

## Plaintiffs Asking Damages Against National Airlines

### Trial Of First Of Two Cases Involving 1960 Crash Of Plane Near Bolivia Now In Progress Here

Trial of the suit of Johnson vs National Airlines is in progress in Brunswick County Superior Court here today as Horace Johnson, Bolivia farmer, seeks \$10,000 as payment alleged to have resulted from the crash of a passenger plane on his lands near Bolivia on January 6, 1960.

This is one of two suits growing out of this fatal crash, which claimed 34 lives. The other has been brought by Richard Randolph, Negro farmer, on whose farm the main wreckage of the plane was discovered during the early morning hours of that fateful January morning. Randolph is seeking \$7,000 in damages.

The trial got underway on Tuesday, and among the witnesses was Mercer Johnson, son of the plaintiff. The young man reported that not only was damage done to the land as a direct result of having the wreckage strewn over a wide area, but that pieces of metal still are being plowed up in the cultivation of the fields.

The Johnsons contend that search and recovery operations caused damage to woodland and cropland, and point out that there was considerable damage to growing pine timber as a result.

A color movie showing search operations in progress was run off in the courtroom Tuesday.

O. R. Willingham, director of safety for National Airlines, who was here in 1960, appeared as a witness. Attorneys for the airline indicate that the company will assume responsibility for damages incurred by "its agents or servants after the crash, but denies responsibility for any damage caused by the action of CAB or other agencies during the search and recovery phase.

Hogue and Hogue of Wilmington represent National Airlines, while S. E. Frink and the firm of Bowman and Pevatte of Southport represent the plaintiff.

Trial of the Randolph action is expected to follow the Johnson case as Superior court continues here this week. Judge Henry A. McKinnon of Lumberton is presiding.

## Brief Bits of NEWS

### BARBECUE SUPPER

The Order of Eastern Star is sponsoring a barbecue supper to be served Saturday, beginning at 6 o'clock, at the Masonic Hall in Southport.

### PIANO RECITAL

The piano pupils of Mrs. Carl Watkins, Sr., will be heard in recital on the evening of May 10 at 8 o'clock in the sanctuary of Southport Baptist Church. The public is invited.

### BANDS IN CONCERT

The Brunswick County Training School Bands, elementary and senior, under the direction of J. H. Finney, will appear in concert Thursday, May 10, in the school gymnasium, beginning at 8 p. m. The public is invited free of charge.

### BOLIVIA REVIVAL

A revival meeting will be held at Bolivia Baptist Church next week, beginning Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Tom Ellis, pastor of McConnell Road Baptist Church in Greensboro, will be the visiting preacher.

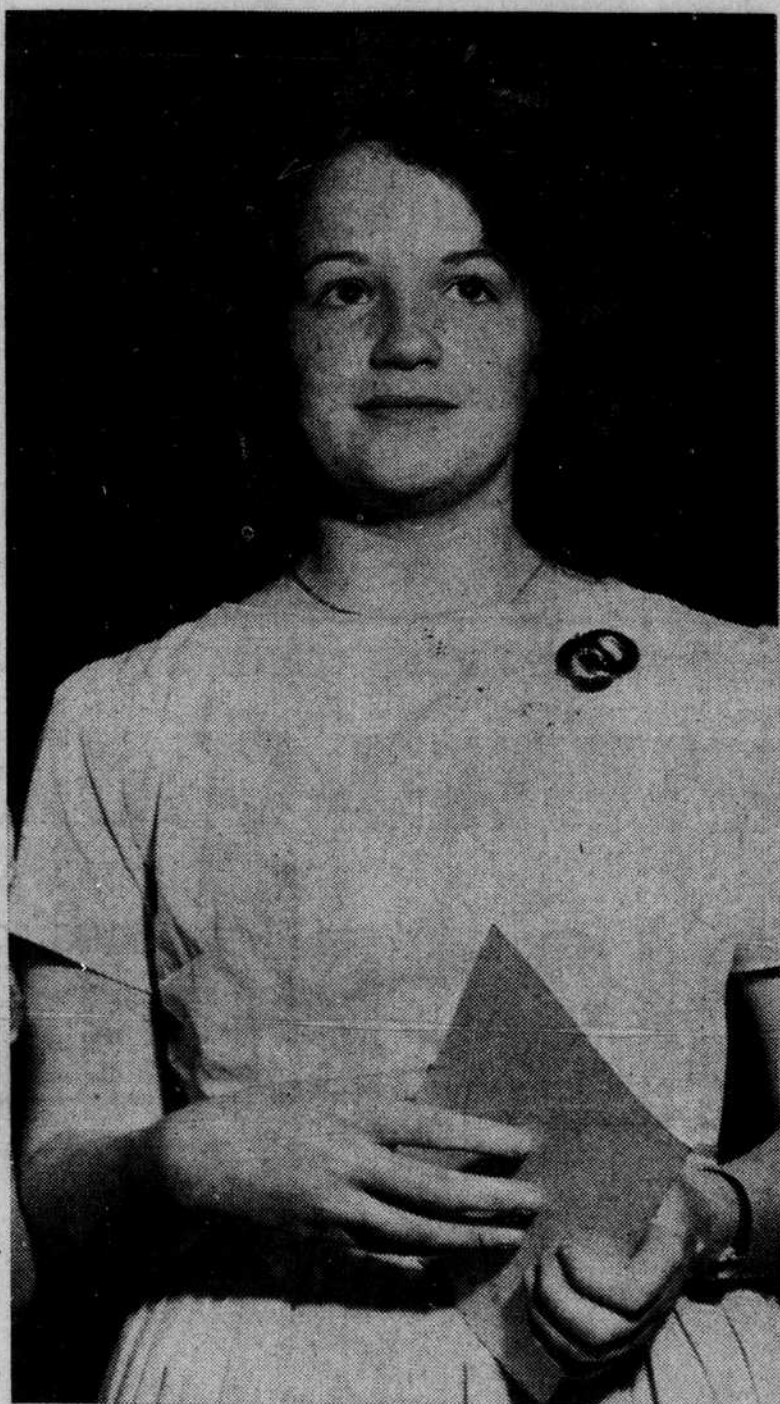
### WILLIAMS REHIRED

James M. Wolfe, chairman of the local board for Southport High School, reported Tuesday that Principal W. N. Williams has been rehired. These were no announcement on action involving other members of the school faculty.

### LIQUOR SALES

C. B. Wester, State ABC Board auditor, announced this week that liquor sales are up 12 1/2 percent during the first quarter in North Carolina. Here are the figures on gross sales during the three-month period at the three active stores in Brunswick County: Ocean Isle Beach, \$11,090; Southport, \$43,814; Shallotte, \$60,890.

## Spelling Champion



**WINNER**—Susan Potter, seventh grade student at Southport High School, won the Brunswick County Spelling Bee held Thursday at Bolivia. She will compete next week in the regional Spelling Bee in Wilmington.—(Doyle Howard Photo.)

## Southport Girl Spelling Champ

Susan Potter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Potter of Southport, is the 1962 spelling champion for Brunswick county. She replaces Brenda Gail Tripp of Shallotte in this role, and the latter went on last year to win the regional Spelling Bee in Wilmington and advance to the national finals in Washington, D. C.

Susan won over school champions representing Shallotte, Waccamaw, Bolivia and Leland, and the runner-up was Mary Beth Blake, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Blake of Leland.

The Southport girl will now compete in the Regional Spelling Bee, which will be held in Brogden Hall in Wilmington on May 11.

She was particularly happy to win the two-year scholarship to Wilmington College, with a value of \$450. She plans to make use of this to go to college when she completes her high school career.

Susan credited two of her elementary teachers with having played an important part in equipping her for this contest.

The first of these was Miss Mary Lee Norment, her first grade teacher, who got her off on the right foot scholastically. The second is Mrs. Ruth Hood, who is her seventh grade teacher.

## New Shallotte Library Draws

The Shallotte Public Library is off to a good start, according to Dr. Roy McKnight, chairman of the Library Committee.

During the first 8 days the library was open to the public, 91 members were registered, 187 persons visited the new facility, and 201 books were checked out.

Mrs. Margaret A. Phillips, librarian, states that more children

## Name Carriers For Local Jobs

Plans for home mail delivery service for Southport and surrounding areas moved a step closer this week with the announcement by acting-postmaster Neils Jorgensen that Odis E. Fullwood and Franklin D. Cox have been named to fill the two carrier jobs which will be added to the local postoffice staff when the new service becomes effective.

Jorgensen says that there are other details which must be ironed out before home delivery service is inaugurated, but that the time is near when it will go into effect.

## Honor Students Named At School

Joyce Jorgensen Valedictorian and Mrs. Mary Belle Holden Salutatorian Of Senior Class

Announcement is made this week of the selection of the valedictorian and salutatorian of the 1962 graduating class from Southport High School.

Joyce Jorgensen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jorgensen, will be the valedictorian and Mrs. Mary Belle Holden, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Jones and wife of Samuel W. Holden, Jr., will be the salutatorian.

These girls were awarded tuition scholarships from Atlantic Christian College this week. These scholarships were made available in the amount of \$300 for the two highest rating members of the graduating class of each high school in this area.

In addition to their scholarship awards, each of these two girls will participate in the graduation program which has been scheduled for Monday, May 21, in the high school auditorium.

## Southport Finals Featuring Many Varied Events

### May Day Festivities Friday, Glee Club Concert Sunday, Are First Events Slated

Numerous activities are scheduled at Southport High School during the coming weeks.

On Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock the Student Council will present the Glee Club and the Southport Womens Choral Society in concert. The Glee Club is led by Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Mrs. E. J. Pevatte, Mrs. J. B. Warth and Mrs. James Glore. A total of 38 high school students are members of this group.

On Friday at 1 p. m. the sophomore class, sponsored by Mrs. Bernard Davis and directed by Mrs. Rudolph Lingle, will present the May Day program. This will be followed by a semi-formal dance at 8 p. m. in the school gymnasium. All classes will participate in the May Day program.

Friday, May 11, will be Senior Day. Activities sponsored by the Student Council are planned for that day. The public is invited to the assembly program to be held at 2 p. m.

Baccalaureate services will be held at 11 a. m. on Sunday, May 20, in the auditorium. The Rev. Daniel W. Allen, Executive Secretary of the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina, will deliver the sermon. The Southport High School Glee Club will sing the anthem.

Commencement exercises will be held at the auditorium at 8 p. m. on Monday, May 21. Dr. William H. Wagoner, Superintendent of New Hanover County Schools, will be the speaker for this occasion.

## Boy Scouts Enjoy Weekend Outing

### Visit To Bald Head Island Made By Members Of Scout Troop No. 238 Of Southport

During the past week end, Friday through Sunday, Troop No. 238, Boy Scouts of America, spent two days and two nights in the field on Bald Head Island as a pretraining exercise for their summer encampment in June.

Friday evening the Scouts and Scout Leader, George Parker, embarked in small craft at the Southport City Dock and departed for the island.

The first evening was spent preparing the camp site, tent pitching and preparing the evening meal. Saturday was spent in improving the camp site, cooking, instruction in compass reading, fishing and a four-mile hike.

Sunday morning the Scouts cooked breakfast, struck tents, policed the area and hiked to the boathouse where they boarded small craft and departed for Southport, arriving at the city dock at noon.

Scouts who participated in the exercise were Landis Brown, (Continued On Page 4)

## Brunswick Voyage



**EMBARCKING**—A group of boats from the Fayetteville Yacht Club are shown here at Tranquil Harbour Marina at Long Beach Sunday as they prepare for their trip down the Intracoastal Waterway to Calabash and return. Twenty boats and more than fifty persons made the trip.

## Precincts Will Organize With Saturday Vote

### Both Chairmen And Vice-Chairmen Will Have A Voice This Year In Executive Committee

E. J. Pevatte, chairman of the Democrat Executive Committee, reminds all party members that organization on the precinct level will be held on Saturday of this week.

"I have instructed all precinct chairmen to call their meetings at either 12 o'clock noon or at 7:30 o'clock in the evening," Pevatte said. "These meetings must be held at the regular polling place, and if this location is not available, it must be held near the site so that there can be no confusion as to the place of meeting."

Pevatte pointed out a major change that has come into the party plan of organization for the first time this year. "This year there will be a woman from each precinct with equal voting rights as the man who normally has represented the precinct," Pevatte said.

He said that the plan of organization calls for the election of five persons who must then select a chairman and a vice chairman. One of these two offices must be held by a woman, and both the chairman and the vice-chairman will serve as delegate to the county convention and will have an equal vote in the election of the Executive Committee Chairman.

The county meeting will be held on Saturday, May 12.

## Shallotte Jaycees Install Officers

### Gene Blair Will Serve As President Of Organization During Coming Year



GENE BLAIR

## May Day Will Be Celebrated

### Students Of All Grades Will Participate In Program Friday Afternoon At The School

The Southport High School will present a May Day Exercise on Friday at 1 o'clock with admission free. The theme of the program will be "Music Around the World." The various classes and groups will entertain with singing and dancing. The performance will be staged on the lawn and walks in front of the building.

The professional of the May court will initiate the program. The court consists of Sally Ward, queen; Suzan Kay, maid-of-honor; Jean Cochran and Carolyn Barbee, senior attendants; Beverly Lewis and Beverly Howard, junior attendants; Ellen Newell and Donna Pevatte, sophomore attendants; Joyce Gurley and Brenda Jordan, freshmen attendants; and Eddie Hahn, crown bearer, and Katherine Huffham, flower girl, senior mascots.

The Glee Club, comprised of high school students, will sing four American folk songs. The remainder of the program will be the dances as follows:

Children's Polka (German)—first grade; Hula (Hawaiian)—second grade; Cshebogar (Hungarian)—third grade; Mexican Hat Dance—first and second grades; Bleking (Swedish)—third and fourth combination; The Handkerchief Dance (Czech) fourth grade; couple Dance (Dutch)—third and fourth combination.

Carsican Dance (French) fifth and sixth combination; Irish Washer Woman (Irish)—third and fourth combination; Square Dance (American)—sixth grade; Highland Fling (Scottish)—seventh grade; Minuet—sixth and seventh grades; Fluttering Fans (Japanese)—ninth and tenth grades; (Continued on Page 4)

Gene Blair was installed as the new president of the Shallotte Junior Chamber of Commerce at the annual banquet held Friday night at Calabash. Kirby Sullivan, Southport attorney and district Jaycee vice-president, was the installing officer as Blair took over the reins of leadership from David Gause.

J. T. Clemmons served as master of ceremonies for the banquet. The invocation was by the Rev. J. C. Furr, who later made a few appropriate remarks.

James M. Harper, Jr., editor of The State Port Pilot, was the speaker, and he urged the Shallotte organization to continue the strong program it has carried out since its beginning. He listed three headings under which this might well be done.

The first was through seeking out industry, in order that more jobs may be provided and more payrolls can be circulated in this area.

The second point was to advertise Brunswick county, not only through the recognized media for this expression, but through personal enthusiasm and word of mouth advertising. This was called by the speaker one of the more effective plans for letting the world know about this section.

Finally, the speaker pointed out that the Jaycees were of age, and that they would take an active interest in good government.

The following were inducted to serve with President Blair: J. P. Lewis, vice-president; David Gause, State Director; Kenneth White, secretary; Jackie Thomas, treasurer; Billy Gurganus and Bobby Russ, local directors.

The following men complete the current roster of the Shallotte Jaycees:

R. C. Arnold, Billy Cheers, R. W. Cheers, L. E. Cheers, J. T. Clemmons, Elwood Fulford, La Vern Hewett, Roger Hewett, Sam Inman, W. J. McLamb, Thurston Mintz, Wilfred Williamson, Harry White.

## Plans Continue For Flower Show

### Saturday, May 19, Is Date For Flower Show Sponsored By Live Oak Garden Club

The flower show scheduled for Saturday, May 19, at the Community Building, and sponsored by the Live Oak Garden Club of Southport, is engendering much interest locally.

The committee in charge of the show is headed by joint chairmen, Mrs. D. E. St. George and Mrs. Clinton Bellamy. Mrs. Tom Gilbert will be in charge of staging; Mrs. Jack Hickman will head publicity; Mrs. Albert Doshier will

## Music Festival Held In Bolivia Tuesday Evening

### Varied And Interesting Program Presented By Student Groups, With Choral Society Guests

The third annual Brunswick County Music Festival was held Tuesday night in the auditorium of Bolivia High School with three of the five high schools in the county represented. Principal J. P. Snipes made the welcoming speech.

The program began with the elementary chorus of Bolivia High School, under the direction of Mrs. Abner Knowles singing "Cradle Song" and "Tis Springtime" a capella.

The Southport High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Pigott, sang "I Walk With God", "Why Do I Love You?", "Mighty Lak a Rose", and "God of Our Fathers". Mrs. E. J. Pevatte was the accompanist.

The Leland High School Chorus, under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia Moore, who also accompanied the group, sang "O, Lovely World", "My Blue Heaven", "Green Cathedral", "In the Still of the Night", and "Alleluia".

The Bolivia 7th and 8th grade chorus sang "The Orchestra Song" and "She'll Be Comin' 'Round the Mountain". Mrs. Knowles also directed this group and they were accompanied by Miss Carolyn Seagraves.

The Southport Choral Society, directed by Mrs. Pigott and accompanied by Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., sang "My Lord, What a Mornin'", "Now is the Month of Maying", "Dream", and "Canticle of Praise".

The Bolivia High School Chorus sang "Mr. Wonderful", "Laud, I want to be a Christian", and "Children of the Heavenly King". Mrs. Knowles directed and Miss Seagraves accompanied.

"The Classmates", a group from the Bolivia school, sang "Christopher Robin Is Saying His Prayers" and "Desert Song". This group is composed of Misses Sandra Bowling, Libby Phelps, Dianne Willets, Carolyn Seagraves, Barbara Knowles, Sharon Eaden, and Betsey McKeithan. Mrs. Knowles accompanied them.

The program was brought to a close with the entire assemblage singing "America", "This is My Country", and "The Star Spangled Banner".

## Dinner Guests Hear Admiral

### Rear Admiral William S. Maxwell Tells Southport Audience About The USS North Carolina

Rear Admiral William C. Maxwell was the speaker here Thursday night at a dinner at the Community Building, and the superintendent of the USS North Carolina War Memorial spoke chiefly about a subject that is dear to his heart—the Showboat.

Admiral Maxwell helped to build the big battleship; was a member of the first crew when she was commissioned; served for three years aboard the USS North Carolina during World War II; and was aboard when they brought her up the Cape Fear to

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## TIME and TIDE

May 5, 1937, and Ester Mae Potter (not Mrs. Joseph Willets) had graduated from Southport High School with a record of never having been late or tardy. There appeared to be a revival of interest in sailing, and Allen C. Ewing had purchased a sharpie and was using it in and about the local harbor.

Z. G. Ray had been elected principal at Waccamaw High School; Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, had visited Southport; and there was a news report that former Navy Secretary Josephus Daniels and Mrs. Daniels were to visit here during the coming week.

The year was 1942, the month was May, and in the first week there were political rumblings. Both of the men who were candidates for the Democratic nomination for State Senate have since passed on, but that week one had charged that the other should resign as Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee; and he had co-counteracted with the charge that even though he was party chairman, he was not being properly consulted regarding dates for political speakings.

One-third the population of Brunswick had registered on the first day for War Ration Books; gasoline rationing was to be next on the war program, with registration due the following week; and Doris Corlette, (Mrs. Ed. Harrelson) was to be a member of the May Court at Atlantic Christian College on the coming Saturday.

J. T. Denning had been elected Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools on the Monday night next, preceeding our issue for May 7, 1947. Three of the famous Cape Fear River plantations

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

Thursday, May 3,	
7:03 A. M.	1:08 A. M.
7:27 P. M.	1:21 P. M.
Friday, May 4,	
7:55 A. M.	1:58 A. M.
8:18 P. M.	2:09 P. M.
Saturday, May 5,	
8:45 A. M.	2:47 A. M.
9:06 P. M.	2:57 P. M.
Sunday, May 6,	
9:34 A. M.	3:36 A. M.
9:54 P. M.	3:44 P. M.
Monday, May 7,	
10:23 A. M.	4:24 A. M.
10:42 P. M.	4:31 P. M.
Tuesday, May 8,	
11:14 A. M.	5:12 A. M.
11:30 P. M.	5:19 P. M.
Wednesday, May 9,	
12:06 A. M.	6:02 A. M.
	6:11 P. M.