

## More Pageant Entries



**CONTESTANTS**—Julia Mae Gray, Dora Ann Hewett and Toy Lane Hewett, all from Shallotte, are the latest entries in the Miss Brunswick County Pageant, which will be held at Shallotte on March 10. Tickets for this event go on sale this week by members of the sponsoring Shallotte Jaycees.

## Draw Jury List February Term Superior Court

**Judge Henry McKinnon Of Lumberton Will Preside Over Term For Trial Of Civil Cases**

A term of Brunswick County Superior Court devoted to the trial of civil cases, is scheduled to start Monday, February 26, with Judge Henry McKinnon of Lumberton, presiding.

List of jurors drawn to serve during the term, follows:

From Southport: M. M. Hood, George R. Clemmons, Sr., James A. Joyner, and J. Brice Helms. From Shallotte: E. P. Hewett, C. A. Hewett, Lennon McLamb, G. C. Stanley, Sr., Thomas F. Gray, J. H. Bozeman, H. F. Milliken, and Robert McLamb. From Ash: J. J. White, W. L. Carlyle, D. O. Walton, Richard White, and Johnnie Cox.

From Leland: William E. Nelson, Allen Childs, and Daniel Rabon. From Bolivia: W. G. Moore, Roy E. Swain, Homer L. Holden, and A. R. Clemmons. From Supply: Linwood Brown, James P. Clemmons, Olaf C. Varnam, and Carl Bowling. From Longwood: D. S. Russ and D. S. Gore. From Freeland: Weston Evans and Otis L. Evans. From Winnabow: W. E. Lewis and W. C. Gore.

## New Educational Building



**ADDITION**—An important addition is being made to Antioch Baptist Church with the construction of a spacious educational building. The design ties in with the architecture of the church and makes this one of the most complete and attractive church properties in Brunswick County—(Elgie Clemmons Photo.)

## Waccamaw Site For Educational Meet Wednesday

**Large Crowd Attended Annual Session Of Fifth District Of The State School Board Association**

The annual meeting of District Five of the State School Board Association, with more than 400 educators in attendance, was held last Wednesday at the Waccamaw High School in Ash.

The District president is C. Y. Coleman of Ash, and L. A. Burton is principal of the host school. Supt. John G. Long said that he was "particularly proud" of the Brunswick turnout, which constituted roughly about one-third of the gathering. District Five includes six counties, plus the towns of Goldsboro, Clinton and Fremont.

The main speaker was Dr. Everett Miller, assistant state superintendent of Public Instruction.

Whereas the speaker expressed conviction that N. C. education has progressed steadily, he went on to warn that much remained to be accomplished before "we can rest on our laurels."

"On the debit side of the ledger are the dropout figures in our state," said Dr. Miller. "In 1949 118,668 children entered schools in this state for the first time. In 1961, (12 years later) only 50,187 graduate from our public school system, leaving 68,481 students who dropped out before graduation."

Dr. Miller brought the problem closer to home by giving Brunswick student statistics over the same period. In 1949 in this county 652 entered the first elementary grade. Twelve years later only 228 took high school diplomas, said Miller.

In regard to these distressing figures, Superintendent Long pointed out that transfers to other school units outside this county undoubtedly account for part of this poor record.

The fifth district includes Brunswick, Fender, Duplin, Sampson, Wayne and New Hanover counties, and the town units mentioned above.

## Girl Scouts In Sale Of Cookies

**Annual Fund Raising Efforts Will Help Defray Expenses Of Operating Troop In Southport**

Southport residents will have the opportunity, beginning Thursday, to indulge in some of the famous "Girl Scout Cookies", when local troops start their annual sale.

Profit from the sale goes directly toward maintaining and establishing qualified camping for Girl Scouts, and members of the local intermediate troop are already packing their bags in anticipation of a stay at Camp Pretty Pond this summer.

The cookies come in three delicious flavors; the regular sandwich-cream, a new Round-up cake, and the ever popular mint. They are stamped with the Girl Scout insignia and will sell for fifty cents per box.

Members of the two Brownie Troops are to confine their sales to relatives, friends and telephone sales. The intermediate Troop may make door-to-door sales. Continued On Page 4

## More Entries Coming In For New Pageant

**Ranks Of Contestants Increased This Week By Three Entries From Shallotte Community**

Perhaps encouraged by the entry of three Bolivia girls, a like number of young ladies from Shallotte entered the Brunswick County Pageant this week.

The pageant, sponsored by the Shallotte Jaycees, will take place in the Shallotte High School auditorium on March 10. Last year there were several contests, run as preliminaries to a final contest. This year only one pageant will be held.

Toy Lane Hewett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Walker Hewett. Miss Hewett, a senior at Shallotte High, is just under 5 feet, six inches, with dark hair and fair complexion. Her eyes are blue and she tips the scales just under 100 pounds. Her vital statistics read, top to bottom, 34-22-36.

Toy Lane is a fine musician and student, having sung and played piano all through her school career. A bit of a journalist, Miss Hewett has written for the school paper and authored the "Pirate Log" in the State Port Pilot. She is active in E. T. U. work, both in secretarial and musical fields.

Another entrant is Dora Ann Hewett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hewett. A petite type, Dora Ann is 5 feet, two, and may be described as a "brownette", what with brown eyes and hair and a faintly olive complexion. She also is a senior at Shallotte high school. This contestant weighs in at 105 pounds, with 34-24-35 statistics. The young lady shows thespian promise, having been in turn Mary Queen, in the Valentine Court, Sweetheart Queen, and a member of the cast of the junior play.

Julia Mae Gray is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Walker Hewett. Continued On Page 4

## O'Brien Retires As Bank Cashier

**Official Retires From Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. After Serving For Twenty-Five Years**

Prince O'Brien has retired as cashier of the Southport Branch of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. after 25 years service with that institution.

On Monday, W. B. Garald of Tabor City assumed the job.

O'Brien retires following 44 years in banking service. A native of Rockingham, he started his banking career with the Bank of Ellerbe. Later he worked in the National Bank of Sanford and as an employee of the Federal Reserve Bank of Charlotte.

In February, 1937, he came with the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., serving first at Fairmont, where he remained until December of that year. That is when he came to Southport, where he became cashier.

The retiring banker has been active in religious, civic and social affairs of the community and has held numerous positions of prominence. He served for several years as chairman of the board of trustees for Doshier Memorial Hospital, has held numerous offices in the Southport Lions Club, of which he is a member; and as an official of Trinity Methodist Church, where he also is a member.

In addition, O'Brien is a member of the Cape Fear Navigation and Pilotage Commission to which he has been reappointed by Governor Terry Sanford for four years. In fact, he is in Raleigh today being sworn in for his new term.

He has three children. Two sons, Frank O'Brien, editorial writer for the Star-News, and Eugene O'Brien, post office employee, living in Wilmington. A (Continued on Page 4)



PRINCE O'BRIEN

## H. L. Willetts Is Party Chairman

**Brunswick County Republicans Elect Veteran Campaigner To Direct Activities As Executive Committee Leader**

H. L. Willetts was elected chairman of the Brunswick County Republican Executive Committee at a party rally Friday night at the Shallotte Armory. He succeeds Cleyon Evans and resumes a role he has held on several previous occasions.

Other officers are Mrs. Betty Bennett Warren of Freeland, vice-chairman; Mrs. G. L. Reynolds, Bolivia, secretary; Gilbert Grissett, Shallotte, treasurer.

Members of the executive committee are Ira Jacobs, Northwest; Russell Johnson, Town Creek; J. A. Eaton, Smithville; J. T. Clemmons, Lockwoods Folly; Gilbert Grissett, Shallotte; and Walter C. Wilson, Waccamaw.

Plans were made for a good attendance by party members at the District Republican Rally in Whiteville on February 23. L. C. Babson, Freeland merchant and (Continued on Page 4)

## Feed Grain Plan Attracts Many

**ASC Officials At Shallotte Say That Unusual Interest Has Been Shown In This Program Thus Far**

The 1962 feed grain sign-up got off to a fast start in Brunswick County with 60 local farmers signing agreements on the opening day of the program last week. Well over \$13,000 went to early signers on that day, in the form of advance payments.

Ralph Price, manager of the Brunswick ASC office, declared himself pleased with the early response. "Last year 577 Brunswick farmers signed up in all," stated Price, "and in the first week this year we've had 193 signers. The program is running well ahead of last year's."

Broken down, the first week's sign-up shows that on 193 farms with a feed grain base-acreage of 3,331, there are 2,277 acres now assigned to diversion; and at the end of the first week \$29,546.41 has been paid by the local ASC office in advance payments.

Price pointed out that "the program is just getting underway, since there are 1,735 farms in the county with base acreage."

Important dates to local farmers, as enumerated by the ASC manager, follow:

"February 15: deadline for new grower allotment applications for tobacco, cotton and peanuts. February 28: deadline for returning 1961 peanut marketing cards. March 15: deadline for making applications for premeasurement services. March 23: deadline for releasing unused cotton allotment and requesting acreage. March 30: deadline for signing up to participate in the 1962 feed grain program.

## Fourth Highway Death Of Year Occurs Saturday

**Infant Was Fatally Injured When Northbound Auto Runs Into Ditch On U. S. Highway No. 17**

The death of a three-month-old girl, killed early Saturday morning near Shallotte when a car went out of control and hurled into a ditch, was termed an unavoidable accident after investigation.

This was the fourth traffic death on Brunswick county highway this year.

The infant, identified as Charlene Nigdy, daughter of a U. S. Navy enlisted man, was riding in the back seat of the wrecked vehicle between her mother and father when the accident took place.

Driving the car was Felcissimo D. Macamay, also a Navy man. Macamay was the owner of the vehicle which was headed toward Baltimore, Md., where the men had been assigned for duty. None of the other occupants of the death car were seriously hurt in the accident.

Macamay was held at Southport. Continued On Page 2

## Dr. Wells Writes Of Book Review

**Retired College Professor Expresses Pleasure At Recent Treatment By Eugene Fallon**

Eugene Fallon, who conducts the "Brunswick Between Bookends" column each week in The Pilot, has received the following letter from Dr. B. W. Wells, whose "Natural Gardens Of North Carolina" was given a review last week:

"I wish to express appreciation for your Pilot review of "The National Gardens". As you may (Continued on Page 6)

## New Educational Building At Antioch

**Spacious Addition Nearing Completion At This Rural Baptist Church Between Southport And Bolivia**

Members of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee met Monday night in Bolivia and voted to nominate H. Foster Mintz of Bolivia for the post of Chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections.

Arthur Sue of Leland was recommended for appointment as a regular member, with Dillon L. Ganey being third on the list of recommendations being passed along to the State Board of Elections, who makes the appointments.

## Officers Seek Murder Suspect

**James McMillan Died Sunday Morning In Wilmington Hospital Of Mysterious Injuries**

The death of a middle-aged Town Creek Negro under mysterious circumstances early Saturday morning has resulted in the arrest of one man and a search for another by the Brunswick County sheriff's department.

Deputy Sheriff Charlie Skipper was called to the home of James McMillan, located in the Snow Field section of the county, where he found McMillan lying unconscious in his yard near the porch of the small house. The victim, a man about 50, had been discovered by a married daughter who lived nearby.

Taken to a Wilmington hospital, McMillan died without regaining consciousness. A thorough investigation by Deputy Skipper led to Archie Allen, a 35-year-old Negro, who gave a Wilmington address. Allen told the lawman that he had carried McMillan home from a "party" held in the vicinity the night before, and that he had left him lying on his porch, before driving away. The victim, Allen told Skipper, "had been drinking a little," and that he (Allen) thought McMillan would "sleep it off."

Not satisfied with the story, Deputy Skipper continued his investigation of the case and came up with Willie McMillan, a 24-year-old Negro, who is said to be no relation to the dead man. The suspect had in his possession some of the deceased's effects—including a pocket knife. The suspect was jailed for safekeeping until the investigation of the death is complete.

An autopsy was ordered by Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett, to be conducted at Wilmington.

Sheriff Ed Leonard said on Tuesday morning that his department is searching for another figure believed connected with this case. "It might well be murder," he added.

On Wednesday morning (today) two county officials brought the case up to date with the following information: Sheriff Ed V. Leonard said that his department had located sev-

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## Election Board Members Named

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## Judge Mallard To Run Again

**Tabor City Man Will Run For Re-Election As Superior Court Jurist**

Judge Raymond B. Mallard of Tabor City has announced that he will be a candidate for re-election as judge of the 13th judicial district which comprises the counties of Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick.

Judge Mallard, former practicing attorney of Tabor City and Columbus county, has achieved a record of distinction since he was appointed to the bench in 1954 by Governor Luther Hodges.

One of his more imposing assignments was as the presiding judge in the Henderson cotton mills strike trial a few years ago which resulted in the sentencing to jail of the top labor leader in North Carolina.

Judge Mallard is a member of the Baptist church, a Rotarian and a Mason.

He is not only popular as a jurist but also his services as a leader in civic affairs has been and continue to be much in demand.

He is a Democrat and his bid for re-election is subject to the wishes of that party.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**JOINS LAW FIRM**  
Loius Knox Newton has joined the law firm of Carter, Murchison & Fox at its new offices 16 North 5th St. Wilmington.

**CONDUCT SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
Members of the Supply Boy Scout Troop conducted Sunday School at Concord Methodist Church this week. Ronald Holden, Michael Ingram, Gary Chestnut and Alan Holden conducted the classes.

**WACCAMAW BENEFIT**  
The Parent-Teachers Association of the Waccamaw High School at Ash is sponsoring a barbecue supper Friday in the school cafeteria from 5 to 7 p. m. The public is invited and proceeds will be used for equipment needed at the school.

**CONFERENCE HELD**  
Mrs. Myrtle Swicegood, district home economic agent, will attend a conference, meeting with the staff of the Brunswick farm agency group Thursday evening. Mrs. Swicegood will talk to local home demonstration leaders and will also discuss the possibility of a home economic agent for Brunswick County.

## Shallotte Club District Host

**Overflow Crowd Attends District Junior Chamber Of Commerce Meeting Held At Calabash**

Some 140 Jaycees attended the 13th District's meeting held recently at Calabash. Host club for the event was the Shallotte Jaycees.

Principal speakers were John McNair, Jaycee national director, and Albert Sharpe of Lumberton, immediate past president of the state organization. McNair makes his home in Laurinburg.

J. T. Clemmons reported that "the turnout was tremendous; we hadn't expected over one-hundred members to show up."

The meeting was held at a restaurant hard by the waterfront and a shore dinner was enjoyed by the large crowd.

Clemmons said the speeches made by the officials named above "were well received", and that a general planning session was held following the addresses.

## TIME and TIDE

There were several stories of provocative interest in The Pilot for February 17, 1937: A decision had been reached by State Highway officials to relocate Highway No. 130 and to have it intersect U.S. No. 17 at G. T. Rourke Store before being hard surfaced; Publicity about flogging cases in Brunswick was gaining unfavorable reaction from people upstate; a local doctor had charged political favoritism with regard to admission as patients at Brunswick County Hospital (later Doshier Memorial); and the Southport waterfront was being cleaned up, the old Praeger Shrimp and Fish Co. house being one of the buildings to go.

In our issue for February 18, 1947, there was a headline "USO Hut Intended To Be 'Home Away From Home'". Capt. and Mrs. Fridolf Anderson had arrived as directors of the local installation. Dwight McEwen was named chairman of a committee in charge of obliterating all signs which might be helpful to enemy aircraft.

A new selective service registration had added 850 eligible names for the draft; a one-act play contest was scheduled for Southport High School that week, with four of the consolidated schools entered; and J. D. Sutton had resigned as business manager at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

A four-column layout of the buildings which comprised the U. S. Quarantine Station dominated the front page of The Pilot for February 19, 1947. A representative of the Public Buildings (Continued on Page 4)