



New Fire Truck Arrives

ADMIRING—Five members of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department are shown here admiring the new fire truck which arrived here from the factory Monday night. Left to right they are Fire Chief Ormond Leggett, W. L. Aldridge, Harold Aldridge, Johnson Cumbee and W. S. Huffham. (Staff Photo by Allen)

Duke Foundation Funds Give Aid On Local Level

Forty years ago, on Dec. 11, 1924, James Buchanan Duke created The Duke Endowment as an instrument of philanthropy for the people of his native North Carolina and its sister state of South Carolina.

In the intervening years, it has become one of the nation's major foundations, with assets at the end of 1963 totaling \$534 million and gifts to its beneficiaries in the two states amounting to \$185 million.

It was contributed \$125,497,590 to higher education, \$29,778,050 to assist hospitals in financing charity services, \$15,195,607 to help provide more adequate hospital facilities and services, and \$7,447,848 to aid in support and care of orphans and half orphans in the Carolinas.

In addition, it has contributed in North Carolina \$3,545,204 to build and \$2,539,524 to maintain and operate rural Methodist churches and \$1,434,982 to make more secure and comfortable the lives of aged preachers and of widows and dependent orphaned children; of preachers who had served in the North Carolina or Western North Carolina conferences of the Methodist church.

Over the years, the hospital in Brunswick county and rural Methodist churches have received allocations totaling \$126,275. Appropriations totaling \$25,125 have been made to assist in building rural Methodist churches and the county shares, of course, in the nearly \$4 million given for operating and maintaining churches and for preachers, widows, and dependent children.

Figures compiled by The Endowment show, also, that gifts to higher education have been \$106,573,274 to Duke University; \$7,106,867 to Davidson College; \$7,163,742 to Furman University, and \$4,653,707 to Johnson C. Smith University.

Of the funds distributed, North Carolina has received nearly \$161 million and South Carolina nearly \$24½ million.

Payments toward hospital care have gone to Dr. J. Arthur Doshier Memorial on the basis of \$1 a day for each day of free-bed care. This sum has amounted to \$67,500. In addition The Endowment trustees have allocated a total of \$33,650 to the institution to be used in expanding and increasing its facilities. The total amount of the hospital allocations is \$101,150.

Annual PCA Meet Scheduled Friday

The 31st annual stockholders' meeting of the Wilmington Production Credit Association will be held Friday at 1:30 p. m. at its Wilmington office, according to H. B. Rivenbark, general manager of the association.

The Wilmington Association serves farmers in Brunswick, Pender and New Hanover Counties.

The directors of the organization are J. B. Ward, Jr., Longwood; Edwin S. Clemmons, Supply; Chas. R. Rogers, Rocky Point; A. B. Herring, Watha; and Albert D. Cox, Jr., Castle Hayne.

"These associations are founded upon the cooperative principle that those who use their services should have a part in their (Continued On Page 4)



Commissioners Sworn In

NEW—Members of the board of county commissioners are shown here being sworn in Monday morning by Judge W. A. Johnson of Lillington, right. Left to right they are George T. Rourk, Thomas S. Bowmer, Clemit Holden, Parley FormyDuval and D. B. Frink.

Education Board Rourk Is Chairman Makes Tentative Building Plans As Board Organizes

The Brunswick County Board of Education has taken the initial steps toward drawing up a building program for school construction and expects to adopt a definite proposal within the next four to six weeks, according to Board Chairman J. B. Ward, Jr.

Chairman Ward disclosed that the board has just completed an intense study of the building needs in each school district. A summary has been submitted to the Division of School Planning for a review of the estimates of the cost of a construction program to meet these needs.

The Division of School Planning has not been asked to approve any construction at this time, Ward emphasized. "We are merely asking that they tell us if our cost estimates are in line." Superintendent of Schools A. W. Taylor pointed out that the \$506,000 available from the recent statewide bond issue would not be sufficient to build the additional classrooms presently needed.

"We are faced," he said, "with the decision of either planning a building program that will allow our schools to carry on a good instructional program or of just trying to take care of emergency needs."

"Even if the entire \$506,000 is spent merely on building additional classrooms at present school sites, a number of sub-standard rooms would have to remain in use."

Consolidation of several schools has been discussed by the board, but Superintendent Taylor indicated that it is doubtful that consolidation be accomplished unless additional funds are found.

"With the need for new or additional facilities so pressing in almost every school-district it does not appear feasible to spend all the state bond money in one area unless other funds are made available," he said.

As soon as cost estimates are confirmed in Raleigh, the Board (Continued On Page Four)

Congressman To Visit County

Congressman Alton A. Lennon has set aside the week of December 14-18 for appointments and problems peculiar to Brunswick county. Since November 2, he has been making the rounds of his district.

On Monday and Tuesday of next week he will be in the district office in Wilmington; on Wednesday he will be traveling throughout Brunswick county; on Thursday he will be in the Brunswick county courthouse at Southport from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.; and on Friday he will be in the district office in Wilmington.

Polling Places For Soil Vote

The election of one supervisor for the Brunswick Soil and Water Conservation District will be held Friday. Polling places will be open from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. and all qualified voters residing in the county will be eligible to cast ballots in the election.

The local board of district supervisors has assigned an election official at each polling place. The responsibility of the official is to maintain a registration book and require all voters to sign the register. At the close of the polling places, the ballot boxes, along with the register book will be brought to the Soil Conservation Service office in Shallotte and the ballots counted at 7 p. m. Friday, the day of the election. At this time the ballot boxes will be checked against the register for each polling place. The public is invited when the ballots are counted.

The candidates to appear on the ballot include: Guy A. Hughes, of Ash, a district cooperater and general farmer in the Friendship Church Community, and James D. Bel- (Continued On Page 4)

Farm Bureau Is Supporting Vote

The president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau said this week that the December 15 tobacco quota referendum is "a decision between prosperity and poverty."

The farm leader, Ira L. Chadwick of Supply, thus cited what he termed "the urgent need for complete grower support" of the flue-cured tobacco program.

A flue-cured tobacco referendum, by law, is conducted every three years throughout the five states producing the crop. Growers must approve the program by a two-thirds majority in order to maintain marketing quotas and price supports on tobacco.

Any person sharing in income from the production of flue-cured tobacco is eligible to vote in the quota referendum, Chadwick said, including landlords, tenants and sharecroppers.

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Name Committee To Administer Economic Plan

A group of 45 county leaders have been appointed to membership on the executive committee of the War on Poverty fight in Brunswick county.

The leaders, appointed by the old board of commissioners which went out of office Monday, were named November 30 at a reorganizational meeting of the War on Poverty group. Their names were released last week.

Robert Stanley, editor of the Brunswick Beacon in Shallotte, has been named director and chairman of the War on Poverty fight in the county.

The members of the executive committee, all appointed on a non-partisan basis, include:

Stanley, director and chairman; Thomas S. Bowmer, a new member of the board of commissioners; Mrs. Ruth Harrington of the Health Department; Superintendent A. W. Taylor, education; Lewis Hardee, seafood industry; Mrs. Emma B. Tatum of the Welfare department; Mrs. G. T. Reid, a member of the original steering committee; County Agent A. S. Knowles; Philip Thomas, Shallotte merchant and original director and chairman of the war; F. H. Swain, dairy industry; Parks C. Fields, PHA; Rev. Robert Childs, chairman of the Ministerial Association; the new president of the Chamber of Commerce.

Rev. Willie Frink of Longwood; William A. Powell, chairman of the Resources and Development Commission; Ernest E. Parker, member of the State Department of Conservation and Development; Ira Chadwick, president of the Brunswick Farm Bureau; Mrs. Joe Best, president of the Home Demonstration Clubs in the county; James T. Barnes, superintendent of the Brunswick Navigation Company; Raymond Carter, oyster industry.

J. J. Hawes, extension service; Rev. Dave Flowers, Ministerial Association; J. W. Robinson, restaurateur; Preslene Ball of Winabaw; Billie Hamilton, home economics agent; John Baker of Bolivia; Aubrey Johnston, banking; Cliff Wilson, Conservation (Continued On Page Four)

Leland Citizen Takes Own Life

A Leland man, in failing health, committed suicide Sunday by shooting himself in the head at his home, according to Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett of Shallotte.

Coroner Bennett said Eben Horton King, 73, was dead on arrival at James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington Sunday after shooting himself in the head.

The death of King, who had been in bad health for some time, was ruled a suicide by Coroner Bennett.

Funeral services for King were conducted Tuesday at 11 a. m. at the Coble-Oleander Funeral Chapel by the Rev. James Polk. Burial followed in Bellevue Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Teary Carter Rowan King; three step-sons, Hayward Rowan of Wilmington, Linwood and Samuel, both of Jacksonville, Fla.; two brothers, I. J. of Charleston, S. C., Fred of Wilmington; one sister, Mrs. Minnie Williams of Wilmington.

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, December 10	
11:46 A. M.	5:38 A. M.
	6:32 P. M.
Friday, December 11	
0:05 A. M.	6:29 A. M.
12:35 P. M.	7:22 P. M.
Saturday, December 12	
1:02 A. M.	7:30 A. M.
1:29 P. M.	8:16 P. M.
Sunday, December 13	
2:02 A. M.	8:36 A. M.
2:28 P. M.	9:13 P. M.
Monday, December 14	
3:03 A. M.	9:41 A. M.
3:27 P. M.	10:08 P. M.
Tuesday, December 15	
4:03 A. M.	10:44 A. M.
4:26 P. M.	11:03 P. M.
Wednesday, December 16	
5:02 A. M.	11:42 A. M.
5:32 P. M.	11:53 P. M.

Important Decision

Tobacco Vote Tuesday



Changing Scene

DEMOLITION—The service station which has stood on the northwest corner of Moore and Howe streets in Southport for 20 years is being demolished this week to make room for a new drug store building. Diagonally across the street, the building formerly occupied as Southport Marine has been torn down to make room for a new bank building. (Staff Photo by Allen)

If flue-cured tobacco farmers vote more than one-third "NO" in the December 15 tobacco quota referendum, there will be no flue-cured tobacco program, says Chairman Ed Clemmons of the Tobacco Referendum Committee in Brunswick.

The referendum, to be held Tuesday, will give Brunswick county tobacco growers an opportunity to endorse or reject the price support program of the Department of Agriculture. If more than one-third of farmers voting in the election reject quotas, there will be no price supports for the crop in 1965. Otherwise, price supports will be paid for the tobacco crop.

Tobacco experts call the referendum vote crucial for the future of the tobacco program. The most important direct result of a "NO" vote would be a drastic fall in the average price of the golden leaf, since there would be no support prices" Chairman Clemmons said. Many leaders high in the industry predict a drop to 20 cents a pound. Few believe the average would be above 30 cents.

"For the past several years, flue-cured prices have averaged from 55 cents to 63 cents with the stabilizing effect of supports. Farm costs of producing the tobacco are about 30 cents a pound," he continued.

The cost of failure to pass the referendum would be like a huge shock wave throughout the flue-cured counties and states, he declared. More than half of North Carolina's counties including Brunswick depend on tobacco for a large share of their citizens' income.

"Economists estimate that the money a tobacco farmer gets for his crop goes through at least seven other hands after leaving the farmer's," Clemmons said. "In 1963, flue-cured farmers in North Carolina got a total of \$550 million for their crop. Multiply that by seven, and the value of the crop to North Carolina becomes nearly four billion dollars a year."

"Without support prices, the money that tobacco farmers put in circulating would be slashed in half. A wide-spread depression would result in North Carolina's flue-cured counties," he said.

Since March 12, 1938, North Carolina farmers have voted 11 times in flue-cured tobacco referendums. In 10 of these 11 votes, farmers have approved quotas on flue-cured tobacco. Only on December 10, 1938, did farmers fail to approve quotas. This unfavorable vote was for the 1939 crop when only 57 percent of farmers favored quotas.

The 1939 crop of flue-cured tobacco was grown without acreage allotments and marketing quotas. Farmers boosted their flue-cured acreage by 360,500 acres in 1939. The average price of 14.9 cents a pound for the crop returned growers an average of \$187 an acre. The average price for the 1938 crop was 22.7 cents a pound.

For 1940, quotas and allotments were approved and used, the price averaged 16.4 cents a pound in spite of the large carryover (Continued On Page Four)

Christmas Parade Here Friday Nite

Brief Bits Of NEWS

YARD OF MONTH

The Southport Garden Club announces that the Yard Of The Month honors go for December to Mrs. Lundie Jones and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bogie of 113 West St.

ADVERTISING BOOKLET

M. D. Davis is currently at work in Brunswick county compiling photographs, advertising and information for the publication of a new tourist guide, sponsored by the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce.

SPONSOR CONTEST

The Southport Garden Club will sponsor the Christmas Lighting contest, to be judged Wednesday December 23. Included will be door decorations, living trees and over all house and yard decorations.

Santa Claus will come to Southport Friday night, and he will be riding in class. Nope, he won't be driving his traditional reindeer nor riding on his sleigh, but he will be passenger of honor aboard Southport's brand new fire truck.

This and other vehicles will comprise the parade, which will proceed through the business district at 7 o'clock.

Fire Chief Ormond Leggett says that there are no elaborate plans for floats and other parade attractions. "We are a little late," he said, "but we hope the kids will have some fun. If anyone wishes to participate in the parade, they may contact me or the city manager, and we will be glad to have them."

There will be candy and favors for the little fellows, these to be dispensed in front of the fire station at the end of the parade route.

Everyone is invited.

TIME and TIDE

It was December 9, 1959, and Louis Faber, who was serving a term in the County Jail in Southport, sawed the bars off his cell door and escaped, only to be recaptured in South Carolina two days later. Odell Williamson was elected the first mayor of Ocean Isle Beach, Brunswick's newest town.

Sheriff E. V. Leonard said that 21 stills were captured and destroyed, along with 783 gallons of liquor and 13,380 gallons of mash, in 1958 in Brunswick county. Coach Nelson Best's Leland Tigers had won nine straight games. A group of 26 Shallotte citizens chartered a bus to go see the Washington Redskins play Sunday.

It was December 8, 1954, and the newly elected county officers, including Sheriff Elbert H. Gray, Judge Earl Bellamy, Clerk of Court Jack Brown, and Commissioners R. L. Rabon, Leo Medlin and Herbert Swain, were sworn in Monday.

The first telephone from Sunny Point to Southport was installed by Southern Bell Tuesday. Freezing rain, mixed with sleet and snow, hit Brunswick county Monday. Bobby Jones was discharged from the Army and returned to Southport to work with his father.

It was December 7, 1949, and The Pilot came out with a special four page section celebrating the 10th anniversary of (Continued On Page Four)