



Debris From Saturday Blast

WRECKAGE—This is the scene at Ocean Isle Beach Saturday following the blast which took the life of Channing N. Page, former mayor of Southern Pines. A water heater exploded to cause all the trouble. A mattress from the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Page is shown in the foreground. (Staff Photo by Allen).

Saturday Tragedy

Blast Claims One Life

A former mayor of Southern Pines was killed instantly when a water heater exploded early Saturday morning at the Ocean Isle Beach Motel, wrecking the room in which he and his wife were staying.

Channing N. Page, 66, died from concussion when the 80-gallon water heater exploded about 6:25 a. m. Saturday. He was sleeping in a room directly above the blast. His wife, who was in the room with him, escaped without injuries.

Coroner Lowell Bennett ruled Page's death an accident. "It was the worst thing I've seen in my eight years as coroner," he declared. "The room, furniture, sheets and everything else was torn to pieces. I don't know how Mrs. Page escaped."

Ocean Isle Beach Police Chief Marvin Stanley, who investigated the accident, said the Pages were staying in a room directly above the water heater in the Ocean Isle Motel. When the blast occurred, furniture and personal effects of the Pages were thrown in all directions.

Chief Stanley said the heater was blown 300 feet by the blast. A mattress from one of the twin beds in the motel room was found outside on the beach.

The police chief said he did not know what caused the heater to explode. "Evidently it did not have an escape valve, but I will know more about the accident when I complete my investigation," he declared.

Chief Stanley estimated the Continued On Page Four

NEWS

BIRTHDAY CALENDARS

Mrs. Trudy Huffman is in charge of the PTA birthday calendar project this year. The calendars are on sale now, and she is anxious to have prospective purchasers call and give her their order.

FISH FRY SATURDAY

Because of weather conditions over the weekend, the Brunswick County Republican party was forced to delay their second GOP fish fry rally until this Saturday at Garland's Landing at Varmouthtown, according to Chairman H. L. Willetts of Bolivia.

OFF TO SCHOOL

Rodney Garner has left for Frederick Military School in Virginia where he will attend school this fall. C. E. Murphy, a sophomore, and Jerry Spencer, a freshman, have left for Chowan College. All three are football players who are reporting for pre-season practice.

School Attendance Figures Fall Short

Attendance is way down at all county schools, but Superintendent A. W. Taylor believes the number of students in Brunswick educational institutions will grow to an all time record figure before the end of the week.

A total of 5,425 students enrolled in the 11 schools Thursday and Friday, Superintendent Taylor said. Last year, 6,086 students attended the same schools.

The number of elementary students enrolled is down at all 11 elementary schools while Southport is the only one of the nine high schools to report increased attendance. The number of Southport high school students has grown by 10, to 164, but elementary enrollment at the same school has dropped by 55, to 492.

But Superintendent Taylor is optimistic about the enrollment increasing past last year's mark in the county by this weekend. "We feel the enrollment is off in the county because a lot of families have not returned from vacations while other families have not completed their farm work," he declared. "We expect the largest number of student ever enrolled in the schools of Brunswick county to be in school by Friday."

The figures released by the Board of Education show that there are 711 fewer students in the schools of Brunswick today than there were this spring. The elementary schools were hardest hit by lack of attendance thus far, the number decreasing by 520. High school enrollment is off by 191 students.

The official enrollment figures at the schools of Brunswick include the following, with the number of students in 1963-64 first Continued On Page Four

Forest Service Buys Pine Cones

The North Carolina Forest Service will purchase 1500 bushels of longleaf pine cones and 3500 bushels of loblolly pine within the next few weeks.

Cones may be collected behind logging operations if the trees have not been cut over one day prior to collection. Cones collected from trees having been cut for several days will begin to open, thus causing loss of seed. Cones in this condition will not be accepted. The following specifications must be met before cones can be accepted:

- 1. Must be freshly picked. Continued On Page Four



CAROLYN SEGRAVES

Bolivia Student On Scholarship

A 1964 graduate of Bolivia High School has been awarded her second scholarship to attend college this fall, according to Principal Thomas Davis.

Miss Carolyn Segraves, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Segraves, was recently named the winner of a National Defense scholarship from the federal government. Last spring she was the recipient of a North Carolina Prospective Teachers' scholarship.

Miss Segraves will attend Campbell College at Buis's Creek this fall and major in music. She plans to teach music in the schools of North Carolina after graduation.

"The National Defense scholarship is offered through most of the colleges in the state and is presented to high school graduates with better than average grades," Principal Davis explained. "The teachers' scholarship is given to students who plan to teach in the public schools of North Carolina after graduation from college."

While at Bolivia High, Miss Segraves participated in a varied program of extra curricular activities including membership in the Science club, Beta club, Monogram club, Glee club, French club, and Library club. She also has held offices in each of these clubs.

Along with club activities she was a member of the "Bear Tracks" annual staff, newspaper Continued On Page Four

Seek Extension Of Recreation Facilities Here

Plans to extend the beach season into the fall by sponsoring adult vacation periods were discussed at a meeting of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association at Wrightsville Beach Monday night.

A group of more than 100 motel-hotel operators, fishing pier proprietors from Sunset Beach to Topsail and golf course managers attended to hear the proposals to extend the beach season. J. W. Robinson of Holden Beach was one of the representatives from Brunswick county at the meeting.

SENCEBA President L. C. LeGwin, Jr., proposed the period between Labor Day and November be set aside for adult vacations. To this end, rooming accommodations of all participating members would be cut to 50 percent of the regular summer fees during "adult vacation time".

"This is the best time to enjoy our beaches," President LeGwin said. "The fishing is better; seafood is more plentiful; the beaches are less crowded with rampaging youngsters; and the oyster season is in full swing."

In addition, weekly reduced rates would be in effect for collaborating vacationists at fishing piers and golf courses. At member fishing piers weekly rates for couples, would be in effect, with the added feature that a ticket would be honored by all pier operators during the week.

Golfing privileges would also be offered on a weekly basis.

As to attracting vacation couples, President LeGwin said postal type cards listing all facilities in the various resort areas would be made available to business participants at cost. These would be mailed by individual business interest to past vacationer for their use, or that of friends.

He suggested further the possibility of forwarding a supply of the cards to large concerns outside the SENCEBA area for the use of late vacationing employees.

It was pointed out also that SENCEBA would arrange for advertising and publicity in media outside the southeastern area to push the adult vacation plan here.

Examine Beach Grass Project

A program to help stop beach erosion with the use of American Beach grass will be conducted at Long Beach Saturday afternoon under the direction of County Agent A. S. Knowles and Town Managers Dan L. Walker.

The program will be conducted just west of the King Lynn's gate at Long Beach at 2 p. m. In case of rain, the program will be held at the Long Beach Town Hall at the same time.

During the meeting an inspection and explanation of what American Beach grass has done on an experimental plot planted earlier this year at Long Beach will be given. "You won't believe it unless you see it for yourself," Manager Walker said.

Each person attending the demonstration will be given an opportunity to have the American Beach grass planted on their property. "It will be furnished at cost, representing a savings of \$5 Continued On Page Four

TIME and TIDE

It was September 2, 1959, and the Federal Civil Defense Administration's Stream Clearance division completed work on clearing Lockwoods Folly River so small boats could travel on the body of water. The citizens of Leland purchased a fire truck for their town.

Mrs. Phillip King was named acting county librarian and plans were made to purchase a bookmobile for Brunswick. Betty Gore of Bolivia, Martha McLavhorn of Leland and Loretta Phelps of Shallotte graduated from Miller-Motte Business College in Wilmington Tuesday.

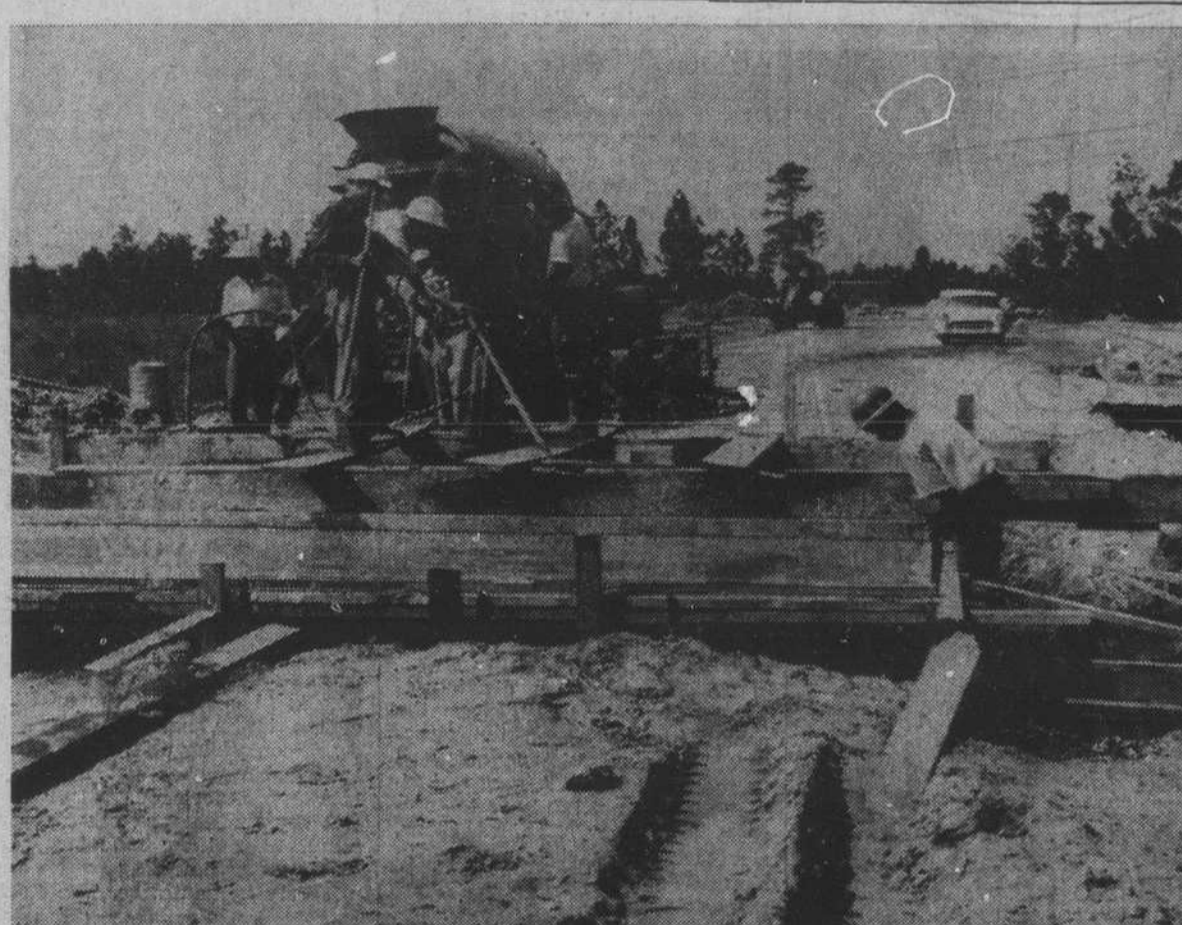
It was September 1, 1954, and a fishing party with Captain Hoyle Doshier had three sailfish Friday while Captain Hulan Watts had one. Two mild cases of polio were reported in Brunswick county.

Young Democratic Club President Ernest Parker announced that Sam Ervin, who had recently been appointed to the U. S. Senate, would speak in Southport the following month at a \$5 a plate dinner. Southport and Shallotte were the only communities in the county to receive Powell Bill money.

It was August 31, 1949, and Lieutenant Governor Pat Taylor of Wadesboro spent the week at Holden Beach with his family. J. M. King was elected president of the newly organized Bolivia Continued On Page Four

Sales Holiday

Markets Close Three Days



Work On Television Tower

FOUNDATION—Workmen are shown pouring the foundation for one of the anchors for the new television tower which is being erected near Boiling Spring Lakes. The new station will go on the air in October. (Staff Photo by Allen)

Construction Of New Television Tower Underway

Construction on the receiving station and tower for the new Wilmington television station, WWAY, which is being located in Brunswick county, is well underway.

The tower, when completed in late September, will be the second tallest in the eastern part of the United States. Only the Voice of America tower in Greenville will be taller. It will weigh 600,000 pounds.

Work at the site of the operations, which is located between Boiling Spring Lakes and Bolivia, this week is with putting in the six anchor points which will help support the tower. Approximately 61 yards of concrete is being used on each one of the Continued On Page Four

Boiling Spring Lakes Gets CAP Travel Bus

The Boiling Spring Lakes Civil Air Patrol has recently purchased a bus to transport the squadron members to meetings. J. R. Sullivan says anyone above the age of 12 can join the group which meets every Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Boiling Spring Lakes Country Club.

Interested persons should contact Sullivan who will be glad to pick them up in the bus which travels from Bowling's 66 station to Mill's Esso and along the Midway road to the Amuzu theatre in Southport before going to the club house on Thursdays.

Name Change For Savings & Loan



DOUGLAS HAWES

Good Beginning At Leland School

Four new teachers have joined the 23-member Leland High School faculty this year, says Principal Rockefeller Venter.

The new teachers at Leland include Melvin Boyd, Alton Payne, Mrs. Grace Payne, and Miss Anna Rogers.

Boyd, a veteran teacher, will instruct industrial arts this year. A graduate of East Carolina College, he has taught in the schools of Maryland and North Carolina. Last year he was at Brison-Memorial in Craven county.

Payne will teach science at Leland this year. A graduate of East Carolina College, he served as a Naval aviator for 20 years. He has taught in the schools of the state for a number of years, being at Hyde Central in Hyde county last year.

Mrs. Payne, no relation to the new science teacher, will instruct the sixth grade this fall. She is a graduate of East Carolina College and has been teaching in Thomasville for past few years.

Miss Rogers, a Tabor City native, will teach the third grade at Leland. She is a 1964 graduate of Campbell College and this is her first teaching assignment.

Returning teachers on the 23-member faculty at Leland include Mrs. Mildred Naylor, first grade; Mrs. Beatrice Sabiston, first; Mrs. Nina Lane, second; Mrs. Margaret Bland, second; Mrs. Catherine Sutton, second and third combination; Mrs. Ira Butler, fourth; Mrs. Ruby Carr, fourth and fifth combination; Mrs. Clara Conway, fifth; Mrs. Ruby Sutton sixth; Mrs. Hazel Scott, seventh; Donald Sellers, seventh; Mrs. Rebecca Teachey, eighth; Bridges Continued On Page Four

At a special meeting of the stockholders of the Southport Savings & Loan Association here Thursday the charter was amended to change the name of the association to Security Savings & Loan Association.

This was in anticipation of the opening of a branch office of the association in Shallotte and marks the second time within the history of the association that the charter has been amended for the purpose of changing the name. Originally the organization adopted the title of Southport Building & Loan Association.

October 1 has been set as the target date for opening the office at Shallotte, but officials of the association say there are many details which must be taken care of in the meantime and they are not sure this deadline can be met.

A lease has been obtained on the building formerly occupied by the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. in Shallotte, and this will solve the office problem.

President H. T. St. George announced this week that Douglas Hawes has been named assistant secretary-treasurer to manage the Shallotte office.

He is a Bolivia merchant who is a native of Shallotte and graduated from Shallotte High School. During World War II he served in the U. S. Navy. He is married to the former Mildred Williams of Shallotte and they Continued On Page Four

Better Tobacco Next Objective

A campaign to save North Carolina tobacco growers millions of dollars on future crops is being launched on the heels of the 1964 crop.

The campaign in Brunswick County calls for immediate war against old tobacco stalks and roots, reports A. S. Knowles, Acting County Extension Chairman.

Farmers have become alarmed over our rising disease losses. The losses this year may reach \$250,000. Cutting tobacco stalks and plowing out tobacco stubbles reduces mosaic, nematodes, brown spot and several insects.

"There are few things that a farmer can do that will pay him so well," says Furne' Todd, Extension Disease Specialist.

Todd said he knew that farmers were anxious to spend their time getting their crop ready for market after harvest is complete. But he urged them to spend a little time preparing for the 1965 crop.

"Plowing out old stalks and roots will not give perfect control of mosaic, nematodes, brown spot Continued On Page Four

Announcement was made today (Wednesday) that the Border Belt Tobacco Markets will observe a three-day sales holiday starting at the close of sales Friday. Labor Day normally is taken as a sales holiday.

Extension of the normal holiday period this year results from the overcrowded conditions in redrying plants. A similar three-day recess in selling occurred last year because of too much tobacco in the redrying plants.

In Whiteville, Sales Supervisor A. L. Willetts advised farmers who have sales space reserved for next week to check with warehousemen for a confirmation. Tobacco farmers have received more than \$7 million more cash for the first 17 sales days this year than during the same period last year on County Markets. This was evidenced by the Agricultural Marketing Service, which also indicated the four-market average is \$4.70 ahead of last year's.

On the four markets — Whiteville, Chadbourne, Tabor City and Fair Bluff — last week was ended with almost 12 million pounds sold Thursday, and over 12 million Friday, AMS pointed out.

The season's third full week of sales found the Columbus market handling 11,464,013 pounds of bright leaf at an average of \$81.96.

Whiteville's average Friday increased 40 cents per hundred over the previous day (\$61.67—\$61.27). By the end of the day 14,524,799 has been bought for \$7,950,571, averaging \$53.50.

Compared with the 1963 report for the 17th sales day, Whiteville appeared to be far ahead in pounds, dollars received and averages. This was likewise true of the Chadbourne, Fair Bluff, and Tabor City markets.

Belt-wide, average prices in both the NC-SC portions were generally higher last week compared with the previous one. Volume of sales was fairly heavy, with full sales expected in most markets for the first few days this week.

Increases in grade averages were \$1 and \$2 in most instances. However, a few grades, chiefly lower qualities, ranged from \$3 to \$6. The top price reported was \$76 for a few select baskets of fine and good quality tobacco. Principal marketings were low and fair leaf, fair lugs and non-descript.

End of Week Sales Whiteville — Thursday, 1,151,737, & 705,685; \$61.27. Friday, 1,153,764; \$61.67.

Red Cross Will Help In Florida

The Red Cross is helping hurricane Cleo victims in Florida to recover from property losses where needed and will accept cash contributions through local chapters for this purpose. A. A. Martin, Chairman of Brunswick County Chapter, was advised Saturday by the organization's Southeastern Area headquarters in Atlanta.

In the wake of Cleo's sweep through Florida, local chapters already are taking applications from families whose finances may be inadequate and who feel they will require help in meeting at least a portion of the cost, according to W. D. Dibrrell, of Atlanta, director of Disaster Services. (Continued On Page 4)

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.

Table with columns for HIGH and LOW tide times for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, September 3-9, 1964.