



New Officers For Shallotte Lodge

ELECTED—Following are the new officers of the Shallotte Masonic Lodge. Front row, left to right, Howard Gore, treasurer; Bailey Russ, Senior Warden; Wendell Bennett, Master; Frank Bennett, Junior Warden; Edward Gore, secretary. Back row, Johnnie Nance, Tyler; Michael Russ, Steward; Steve Beckey, Steward; Parker Phillips, Senior Deacon; Arthur Bellamy, Junior Deacon.

Annual Banquet For NCEA This Thursday Nite

The annual banquet meeting of the Brunswick county unit of the North Carolina Educational Association will be held Thursday night at 7 o'clock at the Elbe Tide restaurant at Holden Beach, according to President Rockefeller Venters, principal of Leland High School.

The main address will be made by Don Morrow, a field representative of the state organization. He will be introduced by Superintendent A. W. Taylor.

President Venters said members of the county board of education, local school boards and county leaders have been invited to attend the banquet.

Superintendent Taylor will present plaques to all retiring teachers in the county. Assistant Superintendent William Williams will introduce the members of the county board of education.

The new officers of the county NCEA, are Mrs. Geleene Russ, president; Mrs. Joyce Carmichael, vice president; Mrs. Frances Stone, secretary; and Robert Sellers, treasurer, all of Shallotte High School. They will be installed at the end of the meeting.

Special music for the banquet will be provided by the Melonets of Bolivia. Rev. Robert Childs of Southport will give the devotions.

The retiring officers of the county unit include President Venters, Donald M. Sellers, vice president, and Mrs. Nina Lane, secretary-treasurer, all of Leland.



Begin Work On Bank Building

START—B. L. Nesmith, president of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., is shown, left, with City Manager C. D. Pickerrell, center, and Bill Love, cashier of the Southport branch of that institution, as they broke ground Tuesday morning for the new bank building to be located on the corner of Moore and Howe streets. (Staff Photo by Allen).

Construction Begins On

New Waccamaw Bank

Construction on the new home building for the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company in Southport started Tuesday and is scheduled to be completed in July, President B. L. Nesmith of Tallahassee City announced this week.

President Nesmith, who will supervise the construction of the new bank building, was in Southport Tuesday to see the project underway.

After workers finished digging the foundation concrete was poured. The concrete will be allowed one week to set before construction continues.

The one-story brick building, at the corner of Moore and Howe streets in Southport, will be modern in every way, President Nesmith said. "It will be similar

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Approve Raise For Personnel

Plans to provide office personnel of the Brunswick County Board of Education with five percent pay raises were approved at a special meeting of the board Thursday in Southport.

The board unanimously voted to give office personnel a five percent raise if the cost does not exceed available state funds. The motion for the action was made by Ernest E. McGee and seconded by Arthur J. Doshier.

Consulting Engineer R. T. Burney of the Southeastern Design Association told the members that the new Lincoln gymnasium is 92 percent complete and should be finished early in March.

The board discussed plans to build an additional classroom at Shallotte High School. Superintendent Nesmith said.

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Southport Man Dies In River

The Coast Guard discontinued operations Monday but continue to be on the look-out for the body of a man believed to be a Southport resident who apparently drowned early Sunday.

Coast Guard officials and Southport Police Chief Herman Strong believe that Raymond Lewis, 34, son of Captain Walter Lewis of Southport, drowned early Sunday morning when he fell or jumped from the Southport city pier into the Cape Fear River.

Search operations began almost immediately and the Coast Guard dragged for the body all day Sunday and Monday. They searched a two or three acre area in the front of the pier before stopping Monday.

Chief Strong said he does not expect the body to surface until Thursday at the earliest. "If the body actually is in the river, it won't surface before then," Chief Strong predicted. "It takes a little longer for a body to rise in cold water."

Pfc. Robert Hatch, on duty aboard an Army T-boat stationed at Southport, told Chief Strong he was awakened just past midnight Sunday by a call for help. He stepped on deck and a man believed to be Lewis was in the water between the boat and the pier.

Hatch reached the man and got him by the hand, but was unable to lift the 240-pound Lewis from the water. Lewis slipped away and then refused any further help, Hatch said.

Hatch said he then ran to call Chief Strong. When they returned, Lewis had disappeared.

A Civil Air Patrol aircraft from the Shallotte unit joined the search Sunday.

The identity of the man believed to be Lewis was not disclosed.

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Time And Tide

It was March 9, 1960, and Brunswick county youngsters celebrated National 4-H Club Week. The second annual high school college and career day event in Brunswick county was to be held Friday at Shallotte High School.

Gubernatorial candidate Terry Sanford was to visit Shallotte Saturday evening. General James Gore was elected president of the county unit of the American Cancer Society. A few flakes of snow fell during a cold week in Brunswick county.

It was March 9, 1955, and the Coast Guard announced plans to abandon Bald Head Island lighthouse and operate the radio-beacon from Oak Island. John G. Calson, who resigned as county coroner two weeks previously, died in Southport Sunday afternoon.

Sheriff Elbert Gray and his deputies destroyed four whiskey stills during the first five days of March. Billy McDowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. William McDowell, entered East Carolina College four days after being discharged from the Air Force.

It was March 8, 1950, and the Brunswick county Republican convention Saturday voted to nominate their candidates in the May primary. With Judge W. J. McLamb and Commissioners R. L. Rabon and B. E. Williams sick, Recorder's court and the county board did not hold sessions Monday in Southport.

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Information Is Collected For All Sections

William A. Powell, Chairman of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County, announced this week that Community Data Sheets for the incorporated towns of the county have been completed and submitted to the Commerce and Industry Division of the North Carolina Department of Conservation.

"We now have basic information on each of the communities and our next job will be to compile an extensive and factual brochure on the county to present to industrial prospects that we are in contact with in working for the industrial growth of the county," Powell stated.

"We have already requested quotations for the printing of the binders for our brochure and we will very possibly place an order for these in the near future," Powell added.

The brochure will be designed so that it can be especially prepared for each prospect. Some information will be standard but each prospect has special requirements and plans are to submit up-to-date factual information, tailored to meet the requirements of the prospect.

"At present we are working with two different prospects, and their requirements are entirely different," Powell said.

"Our work is not 100% industrial promotion," Powell added. "We are charged with the promotion of the economic growth of Brunswick County and we are working on tourist promotion, commercial and sport fishing, agriculture and other aspects for the potential growth."

Just recently representatives of the commission attended a conference at East Carolina College in Greenville to study the potential of minerals and their related uses.

During the past month a survey of hotel and motel accommodations has been completed and

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Tree Cutting Protest Heard

Southport citizens have expressed concern over the possible loss of some of the live oak trees along West Street. And a rumor has been heard that the North Carolina State Highway Department plans to cut several of the trees when West Street is improved as the main approach to the State Ports Small Boat Harbor.

Mayor Eugene Tomlinson stated this week that City Manager Pickrell talked Tuesday morning with the Highway Department concerning this rumor. The city manager was assured that prior to any improvements being started the State Highway Department would come to Southport and discuss the planned work with the mayor and board of aldermen.

Mayor Tomlinson stated further that he believes "we could have progress and retain our natural beauty - one need not be sacrificed to have the other." He also said that the members of the Board of Aldermen are unanimous in their desire to see Southport retain the natural atmosphere that attracts so many visitors every year.

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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
Thursday, March 11,	
1:50 A. M.	8:36 A. M.
2:20 P. M.	8:49 P. M.
Friday, March 12,	
2:59 A. M.	9:46 A. M.
3:32 P. M.	9:58 P. M.
Saturday, March 13,	
4:07 A. M.	10:50 A. M.
4:40 P. M.	11:26 P. M.
Sunday, March 14,	
5:10 A. M.	11:47 A. M.
5:40 P. M.	12:01 P. M.
Monday, March 15,	
6:08 A. M.	12:39 A. M.
6:37 P. M.	
Tuesday, March 16,	
7:01 A. M.	0:56 A. M.
7:29 P. M.	1:26 P. M.
Wednesday, March 17,	
7:50 A. M.	1:45 A. M.
8:17 P. M.	2:11 P. M.

Legislators To Visit Area At Festival Time

By ODELL WILLIAMSON
This past week I received a letter from the clerk to the board of county commissioners. He wrote that the commissioners had requested him to ask me to introduce a bill to raise the salaries of the elected officials of Brunswick county and also the other officers whose salaries at the present time are set by the Legislature. It was mentioned that these officials had not had an increase in pay in the last four years and that I should make it a substantial increase. Amounts of this increase were not recommended because, as they pointed out, the responsibility for this is in the hands of the General Assembly.

Two years ago, I opposed raising these salaries because I was advised by the board of county commissioners that it would require a tax increase. But for reasons already known, the tax rate of Brunswick County was raised. I am informed by the present board that they think the salaries can be raised without any further increase.

I agree with the commissioners that the county officials' salaries set by the Legislature should be raised, and I accept the responsibility of doing it. Therefore, some time in the near future I will introduce a pay-raising bill that will be retroactive to March 1, 1965.

On Wednesday afternoon of this past week, we had James D. Bellamy, Jr., a citizen of our county who is chairman of the State Soil and Water Conservation Committee, to come before the Appropriations Committee to ask for additional funds for his department. Mr. Bellamy did a real good job in his plea for this extra money, and I am proud to know that we have a local citizen holding this important position.

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

YARD OF MONTH
Mr. and Mrs. George Linder have the "Yard of the Month" as chosen by the Southport Garden Club. Their home overlooks the old Southport Yacht Basin.

ON DEAN'S LIST
Edward Lewis of Denbigh, Virginia, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hubbard of Southport, made the dean's list at Frederick College during the first semester.

RABIES INSPECTOR
G. B. Lewis has been appointed rabies inspector for Northwest and Town Creek townships and will begin inoculating dogs the last week in March. He is now working out a schedule of appointments for his territory.

SIGN-UP PROGRESSES
Some 334 Brunswick County farmers have signed-up to divert 3,952 acres and will receive \$59,641.85 under the Feed Grain program, ASCS Manager Ralph L. Price announced Monday. The sign-up will continue until March 26.

Duke Endowment Funds To Hospital

Fourth Of July Plans Progress

Plans are progressing rapidly for the Fourth of July Celebration in Southport this year, says Chairman William N. Williams.

The Heritage Show, sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club, and the Arts Festival, sponsored by the Junior Woman's club, have been incorporated into the event this year. "I am delighted that the Heritage Show and Arts Festival -- two successful events in the past -- have joined the Fourth of July Celebration," Chairman Williams declared.

He said it is fairly definite that a band concert will be held in the park during the event. A fireworks display also is being planned.

Several other events are in the planning stages. "We hope to have a Naval ship visit here during the celebration," Chairman Williams said. "We are also thinking about having a parade."

FHA Loans To Help Program To Develop

"Rural cooperative financed through the new nationwide Economic Opportunity Program may prove to be the key to higher living standards for some Brunswick County families," Parks Fields, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor, said this week.

"Processing, marketing, purchasing and servicing cooperatives made up mostly of farm and other rural families with limited incomes in Brunswick County may be eligible for financial assistance," he said.

Farmers Home Administration, a credit agency of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, now has authority to finance local cooperatives of rural families with limited incomes that furnish such services as:

1. Marketing of fruits and vegetables produced on family farms, handicraft and other home-produced goods.

2. Processing services including canning, freezing, grading, washing, and packing.

3. Purchasing equipment and services, including machinery and equipment for improvement of agricultural land, breeding services, and other supplies and services essential for farm and home needs.

Loans are repayable over periods up to 30 years. They carry an interest rate of 4-1/8 percent.

Through cooperatives needy farm families can improve their buying and earning power, economically purchase items for farming and obtain other basic services and supplies at substantial savings, Fields said.

FHA may advance loans to help

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Trustees of The Duke Endowment announced today appropriations of \$532,732 to assist 54 Carolina hospitals in charity services.

This brings to \$1,459,060 The Endowment's contribution to 192 hospitals for this purpose in 1965. In February, it appropriated \$926,328 to 138 hospitals. The amount received by a hospital is based on \$1 a day for each free day of care reported for the fiscal year which ended Sept. 30, 1964.

Southport's Dr. J. A. Doshier Memorial hospital, a 48-bed institution, will receive \$2,264 under the current appropriation to assist it in its charity expenditures last year. For the previous year it received \$2,328.

The current appropriations include \$392,310 for 37 North Carolina hospitals and \$140,422 in South Carolina. These institutions had 2,182,014 days of care in the year and 24.4 per cent of these days were for charity patients. For North Carolina hospitals, charity days were 25.2 per cent of the total. For South Carolina, they were 22.4 per cent.

For the 192 hospitals assisted, 20.3 per cent of the 7, 193,068 days of care were free, said Marshall I. Pickens of Charlotte, executive director of the Hospital and Orphan sections. This compares with 20 per cent reported by 190 hospitals for the preceding fiscal year.

In addition to assisting hospitals by financing charity care, The Endowment provides funds to help build, equip, and purchase hospitals. It contributes also to Duke University, Davidson College, Johns C. Smith University, and Furman University and to the support of orphans and half orphans. In North Carolina, it helps in building, equipping, and

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First Highway Death Sunday

The first traffic fatality of 1965 in Brunswick County occurred Sunday night when a Wilmington Negro man was killed at the intersection of Highways 17, 74 and 76 near Leland when his car ran into a truck.

James Curtis Hill, 38, died in James Walker Memorial Hospital in Wilmington Sunday night at 10:05 o'clock. His wife, Mary Hill, who was a passenger in the car, is in serious condition in the hospital.

According to Patrolman Seth Thomas of Leland, Hill apparently pulled from a service station driveway at the intersection of the three highways into the path of a tractor trailer truck driven by Jacob Thomas Mazur of Wilmington. The accident occurred about 7:30 p. m.

Hill was rushed to the Wilmington hospital where he died three hours later. Coroner Lowell Bennett said no inquest will be held in the death.

Mazur was uninjured but his truck was damaged. Hill's automobile was a total loss.

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