

Installation Ceremony



OFFICERS—Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., right, is shown here as she installed new officers of the Southport Woman's Club Friday night at the annual banquet for this organization. Next to her is Mrs. Johnnie D. Duffie, who was reelected president; next is Mrs. E. C. Blake, vice-president; and the third officer shown is Mrs. Ronnie Hood, secretary. Not shown is Mrs. H. T. St. George, treasurer.

Highway Safety Being Stressed During Holidays

Corporal O. H. Lynch Issues Friendly Warning Regarding Driving During the Christmas Season

With the long Yuletide holidays coming up the North Carolina Highway Patrol is going all out in a campaign to keep drinking drivers from killing themselves and many other motorists, Cpl. O. H. Lynch said this week.

Since alcohol consumption accounts for a large part of the fatal accidents which take place on the nation's highways, the program will be two-pronged—with both the driving public and the highway patrolmen themselves given lessons in what constitutes an intoxicated driver.

The patrolmen have been briefed since November 16 on this all-important issue. The idea that a driver has to be "dead drunk" to qualify as a mortuary customer has been completely disproven. If the blood alcohol level is over .05 percent, driving is impaired to the level of great danger, tests show. The so-called "social drinker" can be as much of a safety menace on the roads as the confirmed drinker, officials point out. Corporal Lynch warned those who drink and drive in Brunswick County "that the Highway Patrol will be out in force and will conduct checking stations throughout the county all through the long holiday period embracing Christmas and New Years."

Greetings From Post Commander

Colonel Johnnie D. Duffie Speaks Of Appreciation For Southport And Brunswick County Hospitality

Col. Johnnie D. Duffie, Commanding officer of Sunny Point Army Terminal, has addressed the following Christmas letter to the residents of Southport and surrounding area:

"Through the medium of your fine newspaper, I would like to express a few thoughts of the season.

"On this second Christmas season that my family and I have been in the Southport-Brunswick area, I would be indeed remiss if I did not acknowledge the many warm greetings, oral and written that have been extended to us. Yet, to attempt to respond by card, letter, or in person instantaneously would be virtually impossible, even though we, of course, prefer to do so. Hence, it is hoped you'll find a suitable niche in your paper for this note.

"The Spirit of the Season—Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men—is seen by me and my family each day of our stay here. The warmth, friendliness and feeling of acceptance we experience both from my wonderful employees and the residents of the area, truly epitomizes the basic theme of the Season. In addition to this, we are continually amazed at the hidden talents that crop

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Weed Farmers Hear Specialist Tell Of Tobacco

New Methods And Results Of Tests On Various Types Of Tobacco Was Theme Of Talk At Shallotte

Brunswick County tobacco growers can now get detailed information on varieties available for their 1962 crop from their county extension office, according to S. N. Hawks, Extension Specialist from N. C. State College, who spoke Wednesday at Shallotte to a large group of tobacco farmers.

Included in the tests were 12 of the most commonly planted flue-cured varieties, plus five new varieties that will be offered for planting for the first time in 1962.

"Results of these tests are not to be taken as official recommendations," Knowles said. "But we do believe the results can serve as useful guides in helping Brunswick farmers pick the best variety for 1962."

Included in the tests this year were Hicks Broadleaf, Vesta 5, N C 95, Coker 316, Coker 187-Hicks, Coker 128, McNair 121, McNair H-2, McNair 10, Speight 31, NC 75 and Reams 51.

In addition, there were the five new varieties: McNair 12, Reams 64, Coker 80 F, Speight G-3 and Speight G-10.

Since most farmers have not had an opportunity to observe three new varieties, Knowles passes along the following descriptions prepared by research and extension workers at State College:

McNair 12—(developed from a cross of McNair 121 x Coker 139) produced a medium high yield of tobacco rated generally as acceptable in quality by tobacco companies. The plant was low in height with a medium leaf count and a medium number of suckers. It had medium broad leaves of medium length. The cured tobacco was medium in body with relatively light color. The per cent reducing sugar was medium high, nicotine and total alkaloid was medium with a medium nitrogen to nicotine ratio. McNair 12 is rated as having high resistance to black shank, high resistance to Granville wilt, susceptible to Fusarium wilt and low loss from brown spot.

Reams 64—(developed from a cross of Coker 187 x White Gold) produced a high yield of tobacco with this, papery textured leaf at the bottom of the plant but fairly good texture in the up-stalk tobacco. The plant was medium low, with broad, long, upright fairly blunt leaves at the tip. Leaves are close spaced. The cured tobacco had medium to thin body with dull lemon color at the bottom of the plant and a rich lemon to orange color in the up-stalk tobacco. The per cent reducing sugar was medium, nicotine and total alkaloid low with a fairly high nitrogen to nicotine ratio. Reams 64 is rated as having high resistance to black shank, susceptible to Granville wilt and Fusarium wilt.

Speight G 3—(developed from a cross of Vesta 30 x Coker 187) produced a high yield of tobacco with relatively good texture. It was medium in height, with a medium number of leaves and a medium number of suckers. It had broad, fairly long leaves, fairly blunt at the tip toward the bottom of the plant. The width carried well to the top of the plant.

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Draw Jury List For Court Term Here In January

Judge Henry A. McKinnon Of Lumberton Will Preside Over Criminal Court Session

Members of the board of county commissioners in session here Monday drew a jury list for the January term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of criminal cases. Judge Henry A. McKinnon of Lumberton will preside.

The following names were drawn for jury duty:

Dykes Hewett, W. H. Milligan, W. G. Gurganus, Henry C. Benton, J. A. Stanley, Jr., J. M. McLamb, H. C. Frink, Dorsey Williams, S. L. Bennett, James R. Inman, Charles L. Gore, John Howard Gore, Z. G. Williams, Marvin L. Stanley, Charley Benton, R. R. Sommerette, Shallotte, J. O. Smith, Sr., A. P. Jackson, C. H. Reeves, W. A. Coleman, Ash; Wm. Agnew Clemmons, L. J. McKeithan, G. R. Holden, Gene A. Johnson, Bolivia; Art E. Newton, Wesley E. Garner, Albert L. Phelps, Horace Pigott, Robert L. Doshier, James E. Pinner, Roy Swain, G. W. McGlamery, Southport; Harry Galloway, Talmadge T. Varnam, David Leo Fulford, Floyd R. Varnam, K. T. Bellamy, Ralph Varnam, E. E. Hewett, Elbert A. Kirby, J. E. Kirby, Alfred Stanley, J. Maston Varnam, Jr., Supply; J. B. Potter, William G. Sullivan, L. W. Sellers, W. L. Clark, W. H. Seagraves, G. E. Earp, Winnabow; Alex Scoggins, H. W. Paden, R. L. Stewart, Johnnie Coker, O. R. Nelson, F. L. Gore, Jr., B. R. Sullivan, V. D. Long, John Joseph Childs, A. H. Perry, Fred C. Costin, Leland.

In charge of arrangements for the dinner was Mrs. Clinton Bellamy. Mrs. E. J. Prevatte was in charge of the decorations.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

HOSPITAL PATIENT
Miss Kay Shelby of Southport is a patient at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill.

WINNABOW TURKEY SHOOT
A turkey shoot will be held at the Winnabow fire house beginning at 1 p. m. Saturday. The public is invited.

SHALLOTTE TURKEY SHOOT
The American Legion Post 247 of Shallotte will sponsor a turkey shoot Saturday beginning at 11:30 o'clock at the Legion hut.

SHALLOTTE DANCE
The "Cruisers" will play for a benefit dance Saturday night at Shallotte National Guard Armory, from 8 to 12 o'clock.

SATURDAY DANCE
The Continental Quintet will play for a benefit dance Saturday evening at the Lions Club Building in Southport, starting at 8:30 o'clock. This dance is under the auspices of the Southport Lions Club.

Install Officers At Annual Banquet

Mrs. Johnnie D. Duffie Reports Activities Of Club During Past Year And Praises Cooperation

The Southport Woman's Club held its annual banquet Friday night in the Lion's Club building building with a large number of members, their husbands and guests present.

Mrs. Johnnie D. Duffie, club president, presided at the banquet. The Rev. L. D. Hayman gave the invocation after which special guests were recognized, among them Mrs. Marty Cranmer, the club's only charter member; and Mrs. Duffie's mother, Mrs. G. C. Lahey from Columbia, S. C.

The president gave a resume of work accomplished during the past year through the various departments, speaking principally of the mass chest X-ray conducted by the club throughout the county last summer.

A short skit, "A Typical Day of a Clubwoman", written and directed by Mrs. Dallas Pigott, was presented. Those who were in the cast were Mrs. Lewis Hardie, Mrs. Bryant Potter, Mrs. E. J. Prevatte, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., and Mrs. Pigott.

Officers for the coming year were installed by Mrs. Harper, these being: Mrs. Duffie, president; Mrs. E. C. Blake, vice-president; Mrs. Ronnie Hood, secretary; and Mrs. H. T. St. George, treasurer. Mrs. Harper expressed the appreciation of the club for the excellent work done in the club by Mrs. Duffie. The benediction was given by the Rev. Drayton Cooper.

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Tug Loses Tow Off Southport

Some Confusion Results In Cape Fear River Near Quarantine Station Wednesday

A commercial tug towing several flatboats bearing long sections of pipe ran into difficulties last Wednesday in Southport harbor when the towline parted and the barges went off, willy-nilly, in several directions.

It was nip and tuck for a quarter-hour, but the tugboat captain remained master of the unusual situation. The tug, according to reports, played monitor in all points of the compass, rounding up the stragglers like a cowboy herding steers.

Someone called the U. S. Coast Guard, but things were under control by that time. One of the channel buoys was torn from its moorings and bobbed off some 700 yards from its accustomed place—thus creating, for a brief space, an added headache for any mariner who had happened along

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Christmas Parade Draws Big Crowd

One of the most successful promotions ever undertaken by Southport merchants was the Christmas Parade last week, when several hundred persons were attracted to the downtown business district to witness the arrival of Santa Claus by firetruck.

The musical background for this event was provided by the Brunswick County Training School Band, which stopped at several points in the parade route to put on a demonstration of intricate marching and to play appropriate Christmas music.

There were several attractive floats and special features of the parade.

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Applications For Mail Deliverymen Being Accepted

Another Step Taken In Putting Home Delivery Service For Southport Into Practice Soon

The U. S. Civil Service Commission announces that an examination for substitute clerk and substitute carriers for the town of Southport is scheduled for the near future.

This follows a drive by local citizenry to get home delivery of mail in Southport for the first time in the long history of the county seat of Brunswick.

Southport falls under the category of first and second-class post offices, and the pay scale for substitute clerks and carriers in such category is \$2.16 an hour.

Persons wishing to apply for the positions should fill out card form 5000-AB which can be secured at the Southport post office. The completed card should be mailed to the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, U. S. Post Office, Charlotte 2. The written examination will be held at Wilmington, and applicants will be notified at a later date of the exact time and place to report for the test.

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Brunswick Votes For Crop Quotas

Schedule For Holidays Are Set

The schools of Brunswick county will get out today (Wednesday) at noon for the Christmas holidays.

County and city offices will close Thursday afternoon and will not be open for business again until Wednesday following Christmas. The banks and the savings & loan will be closed on Monday and Tuesday of next week.

The post offices will be closed for business on Christmas Day.

In Southport the city force will pick up trash in the mornings on Friday, Saturday and Tuesday.

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Farmers Of This County Give Overwhelming Endorsement To Cotton And Tobacco Quotas

Preliminary returns from the marketing quota program-referendums voted upon December 12, as tabulated by the ASC, show that Brunswick County farmers went along with the national average in overwhelming favor of keeping the present quotas for the next three years.

Broken down, the vote in Brunswick went 1,067 for tobacco quotas, with only 24 votes against; in the cotton quotas referendum the voting was 149 for and only one vote against. In the tobacco assessment, Brunswick farmers voted 919 for and 37 against, and in peanut assessment it was eight for and 2 against. This vote reflected directly on the natural interest in the universal crop of tobacco grown here, and the lesser interest that was generated in the cotton and peanut referendums.

The national (belt) average show that tobacco marketing quotas carried by 98.3 percent, with the cotton marketing quotas favored at 98.2 Belt-wise, the tobacco assessment, with 95.6 in favor, and the promotion program on peanuts, 97.8, were only slightly below that favoring tobacco. All four referendums were carried favorably with far more than the two-thirds vote necessary to keep them alive during the next three years.

Ralph Price, manager of the Brunswick County ASC office at Shallotte, stated that "The overwhelming support of Brunswick County farmers for all the marketing quotas up for vote on December 12, proves they were entirely in accord with reducing production where needed; with penalizing farmers who do not reduce production, and assurance of a

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TIME and TIDE

Our Christmas week issue of The Pilot for 1936 came out on December 24, and for this one time we used green ink, a sort of color printing that was 20 years before its time. May it never be said that The Pilot is not a pioneer! (confidentially, it was a sort of sickly green, barely legible. And we never have tried it again.) The Southport business district was decorated for Christmas, with colored lights across the streets at the four principal business intersections.

There was good news from the Post Office Department; Sunday morning delivery in Southport was scheduled to begin on January 3, 1937. Shipments of Christmas evergreens, principally, holly, was adding to the income of several Brunswick farmers; and Christmas vacation for Brunswick county school children had included those for the one-teacher unit at Bald Head Island.

December 24, 1941, and World War II was two weeks old. There had been a report from the Potter boys, Frank and Bryant, that they were safe aboard their ship in the Pacific. The N.C. Department of Conservation and Development had an official Christmas card that year that carried a Brunswick county fishing scene. We had received one.

Christmas decorations had made their appearance in Southport; two sons of Sheriff I. D. Harrelson, Walter and Ed, had dropped out of college to enter military service; and Southport was one of the few towns in the State where Christmas lights were being used as street decorations that year.

Our issue for December 25, 1946, hit the target for Christmas day, but of course we printed one day early that week. Quite

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