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## Asheboro Boy Scout Troop In Camp At Beach

Asheboro Troop 324 held a joint camping trip with the Southport Boy Scouts at Long Beach over the weekend.

During the three days of camping on the beach, the Asheboro boys participated in water scouting under the direction of the local boys.

On Saturday night the scouts enjoyed camp-fire activities after having a meal of clam chowder. The boys caught the clams that morning and cooked the meal.

The Asheboro Boy Scouts were under the direction of Scoutmaster Allen Reavis and Assistants Ike Robinson and Nelson Simpson. Robinson is a native of Southport and played a major part in having the up-state scouts come to Brunswick county.

Scoutmaster Reavis said this was the troop's first beach campout. "We promised the boys we would do something extra special if they worked real hard this year", he said. "When they did, Ike, an old Southport boy, suggested that we visit Long Beach, and here we are."

The Asheboro Boy Scouts, some 36 strong, arrived Friday morning to begin practicing scouting in a different atmosphere, Scoutmaster Reavis said.

They set up 20 colorful wall tents and five flyers covering their eating tables on the beach.

The Southport troop, under Scoutmaster George Parker and Assistant Carl Watkins, established their camp site behind the visitors.

The two troops participated in claiming and other recreational activities Saturday morning before visiting various historical sites in the county that afternoon.

The camp fire get-together was held Saturday night and was attended by several parents of Asheboro boys who made the trip but stayed in motels.

On Sunday, Rev. Horace Hawes, pastor of the Oak Island Baptist Mission, conducted church services on the beach for the boys. After other scouting activities Sunday morning the boys returned to Asheboro that afternoon.

## Scouts Camp At Long Beach

**CAMPERS**—Asheboro Troop 324 and the Southport Boy Scouts held a joint camping trip at Long Beach Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Assistant Scoutmasters of the Asheboro scouts, Nelson Simpson, left, and Ike Robinson, center, a native of Southport, are shown during a troop inspection. (Staff Photo by Allen)

## Planning Board Makes Progress

The Long Beach Planning Board, working with representatives of the Division of Community Planning, has completed a proposed revision of street names for the town.

The proposed new system of names, to be presented to the Town Board of Commissioners for approval, is based on an east-west numbering system. Only one street in Long Beach would retain its present name.

Ocean Highway, cutting almost through the center of Oak Island, would remain the same. Ocean Drive, along the strand, would become Beach Drive. The second-row street, Shallotte Avenue, would become Dolphin Drive and the third street from the ocean would be Pelican Drive.

Burlington Street, along the Intra-Coastal Waterway, would be numbered east and west from what at present is Linconton Street. Under the new system, the dividing street, Linconton, would be called Middleton Drive.

Entering Long Beach from

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## Two Drownings Occur Thursday Off Long Beach

A Thomasville man and his niece drowned while swimming in the surf at Long Beach early Thursday morning. A triple tragedy was averted when the man's seven year old daughter was rescued.

W. Morgan (Buck) Grimes, 51, and his niece, Jo Lynn Edwards, 15, were reported dead on arrival at Dosher Memorial Hospital. Coroner Lowell Bennett ruled the deaths accidental drowning.

Grimes' daughter, Denise, 7, was pulled from the water, given artificial respiration and rushed to the county hospital in a Gilbert Ambulance.

The drownings occurred just east of the Lockwood Folly Inlet at the lower end of Long Beach. The Grimes had a cottage in the area.

According to reports, the three were swimming in the surf before breakfast when Miss Edwards got into trouble and Grimes attempted to rescue her.

When they were late returning to the cottage, Mrs. Grimes began scanning the beach with a pair of binoculars. She sighted Grimes and the girl floating, apparently lifeless in the water.

She called for help, and Owen Cook and L. A. Whitcomb dived into the water and pulled Denise to safety. They said later that she had been floating on top of the water.

They returned to the surf and pulled Grimes and the Edwards girl to the beach where artificial respiration was applied for more than one hour by Long Beach Fireman and Rescue Squad members. They were taken to Dosher Memorial Hospital where they were pronounced dead on arrival.

Late Thursday the bodies were taken to Thomasville where a double funeral service was held Saturday afternoon at the Emanuel United Church of Christ.

## Dentist Plans To Move Here

Dr. Richard Conrad, Greensboro dentist, has made arrangements to purchase the home and former office of Dr. C. A. Graham in Southport and will move here next month to practice dentistry.

Dr. Conrad, who is a graduate of the School of Dentistry at the University of North Carolina, has visited Southport since the departure of Dr. Graham and has made a personal investigation of the prospects for practice here.

"I am familiar with Southport and Brunswick county", he said in a telephone conversation Monday afternoon. "I have been spending my vacations at Long Beach for three or four years and I have flown my plane down on several occasions for weekend visits."

Dr. Conrad holds a commercial pilot license and was quite familiar with the development of the Brunswick County Airport. He said he likes hunting and fishing, but confessed that flying is his first love.

He is married, is a native of Greensboro and took his undergraduate work at the University of North Carolina before enroll-

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## Paratroopers Hit Bald Head Island

Almost 60 airborne troopers hit the silk Sunday when planes dropped men on Bald Head Island in the second phase of an operational problem in Brunswick county.

The Special Warfare Army troops, all members of Company B of the Special Forces Group at Fort Bragg, jumped from USF C-46's shortly after daybreak Sunday. Two drops were made during the exercises Sunday and about 29 men jumped each time.

The first of the jumps came about 7 a. m. Sunday. The plane, coming in low, made one pass over Bald Head Island and dropped two men on the second trip over the sub-tropical area. The pair fell into the edge of the water off the ocean side of the island. One was picked up by a safety boat waiting in the surf and the other walked to dry sand on the beach.

Five paratroops dropped on the third flight over the island, all in a straight line atop a sand dune at the water's edge. Seven men dropped into the chill air on the fourth swoop, on the same level, followed by others in additional flights until 29 men were on the ground.

The pilot then raced back across the sand at treetop level to check his handiwork and headed for Fort Bragg for the second load.

The soldiers stayed on Bald Head Island until Wednesday for survival training, then "infiltrated" to a target in the Southport-to-Yaupon Beach area. The exact location was not made public. The group will return to the Fayetteville base at the end of the week.

Some 40 soldiers comprising jump units of Company D of the same group were here on a similar problem last week in the first phase of the maneuvers.

That unit, arriving by boat after being transported by trucks from Fort Bragg to Southport "captured" a target area inside Sunny Point Army Terminal last Wednesday night after paddling up the Cape Fear River in rubber boats.

Other units are scheduled to take part in the overall maneuver but information on just what the future problems will be has not been released.

## Appointed

Kirby Sullivan, Southport attorney, was one of four Southeastern North Carolina men named this week by Governor Terry Sanford to serve on the board of trustees of Cape Fear Technical Institute.

## ASC Committee Meeting Planned

County and Community ASC committen will meet Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock to complete the naming of candidates for each of the six Brunswick townships for next month's election, according to Manager Ralph L. Price of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. The meeting will be held in the Shallotte office.

Manager Price said that as of Tuesday afternoon no petitions signed by six eligible voters seeking to place names on the ballot

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## Glore Chairman Southport Ports Authority Group

General James Glore was elected chairman of the Southport Ports Authority at a special meeting Wednesday afternoon.

The local group is charged with acting as an advisory body to the State Ports Authority in administering the Southport Small Boat harbor.

Other officers elected beside Chairman Glore include Vice Chairman Louis J. Hardee of Southport and Secretary-Treasurer W. C. Love of Southport. Ed Oliver, Jr., of Southport and G. E. Henderson of Shallotte are the other two members of the Southport Port Commission.

The group will meet monthly on the third Wednesday at 1 p. m. in Southport starting in September.

Executive Director James W. Davis of the State Ports Authority believes that the new Southport Small Boat Harbor, now under construction, could provide the basis for several industries and definitely will require the services of many firms once it is opened in March.

Several food processing firms have already made inquiries about locating near the small Boat Harbor, Davis said. In addition, several major oil companies have shown an interested response to bids asked by the SPA for an operator of a fueling station at the harbor.

He said that 25 to 30 of the 50 acres at the site of the new facility will be developed for private investors. Davis believes the demand will be heavy for the property.

Southport Mayor E. B. Tomlinson agrees with Davis' predictions. "The Small Boat Harbor signals the beginning of an industry that will utilize our natural resources, attract other allied businesses, provide employment and still be compatible with the characteristics that make Southport a quaint village on the Cape Fear river," he declared.

The new harbor, Mayor Tomlinson said, will provide employment without basically changing Southport's pleasant way of life. "Southport needs jobs for all its people but does not need a large plant with many workers rushing to and from their jobs," he pointed out. "The continuance of our quaintness will always attract and hold people.

"The Small Boat Harbor will compliment the natural growth of the area as a resort and tourist center and enhance its growth as a commercial seafood processing center," Mayor Tomlinson declared.

## Important Meet Thursday Night

More than 50 community leaders in Brunswick County have been invited to meet at Holden Beach Thursday to discuss the future growth of the county.

The meeting, arranged by the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association, will be attended by some of the outstanding business, professional, and political leaders of Brunswick County. The session is scheduled for 7:30 p. m. at the Ebb Tide Restaurant at Holden Beach.

L. C. LeGwin, President of the South Eastern North Carolina Beach Association, in announcing the meeting said, "This could

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## Visitor From Japan

**REUNION**—Mrs. Hazel Minton, left, is shown in her yard in Southport with her guest, Miss Michiko Soni, who is from Tokyo, Japan, where the Minton family met her during their stay in that country. Miss Soni will attend New England Conservatory of Music this fall. (Staff Photo by Allen).

## Mrs. Gilbert Heads State Organization

MRS. TOM GILBERT

A Southport woman was elected head of the Daughters of America at the groups state convention in Raleigh Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Tom Gilbert advanced to councilor of the fraternal order Saturday. She has held four other state offices in the secret organization which stands for the Holy Bible and the American flag. She was state vice-councilor last year.

Mrs. Gilbert is the third Southport woman to head the Daughters of America in North Carolina. The late Mrs. Theo Osborne and Mrs. Delphia Oberjohnn also served as past leaders of the group on the state level.

As head of the fraternal order, Mrs. Gilbert will travel over the state of North Carolina visiting the different councils.

She has been a member of the Southport chapter of the Daughters of America for the past 12 years. The Southport group, which was organized in the 1920's has 58 members today. They were one of the many civic groups which worked for the old-fashion Fourth of July celebration this summer.

In addition to her work with the Daughters of America, Mrs. Gilbert is active in Southport civic work. She is the superintendent of the Sunday School of the Presbyterian church president of the Live Oak Garden Clubs, associate matron of the Eastern Star and a member of the Women of the Presbyterian Church. She is a past president of the Southport P. T. A.

Mrs. Gilbert, a native of Southport, is married to a local funeral director. They have one son, Thomas, 14.

Mrs. Gwendly Dixon, Mrs. Lena Fisher and Mrs. Deloris Fortiscue attended the state meeting in Raleigh with Mrs. Gilbert. They are all members of the local chapter.

## Japanese Girl Visiting Here

A hint of the exotic Far East entered Southport Wednesday in the presents of Michiko Soni who is spending two weeks with her "adopted" family, the Allen Mintons.

Miss Soni, 22, a native of Tokyo, Japan, will visit with the Minton family during the month of August before entering the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston to work on her master's degree.

Miss Soni will present a concert at the Southport High School auditorium Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock. No admission will be charged but a silver offerings will be taken to help defray her college expenses.

Miss Soni and the Mintons are old friends. They first met when the Southport family lived in Japan for two years, with music the means that brought them together. She taught piano to Mrs. Minton, and daughters Carolyn, the current Miss Brunswick County, and Kay, a student at Memphis State University.

During the Minton's two year stay in Japan, Miss Soni visited with the family on numerous occasions. "She calls us mother and father," Mrs. Minton said.

She recently graduated from the School of Arts of the University of Tokyo with a degree in music. She has been interested in music since she was six years old and plays the piano and sings.

After her graduation, Mr. and Mrs. Minton helped her work for a scholarship to the Boston conservatory "Michiko had to take several examinations, which she passed with flying colors, before being accepted," Mrs. Minton reported.

She will enter the school on September 13 for two years of study which will lead to her mas-

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## Wednesday First Day Of School For Fall Term

More than 6,000 boys and girls are expected to be on hand Wednesday when the bells ring in the new shcool year in Brunswick county

Superintendent A. W. Taylor said he believes that enrollment would reach 6,200 on the first day. "We are expecting more students than we have ever had before," he added.

Three new principals will be on duty for the first time in the County. Lee R. Biggerstaff, has replaced Willard Cox at Southport Edwin F. Currie takes over for L. A. Bruton at Waccamaw and Winston Brown for John L. Simmons at Piney Grove.

The returning principals working in the county include Winfred Johnson at Shallotte, Thomas L. Davis at Bolivia, Rockfellow Venters at Leland, Alvin Caviness at Brunswick County High School, Jonathan Hankins at Union High School, James F. Clemmons at Lincoln High School, Henry B. Greene at Cedar Grove and Phlander R. Hankins at Longwood.

Superintendent Taylor announced that for the first time each high school in Brunswick county will have a home economics teacher.

A special education class has been set-up at Waccamaw this year. This in the second such class at the Ash School while Southport has one.

The school buses will run Wednesday to pick up students for the first school day, which begins at 8:30 a. m. and ends at 12 noon. On that day students will be assigned to classes, books given out and fees collected.

Fees charged to elementary pupils in grades 1 to 8 include:

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## Hawes Resigns Post As Pastor

Horace Hawes, Jr., pastor of the Oak Island Baptist Mission on Long Beach, recently made known his resignation as pastor of the church, effective on September 6. Having served the Mission for two and one-half years, Rev. Hawes will assume duties ministering to children at the Baptist Children's Home in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Oak Island Baptist Mission had its first service in the Long Beach City Hall on June 12, 1960. Since that time its membership has grown to approximately one-hundred. Last August the church moved into a second phase of an

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REV. HORACE HAWES

## Board Rezones At Long Beach

The Long Beach Town Commission rezoned an area of residential property to commercial use at the regular August meeting on Saturday.

The second-row property adjacent to the Long Beach Pier was rezoned at the request of owner Gene Thorn of Fayetteville. Thorn presented a letter from the adjacent property owner on the eastern side concurring with his request.

The Long Beach Pier property is owned by Harvey Ratcliff of Fayetteville. A section of Ratcliff's property near the pier was rezoned to commercial use at the April board meeting, for use as a transient trailer camp.

At the May meeting of the board, attention was called to the fact that mobile homes of the house trailer type had been loc-

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## Brief Bits of NEWS

**MEMORIAL SERVICES**

The Daughters of America will hold a memorial service for Mrs. Velma Ward at the Daughters of America Building on August 20 at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

**WIND UP CRUSADE**

The Brunswick County unit of the American Cancer Society plans to conclude the Cancer Crusade this month and all persons who have not yet made their contribution are urged to do so before August 31.

**STATE OFFICER**

Mrs. Harold Aldridge was elected second vice president of the Assistant and Deputy Clerks of Superior Court Association at the groups' annual convention in Durham last week. Mrs. Sylvia James won a set of china as a door prize at the banquet meeting Friday night.

## Beer-Wine Vote At Long Beach

Some 130 legal residents of Long Beach are registered to vote in a beer and wine election on Tuesday, according to registrar Mrs. Charline W. Johnson.

The election was called by the Long Beach Board of Commissioners after receipt of a petition signed by thirty-one percent of the legal residents who voted in the last town election.

The ballot will offer voters a choice between beer and wine sold on premises at Class A motels, hotels and restaurants and off premises at other legally licensed businesses, or no beer and wine at all.

At present, no beer or wine is sold on all of Oak Island, consisting of Long Beach, Yaupon Beach and Caswell Beach. An ABC

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## TIME and TIDE

It was August 19, 1959, and a former Southport High School teacher, Miss Sara Bertha Townsend, published her first book, "An American Soldier—The Life of John Laurens", and donated a copy to the library.

Superintendent John G. Long announced that schools would open on August 28. Scores of Brunswick county citizens saw the firey trail of Juno II as it arched across the sky Friday evening. Gene Winfree was named athletic director at Shallotte High School replacing Paul K. Weatherly.

It was August 18, 1954, and Sunday movies were shown at the Amuzu for the first time. Southport party boats landed four sailfish during the week, with Captain Thomas H. Watts having two. Ernest Parker of Southport was the president of the Young Democratic Club.

A group of Shallotte citizens asked the Board of County Commissioners to establish a medical center in their town. Bruce Cresson, assistant pastor of the Southport Baptist Church, returned to the Southeastern Seminary for his thrid year.

It was August 17, 1949, and Southport residents voted overwhelmingly Saturday for beer sales, 359 to 63. A ground breaking ceremony for a new parsonage at Soldier Bay Church at Ash was held Sunday.

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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 |
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| **Thursday, August 20** | |
| 5:32 A. M. | 11:55 A. M. |
| 6:10 P. M. | |
| **Friday, August 21,** | |
| 6:17 A. M. | 0:39 A. M. |
| 6:53 P. M. | 12:40 P. M. |
| **Saturday, August 22** | |
| 6:59 A. M. | 1:21 A. M. |
| 7:32 P. M. | 1:22 P. M. |
| **Sunday, August 23** | |
| 7:40 A. M. | 2:00 A. M. |
| 8:09 P. M. | 2:02 P. M. |
| **Monday, August 24** | |
| 8:19 A. M. | 2:39 A. M. |
| 8:46 P. M. | 2:45 P. M. |
| **Tuesday, August 25** | |
| 8:59 A. M. | 3:17 A. M. |
| 9:23 P. M. | 3:27 P. M. |
| **Wednesday, August 26** | |
| 9:41 A. M. | 3:56 A. M. |
| 10:03 P. M. | 4:12 P. M. |