilmington, \$2,705.78.

Seek Entrants For Pageants

Selection Of Miss Southport Scheduled To Take Place Here In February

On Saturday, February 18, Miss Southport will be selected in the Miss Southport Pageant to be held at the high school auditorium. All entrants will receive prizes for participation and Miss Southport will receive several prizes as she moves into the

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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, December 22,	
11:10 A. M.	4:40 A. M.
11:33 P. M.	5:23 P. M.
Friday, December 23,	
12:06 P. M.	5:38 A. M.
6:18 P. M.	6:18 P. M.
Saturday, December 24,	
0:33 A. M.	6:39 A. M.
1:03 P. M.	7:15 P. M.
Sunday, December 25,	
1:33 A. M.	7:41 A. M.
2:01 P. M.	8:12 P. M.
Monday, December 26,	
2:33 A. M.	8:45 A. M.
3:00 P. M.	9:07 P. M.
Tuesday, December 27,	
3:32 A. M.	9:45 A. M.
3:55 P. M.	10:01 P. M.
Wednesday, December 28,	
4:26 A. M.	10:41 A. M.
4:48 P. M.	10:52 P. M.

TIME and TIDE

Times were hard back in 1935, so hard that one of the important off-season sources of income was fur trapping. A front page piece in our issue for Christmas day of that year spoke of the fact that some ritzy fur pieces had their origin in the wilds of Brunswick. The county was glazed over for a white Christmas, with a blanket of ice covering the countryside.

Groucho Marx—the same one that's still on television—was the star of "A Night at the Opera"; there was a reduction in cost of automobile license plates in prospect for motorists; and Southport shrimpers had got together to request a survey of the local shrimping grounds, with wrecks and hidden obstructions to be marked.

In our edition for December 18, 1940, there was a report of an escape on horseback by a young Southport maiden from a pursuing mule. (The race wound up a dead heat to the barnyard.) Don Carpenter, Washington, D. C., sports writer, had made another successful deepsea fishing trip here.

The board of commissioners had approved plans for reevaluation; thirty persons had qualified for Red Cross First Aid Instructor Certificates; and Friday 13 had been selected as the day to plant some early vegetable crops over on Bald Head Island. Manager Charlie Matthews was superstitious!

It was the week before Christmas, December 19, 1945, to be exact, and hundreds of Brunswick county service men were to be at home for the holidays for the first time in several years. Large shipments of holiday greenery were being shipped from various points in this section. Charlie Sellers and Slim Osborne

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