

Outstanding Success

Big Doings For The Fourth

Everything went according to schedule for the big Fourth of July celebration in Southport during the past weekend as thousands of visitors joined with local citizens in a varied program of fun and excitement.

There was one slight deviation from the announced program. The sky diving program slated for Saturday afternoon was called off when the breeze came up and a reconnaissance flight by the daredevils led to the decision not to jump.

Otherwise there were very few hitches in a three-day entertainment menu that started with an art show and wound up with a donkey baseball game. In between there was a Heritage House, Mobile Museum Display,

Sidewalk Art Show, gala parade, musical concert, a giant helicopter on display, and a spectacular fireworks show.

On Saturday night the Southport Jaycees gave their boat away, the winner being Mrs. Jean Johnson of Wilmington. Other prizes were given to members of one of the largest crowds ever assembled here.

At 11 a. m. the Independence Day parade, led by police, city and county officials, and the Second Division Marine Band, marched from Howe Street down Moore Street.

The Marine Band pulled out of the parade at the corner of the two streets and stood in formation beating time with drums and cymbals as the rest of the parade marched by.

The parade included almost a dozen floats, a couple of antique cars, horses, and fire-trucks.

Sightseers, under warm and sunny skies, attended the sidewalk art show, Heritage House, the mobile Museum of History and the Southport Arts Festival.

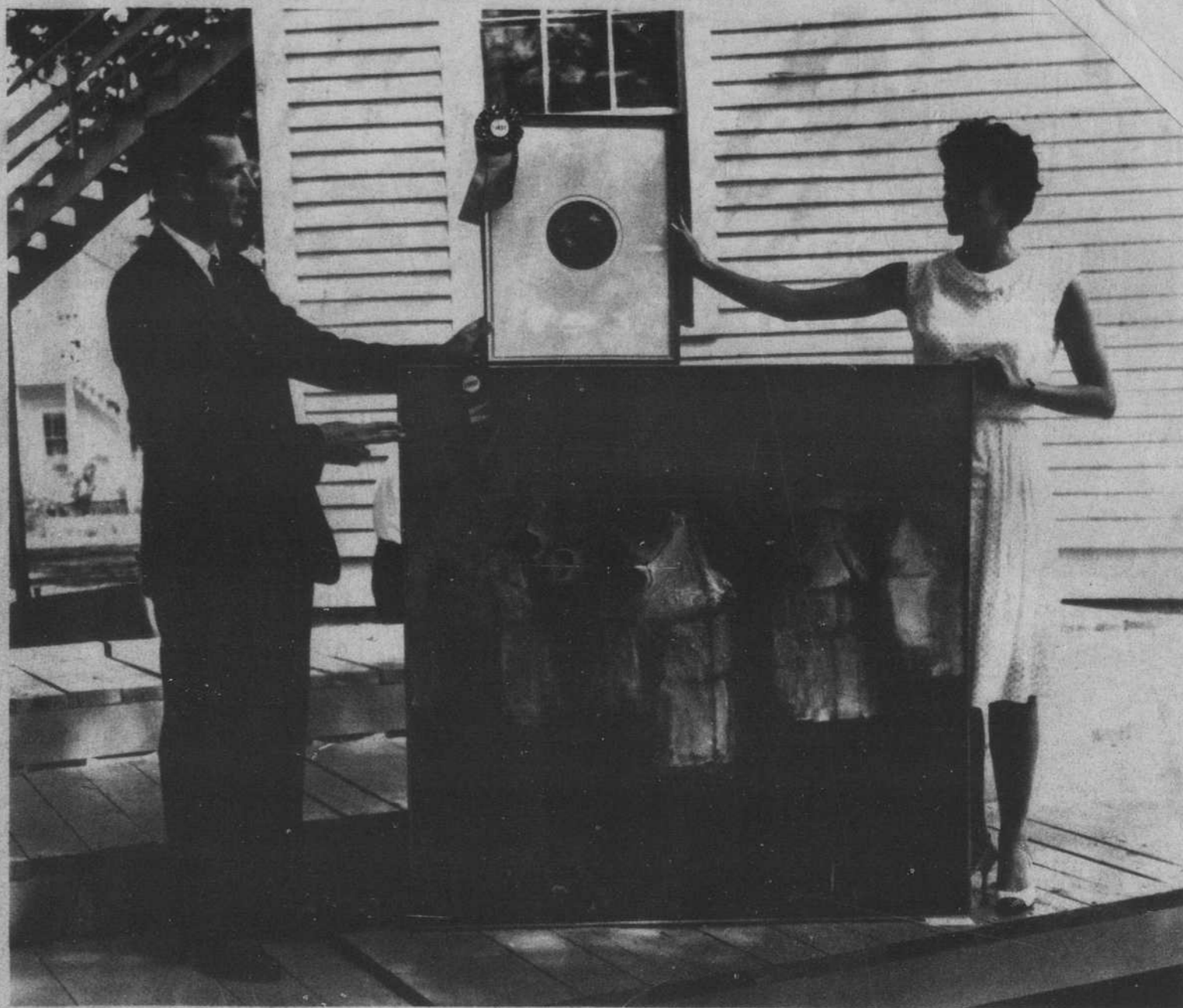
Two purchase awards were made Sunday afternoon to the first place winners of the oil and graphics divisions of the Southport Arts Festival.

Mark Lynch of Wrightsville Beach received the \$175 purchase award in oils for his work entitled "Woman Suffrage League."

"Polarization No. 2," a work in graphics by L. V. Huggins of Chapel Hill received the \$75 purchase award.

The purchase of the two works for the town's municipal art collection was made possible through donations.

"We've had people from all over the state here today," Southport Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson said Saturday. "I think with the encouragement we've had, we can plan to enlarge the scope of our celebration for next year."



Mayor Accepts Purchase Award Paintings

WINNERS—Mayor E. B. Tomlinson is shown here as he accepts two purchase award paintings from Miss Almeta Dixon, representing the Southport Junior Woman's Club, sponsors of the Arts Festival here last weekend. The \$175 purchase in oils went to Mark Lynch of Wrightsville Beach for his "Wo-

man Suffrage League", below. "Polarization No. 2", top, a work in graphics by L. V. Huggins of Chapel Hill received the \$75 purchase award. Both pictures were presented to the City of Southport for display at City Hall.



At Heritage House

DIFFERENT—Articles of interest from out of the past were featured in the Heritage House sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club here during the past weekend. Mrs. Laura Roughton, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., and Mrs. Ed Royal are shown here dressed in period costume as they admire some of the interesting heirlooms exhibited.

Board Members Talk Problems

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in special session on June 29, and the following letters from the Charlotte School Committee were read to the Board by Chairman James Thompson:

"We request that at your next meeting we could meet with the county Board of Education and the Superintendent so that we may obtain information regarding our jurisdiction. The chairman and secretary will attend and if possible other members of the committee.

Please let us know when your next meeting will be."

A second letter read: "At our Charlotte School Committee meeting on June 15, it was called to our attention that Charlotte school has been paying the bill for rent and heating on the armory for two class rooms. When the bill for the last three months of this school year was presented, we refused to approve it for payment.

"We do not understand how it became necessary for the local school unit to assume the responsibility of providing class room space or why or how it was done. This responsibility clearly is the responsibility of the County Board of Education. Therefore, we are forwarding the present bill from the National Guard Armory for payment and attaching a bill for rent that has already been paid this school year for refund.

We as a committee also wish to go on record that we in the

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Tentative Budget

County Tax Rate Same

Members of the board of commissioners approved a tentative budget for Brunswick county for the next fiscal year and set the rate at \$1.60 per hundred, the same as it was last year.

This action followed a joint meeting with members of the Brunswick County Board of Education, which had been pushing for a 94-cent levy for school purposes this year. The new budget provides for 60-cents for the schools as compared to the 55-cents levied for this purpose last year.

One other significant change is that the Resources Development Commission will operate for the next fiscal year on a budget based upon a special 9-cent levy instead of the 10-cents levied for this purpose last year.

The new budget takes into account and makes provision for all salary increases that have been granted, with \$1.00 being levied for general county expenses. This is 5-cents less than was levied last year.

The rate is based upon a \$35 million valuation, up \$2-million from last year.

The budget will lay open for twenty days, and unless there are sustained objections it will be adopted at a special meeting of the board on July 28.

Robert C. Ruark Dies In London

Private funeral services were held in London last Friday for Robert Ruark who died in London's Middlesex Hospital early Thursday morning of internal bleeding.

It was first announced that his body would be cremated but these plans were cancelled and the remains were flown to Spain for interment at Palamos, Spain, where he maintained a home. The Roman Catholic church offered to conduct the services even though the famous author and traveller was not of that faith.

Mr. Ruark, 49, was the son of the late Robert Ruark, Sr. and Mrs. Charlotte Ruark, the latter a patient for the past year or so in a Raleigh hospital.

He was born in Wilmington, attended Wilmington schools and graduated at the University of North Carolina in 1935, and shortly afterwards began his writing career with the Washington, D. C. Daily News and then reached national prominence with the Scripps-Howard newspaper chain.

Mr. Ruark's father was at one time Wilmington postmaster and an accountant by profession. A foster brother, David, was connected with the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce in former years.

His paternal grandfather Hanson Ruark was a former Register of Deeds of Brunswick county and his maternal grandfather Hawley Atkins was a Cape Fear River pilot.

Mr. Ruark was a gifted writer and his talent and typewriter carried him to many parts of the world and won for him international acclaim. After his father's death, Mrs. Ruark lived in Southport and her son, more in foreign lands than at home, visited Southport on numerous occasions, and he never forgot those visits and warm friendships made there.

Two of his books, "Poor No More" and "The Old Man and The Boy," bore a Southport flavor and residents who read them recognized the characters though their names were changed.

Mr. Ruark was divorced from his wife, Virginia, and she was reported to be in New York City recuperating from an operation and thus was unable to attend his funeral.



ROBERT RUARK

CAP Members Are Kept Busy

Three senior members and four cadets from Boiling Spring Squadron and other N. C. Units attended the CAP Jamboree in Manteo June 26-27.

Mayor W. W. Harvey was host and declared Saturday and Sunday as CAP weekend. CAP members attended the Lost Colony, visited the Wright Memorial, which is the symbol of N. C. Wing CAP.

Special church services were held Sunday morning on the banks of the Pamlico Sound and this was also a part of CAP training.

The month of June was busy for CAP units in Brunswick County. They worked in mission of crashed aircraft near Bolivia around the clock for three days and were praised by FAA, CAB and other officials for a job well done.

The Boiling Spring Squadron served as Mission Control. Cadets with their commander 1st Lt. Anson Lewis marched in the fourth of July parade in Southport Saturday.

Those who did not participate in marching rode floats and joined in other activities. Six

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McGougan To Take Meares Senate Post

State Sen. Carl Meares of Fair Bluff will be sworn in tomorrow in Raleigh as a member of the State Highway Commission.

Sen. Meares will join 13 other commissioners and Commission Chairman Joe Hunt of Greensboro in taking the oath of office for a four-year term.

The appointment of the 15-man group was announced late Thursday afternoon by Gov. Dan K. Moore at a Capitol press conference.

As a highway commissioner, Meares will represent the sixth highway division composed of Columbus, Bladen, Robeson, Cumberland and Harnett counties.

The new highway commissioner, 57, represented Brunswick and Columbus counties in the senate in 1963 and was re-elected for a second term last year. On the second round, following enlargement of the district, he represented Columbus, Brunswick and Bladen counties.

In his second session, Meares was appointed chairman of the senate's powerful roads committee and was instrumental in steering passage of the \$300 million bond proposal for roads in the senate. The bill is scheduled for popular vote later this 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	TIDE TABLE	LOW
THURSDAY, JULY 8,		
3:31 A. M.	9:56 A. M.	
4:18 P. M.	10:42 P. M.	
FRIDAY, JULY 9,		
4:23 A. M.	10:46 A. M.	
5:09 P. M.	11:33 P. M.	
SATURDAY, JULY 10,		
5:13 A. M.	11:33 A. M.	
5:56 P. M.		
SUNDAY, JULY 11,		
5:59 A. M.	0:20 A. M.	
6:40 P. M.	12:17 P. M.	
MONDAY, JULY 12,		
6:45 A. M.	1:05 A. M.	
7:22 P. M.	1:01 P. M.	
TUESDAY, JULY 13,		
7:28 A. M.	1:46 A. M.	
7:59 P. M.	1:42 P. M.	
WEDNESDAY, JULY 14,		
8:07 A. M.	2:26 A. M.	
8:37 P. M.	2:21 P. M.	

Eastern Star District Meet On Saturday

Live Oak Chapter No. 179, O. E. S., will play host to the School of Instruction of the Fourth District, Grand Chapter of North Carolina, Order of the Eastern Star, at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Community Building in Southport at which time Mrs. Lucy Rhodes Duncan of Smithfield, Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, will make her grand visitation accompanied by Jack Orr Howard of Raleigh, Worthy Grand Patron. Many other Officers and Past Grand Officers of North Carolina as well as other jurisdictions are expected to attend, as are several District Deputy Grand Matrons and Patrons from other districts.

The fourth district comprises chapters in Southport, Wilmington, Burgaw, Atkinson, Bolton, Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Chadbourne, Fair Bluff and Tabor City. Mrs. Sophie Floyd of Atkinson Chapter is the District Deputy Grand Matron of the Fourth District and Preston Moseley of Wilmington is the District Deputy Grand Patron. The officers of Live Oak

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Golf Tournament Here In October

The First Annual North Carolina Open will be held at the Oak Island Country Club October 6-8 under the co-sponsorship of the North Carolina Professional Golfers Association and the Oak Island Club. Robert H. (Bob) Smith is the professional at the host club and is looking forward to having between 140 and 150 professionals and amateurs participate in the fall event. Though there has been for many years a Carolinas Open, participated in by both North and South Carolina Golfers, this is the first time there has been an open competition for North Carolinians only.

Aubrey Apple of Greensboro is president of the NCPGA and Dave Forbis of Burlington is tournament chairman. They have plans well underway for securing the outstanding pros and amateurs of the area for the event.

Local businesses are being asked to underwrite the expenses of the tournament, the sponsor's share being \$2,000. Because of the fact that the tournament will bring many persons into the area at a time when the beach season is past, it is thought that the local businesses will be glad to participate.

Efforts are being made by the Oak Island pro and the men who work on the greens and fairways to have the entire eighteen holes in top condition by fall. The front nine has been in operation for only one year, but the last few bare spots in the fairways are rapidly disappearing. Sodding in some of the more difficult spots will be done immediately so that all will be in readiness for the first really important event in the history of this unique seaside course.



ASHLEY MURPHY

Murphy Given Highway Post

Ashley Murphy, who has represented Pender county during seven sessions of the North Carolina General Assembly, was named Thursday by Governor Dan K. Moore to serve as highway commissioner for the third division.

This was a position Brunswick county citizens were pushing Representative Odell Williamson for.

Murphy says that one of his chief concerns during his four-year tenure will be for a four-lane east-west highway.

Improvements to the state's roads generally during the next four years will depend much on the attitude of the voters when the proposed \$300 million highway bond issue faces its test at the polls in November, Murphy indicated.

"What we are facing in needed road improvement, primarily, is a matter of money," he pointed out. "This bond issue is very important and must pass if we are to get these improvements."

The legislator and commissioner said he will open an office in Wilmington immediately and head up the six-county division from there. The division embraces New Hanover, Brunswick, Duplin, Pender, Onslow and Sampson

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Time And Tide

Members of the board of county commissioners has restored the office of Home Demonstration Agent. This was the announcement in the issue of July 3, 1965, and Miss Marlon Smith had been appointed to fill the job. Heavy rains finally came to the assistance of foresters to help put an end to a blaze which had burned over thousands of acres of Brunswick county woodlands.

An important business note was that plans for refunding the county indebtedness had been approved by the commissioners. Another headline heralded the passing of an era in the transportation history of this section, for final approval had been given the sale of the ferry John Knox, which had operated across the Cape Fear river in Wilmington for 15 years prior to the building of the bridge. Mrs. E. H. Cranmer had been named a member of the local school committee.

The week-long reunion by members of Trench Mortar Battalions B. and C., who had trained at Ft. Caswell prior to World War I, had reached a climax on Tuesday when the Democratic nominee for governor, J. Melville Broughton, had delivered a patriotic address at a picnic given in their honor by citizens of Southport. This was two days before the Fourth of July, 1940, and it made the prospects for any celebration of our Nation's birthday appear to be tame by comparison. Movie Star Randolph Scott, who had been invited, had wired his regrets over his inability to be here, but some of his buddies planned to write him about the event.

There was news of another meal on the front page of this edition. Guests of Churchill Bragaw at Orton had been served frog legs for breakfast, alligator steak for lunch and roast rattlesnake for dinner. Population figures released by the U. S. Census Bureau

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

RECEPTION SUNDAY
A reception will be held in the Parish House of St. Phillips Episcopal Church from 3 to 5 p. m. on Sunday, July 11th, to welcome the new minister, Reverend Fred Fordham and his family.

BRING OWN CHINA
All members and guests who attend the meeting of the Southport Woman's Club on Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the Community Building are asked to bring an interesting piece of china to show and tell about. The meeting is on table decorations and is under the direction of Mrs. W. S. Norman.

FARM BUREAU MEET
All area membership drive chairmen of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau are urged by President Ira L. Chadwick to attend the July 20 meeting at 8 p. m. at the Agricultural Extension Office in Supply. "Come and bring all your co-workers. Let's be the biggest drive ever," Chadwick.

New Episcopal Minister Here

The Rev. Frederick J. Fordham and his family have moved to Southport where he has assumed duties as rector of St. Phillips Episcopal Church.

He was ordained to the diaconate on June 29 by Bishop Thomas H. Wright and assigned as minister-in-charge of St. Philip's Church, serving also St. James' Church, Shallotte and All-Souls Church, Northwest.

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