

Beauty Pageant Winner



HAPPY—Jackie Pigott, center, is shown here with Thurston Lynch, Leland Jaycee president and Mrs. Harold Geedy, director of the pageant, a few minutes after she had been declared the first place winner Saturday night. She will represent Leland in the Miss Brunswick Pageant on March 16.

Jackie Pigott Is First Winner In Leland Pageant

Winner Is Freshman At Western Carolina College; Will Compete In Miss Brunswick Pageant

A 19-year-old brunette, Miss Jackie Pigott, was crowned Miss Leland before an audience of approximately 500 persons at Leland High School Saturday night. Miss Pigott, daughter of Mrs. Nina Pigott of Route 1 Leland, was selected from among the eight contestants entered in the pageant, which was sponsored by the newly organized Leland Jaycees in connection with the Miss Brunswick County Pageant. Saturday night President Thurston Lynch announced that the Miss Leland contest will be an annual affair.

After being declared Miss Leland by Master of Ceremonies Garland Bordeaux, Miss Pigott burst into tears. She was then crowned by President Lynch. Still crying, the new Miss Leland tried to speak to the audience. "I am so happy I can't say a thing! It is just marvelous!"

Miss Pigott will represent the Leland school district in the Miss Brunswick contest at Shallotte on March 16. She won a \$50 gift certificate at the contest.

Miss Pigott, whose measurements are 34-22-35, stands five-foot-four-inches and weighs 118 pounds. She is a freshman at Western Carolina College where she is majoring in Spanish and business education. She expressed hope of joining the Peace Corps after college in order "to see some foreign countries".

For her talent presentation, she gave a monologue of a maniac. Miss Sandra Corbett, a 17-year old Leland senior, was selected as first runner-up. Her talent consisted of a comedy skit on the piano. She received a radio.

Other contestants, all of whom

Auxiliary Nears First Gift Goal

Dosher Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Has Helped Raise Funds For Needed Hospital Equipment

The regular monthly meeting of the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital Auxiliary was held February 20 at the Southport school auditorium.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Nola Tyler, president of the organization.

Among the matters attended to during the business session were: appointment of standing committees, plans made for the auxiliary to redecorate the memorial room to Dr. J. Arthur Doshier at the Hospital, also to assist other organizations in the repairing of memorial rooms sponsored by these groups. Special committees were appointed to follow through on the membership drive in different areas of the county, with the ex-

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Hunters And Hounds



HEADQUARTERS—The City Hall at Long Beach became the Fox Hunting Capitol of North Carolina Friday and Saturday when it was used as base of operations for the second annual Washingtons Birthday Fox Round-up. Here the owners are shown with their trucks as they sort out the stragglers that gradually reported in after the day's hunt.

District Jaycee Event Has Help From Local Men

Speaker Introduced By H. A. Schmidt At Whiteville Meeting Wednesday Evening

North Carolina is within approximately 1,200 of having more Jaycee members than any other state, State President John Kennedy told the Eighth District Junior Chamber of Commerce rally in Whiteville Wednesday.

"North Carolina led the nation in members last year but we have slipped to third this year," President Kennedy said. "State Jaycee clubs need 1,200 new members this year to regain the lead."

President Kennedy, who was introduced by Southport President H. A. Schmidt, also stressed community development with emphasis on Jaycee work.

State Secretary and Boys Home Project Chairman Marvin P. Wilson, Jr., praised the district clubs for their support of Boys Home.

The president of each of the clubs in the district reported on their activities. President Schmidt read Southport's report, Joe Galney, substituting for President Thurston Lynch, read Leland's, and Steve Varnum, substituting for President Gene Blare, read the Shallotte report.

Eighth District Vice President Kirby Sullivan of Southport announced that the next district

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Dogs And Hunters Take Over Beach

Col. Duffie Gets Transfer Notice

Col. Johnnie D. Duffie, Commanding Officer at Sunny Point Terminal, has received Department of Army Instructions directing his movement to Europe, probably Germany. Colonel Duffie now expects to be moving sometime in June of this year.

Thus far, the officer to succeed Colonel Duffie as Commanding Officer at Sunny Point has not been named. The specific duty and location in Europe for Colonel Duffie is not yet known as this will be determined by the Commander-in-Chief of the U. S. Army in Europe.

Williamson To Head Fisheries

Brunswick County Representative Appointed To Serve As Chairman Of House Committee

By ODELL WILLIAMSON
On Tuesday night, February 19, many members of the General Assembly, including Senator Ray Walton and myself, were guests at the annual banquet of the Tarheel Electric Membership Corp. at the Sir Walter Hotel in Raleigh. Also attending from Brunswick County were Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Ward, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Lindsey, Theron Mercer, Roy Swain and Frank Inman.

Main speaker at the meeting was Norman Clapp, administrator of the REA. He reviewed the history of rural electrification and urged that local co-ops be allowed to grow to meet the needs of the territories they have developed. He warned against the dangers of legislation that would hinder this growth.

No doubt there will be lengthy hearings on a number of bills that will be offered on the subject of electric co-ops and private companies, as well as other public utilities. Although no specific bills have yet come up for hearing or vote, I can assure you that I will favor legislation aimed to protect the rights and interests of Brunswick County.

I am happy to announce that Speaker of the House Clifton Blue has appointed me chairman of the Commercial Fisheries & Oyster Industry committee. Bills coming to this committee for consideration will be of special interest to our county and other coastal counties. I am looking forward to serving with this important group.

Your representative will be busy during this session of the

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Adult Education Classes Open To County Citizens

Courses Open Are Typing, Marine Diesel Engines And Navigation As New Classes Are Being Opened

According to J. G. Long, superintendent of Brunswick county schools, three adult courses of instruction were started at Brunswick County Training school in Southport this week.

The courses being offered are typing, marine diesel engines and navigation. The class in typing will meet each Monday and Tuesday night at 7:30 p. m. and will be instructed by Mrs. Josie Greene of Southport. The only cost to those who take this course will be a \$2 registration fee.

The course in marine diesel engine training will also meet each Monday and Tuesday night and will be instructed by Jessie Francis of Southport. The navigation class will meet each Thursday and Friday night at 7:30 p. m. and will be instructed by Eugene Gore. There will be no fee for the latter two classes.

These courses of adult training are made available through the Brunswick county board of education, by the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

A. C. Caviness, principal at the Brunswick County Training school, expressed pleasure at the large group present at the first meeting on Monday night and was much impressed by their obvious enthusiasm and interest in this program. He stated that any adult in Brunswick county is eligible for enrollment in any of these courses and that should any one be interested that was not present at the organizational meeting held Monday night, that

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Award Contract To Alter Dredge

Wilmington Shipyard Begins Work Of Converting YSD-59 Into Shallow-Draft Dredge

Colonel J. S. Grygiel, Wilmington District Engineer, announced this week that Wilmington Shipyard, Inc., is the successful bidder for repairs to and conversion of the 104-foot steel-hulled YSD-59 to a side-casting dredge. The Wilmington concern's bid for the work as advertised was \$267,925. Bids were opened in the Corps of Engineers' office at Wilmington on February 7. There were five other bidders whose prices ranged from \$325,761 to \$394,483.

Colonel Grygiel stated that Wilmington Shipyard moved the vessel to their plant at the foot of Northeast (Cape Fear) River highway bridge last week.

Upon completion of the conversion work presently scheduled for May 31, the dredge will be commissioned the MERRITT in honor of the late Robert C. Merritt who served the District with distinction for 53 years.

The dredge was specifically designed for use in the many shallow inlet channels in eastern North Carolina where it is impractical to use pipeline dredges. The vessel also has the capability of being used as a snagboat for clearing obstructions from channels and rivers such as the Upper Cape Fear.

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.

HIGH	LOW
Thursday, February 28,	
5:11 A. M.	11:39 A. M.
5:34 P. M.	12:06 P. M.
Friday, March 1,	
6:09 A. M.	12:36 A. M.
6:30 P. M.	
Saturday, March 2,	
7:13 A. M.	1:05 A. M.
7:31 P. M.	1:36 P. M.
Sunday, March 3,	
8:20 A. M.	2:09 A. M.
8:35 P. M.	2:40 P. M.
Monday, March 4,	
9:25 A. M.	3:14 A. M.
9:38 P. M.	3:45 P. M.
Tuesday, March 5,	
10:26 A. M.	4:16 A. M.
10:37 P. M.	4:46 P. M.
Wednesday, March 6,	
11:20 A. M.	5:15 A. M.
11:30 P. M.	5:43 P. M.

Parole Official Speaks

Southport Lions Club Hears Explanation Of State Parole System From Foil Essick, Administrative Assistant

The North Carolina Parole system was discussed in detail by Foil Essick, administrative assistant in the department, at the regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club Thursday night at the Community Building.

"What to do with a man who has committed the law has always been a problem to other men," Essick stated.

He then cited the various punishments—from the death penalty to torture—that man has used against a criminal throughout history. But despite the harsh punishments, crime continued to increase, he said.

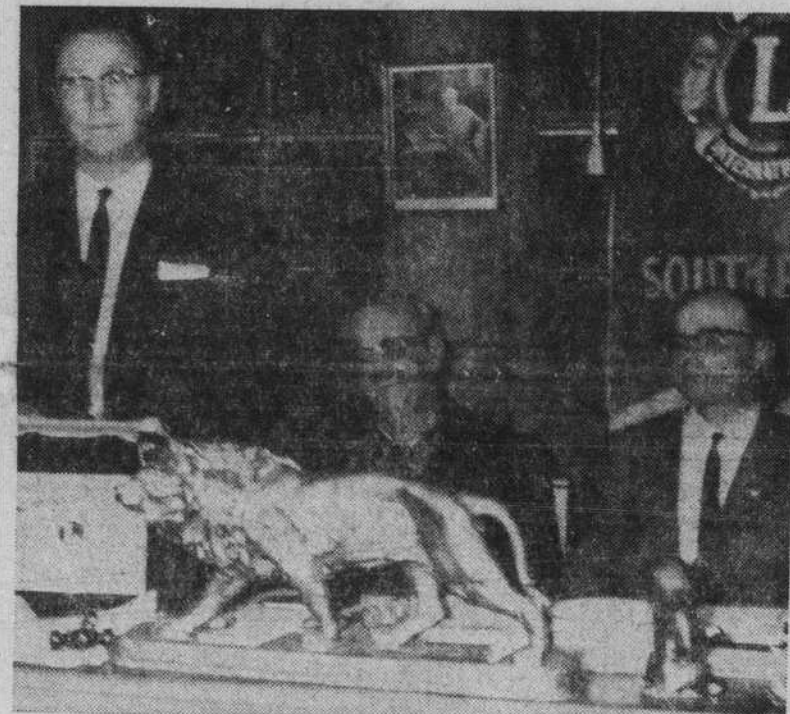
It was because of this circumstance that the words pardon, probation and parole were born. "What do they mean?"

"A pardon is either a declaration of innocence or an act of forgiveness for a conviction. "Probation is the release of a person by the court before sentence begins.

"Parole is the release of an inmate from a penal institution after he has served a portion of his sentence under the supervision of the Board of Paroles and under conditions that permit his re-entrance in the event he violates the conditions of parole."

All three are in keeping with the purposes of the Parole Board which are to prevent crime, protect society and rehabilitate the offender.

"Parole increases the probability that the offender will be re-



Foil Essick, Lion President George Whatley and Harry L. Mintz, Jr., Field Representative for the State Parole System.

habilitated because it provides an orderly manner by which a large percentage of prisoners may be returned to the community."

The Board of Paroles, which was organized in 1955 by the State Legislature, has complete and sole authority to grant, revoke or terminate paroles in North Carolina. Paroles do not include reprieves, commutations and pardons which are forms of executive clemency granted only by the governor. The Board consist of three full-time members who are appointed by the governor for four year terms.

"Prisoners are eligible to have their cases considered for parole when they have served a fourth of their sentence," he said. "No single factor determines the outcome of a case before the Board."

The parole decision is reached only after a careful evaluation of the data. The total situation of the prisoner must be considered, Essick explained.

The parole period is usually from one to five years with one year minimum established by law. After the parole is granted, the parolee is placed in the custody of the Board's field supervisor. He remains under the supervision until his parole is terminated or revoked. The rules and regulations under which a parolee must live cover everything from "a" to "z".

"The Board realizes that under the American system compulsory church attendance may be regarded as an infringement of the idea of separation of church and state and does not include this condition," he stated. "However, the parolee is encouraged to attend church."

The Board has the authority to revoke at any time the order of any parolee. "Such action is taken only after a careful investigation of the case," said Essick.

In conclusion, the speaker pointed to the vast sums of money saved yearly by paroling offenders. "The cost of supervising a person on parole is 41 cents per day while it costs \$3.26 per day to maintain that

same person in the prison system."

Essick was introduced by Roy Sandlin of Wrightsville Beach, a former District Governor of Lions International.

President George Whatley presided at the meeting and the minutes were read by Secretary Prince O'Brien.

Guests attending the meeting beside Essick and Sandlin included Brunswick County Parole Officer Harry Mintz of Shallotte and Col. William Beasley of Caswell Beach.

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Board Passes On Road Projects

Commissioners Give Endorsement To Total Of 22 Projects For Improvement By Highway Forces

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners unanimously approved 22 road projects in the county at a special meeting last Wednesday.

The Board met with State Highway Commissioner Lauch Faircloth, Division Engineer R. V. Bibberstein, District Engineer R. A. Ashworth and other personnel of the State Highway Commission prior to establishing the 22 road projects. The motion for approval was made by Commissioner D. E. Frink and seconded by Commissioner R. L. Rabon.

The 22 projects include the following:
Prospect Community Rd. grade-drain-stabilize, \$3500.
Old Middle River Rd., grade-drain-stabilize, \$4500.
Mud Road, grade-drain-stabilize, \$2000.
Turkey Tray Rd., drainage, \$400.
Shore Line Drive-Mannon Gore, \$5000.
Ocean Isle Entrance-Odell Williamson, \$9500.
Frederick Evans Rd., \$4500.
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TIME and TIDE

Twenty-five years ago this week the story of Captain John William Anderson was spread by the state news bureau publication. The heroic Civil War pilot's feat of bravery was told by the news bureau with the help of the Southport Civic Club.

A well-versed authority discussed the possibilities of sports fishing in Southeastern North Carolina. He said that sports fishing tied in with the commercial fishing now being done in this area.

Fishermen were already planning trips to the Gulf Stream and parties from Wilmington were making preparations for the journey to the warm, fish-infested waters starting 40-miles offshore.

Twenty years ago this week an official said that the greatest threat to community-wide blackouts were the lights that were left unattended. Lights in the homes temporarily vacated should be turned out in case that a blackout was to occur during the time residents were not present.

A large fire broke out in the Orton Plantation vicinity and caused much damage to the surrounding woods. The origin of the fire was said to have been the ashes of a sawdust pile fire two years before and was still smouldering.

Fifteen years ago this week plans were made to discover the secret life of shrimp. The investigation was to be carried out by the shrimp and fish survey craft working off the Southeastern North Carolina Coast.

A quick freezing process was soon to be installed by the local ice plant, it was announced by proprietor M. R. Sanders.

A new 75-foot shrimp trawler had been purchased and was

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

HEART FUND SOLICITORS

Members of the Southport Junior Chamber of Commerce and their wives will conduct a house to house canvas Sunday afternoon for the Heart Fund.

BENEFIT BARBECUE

There will be a barbecue supper on Saturday beginning at 6:30 p. m. at the Zion Methodist Church at Town Creek. The supper will be served buffet style in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Home-made cakes and pies will also be on sale. Proceeds will go to the building fund of the church.

GOING TO RALEIGH

Members of the Southport Jaycees are cooperating with the movement to have a large delegation of Southeastern North Carolina citizens to go to Raleigh on March 7 for a meeting with state Highway officials with regard to construction of a high level bridge over the Cape Fear river at Wilmington. Those who can make the trip are asked to notify Jaycee President H. A. Schmidt before Saturday. Free transportation to and from Raleigh will be furnished.