

Helping Hands For Downed Pilot



HELPING HANDS—Puerto Rican Pilot Luis Hernandez had plenty of help Saturday morning to push his plane out of a Green Swamp ditch and onto a pulpwood road for take-off after being forced

down Friday afternoon. On Sunday he made a second unscheduled stop in Brunswick, this time at the Shallotte Airport.

Plane Emergency Friday Creates Much Excitement

It will be a long time before Luis Hernandez "visits" Brunswick county again, he hopes!

The young Puerto Rican pilot crash landed in the Green Swamp area Friday night and lived to be forced down again Sunday because of engine trouble in the Shallotte area.

At last report, he was on his way to Puerto Rico in his \$14,000 crop dusting aircraft.

The weekend adventures of Hernandez began when the Federal Aviation Agency alerted search and rescue units along the North and South Carolina coast late Friday to be on the lookout for a plane in the Long Beach area after receiving distress signals about 4:44 Friday afternoon.

The Civil Air Patrol, under Commander Henry Carter of Shallotte, and military crews began the search for the missing plane.

Hernandez, flying from Pennsylvania to Puerto Rico, crashed in the Green Swamp about 10 miles from Shallotte. He spent the night in the cockpit while high winds, which he estimated to be about 50 mph, threaten to tip the plane over on several occasions as it rested in a ditch on a remote pulp wood road in the swamp.

At day break Saturday, he followed the sand road in the swamps to the home of Jack Stout about eight miles from the scene of the crash. Buddy Smith picked Hernandez up, took him home for breakfast and brought him to Shallotte.

Immediately, Hernandez called the FAA office in Wilmington and the search was called off. Shortly before that time, the

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After 8 Days

Gas Case Ends In Mistrial

After eight days, the so-called "gas case" ended in a mistrial late Tuesday afternoon when the jury said they were hopelessly deadlocked.

Judge Maurice Braswell of Fayetteville called the jury back Tuesday afternoon and asked if anyone thought a unanimous verdict could be reached. When the all-male jury, which included two Negroes said no, he removed one juror and declared it a mistrial. He continued the case until the next session of the Brunswick County Superior court for the trial of civil cases.

The case of Mary I. Jackson, administrator of the estate of Wesley Clyde Swain, versus Southern Butane Gas Company of Wilmington opened last Monday in Southport.

Mary Jackson, represented by Attorneys Ray Walton, Davis Herring and Ernest Parker, was asking to recover \$135,000 for the death of Swain from the gas company, represented by Attorneys Ozmer Henry and of Lumberton and S. Bunn Frink.

Testimony of the various witnesses covered the first four days of the trial. Final summations by the opposing attorneys took up Friday and until noon Monday. Judge Braswell took two hours and five minutes to charge the jury.

The jury began deliberation at 4:15 p. m. Monday. Judge Braswell declared a mistrial at 3:10 Tuesday afternoon after the case had been reached. The jury reported that no verdict could be reached.

Later it was reported unofficially that the jury was divided 7 to 5 on whether the gas company was negligent. The question of money was never discussed by the jury.

During the trial, Herring, Walton and Parker charged that Swain had died of carbon monoxide poisoning because the gas company had failed to vent the heater. They said the flue gasket contained carbon monoxide. The Swain gas heater had been converted into a butane heater by unauthorized persons, they charged. In leaving the heater unvented, they said the gas company left the house in an unsafe condition.

The gas company attorneys said Swain did not die of their negligence and speculated as to whether carbon monoxide poisoning was the cause of his death. Since no autopsy was performed on Swain, the cause was unknown, they said. Henry and Frink produced a slip of paper signed by Swain's wife stating that she knew how to operate the heater and knew it was unvented. She told the company employees that her husband would vent the heater, they said. They told her to keep the window cracked open, the attorneys said. When the installation man left, the heater was burning a blue flame and was safe, they claimed.

Swain, 52, his wife, Alice, 38, and their granddaughter, Florida

Alice Moore, 5, died at their Southport home on Lord Street on Monday December 16, 1962. They had just moved back to Southport after having lived in Brooklyn, New York, for a number of years. Swain's wife had been here for a week before the tragedy preparing the house for Long Beach Plumber C. K. Henry who was making a service call the rest of the family. Swain arrived in Southport Saturday.

The bodies were discovered by

at the Swain house. When no one answered his knock at the door, he looked in the window and saw the bodies. Swain, his wife and their granddaughter were found in the bed room and all died shortly. A son, Tom, 13, was found lying near a gas heater on the living room floor. He later recovered.

An autopsy was performed on the body of Alice Swain and carbon monoxide poisoning was ruled the cause of death.

Bond Election Set For Tuesday

Southport citizens will go to the polls Tuesday to vote in a Special Bond Election which will include four separate proposals. The first of these would provide funds in the amount of \$20,000 for the purchase of an additional fire truck for use by the Southport Volunteer Fire Department.

The second would provide \$15,000 for storm drainage for the City of Southport.

The third would provide \$45,000 with which to enlarge and expand the waterworks system for the City of Southport.

The fourth would provide \$150,000 toward the erection of a modern sewage disposal plant for the City of Southport.

This would represent two-thirds the total cost of this project, with Federal funds being available in an outright grant for one-third the total cost.

During the past few week officials of the City of Southport have under taken to inform the citizens of the need for these improvements and the feasibility for financing them through the sale of bonds.

The projects were based upon engineering research, and the financial aspects were worked out in cooperation with the Local Government Commission in Raleigh. Both the Southport and Raleigh officials believe that the new obligations, if they are assumed by the voters in Tuesday's voting, can be paid off without any raise in the current tax rate.

That is what the Mayor and Board of Aldermen were on hand to explain at a Thursday night mass meeting in the courthouse and again last night at BCT gymnasium. Both meetings were poorly attended.

Another attempt to furnish background information was made in a letter for general distribution throughout the city. Financial statements have been published in this newspaper, along with detailed descriptions of the proposals.

Tuesday night Mayor E. B. Tomlinson had this to say: "We do not want the citizens of Southport to vote blindly for these propositions. We have done every-

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Southport Man Made Chairman Of New Board

William A. Powell, Southport attorney, was elected chairman of the Brunswick County Resources Commission at an organizational meeting Tuesday night at Supply.

Other officers of the organization include J. T. Clemmons, vice-chairman, J. A. Francis, secretary, and Harry V. Thompson treasurer.

Announcement was made of the resignation of A. E. Dutton as a member of the commission and the appointment of Ralph King, agriculture teacher at Waccamaw High School, to take his place on the 9-man board.

Chief item of business, in addition to setting up the organization, was consideration of a budget for the next fiscal year. The group hopes to have all preliminary planning completed in order that an industrial engineer can come in and start to work without delay.

"We are in the market for a qualified, experienced man for this position," Chairman Powell said at the conclusion of the Tuesday night session. He indicated that advice will be sought from others with experience in this field of operation.

An invitation was drafted asking Al Calaway, a member of the State Department of Conservation and Development, to meet with the group soon and discuss the "mechanics of a resources development commission."

Roy Stevens, executive secretary of the Greater Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce, was also invited to meet with the group and discuss budget matters.

Powell said the commission seemed in complete agreement that the commission is "what Brunswick has needed for a long time and it is his intention to make the operation a success."

Same Five On Hospital Board

The acceptance of the resignation of a member of the Resources Development Commission highlighted a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in Southport Monday.

A letter from A. E. Dutton of Waccamaw saying he could not serve on the commission was read to the board members. After voting unanimously to accept Dutton's resignation, Ralph C. King of Waccamaw was appointed to serve on the commission for a one year term. The action was taken on a motion by D. B. Frink, seconded by R. L. Rabon, and unanimously passed.

County FHA Supervisor Jerry T. Murrey asked the board for space to establish a FHA office in the county. The board agreed to permit the federal agency to use the assistant farm agent's office in Supply.

W. P. Jorgenson was appointed to the board at Doshier Memorial Hospital for six years; Gilbert Reid and Lester Babson, four years, and A. H. Gainey, Jr. and Fred Mintz, two years.

George Britt was appointed to fill the unexpired term of James C. Carroll as constable of Northwest Town's ship. Carroll had moved to Florida, the board was

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Annual Blue And Gold Banquet



MEETING—Cub Scouts, parents, pack officials, and guests attended the Annual Cub Scout Blue and Gold Banquet held in Southport at the Sacred Heart Church recreation hall in Southport.

No Immediate Hope For Ferry

First Lady Sends Favorite Recipes

Three of the Lyndon B. Johnson family's favorite recipes will be featured in the forthcoming Southport Junior Woman's Club's cookbook, courtesy of Mrs. Johnson herself.

Miss Almeta Dixon, club secretary, wrote the First Lady last Wednesday requesting recipes for the cookbook. On Monday, Miss Dixon received three recipes from Mrs. Johnson's social secretary, Bess Abell. "They are family favorites of the Johnsons," she said in her letter.

The recipes from Mrs. Johnson include pedernales river chili, noche specials and prune cake and frosting.

The Southport club is currently gathering favorite recipes for their cookbook. Anyone interested in contributing family favorites to the book should contact Mrs. Norman Hornstein or Mrs. Tom Ray.

Rate Schedule For Telephones

The Board of Directors of Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation has authorized, and the Rural Electrification Administration has approved a complete revision of mileage charges for graded service outside base rate areas. The new rates abandon the old mileage concept of charging for graded service outside base rate areas and institute new charges based on zones. The overall effect will be to reduce such charges by nearly 75 percent, announced President Harry L. Mintz, Jr.

At present, subscribers desiring 1-or 2 party service outside base rate areas pay the normal charge for such service plus an additional .70 per quarter mile for the distance from the base rate area to the subscriber. Under the newly adopted plan, such charges are discarded in favor of zone charges and a maximum charge is established. The schedule of private line service charges outside the base rate area, in addition to local exchange rental charges, will now provide for the following:

- Zone 1—From outer boundary of base rate area extending up to 1 mile, 75 cents.
 - Zone 2—From 1 mile up to 2 miles outside base rate area, \$1.50.
 - Zone 3—From 2 miles up to 3 miles outside base rate area, \$2.25.
 - Zone 4—From 3 miles up to 4 miles outside base rate area, \$3.00.
 - Zone 5—From 4 miles up to 5 miles outside base rate area, \$3.75.
 - Zone 6—In excess of 5 miles outside base rate area, \$4.50.
- Zone charges for 2-party service

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Cub Scouts In Annual Banquet Here Last Week

Cub Scout Pack No. 238 of Southport held its Annual Blue and Gold Banquet last week at the Sacred Heart Parish House with more than 85 cubs, parents, pack officials, and invited guests in attendance.

The evening's festivities commenced with the invocation. This was followed by the Flag Ceremony under the direction of the Webelos Den. Then came the Pledge of Allegiance led by the Cubmaster, this being followed by the entire group singing "God Bless America." Boy Scout Stephen Parker then honored the cubs by reciting a poem entitled "A Boy in Blue."

Rev. Robert Childs of the Southport Presbyterian Church, the sponsoring organization of the Cub Scout Pack, then greeted the assembled group.

This was followed by dinner, the food having been donated and prepared by the Cub Scout parents and pack officials.

Following dinner, Aldege Martin, Institutional Representative of the Pack, then introduced the guests to the cubs and their parents.

Walter Frankoff, representing the Cape Fear Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, then presented three awards to the pack as a whole. The first was the on-time registration streamer, the second the Roundup Certificate given for sustained membership in the pack, and third the Pack Charter from Headquarters, Boy Scouts of America, which signifies that the local pack is in good standing at National Boy Scout Headquarters for the coming year.

Lt. Colonel Carl Manis, Jr., presented numerous awards to the individual Cub Scouts including Wolf, Bear, Lion and Webelos badges, gold and silver arrows, for individual accomplishments, and year pins.

Leslie Bellows, the Cubmaster, next issued the renewal membership

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

GIRL SCOUT COOKIES
There will be an all out drive for Girl Scout Cookie Sale, Saturday, at Supply, and several days after March 8, Girl Scout Sunday.

TO HOLD REVIVAL
Rev. Morris Andrews, pastor of the Willard Baptist Church in Willard, will conduct revival services at Bethel Baptist Church March 9-15 beginning at 7 p. m. nightly, according to Rev. C. L. Turner, pastor of the host church.

CHANGES JOBS
Mrs. Joy Gregory is resigning as deputy clerk of court after eight years on March 13 to assume a position as secretary at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly. Mrs. Sylvia James, a native of Southport, has been employed to take Mrs. Gregory's place.

TIME and TIDE

It was March 4, 1959, and Congressman Alton Lennon announced that the star route mail delivery from Southport would be extended to Oak Island and Caswell Beach areas of the county. The dean of United States women volunteer weather observers was Mrs. C. Ed Taylor of Southport who had been on duty since 1900.

Brunswick county joined in the 50th anniversary of national 4-H club week. James D. Bellamy of Shallotte was named county chairman of the Cattlemen's Association. Members of the Bolivia junior class were presenting a play.

It was March 3, 1954, and Ray H. Walton announced he would be a candidate for the State Senate in his first run for public office. The Leland boys and girls, both defeating Waccamaw in the finals, won the Brunswick county championships.

Ann Allen of Leland and Norman Holden of Southport took free throw honors in the county tournament. Rice Gwynn, Jr., of Longwood, became the top farmer in the county when he placed third in the Finer Carolina contest.

It was March 2, 1949, and Rev. Herbert M. Baker of Southport was chairman of the March of Dimes campaign. E. J. Prevatte prosecuted the docket in Recorder's court when Solicitor J. W. Ruark was ill Monday.

Several new homes were under construction in Southport.
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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, March 5	
0:28 A. M.	6:56 A. M.
12:37 P. M.	7:04 P. M.
Friday, March 6	
1:19 A. M.	7:51 A. M.
2:29 P. M.	7:59 P. M.
Saturday, March 7	
2:14 A. M.	8:51 A. M.
2:27 P. M.	8:58 P. M.
Sunday, March 8	
3:11 A. M.	9:50 A. M.
3:25 P. M.	9:56 P. M.
Monday, March 9	
4:07 A. M.	10:45 A. M.
4:22 P. M.	10:52 P. M.
Tuesday, March 10	
5:00 A. M.	11:35 A. M.
5:14 P. M.	11:43 P. M.
Wednesday, March 11	
5:50 A. M.	12:22 A. M.
6:03 P. M.	