



## Helicopter Ferry Service

**AIRLIFT**—This is one of the helicopters of the Inland Airlines of Myrtle Beach which has been in use for the past several weeks in transporting personnel and critical supplies to the light tower construction project at Frying Pan Shoals. The landing pad on shore has been at the Southport waterfront at the foot of Howe street. The landings at sea have been on top of the tower structure. (Staff Photo by Allen)

### Tuesday Ceremony

## Activate Light Tower

A century old tradition came to an end at the soles off Brunswick county when the Frying Pan Lightship circled the area for the last time before giving way to new Frying Pan Light Tower during impressive commissioning ceremonies today (Tuesday).

Admiral Oscar C. Rohlke, commander of the Fifth Coast Guard district, inspected the light tower and, when he found it ready, accepted the structure from a representative of the J. Ray McDermott Company of New Orleans, the contractor on the project.

Admiral Rohlke then gave administrative control of the new Coast Guard tower to its six-man crew under Commander Howard Jonke, commander of the Fort Macon Coast Guard Station in Carteret county.

The principal address at the ceremonies was made by Congressman Alton Lennon who gave a brief history of the Coast Guard's efforts over the years to aid navigation in the area off the Brunswick county coast.

At the moment Congressman Lennon concluded his talk, the Frying Pan Lightship, which has been guarding the shoals with sister ships since the 1850's, circled the new tower and pointed her bow toward Fort Macon for a five-day inspection before moving to Cape May, New Jersey, the ship's next station. Incidentally, the present ship has been on duty in the area since 1929.

Admiral Rohlke inspected the tower's crew, which has been aboard the new structure for the past several days, before the dignitaries departed the tower in three turbo-jet helicopters for a luncheon at Cape Fear. Country Club in Wilmington at 1 p. m.

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## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**TWO DAY HOLIDAY**  
All offices at the Brunswick County Courthouse will be closed Thursday and Friday for the Thanksgiving holidays.

**FISH FRY**  
A fish fry will be held Friday afternoon beginning at 4 o'clock at Ocean View Methodist Church. There will be no sale of tickets, but a free will offering will be taken.

**SHIPS AT SUNNY POINT**  
Nine vessels involved in Operation Steel Pike are being unloaded at Sunny Point Army Terminal near Southport, which also was the port of embarkation for a considerable part of this force when it left for Spain several weeks ago.

**CHAMBER MEETING**  
A meeting of the membership of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce will be held Monday night 7:30 o'clock at the Extension Building at Supply to elect members of the board of directors for the coming year. Officers will be elected from the board. President J. D. Griffin urges a full attendance of members.

## Brunswick 4-H Boys And Girls Win In District

Two Brunswick county boys were among the major winners at the Star-News Newspapers 4-H Honor program in Wilmington Saturday.

Harvey Bell of Bolivia took top honors in tractor driving while Wayne Bellamy of Shallotte swept the artistic awards. In addition, seven other Brunswick 4-Hers won colored ribbons for the exhibits.

During the all day program, in which nine counties competed, 136 blue ribbons were awarded, 114 red and 105 white ones. A total of 714 4-H club members, leaders and parents registered for the program.

Bell started off the tractor driving contest poorly, knocking over one of the first marker stakes and losing 60 points. But the Brunswick 4-Her did not make another mistake, finished the course in good time and won the contest by 24 points.

In winning the artistic award, Bellamy took first in water colors, first and third in oils and first and second in drawing.

Another county 4-Her, Susan Gray, won four ribbons during the day. She won a blue for tomatoes, and whites for snap beans, corn and Dixie relish pickles.

Other Brunswick winners included Lynn Hewett, a white for record books for an early-teenager; Julian Bell, a red for a quart of soybeans; Jimmy Gray, a red for a feeding station; Julia Hewett, a red for a blouse and skirt; Linda Cheers, a blue for shaped cookies; Angela Galloway, a red for cakes; and Debbie Sloan, a white for a seashell collection.

The Brunswick group was accompanied to the achievement day activities by A. S. Knowles, Miss Billie Hamilton and Burnett Coleman, all extension employees, and parents.

## Riegel People Plan Donations

Riegel Paper Corporation's employees at Riegelwood, have pledged to give \$14,332 to forty-two charitable agencies or character-building organizations in 1965. They made their pledges in connection with the Riegel Employees Community Fund Drive that is conducted once each year in early November.

Employees may designate the agencies or organizations they want to receive their pledges in their home county, and this year 42 agencies or organizations will receive gifts from Riegel employees in a five-county area, and some farther away in the state. Employees who do not care to designate who will get their money can leave it up to the Riegel Employees Community Fund Committee to allocate their gifts. The committee is elected also once each year at the start of the drive with one member being elected by popular vote from each of four counties, Columbus New Hanover, Brunswick and Bladen. Also, each of Riegel's two unions appoint one member to the Committees and the Company appoints a member to act as chairman. The committee this year is made up of R. H. Arnow, personnel manager, company representative, Dan Williams for

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## TIME and TIDE

It was November 25, 1959, and the Ekum Community Development Club was declared the winner of the county development award for the second year in a row. Rev. L. A. Bridges of Trinity Methodist Church in Southport was re-elected president of the Brunswick County Historical Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones and sons of Southport returned home after spending a month in Alexandria, Virginia, where he was attending school at Fort Belvoir. The Southport Home Demonstration club was presented a loving cup for outstanding service by the REA.

It was November 24, 1954, and the Red Cross announced plans to close their relief offices in Southport and Shallotte after giving out \$134,704.11 to Hurricane Hazel victims. The citizens of Orlando, Florida, sent boxes of fruit to be distributed in the county because of the hurricane.

Eibert H. Gray, who was recently elected sheriff of Brunswick county, announced that he would appoint H. G. Ratcliffe in Southport, O. W. Perry in Northwest, Leon Galloway in Shallotte and Henry Pike in Ash as his deputies. Mrs. E. B. Brunson of Southport was appointed the 1954 Christmas Seals Chairman for Brunswick county.

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## Brunswick Town Nature Trail

**VISITORS**—Members of the Brunswick Town Nature Trail Committee of North Carolina Garden Clubs, Inc., visited the site of this state-wide project Thursday. Stanley South, site archaeologist, is shown here pointing to some objects of interest at the pond. Looking on, left to right, are Mrs. Louise Parker, Mrs. Olin D. Sikes, Mrs. Roscoe McMillan, president of the state organization, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Mrs. Henry Stevens, Jr., and Mrs. D. D. Blanchard. (Staff Photo by Allen)

## Southport Boats Endangered By Storm At Sea

Two boats from the Brunswick Navigation Company caught in rough seas and high winds with other vessels Thursday night in the vicinity of the treacherous shoals and currents off Cape Fear were pulled to safety Saturday after another boat went to the bottom.

The Cozart, with a hole torn in its hull by the heavy seas escorted to safety by the Coast Guard cutters Cape Current and Chilula after the Cape Fear was towed to port by the cutter Jonquil. Both the Cozart and the Cape Fear are owned by the Brunswick Navigation Company of Southport.

Some 25 fishing vessels were caught in a storm off Cape Lookout Thursday night. The 140-foot Amagansett plunged to the ocean bottom Friday morning, killing one of its 16 crewmen. The other vessels rode out the storm all day Friday and into the pre-dawn Saturday before heading to shore.

The Cozart, a 136-footer with a crew of 17 men-aboard, was held below the water line by the pounding waves. It began listing to the starboard Friday night and the Coast Guard said it was in danger of sinking. But on Saturday it was escorted to safety.

The Cape Fear, with a 17-man crew, ran out of fuel and snapped its anchor Friday night.

Both Brunswick county boats needed the aid of the Coast Guard lifeboat crews to remain afloat Friday night.

Lifeboats, fighting through the heavy seas, put four Coast Guardsmen and three additional pumps aboard the Cozart. The

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## Committee Visits Brunswick Project

The Brunswick Town Nature Trail Committee of the Garden Clubs of North Carolina met on Thursday morning in their home of its chairman, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr. Present for the meeting were three other members of the committee, Mrs. D. D. Blanchard of Wallace, Mrs. Henry Stevens, Jr. of Warsaw and Mrs. Ernest Parker of Southport, secretary of the group.

Attending in her capacity as member ex-officio was Mrs. Roscoe McMillan of Red Springs, president of the Garden Club of North Carolina, and with her was Mrs. Olin D. Sikes of Monroe, immediate past president of the organization. Representing the Department of Archives, and History and in charge of the Brunswick Town site at which the Nature Trail is located, was Stanley South, archaeologist.

Plans were laid for a continuation of the clearing of Brunswick Pond, which is about half complete, the work having been commenced in January of this year. Plans were also discussed for the activity of an advisory committee which will assist with the labeling of plants and trees along the Trail. This committee is composed of Henry Rehder and Mrs. J. Henry Gerdes of Wilmington and Waters Thompson of Southport.

At noon the state officers were honored at a covered dish luncheon at Boiling Spring Lakes Country Club where they met and talked with members of the Southport Garden Club, the Woodbine Garden Club, the Live Oak Garden Club.

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## High Point Man With Auto Firm

W. Frank Hardy, former sales manager for Lyles Chevrolet Co. of High Point, has joined Elmore Motor Co. in Bolivia as vice-president and secretary. H. Foster Mintz continues as president of the firm, the oldest continuous automobile sales agency in Brunswick county.

Hardy is a native of Lincoln, Ga., but has lived in High Point since 1950 save for two years of active duty during the Korean conflict. Previously he had served in the U. S. Army during World War II.

He has held various positions with the High Point agency, from assistant service manager to sales manager. He is married to the former Dorothy Jones of High Point and they have one daughter, Cindy. They will join Hardy here after the first of the year.

He is a former colonel in Red Cross blood donor program; past director High Point Junior Chamber of Commerce; at present an associate member of the High Point Junior Chamber of Commerce; at present an associate

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## Prominent Man Dies In Hospital

**SUPPLY**—George Floyd Kirby, Sr., 78, a prominent supply merchant and Brunswick County native, died Thursday afternoon at James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington after a long illness.

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## Walker Resigns Manager's Post At Long Beach

The Long Beach Board of Commissioners has accepted the resignation of Town Manager Dan L. Walker. The action was taken at the regular monthly meeting of the Board on a motion by Commissioner E. W. Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Underwood.

Walker had announced his intentions of resigning in a letter to Mayor E. F. Middleton.

Middleton interrupted an informal report to the Board from accountant Dan Walker, no relationship to the Town Manager, to state that Manager Walker would be leaving after the date of the Board Meeting.

"We have not yet been able to get a new man," Middleton said. The Mayor went to explain to the Board and to an unusually large number of citizens attending the meeting that until a new Town Manager could be hired, bookkeeping, tax work and other functions of the Town Hall would be handled by Mrs. Carol Willis.

Mrs. Willis, until now a general office worker in Town Hall, will have the title of Town Clerk. Clay Jordan, Superintendent of Public Works, will be responsible for all physical property and outside activities of the town and Police Chief Aubrey Hickman will continue to be in sole charge of that department.

As Town Clerk, Mrs. Willis will work closely with Jordan and Hickman, Mayor Middleton said. The Mayor emphasized that the arrangement was temporary and would last only until a qualified Town Manager could be installed.

Middleton said that Manager Walker would be available for the next few weeks to assist CPA Dan Walker in completing an audit of the Town's books.

"I owe (Town Manager) Mr. Walker my thanks for his cooperation over the past few weeks," Middleton said.

Public Accountant Dan Walker had appeared before the board to state once again that a long overdue audit of the Town's books was still not complete. He invited questions from the Board members.

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## Receive Bids On Structure

Low bids totaling \$74,169 for the office building at the Southport Small Boat Harbor are being considered by the State Port Authority, says Executive Director James Davis.

Director Davis said the SPA would make an announcement on whether the contracts will be awarded to the low bidders soon. The low bids for the office building at Southport, which were opened Wednesday afternoon, included \$60,000 from Spers Construction Co., for the general contracting; \$5,525 from Temperature Control, for heating and air conditioning; and \$8,644 from Cape Fear Electric for the electrical work.

Other bids ranged as high as \$74,000 for the general contracting, \$6,547 for the heating and air conditioning, and \$9,999 for the electrical work.

The new office facility will include space for a harbor master's office, an SPA office, a restaurant, a lounge, conference room, and laundry.

## 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, November 26 |             |
| 1:24 A. M.            | 7:36 A. M.  |
| 1:46 P. M.            | 8:21 P. M.  |
| Friday, November 27   |             |
| 2:26 A. M.            | 8:41 A. M.  |
| 2:46 P. M.            | 9:18 P. M.  |
| Saturday, November 28 |             |
| 3:26 A. M.            | 9:44 A. M.  |
| 3:42 P. M.            | 10:11 P. M. |
| Sunday, November 29   |             |
| 4:21 A. M.            | 10:40 A. M. |
| 4:35 P. M.            | 11:00 P. M. |
| Monday, November 30   |             |
| 5:13 A. M.            | 11:32 A. M. |
| 5:24 P. M.            | 11:45 P. M. |
| Tuesday, December 1   |             |
| 5:58 A. M.            | 12:18 A. M. |
| 6:22 P. M.            |             |
| Wednesday, December 2 |             |
| 6:42 A. M.            | 0:27 A. M.  |
| 7:04 P. M.            | 1:03 P. M.  |