

## At Southport Public Hearing



**VISITORS**—Members of the State Fisheries Committee of the Department of Conservation and Development are shown at the fourth house as they listened to county residents discuss commercial fishing Friday. They are from, left to right Director Robert Stallings, L. D. Gurkin, Jr., Chairman Eric Rodgers, Ernest Parker, Dr. John Dees and Lewis J. Hardee. (Staff Photo by Allen)

## Slow Response Causing Delay On Boat Harbor

**Friday Night Meeting Brings Discussion Of Property Owners Point Of View On Yacht Basin**

Because only 25 per cent of the property owners of the proposed Small Boat Harbor at Southport responded to a call to submit prices for their land, members of the sub-committee of the Southport Ports Authority unanimously voted to try to complete the sign-up within two weeks.

Members of the sub-committee met Friday night to evaluate the progress made on the Small Boat Harbor thus far.

A mix-up on who was to purchase the property caused a two-week delay on the project. Ernest Parker said he understood that a member of the State Ports Authority would come to Southport in order to negotiate with the land owners. But he found that a mistake had been made.

"We favor having local people deal with local people on projects like the Small Boat Harbor," Director James Davis said.

Parker then wrote letters to the property owners and asked them to make appointments with him concerning the purchase of their land.

Only five visited Parker and four made definite offers. The four own approximately 25 per cent of the area of the proposed harbor.

Parker pointed out one of the major problems he is having in negotiating with the property owners.

"We can not tell the property owners exactly what is going to

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## Gray Lady Class Honored



**CAPPING**—Dr. F. M. Burdette, right, is shown capping members of the first class of Gray Ladies at their graduation Friday night in the Community Building. Members of the class are Mrs. Trudy Huffham, Mrs. Bud Powell, Mrs. E. C. Blake, Mrs. Herman Strong, Mrs. C. E. Bellamy, Mrs. Kay Barnes, Mrs. Dan Harrelson, Mrs. Johnnie D. Duffie and Mrs. Roy Arntsen, who is being capped and Mrs. James Melton, Mrs. Charles Blake was Chairman of the Red Cross Committee in charge of the project.

## Capping Friday Climaxes First Gray Lady Class

**Dr. F. M. Burdette Capped Members Of First Class Sponsored By Red Cross And Woman's Club**

The first class of Red Cross Gray Ladies in this county were capped Friday night at the Community Building by Dr. F. M. Burdette. Assisting him was Mrs. Roy Daniel, Director of Nurses at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

At the start of the program Rev. Charles Lancaster gave the invocation. This was followed by a welcome from Mrs. Philip King, who is Red Cross Home Service Chairman for Brunswick County. Dr. Burdette spoke briefly concerning the work of Gray Ladies after which he and Mrs. Daniel placed the cap on each of the ladies in the class.

Mrs. Ronnie Hood, President of the Junior Woman's Club, pinned each Gray Lady, as Mrs. Charles Blake presented them with a certificate and identification card. Following this, Mrs. Frances Key, as a representative of the Southport Woman's Club, presented this class of Gray Ladies to Miss Frances Tillit, Administrator of the hospital here. She in turn gave a speech accepting the group and expressing appreciation for the work they are doing.

The ladies receiving their caps were: Mesdames C. E. Bellamy, J. D. Duffie, J. T. Barnes, W. Huffham, Dan Harrelson, Bill Love, R. L. Jones, William Powell, E. C. Blake, James Melton, Herman Strong, and Roy Arntsen. One member, Mrs. Pete Worsley, was unable to attend.

## Road Requests Are Submitted To Highway Men

**Commissioner Lauch Faircloth And Engineers Held Public Hearing This Morning In Brunswick Court House**

Commissioner Lauch Faircloth was in Southport this morning for a public hearing with regard to road matters, and a total of 12 delegations appeared before him to ask for work on projects in their immediate neighborhood.

Most of the petitions had to do with secondary roads which have been stabilized, but which have deteriorated rapidly in recent weeks due to the unusually bad weather. Commissioner Faircloth said that he and his forces are conscious of these needs and will work as hard as possible to bring the roads back to first-class condition.

A delegation from Leland, headed by V. A. Creech, asked for completion of U. S. Highway 17 from Supply to Wilmington. Commissioner Faircloth said that this request should be made at a meeting where other than secondary road matters were being considered. However, he expressed a grave concern for this work, and said that it is high on the list of highway priority projects.

Arthur J. Doshier asked for work on the causeway from the inland waterway bridge to Oak Island, pointing out that at unusually high tides the water comes across the highway.

Other projects were presented as follows: Odell Jenrette, No. 1324 in Waccamaw township; W. M. Sermons No. 1119 in Lockwoods Folly and J. C. Sermons, a drainage project on the same road; W. J. McLamb, No. 1302, Shallotte township; James Little and J. R. Simmons, No. 1339, Waccamaw township; Homer Hol-

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## Fishermen Heard By C & D Members

**Brunswick County Seafood Producers Given Opportunity To Express Ideas Regarding Regulations**

Proposals to reopen Corncake Inlet, correct water pollution, reform oyster planting, open or close shrimping areas and an extension of the oyster season were made by approximately 50 Brunswick county fishermen at a meeting with the Commercial Fisheries Committee of the State Board of Conservation and Development and the Commercial Fisheries Advisory Board at the court house in Southport Friday.

Director Robert L. Stallings, Jr., of the Department of Conservation and Development, told the fishermen that the committee was concerned about the prospects of the commercial fishing industry in the North Carolina coastal areas.

"Fishermen must be ready to sacrifice for the good of the industry," he said.

While fishermen from New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick counties were invited to the meeting, only Brunswick was represented at the session. The purpose of the meeting was to give commercial fishermen an opportunity to present their views and suggestions. The committee members plan to use the recommendations to improve the status of commercial fishing in the state.

During the discussion, G. W. Fisher of Southport recommended that the inlet at Corncake be reopened. Most of the fishermen present agreed with the suggestion.

Chairman Eric W. Rogers of the Commercial Fisheries Committee, who presided at the meeting, said the problem of reopening the inlet was under the jurisdiction of the State Water Research Commission.

Committee Member Ernest E. Parker, Jr., of Southport, said the prospects of the commission

## Progress Made With Auxillary

**Membership Cards Being Offered In Three Categories With Good Public Acceptance**

Mrs. Nola Tyler, president of the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, reports that the work of the Auxiliary is progressing smoothly.

Several hundred dollars have already been collected in exchange for three distinct types of membership cards, including Patron, with annual dues of \$25 or more. Sponsor membership are \$5 to \$25 and regular membership \$1 to \$5.

Aside from the places of business which have these cards, personal solicitation has begun, with the intention of getting enough volunteers to cover all of Brunswick County.

Some members of the Auxiliary have also been making surgical binders, some of which have already been received at the hospital.

Mrs. Tyler expects that by next week a full financial report will be ready along with a more detailed account on the progress of the organization.

## Adjusted Rate For Electricity

In order to encourage residents to install electrical heating systems in their homes, the Southport Board of Aldermen adopted a new electrical rate system Thursday, according to City Auditor W. L. Aldridge.

"The new rates should encourage citizens to install electrical heating in their new homes," Aldridge said. "The rates are competitive with the other power companies in the area."

The average heating rate should come down dollar-wise while the average electrical rates for other appliances should remain the same, he said.

The new rates will apply to homes which use electrical cooking and/or approved hot water heating.

## Williamson On Key Committees

**Brunswick County Representative Reports On First Full Week In 1963 Assembly**

By ODELL WILLIAMSON  
For the first full week of the General Assembly I did not return to Raleigh until Tuesday—after I had voted in Shallotte's bond election. As I did not consider the proposition a financially sound one for a town the size of ours, I was glad that most of the voters felt the same way and rejected the proposed debt.

Brunswick County will be represented on several committees whose work could be important to both our county and the whole State. During the first week of the Legislature, I was named to the Finance and Local Government committees. Everyone agrees that the work of the finance committee will be easy, as there is no need this year for more money than present tax sources are producing. In fact, things have been so good, Governor Terry Sanford has proposed tax relief in the form of increased exemptions for dependents on State income tax.

Last week Speaker of the House Clifton Blue named several more committees. Your Brunswick representative has been appointed to these committees: Conservation & Development, Roads, Education and Wildlife.

On Thursday I introduced two bills in the House. One is to amend the General Statutes relating to the application of the sales tax to resort cottages and apartments. Present law calls for sales tax to be collected on the rental of resort property, but not on the rental of inland homes and apartments. As the tax is unfair and is not equitably enforced, I would like to see it removed. My bill would exempt from sales tax family-type cottages and apartments in resort areas rented for consecutive periods of not less than seven days to any one person.

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## Superior Court Term Cancelled

**Absence Of Several Members Of Brunswick County Bar Results In This Decision**

The February term of Brunswick County Superior court has been cancelled because several lawyers are unable to attend the session, according to Assistant Clerk Joy Gregory.

The civil term was to begin on Monday in Southport with Judge W. C. Hall of Durham presiding. No plans have been made to reschedule the session.

Some of the attorneys who are unable to attend include S. Bunn Frink, who is sick; Ray Walton, who is serving in the General Assembly, and James C. Bowman, who is serving as district solicitor in a criminal term in another county.

The next civil term of Brunswick County Superior court is scheduled to begin the week of April 29.

## Bolivia Firemen Honored In Cash Award Contest

**Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department Has Been Fully Organized And Is Working For Community**

The Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department won first place in the weekly awards given in the Fourth Annual Community Club Awards Campaign conducted by WMFD Radio in Wilmington. The campaign will last fifteen weeks, and every other week \$100 will be given away in five prizes to five participating clubs.

When the first turn in of Proofs-Of-Purchase was made February 6, and the five winners were announced, the Bolivia Volunteer Fire Department was pleased to learn that it had won first place, which carries with this honor an award of \$30.

This money will help in this much needed project.

Officers of the Fire Department are: H. Mercer Johnson, president; Fire Chief, Robert C. Phelps; Asst. Fire Chief, Hayes Hawes; 1st. Lieut., James Forest Jones; 2nd. Lieut., Edward Murrell; Captain, Lewis Harvell; William A. Kopp, Jr., is secretary and Warren Bullard is treasurer. Graham A. Willetts is chairman

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## Second Fox Hunt Scheduled Friday

**Long Beach Will Be Host To Larger Number Of Hounds And Hunters For Washington's Birthday Event**

LONG BEACH—It will be foxes first, with assorted hounds and hunters, while motorists and pedestrians shift for themselves as Long Beach holds its Annual Fox Round-Up Friday and Saturday, Feb. 22 and 23.

A large sign at the entrance of Long Beach already serves notice to all visitors that, for this season, all hounds, foxes and hunters have the right of way as this sporting traffic crosses the streets.

Last year's event drew four hundred fox hunters from five states and from points as distant as Texas. Three hundred and eighty-seven fox hounds almost equalled the participants in number. Thirty-eight foxes were tailed with an unknown number downed (only foxes whose tails can be produced by the hunters are counted, hence the term "tail-ed").

Unique in that the Chase is held by the hunters following on foot or in jeeps, cars or trucks over the grid of streets which cross the Town every four hundred feet. Transportation has ranged from model A's and beach buggies to Cadillac limousines. To date no horses have been entered, but the sponsors admit that there is no closed rule on their use, properly mounted by a vice president of the association.

The Long Beach Fox Hunters Club was organized last round-up with two thousand card carrying, non-dues paying vice presidents. All participants are eligible for this district honor shared by Governor Terry Sanford and other sports enthusiasts.

Some have complained that the only disadvantage to membership in this organization is that the vice presidents must arise at five a. m. in order to "Cast Out" the hounds for the Chase at six o'clock.

The advantages of membership, however, are realized when

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## Bolivia School Boiler Trouble

**Main Building Practically Without Heat During Three Days Last Week As Troubles Continue**

Three days last week the main building at Bolivia High School was practically without heat as a result of furnace troubles but all was well Monday.

It is believed that the boiler on the main furnace at the school is causing the heating troubles.

Both Thursday and Friday class rooms were being heated in a checkerboard fashion with alternating warm and cold rooms.

Dr. Henderson Rourke of Shallotte is sponsor for Brunswick county.

Individuals and groups who are extended a special invitation to

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## Local Scenes In State Booklet

**"Variety Vacationland" Has Three Scenes From Brunswick County In Full Color**

Emphasizing things to do as well as see in North Carolina, the 1963 edition of "Variety Vacationland" is off the press and being distributed free on request by the Travel Information Division of the Dept. of Conservation and Development, Raleigh.

There are three Brunswick county scenes in the colorful new promotional booklet. One shows a scene at the Southport Yacht Basin, another was taken at beautiful Orton Plantation and a third shows the third hole at Oak Island Golf Club.

Director Charles Parker of the Travel Information Division said the new book combines specific information with 88 colored pictures and maps of vacation attractions from mountains to coast to make it a useful guide both to planning a North Carolina vacation and selecting a vacation or retirement home.

New features include descriptions of major festivals and fairs and a listing of principal privately operated tourist attractions.

Outdoor recreation is emphasized with a new map locating state and national parks, forests, parkways, historic sites and rest areas.

New highways and bridges (all toll-free in North Carolina) are shown, offering easy accessibility to all areas of the state and connecting with new highways lead-

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## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**HOLIDAY FRIDAY**  
The county offices will be closed Friday in observance of Washington's Birthday.

**P. T. A. MEETING**  
A Founders Day program will be presented at the Thursday night meeting of the Southport Parent-Teacher Association. The time is 7:30 o'clock. The Annual Founders Day silver offering will be taken at this meeting.

**IMPORTANT MEETING**  
The Blue-Cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corporation will meet in Lumberton Monday at 2:30 a. m., according to ASC Manager R. L. Price, who urges all Brunswick county farmers to attend.

**NEW GRAY LADY CLASS**  
A new training class for Gray Ladies for Doshier Memorial Hospital will begin training next week, with class sessions on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 4 o'clock at the Community Building. They will be conducted by Mrs. Charles Blake, Gray Lady Chairman for the Brunswick County Chapter, American Red Cross.

## TIME and TIDE

Twenty-five years ago this week record numbers of tourists flocked to Ft. Caswell to visit the scenic attractions at the historic emplacement. Of main interest was the artesian flow of hot mineral waters. The 95-degree waters are suspected to originate in the Appalachian Mountains of western North Carolina. An estimated 400 car loads of visitors saw the flow the preceding Sunday.

A front page photo pictured Aunt Ann Galloway, 107 year old Southport negro, doing her weekly wash. This was one of her regular activities.

Twenty years ago this week three members of the Cape Fear Pilots Association were pictured on the front page after receiving commissions in the Coast Guard. Pictured were Lt. Commanders J. I. Davis and H. T. St. George and Lt. Fred Willing.

The bill proposing that the citizens be able to vote on the location of the county courthouse was reportedly receiving unfavorable attention. The reason was the county's bonded indebtedness, which would not permit any further bonds being issued.

Fifteen years ago this week a nineteenth birthday celebration was held in honor of a 76-year old resident of Ash. D. E. Stanaland was born on leap year February 29, a date which comes only every four years.

Prospects of the State obtaining Ft. Caswell as part of the mountain-seashore park system appeared much brighter than before. A state-owned and operated park was seen as a big boost to the county's travel industry.

Five years ago this week a reversal of the ceremonial ribbon-cutting usually held as part of the construction of a new route was to be held at the site of the former inlet at Long Beach. A "ribbon-tying" was to be held marking the closing of the hurricane-washed inlet on the western end of Oak Island.

Theories on the earth tremors frequently experienced here had been received. The steady rumble sounds much like a jet breaking the sound barrier, but the sound was of much longer duration.