

Methodists Hold District Meeting With Whiteville

Dr. J. E. Garlington Presides Over Annual District Meeting On Sunday Afternoon

Some 350 Methodist layman and ministers met yesterday afternoon in the annual Wilmington District conference of the Methodist church at the Whiteville Methodist church.

Dr. G. E. Garlington, district superintendent was in charge. He stated in his address the success of the Methodist church is that all work together. He called upon every man to deliver his own precinct from the bishop to the layman.

Albert Goldfinch of Tabor City and district lay leader explained to the group the "Every Member Canvass" (EMC). He stated this is the way a church meets its financial obligations through every member participating.

Goldfinch and Wade Pierce, Hillsboro, were named to the district board of trustees.

The Rev. Paul Dunn, Lake Waccamaw, presented a progress report of the Good Shepherd Home at Lake Waccamaw. This home for alcoholics is approved by the North Carolina Methodist conference but is not financially supported by the conference.

He stated that in his four and one-half years at Lake Waccamaw the home had helped and rehabilitated some 700 persons.

The Whiteville youths who are currently preparing for the ministry had their minister's qualification renewed. They are D. L. Davis and Dan and Don Maulsby, twin brothers.

Dr. F. Olin Hunt, director of gifts and wills of the Methodist Foundation, Inc. asked for the group present to be conscious of the church when making wills. He also asked members of the group to remind their home church members to be mindful of their church when making their wills.

The Whiteville Methodist church choir, under the direction of Mrs. John Arthur, furnished special music.

Important dates for future conference sessions were listed. They included:

The district lay rally at the 5th Avenue church, Wilmington, Feb. 21 and the Chestnut street church, Lumberton, Feb. 22; the vocational school institute, which trains bible school workers, the Chestnut street church, Lumberton, April 17 and the Trinity church, Wilmington, April 18; and the commission on christian social concern will meet in Clinton March 22 for a dinner meeting.

The Rev. P. O. Lee is the pastor of the local church.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

HOSPITAL PATIENT

John R. Swain, Southport plumber, was admitted Friday as a patient at Veterans Hospital, Durham.

MOTHER'S MARCH

The Mother's March of Dimes is being organized for Brunswick county on the evening of January 31, according to Mrs. M. H. Rourke, campaign chairman.

CRITICALLY ILL

Mrs. Prince O'Brien is a patient at Dasher Memorial Hospital in Southport and is in a critical condition following a cerebral hemorrhage suffered Tuesday morning at her home in Southport.

TAX BOOKS AVAILABLE

Farmers who are interested in securing the 1961 edition of the "Farmer's Tax Guide" explaining income and self-employment taxes should contact the County Agricultural Agent's Office in Supply. These can be picked up there and would be useful in preparing tax return forms.

INTERFERENCE

Recently Mayor Roy Robinson has received complaints from citizens who have been experiencing trouble in their television reception, and some of them have attributed this trouble to ham radio interference. Mayor Robinson wishes to make it clear that this is an area over which he holds no jurisdiction, and he suggests that complaints of this nature be made to the Federal Communications Commission, Norfolk, Va.

At Bank Meeting



GREETINGS—Prince O'Brien, left, cashier of the Southport branch of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., is greeted by Lacy Tate, president of the bank system Friday night at a meeting of stockholders in Whiteville.

Waccamaw Bank Has Record Year

Record Year Reported By Officials At Annual Meeting Of Stockholders In Whiteville Friday

The Waccamaw Bank and Trust company held its 35th annual stockholders meeting Friday night and from President C. Lacy Tate came the report the 11 member banks had the best year ever reported.

His report to stockholders gathered at 5 o'clock was one of progress made during the past year. He stated the net earnings for the year were \$288,579, 10 per cent above those for 1959.

"I'm also happy to report we gained two and one-half million dollars in deposits during 1960. We are particularly pleased with this growth as it has not come from a merger with other banks," said Tate.

Some 9,500 loans for nearly \$8 million were made during the past year. This does not include installment credit of weekly and monthly loans.

In his report of bank offices Tate said there are 16 offices of the Waccamaw bank. He reported on the new bank at Riegelwood and called the new drive-in at Chadbourne one of the most modern and attractive banks in the state. He also announced the drive-in bank near the courthouse in Whiteville is nearly completed and is expected to begin full operation soon.

After his report, election of directors took place. They include the same board members of last year. They are: Dr. Ralph C. Sadler, C. Lacy Tate, B. L. Nesmith, Jr., Glenn F. Strode, J. Rufus Marks, Daniel L. Todd, Raymond B. Mallard, W. D. Herring, Milford Quinn, and V. J. Griffin.

Quinn, Griffin, and Herring joined the board during 1960.

There are 677 stockholders of the Waccamaw Bank and approximately 250 attended the annual meeting.

The stockholders meeting was followed by a banquet and an

Seeing Eye Dog Being Exploited

Warning Given Regarding Certain Gimmicks Which Have Been Used To Victimize Public

Mrs. Florence Price, Brunswick County Caseworker for the Blind, says that there are reports that some people are being fooled about certain opportunities to assist in the Seeing Eye Dog Program. She brought along a copy of the following statement:

"Seeing Eye Dogs cannot be obtained through the collection of match folder covers, of cellophane strips from cigarette packages or of any other article."

Henry A. Colgate, President of the Seeing Eye, made that statement this week in what he said was a "continuing effort to stamp out a persistent rumor which crops up periodically and

New Policeman On Duty Here

Sammy Rees, Jr., has assumed the duties of policeman for the City of Southport and is now working with Chief Herman Strong.

He replaces Charlie Johnson, who had served in that capacity for several years. Johnson previously had experience as a lineman with the city electrical force, and an emergency developed recently in this department, Johnson went back to that duty.

H. G. Ratcliffe, who worked for several weeks with the City of Southport Police Department, has gone back to his old position as deputy and jailer.

Morton Tells Of Plans For Ship

Southport Lions See Color Slides Taken By Wilmington Man Of Battleships Texas And North Carolina

Hugh Morton, member of the State Board of Conservation and Development, had the program for the Southport Lions Club Thursday night, showing color slides which he had taken of the Battleship Texas and of the Battleship North Carolina while on recent trips as a member of the Battleship Advisory Committee named by Governor Luther H. Hodges.

Morton reported that members of his committee, which included James C. Bowman of Southport, had recommended to Governor Hodges that every effort be made to bring the Battleship North Carolina to this state to be established as a permanent historical shrine.

The color slides showed the location of the Battleship Texas in a permanent berth near the Houston Ship Canal. Morton reported that from the modest fee charges each visitor, sufficient funds are being raised to maintain the ship and to accumulate a small surplus.

Governor Hodges, before he left office, sent a request to the Navy Department to delay plans they had to scrap the North Carolina, and this they have agreed to do until after July 1, 1961. Morton said that it is expected that the forthcoming Legislature will name a North Carolina Battleship Authority, which will have legal status and will be able to make definite financial arrangements to acquire the ship and to locate it at some favorable point along the North Carolina coast.

Morton tactfully refused to be drawn into a discussion of where he thought this location should be, saying that "I believe the first and most important thing is to get it for our State."

Cancer Society Meet Scheduled Here Wednesday

Brig. General James Glore Calls Meeting Of Officials Of Organization To Be Held In Southport

Brig. Gen. James Glore, president of the Brunswick County Unit of the American Cancer Society, has called a meeting of officials of this organization to be held at Southport next Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Lions Club Building.

All officers, including members of the board of directors, area chairmen and committee chairman, are expected to attend.

On the agenda for this meeting will be a discussion of activities which have been carried out during the past year, reports will be received from officers and committee chairmen, plans will be discussed for local service during 1961, new officers will be elected and a Cancer Crusade chairman will be elected.

Arrangements have been made to have one of the high state officials present for this meeting.

General Glore reports that the Brunswick County Unit exceeded its quota for the first time last year. He also reports that last year was the first in which there was a complete organization in this county and he expresses the hope that this will be just the start of a more vigorous and intelligent effort on the part of local citizens to combat this dread disease.

Brunswick Man Shot To Death

Barney Ludlum Dies Of Gunshot Wounds Suffered Sunday Night In Cumberland County

Barney Ludlum, 42-year-old native of Ash, was fatally wounded at Fayetteville Sunday night by a shotgun blast fired through the front door of a one-room shack.

Sheriff W. G. Clark said a first degree murder charge has been made against A. C. Beard, 56, unemployed laborer, as a result of the fatal shooting.

Two other persons narrowly escaped death as the load of buckshot from the gun tore through a plywood door of the shack.

Ludlum was hit in the right chest and right arm.

Stray pellets struck Charles Brunson in the throat.

Mrs. Ethel Elizabeth Wade was standing beside Ludlum when he was wounded, but she was not hit.

Sheriff Clark said his investigation indicated Beard had been drinking a potent mixture of canned heat in the shack before the shooting.

Several empty cans that had contained canned heat were found in the house, police said.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. at Sold Bay Baptist Church by the Rev. E. F. Young, with burial in Griffin Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, five

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THE COUNTY'S FIRST TRAFFIC FATALITY of 1961 was John Fred Allen, 74, of Ash. He was struck down by an oil tanker Thursday night after he had walked head-on into the vehicle according to Pfc. Mike Byrd, the investigating officer. Above, local Mortician Oscar Edwards is placing Allen's body on a stretcher. Bystanders with grim faces look on. The fatality was recorded approximately 200 yards west of the NC 87 and US 74-76 intersection near Delco.

Waccamaw Man Dies In Wreck At Acme-Delco

John Fred Allen Instantly Killed Thursday Night When Struck By Oil Tanker On Highway No. 74-76

John Fred Allen, 74-year-old resident of Ash, Route 1, became Columbus' first 1961 traffic victim when he was struck and killed, by an oil tanker at 7:25 Thursday night.

Patrolman Mike Byrd, the investigator, said the accident occurred about a quarter-mile east of Delco on US 74-76, just west of the intersection of that highway with NC 87.

Byrd reported that Allen apparently walked head-on into the path of the oil tanker, driven by Allen Bilton, 36, of Mullins, S. C. The heavy vehicle was heading west at the time.

Coroner J. E. Long, Jr. said that Allen's body was badly broken, with severe head and chest injuries being the main cause of his death. He said no inquest would be held and ruled the death was caused by an unavoidable accident.

Byrd said that Bilton told him he was meeting an oncoming car in the drizzling rain that was falling at the time and that he saw something in front of his vehicle, but he could not apply brakes in

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Superior Court Now In Session

Issues Warning On Firing Range

The Commanding Officer, Fort Fisher Air Force Station, Fort Fisher, has advised that the area in the Atlantic Ocean directly adjacent to the Fort Fisher Air Force Station one mile south of Kure Beach will be hazardous to navigation because of small arms firing exercises February 15-25 between the hours of 8 a. m. and 5 p. m. for a distance of 6,000 yards seaward.

All vessel navigation should avoid the above area during the periods stated.

Leland PTA Holds Meeting

Important Business Disposed Of At Last Regular Meeting Of This Organization

The Leland P. T. A. held its regular monthly meeting January 9 with James Thompson presiding.

Thompson introduced the Rev. Bruce Lanier, pastor of the Elah Baptist Church, who led the devotional period.

Mrs. Crumpler, treasurer, gave her report with a balance of \$694.28. She stated that the association now has 155 paid members.

In the new business, Thompson announced that the cafeteria tables and chairs will soon be paid for and he brought a new project before the P. T. A. He stated that members should work to landscape the campus and he asked for a discussion of the project. It was decided that the School Improvement Committee should work in cooperation with the Student Government and should have a meeting in order to make plans.

The president recognized Mrs. Strong, who asked for the cooperation of all parents and teachers on her junior class project.

Room count was taken and winners were: Mrs. Crumpler, primary grades; Mrs. Austin, Grammar grades; Mr. Roberts, junior high; Miss Harris, high school.

Homer Thomas, principal, announced current school activities. The Industrial Arts Department has a metal lathe, the Science Department has had a new microscope and science equipment given to the school by the county, the library is in the process of ordering new books and supplementary books will be ordered.

The Driver's Education Department

*Judge Heman Clark Of Fayetteville Is Presiding Over Term Due To Illness Of Judge William Y. Bickett

Trial of three men for armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery was continued until the May term this week when Solicitor John J. Burney said that he needed an "exhibit" now in the hands of the F. B. I. in order to get along with his case.

Being held under \$10,000 bond are Virgil Sanderson and John C. Whaley who have confessed to officers their participation in the robbery of a Leland service station last month. Troy Brown is being held under \$15,000 bond and contends that he is innocent of charges of conspiracy.

In cases tried during the first two days of court before Judge Heman Clark of Fayetteville was Gollie Lewis, found not guilty of possession for the purpose of sale. A nol pross was taken in the case charging William Cook and Archie Hollis with the same offense.

The case against Buck Hankins and Geneva Hill charging fornication and adultery also was not processed.

Alex R. Holden and Fred E. Mathews were found not guilty of drunk driving, but Jack Bryant was convicted on this charge and was given 90 days, judgement suspended upon payment of costs, a fine of \$100 and 5 year good behavior.

Sherwood Gore was found guilty on two count of driving after revocation of license and was given 90 days in each case, the sentence to run concurrently.

Expect Action From Caw-Caw

Word From This Community Development Club Is That New Interest Has Been Generated In Program

Election of officers and planning for goals for the new year were features of the initial 1961 meeting of the Caw-Caw Community Development Club, held Monday night.

Ernest Stanland was named as president; O. P. Bellamy, vice-president; and Skyler Stanaland, secretary-treasurer.

Among the goals set up for the year, the one of safety and welfare will, perhaps, receive the greatest emphasis in the community. The members believe this to be a problem for every family to help solve. It was pointed out at the meeting that every person was subject to injury of some

Dolores Hufham Winner In First Beauty Pageant

Pretty Blue-Eyed Redhead Is Winner Of Miss Bolivia Title In Preliminary Contest Saturday Night

Miss Dolores Hufham, a pretty blue-eyed redhead, was declared winner of the first preliminary pageant in the selection of Miss Brunswick County Saturday night when she won first place in the Bolivia contest.

The Bolivia event was the first in a series of five elimination contests, and the finals will be staged at Shallotte on the evening of March 11. The entire project is being sponsored by the Shallotte Jaycees, and the winner in the finals will earn the title of Miss Brunswick county and will compete in the state contest.

Miss Hufham used a talent routine which saw her sketch a picture of Elvis Presley while singing "Too Soon To Know". Jackie Lewis was the runner-up in the Bolivia contest, and for her talent competition did a dramatic reading, "Dear Dairy".

The second runner-up was Marion Reynolds, who modeled a dress which she had made and played "Black Hawk Waltz" as a piano solo.

The other three contestants were Elaine Brittain, who did a pantomime, "Many, Many Tears Ago"; Betty Maggard, who sang "Autumn Leaves"; and Tonda Willis, who sang, "Somewhere I'll Be Listening."

Miss Bolivia is the 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hufham. She is senior at Bolivia High School and for winning first place she received a 17-jewel wrist watch. The second place winner received a transistor radio and the second runner-up received a pen and pencil set.

Adrian Verzaal of Wilmington served as master of ceremonies, and Mrs. Frank Hogg was in charge of local arrangements.

Judges at Bolivia were Mrs. Betty Hewitt, of Waccamaw, Mrs. M. H. Rourke of Shallotte, Mrs. Lucille Lewis of Leland Harold Willetts of Bolivia, and Mrs. Jack Hickman, Southport.

Search Goes On For Eligibility

Social Security Administration Trying To Locate 25,000 Persons Eligible For Benefits Under Change Law

The Social Security Administration is trying to get in touch with about 25,000 people who are now able to collect monthly social security benefits as a result of recent changes in the law. They are the survivors of workers who died after March 31, 1938, and before January 1, 1940, after working under social security for at least a year and a half before their deaths. Included among those newly eligible are widows, aged dependent parents, and disabled children age 18 or over.

The original Social Security Act provided benefits only for retired workers. The Act was amended in 1939 to make benefits payable to the survivors and dependents of workers, but no provision was made to pay monthly benefits to the survivors of workers.

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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 26,	
3:48 A. M.	10:18 A. M.
3:13 P. M.	10:29 P. M.
Friday, January 27,	
4:40 A. M.	11:13 A. M.
5:03 P. M.	11:18 P. M.
Saturday, January 28,	
5:28 A. M.	12:01 A. M.
5:51 P. M.	12:02 P. M.
Sunday, January 29,	
6:14 A. M.	12:45 A. M.
6:35 P. M.	
Monday, January 30,	
6:54 A. M.	0:49 A. M.
7:17 P. M.	1:27 P. M.
Tuesday, January 31,	
7:33 A. M.	1:30 A. M.
7:54 P. M.	2:05 P. M.
Wednesday, February 1,	
8:09 A. M.	2:10 A. M.
8:30 P. M.	2:43 P. M.

TIME and TIDE

Announcement was made in our edition for January 29, 1936, that George W. Bunker was to arrive later that week as the new cashier for the Peoples United Bank of Southport. U. S. Army Engineer spokesmen said that the Intracoastal Waterway link between Winyah Bay and Little River would be completed about the middle of the following month, and Congressman Allard H. Gasque of South Carolina already was sponsoring a bill to deepen the channel of the waterway to a depth of 12-feet.

A Southport woman, Mrs. J. N. Arnold, had walked through a plate glass window which workmen were carrying across a Wilmington sidewalk and had escaped with only a minor bruise; city employees were busy setting out trees in a beautification project; and plans were being made for a Presidents Birthday Ball at Camp Sapona.

Five years later to the day and war clouds had cast their shadow on the front page of The Pilot: Dr. M. M. Rosenbaum of Shallotte had been ordered to report for active duty and the front page photo was of a group of PT boats had passed through here on their way South. There was one of our patented pre-war rumors: A northern firm was interested in acquiring a site here for a shipyard.

An influenza epidemic had forced the closing of Southport high school for one week; a front page story seemed to be rushing the season when it reported that "Orton Gardens Scene Of Beauty", with early blooming varieties of azaleas already in bloom.

A front page story on January 23, 1946, carried the news that

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