



### Gavins Greeted At Longwood

**WELCOME**—When the Gavin caravan reached Longwood Saturday it was greeted by a little boy, Donald Hughes, riding his bike and bearing the sign "Welcome Gavin To Longwood." Mr. and Mrs. Gavin got out of the car to respond to the welcome. (Staff Photo by Allen)

### Announce Plans For Important Historic Meet

Plans have been completed for the annual meeting of the N. C. Division of the UDC to be held at Brunswick Town State Historic Site on October 13. There will be a presentation of the three new bridges on the mounds at Confederate Fort Anderson located at Brunswick Town. Most of the funds were provided by the U. D. C. The labor was furnished by the crew at Brunswick Town, several Brunswick county business firms contributed materials and the pilings were donated by the Carolina Light and Power Co. in Wilmington.

Two of the bridges are over 60 feet long and the longest of the three is slightly under 100 feet. The flooring of the bridges is just under twenty five feet from the ground level at this particular elevation the construction of these bridges will allow visitors to the site to walk the entire length of Battery "A" and "B" on top of the mounds. There have been over 30,000 persons, representing almost every state and several foreign countries, to visit the site since January of this year. Visitation to the site is increasing each year and should increase even more after the construction of the visitor-center museum next year.

Following is the program which has been prepared for this occasion: Invocation by Rev. Robert Childs, pastor of Southport and New Hope Presbyterian churches; Welcome by Mrs. Henry L. Stephens, Jr., past president of the NCUDC; introduction of speaker by Mrs. Robert G. Johnson, past president of the NCUDC; address, Stanley A. South, archaeologist, who will speak on "Fort Anderson — 1861-1865"; presentation of the bridges by Mrs. Pansy B. Fetzer, president of the NCUDC; acceptance of the

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### Lunchroom Week To Be Observed

President Lyndon B. Johnson and Governor Terry Sanford have both called upon the people of North Carolina to observe National Lunchroom week beginning October 11, says Mrs. Ruth White, county elementary supervisor.

In compliance with National Lunchroom Week, the schools are planning special programs. "Many schools will display posters and classes will stress the importance of a well-balanced hot lunch program in the schools," Mrs. White said.

### Grand Jury In Criticism Of School Plants

Many needed areas of correction were found by the grand jury during an investigation of the schools of Brunswick county last week.

"All schools have a great many electrical hazards and are woefully inadequate in fire protection," the report read. "When extinguishers are evident, they are usually the wrong kind."

The report recommended action on the problems. "These items require immediate attention," it said.

The grand jury found problems at 10 of the 11 schools in the county. Only Waccamaw received a clean bill of health.

Bolivia school was found to be good except for broken windows. Leland needs a fire-exit upstairs to the gym.

Southport school needs to have many windows repaired and adjustments made on some of the drinking fountains.

The library and labs at Shallotte school are insufficiently heated and the roof leaks. Insufficient water is available at the school.

Several broken windows were found at the old building at

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### In Superior Court

## Sentenced To 25-30 Years For Second Degree Murder



### Dan K. Moore Coming Saturday

Judge Dan K. Moore, Democratic nominee for Governor, will be in Brunswick County on Saturday, it was announced today. Judge Moore's itinerary calls for appearances at Leland Post Office at 10:45 a. m., Winnabow Post Office at 11:10 a. m., Kirby's Shopping Center at Supply at 11:35 a. m., the Red & White Shopping Center at Shallotte at 12 noon, and the courthouse in Southport at 12:45 p. m.

In addition, Judge Moore will make a major television address at 8 o'clock that night over the facilities of television station WECT, Wilmington.

A motorcade composed of Brunswick County officials and other Democrats will meet Judge Moore at the junction of U. S. Highways No. 17-74-76 at approximately 10:40 a. m., and will follow him throughout the schedule stops. Ernest Parker, Jr., Chairman of the County Democratic Executive Committee, stated that as many as possible of Judge Moore's supporters are urged to join the motorcade.

The candidate will be accompanied by Mrs. Moore, a reporter, Parker and A. H. Gainey, Jr.

A Thomasville man was convicted of killing his wife and shooting his granddaughter at a Varmouth cottage this summer during the criminal term of Brunswick County Superior court in Southport last week.

Walter Wyatt, 57, was found guilty of the second degree murder of his wife, Mrs. Lona Patricia Wyatt, 67, and was sentenced to not less than 25 years nor more than 30 years. He also was found guilty of a charge of assault with a deadly weapon with the intent to kill in connection with the shooting of his granddaughter, Deloris Adams, 15.

The jury deliberated less than 20 minutes in finding both verdicts after the trial took up all day Thursday.

The fatal shooting occurred about 9:45 a. m. on June 21, at a cottage where the couple and their two grandchildren were staying during a trip to Holden Beach. Wyatt was charged with shooting his wife twice while she was in bed.

While on the stand, Wyatt admitted both shootings. "It couldn't have been anyone else, that's why I say it was me," he said under cross examination from Solicitor James C. Bowman of Southport.

But Wyatt said he had no recollection of what happened. He said he had hit his head on the wall shortly before the shooting while playing with his granddaughter and had been forced to rest. He also admitted he had had five drinks that morning.

Wyatt said he woke up when he heard an explosion and had a rifle in his hands. "Deloris said I shot grandmother and I said 'I will shoot you' and pulled the trigger," he said. "I remember shooting Deloris, but I don't know why I shot the child."

After the shootings, he had his younger granddaughter, Luna Adams, 12, go next door and call the sheriff and ambulance. When she returned, the two sat down on the bed with the rifle at his side and waited.

Several law enforcement officers testified that Wyatt told them he killed his wife. Patrolman Billy Day of Shallotte said Wyatt told him: "I just shot the ... out of my wife. Hell, she wasn't any damn good."

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### Robert Gavin Makes Tour Of Area Saturday

Republican gubernatorial candidate Robert L. Gavin spent all day Saturday touring Brunswick county in an automobile caravan, greeting the people and discussing his programs.

The tour began at Horne's Restaurant near Leland at 8 a. m., and covered all areas of Brunswick county before ending at Freeland at 5 p. m.

During the day Gavin, accompanied by John C. Clifford, candidate for Insurance Commissioner, stopped at Winnabow, Bolivia, Southport, Supply, Holden Beach, Civictown, Shallotte, Calabash, Hickman's Crossroads, Longwood, Ash, Waccamaw and Freeland. He made hand-shaking stops of these areas and made major talks at Shallotte and Freeland.

The number of cars in the caravan which accompanied Gavin and his wife, Grace, ranged from 35 to about 55 all day long. Crowds were on hand at most of the stops and County GOP candidates made the trip with Gavin.

The Melodettes of Bolivia, featuring Dianne Willetts, Debra Willetts and Marsla Dale Hickman, entertained the crowds at the various stops. They sang an original song they composed for

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### Republicans Run Harold Willetts

A Bolivia man was named to replace A. Lindburg King, GOP nominee for the State House of Representatives, today (Wednesday) by the Brunswick County Executive Committee.

Harold Willetts, 49, was certified by the Board of Elections to run for the office of representative in the November 3 General Election even though his name will not appear on the ballot. He filed for the office at 12:27 p. m. today.

Willetts is well known in Brunswick county, having run unsuccessfully for sheriff in the 1962 election. He is a former Bolivia merchant who now serves as a farmer and bondsman.

The new Republican candidate is married to the former Elizabeth Willetts of Bolivia and they have three grown children, two boys and a girl.

Willetts' action climaxed a hectic week for the Board of Elections. The group, meeting in special session in Bolivia Monday, accepted King's resignation and gave the Republican party until 5 p. m. today to name a replacement. The board refused to have the ballots reprinted. Thus King's name will remain on the ballot even though Willetts is the candidate.

At the meeting Monday, the board received King's letter of resignation and unanimously voted to accept it.

King, 32, faces a charge of rape brought by the mother of a 15-year old Freeland girl. The incident is alleged to have happened on the night of September 15, according to the Sheriff's Department.

He was released from the Brunswick County Jail in Southport Friday morning after posting a \$25,000 bond. The bond was set at a habeas corpus hearing on the rape charge before Judge W. A. Johnson who was presiding over Brunswick County Superior court at the time. King is scheduled to appear at the January 18 term of Superior court. He is represented by Southport Attorney S. Bunn Frink.

The board accepted the resignation after receiving a letter from King requesting the action, a certified copy of a court warrant against him and a copy of an executed bond.

The board then voted unanimously to allow the Republican party an opportunity to name a

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HAROLD WILLETTS

### Principal Talks At P.T.A. Meet

The Parent-Teacher Association of the Southport High School got off to a good start in its initial meeting of the year. The program featured the installation of officers; introduction of the faculty; an address by the new principal, L. R. Biggerstaff, and a get-acquainted social hour.

Rev. Edward B. Jordan gave the devotional and installed PTA officers for the year. They are Mrs. E. C. Harrelson, president; Mrs. Phillip King, vice-president; Mrs. Frank Lennon, secretary, and Mrs. Niels Jorgensen, treasurer.

Mrs. Harrelson introduced Principal Biggerstaff who in turn introduced this year's faculty members to the parents present. In a talk to the group Biggerstaff discussed his philosophy of education, which includes mental, moral, social and physical development of the student. He stressed the need for this school to offer courses in the skilled trades as well as pre-college courses. Biggerstaff laid great emphasis on development of reading skills as basic to all education. Some problems encountered in the Southport High School at present are lack of classroom space, inadequate lunchroom space and the gymnasium being too small. He requested assistance in

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### Capt. C. N. Swan Passes Sunday

Charles N. Swan, 82, died Sunday morning in Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Capt. Swan was retired from the old U. S. Lighthouse Service and was the keeper of the Cape Fear light on Bald Head Island for many years. He figured in the ceremonies marking the activation of the Oak Island Lighthouse several years ago, an honor stemming from his long period of faithful service.

Final rites were held Monday at 3:30 p. m. at Trinity Methodist Church by the Revs. Charles H. Lancaster, L. D. Hayman and Edward B. Jordan, with burial in Old Southport Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Bessie Swan; five sons, A. N. Swan of Danville, Va., J. G., C. H., Henry L., and Rees E. Swan, all of Southport; and five daughters, Mrs. Margaret Hood, Mrs. J. I. Davis, Miss Ethel Swan and Mrs. James E. Smith, all of Southport and Mrs. Marie Harris of Marshallburg.

Pallbearers were members of the Men's Bible Class at Trinity Methodist Church and included Ray Walton, W. P. Harris, J. M. Harper, E. C. Blake, James Fraser and Preston Bryant.

## TIME and TIDE

It was September 30, 1956, and Lonnie Evans, Edgar Holden and Lay Long were reelected to membership of the ASCS County Committee. A new lawyer came to Southport, A. H. Gainey, Jr., of Leland who was practicing with James C. Bowman.

Harry L. Mintz, Jr., of Shallotte was appointed Patrols Supervisor for Brunswick, Bladen and Columbus counties. The Bolivia Lion's Club was making plans to hold their fourth annual Youth Livestock Day. Charlie Taylor was elected president of the Town Creek Grange.

It was September 29, 1954, and Hugh D. Vance of Ash was appointed electrical inspector for the Brunswick Membership Corporation. Sam J. Ervin headed a list of Democratic dignitaries planning to attend a rally in Southport Saturday.

Clarence Danford retired after 25-years of service in the United States Coast Guard. The Southport menhaden fleet made their first catches of hairybacks Monday. Captain Hulian Watts landed three sailfish Monday. Southport defeated Bolivia 45 to 0 in a football game Friday.

It was September 28, 1949, and Shallotte school had an enrollment of 1,040 students. Sergeant C. S. Mann, custodian at Fort Caswell, gave up his duties as the Baptist prepared to take over the establishment at the end of the month.

Johnnie Vereen, Jr., of Bolton reported he was stopped on the Bolton-Makatoka road and searched without any explanation offered. Mrs. Frances Baker Stone, who recently received her master's degree, had taught all grades at Shallotte High School except the fourth, seventh and eighth.

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### Southport Lady Passes Tuesday

Mrs. Vienna O'Quinn Leggett died Tuesday morning at a nursing home in Wilmington following an extended illness. She was 73 years of age.

The wife of a former Southport druggist, P. O. Leggett, she was a prominent resident of Southport for many years and was identified with the operation of the drug store following the death of her husband.

She is survived by one son, Ormond Leggett, of Southport. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Trinity Methodist Church with the Rev. Charles Lancaster in charge. Assisting will be the Rev. E. B. Jordan, rector of St. Phillips Episcopal Church.

Burial will be in the old Southport Cemetery with members of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department, of which Ormond Leggett is the chief, serving as active pallbearers.

## Annual Telephone Membership Meet



EDWARD T. BERRY III

### District Lions Governor Here

The Lions Club of Southport will welcome Edward T. Berry III, District Governor, District 31-H, Lions International, which includes 36 clubs in Eastern North Carolina, as a guest Thursday night. Lion Berry, a native of New Bern, has been a member of the New Bern Club since 1955, and a Key Member since 1959. He has held all club offices and also served District 31-H as Zone Chairman, and as Deputy District Governor for two terms prior to being elected to his present office.

Lion Berry is active in church and civic affairs. He is a member of Trinity Methodist Church where he has served as Superintendent of Church School, member of Official Board, Chairman of Trustees, Chairman of Building Committee, and as Treasurer of Building Fund. Lion Berry is also an active choir member, a teach-

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A North Carolina educator called on the few remaining farmers to band together for their common benefit at the seventh annual meeting of the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation at Shallotte Thursday night.

"Farmers produce the one product we can not do without—food," said David S. Weaver, special assistant to the dean of agriculture at North Carolina State College and retired director of the state extension service. "But the farmer is constantly losing his influence in the affairs of the nation."

Because of the success of the farmer, more and more people are leaving the land. "Today, seven percent of our population produces more food than we can use on just six percent of our land," he pointed. "And the average family spends less than 18 percent of their income on food."

The success of the American farmer has made possible most of the material improvements in the world today. Because we need so few people on the land, most of our labor force can engage in the production of material benefits," he added.

America must move forward or decline will set in, as has happened in England. "We must be on the lookout for complacency and decay," Weaver warned. "We must maintain our prosperity or we will fall as other great nations have."

"Work not leisure is the answer," Weaver said in conclusion. "But I predict that recreation will be our biggest industry in 10 years."

Weaver was introduced by County Agent A. S. Knowles, a former student of the professor at State College.

President Harry L. Mintz, Jr., said it was just 10 years ago that interested county citizens met to form a committee to secure telephone service in the county. The Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation opened in 1957 with 530 members. "They said

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### Ninth Traffic Death Saturday

A Bolivia pulpwood worker was killed instantly when he walked in front of an on-coming automobile on Highway 17 near Supply Saturday night, according to the State Highway Patrol.

Rosevelt Clarda, 23, died instantly after being hit by an automobile driven by Columbus Elliott of Wilmington. The accident occurred about 7:10 p. m. Saturday a half mile north of Supply.

According to reports, Clarda stepped off a bus, walked around to the rear of the vehicle and into the path of the on-coming automobile.

Coroner Lowell Bennett ruled the death an accident, the ninth on the highways of Brunswick county this year.

### 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, October 1	
3:59 A. M.	10:19 A. M.
4:30 P. M.	11:05 P. M.
Friday, October 2	
5:00 A. M.	11:18 A. M.
5:26 P. M.	11:55 P. M.
Saturday, October 3	
5:54 A. M.	12:12 A. M.
6:17 P. M.	
Sunday, October 4	
6:44 A. M.	0:41 A. M.
7:04 P. M.	1:01 P. M.
Monday, October 5	
7:30 A. M.	1:24 A. M.
7:47 P. M.	1:46 P. M.
Tuesday, October 6	
8:13 A. M.	2:04 A. M.
8:27 P. M.	2:31 P. M.
Wednesday, October 7	
8:54 A. M.	2:43 A. M.
9:05 P. M.	3:13 P. M.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

### CEMETERY CLEANING

A cemetery cleaning will be held at Griffen Cemetery near Ash Friday. Every one having loved ones buried there are asked to come and bring tools, says Mrs. Julia Gore.

### RESIGNS POSITION

Marvin Watson has resigned his position as professional at Boiling Spring Lakes Country Club to accept a position as professional at Duplin County Club at Warsaw. He will report for duty October 17.

### BENEFIT BARBECUE

The Zion Methodist Church will hold a barbecue supper Saturday beginning at 6:30 p. m. The pit-cooked barbecue will be served buffet styled in the fellowship hall. The church is located on Highway 17 at Town Creek.