

Soloists With Staff Choir



MARGARET MOORE



MARGARET POOLE



RUTH COLVARD

Assembly Staff Choir To Sing In Southport

The Staff Choir of the North Carolina Baptist Assembly will present a program of sacred music at the Southport Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The choir, under the direction of Carroll Stegall of Randleman, is composed of 48 college students who serve on the staff at the assembly. Homer McKeithan, Jr., of Southport is the organist, Robert Jervis of Fayetteville, the pianist.

The program will include a wide variety of music, with familiar hymns and folk songs as well as the works of Bach and Faure. A male quartet, a mixed quartet, the girls' chorus and soloists will be featured in various selections.

Through the years the Staff choir has earned a state-wide reputation for its high calibre of performance and for its meaningful contribution to the worship services held each Sunday at the assembly during its season, which runs from mid-June to mid-August. The choir is often asked to sing for conferences at the assembly. This is the first time, though, that it has given a complete program in a local church. It was arranged by Rev. E. C. Chamblee, pastor of the Southport Baptist Church, with the co-operation of Fred J. Smith, manager of the assembly. Featured soloist will be: Margaret Poole, mezzo-soprano from Thomasville; Ruth Colvard, soprano from Pahoee, Florida; Margaret Ann Moore, soprano from Concord; and Carroll Stegall, baritone. Miss Colvard is already known to the Baptist congregation at Southport, since she sang for the morning worship service here last Sunday.



HOMER MCKEITHAN, JR.



CARROLL STEGALL

Long Beach Tax Rate Set At \$1.00

The Long Beach Board of Commissioners voted at the regular July meeting to establish an ad valorem tax rate of \$1.00 for the fiscal year 1965-66.

Outgoing Town Manager Donald Archer had recommended a tax rate of \$1.50 per one hundred dollars of assessed valuation in order to retire a deficit of \$28,915.60 outstanding at the end of the fiscal year just past.

In asking for a motion to set the tax rate at \$1.00 per hundred, Mayor E. F. Middleton stated that he and sons of the commissioners thought that it was a mistake to abandon plans for going to the higher rate.

Approval of the lower tax rate was given, with one abstention, in the presence of a large delegation of citizens who had retained Southport attorney A. H. Gainey to represent them in protesting the tax hike.

Middleton stated that by accepting the lower rate, the Board committed Long Beach to running a deficit for the next two years.

"This will definitely prevent our going ahead with plans for a bond issue for a water system for at least two years," Middleton said.

At the June meeting, when ways to meet the current deficit were discussed, it was pointed out that one of the main reasons for the proposed tax hike, raising the rate from .75 per hundred to \$1.50 per hundred, was to put the town on a sound financial footing in order to get Local Government Commission approval for the proposed water system bond referendum.

Commissioner E. M. Underwood said of the move to set the tax rate at \$1.00 rather than at \$1.50, "We're not facing facts," "We haven't faced facts for four years, why face them now," said Commissioner W. W. Venel.

Gainey, the attorney for the group of citizens protesting the proposed tax raise, spoke to the Board. He told the commissioners that their proposed budget did not take into account revenue to be derived by a new tax to be levied on The Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, the R.E.A. power company serving Long Beach.

Gainey said the electric co-op would be taxed at 50% of what their regular tax bill would be in the current fiscal year, 100% in the next fiscal year.

Gainey also made mention of a complete revaluation of all Brunswick County taxable property which is now being prepared. "The people I represent don't want Long Beach to have the dubious distinction of having the highest tax rate of any North Carolina beach," Gainey said. After hearing Gainey, Mayor Middleton asked for a motion of acceptance of the proposed \$1.00 rate. The motion was made by Commissioner Nick Coleman, seconded by E. M. Underwood. Underwood called for a roll call vote. With Commissioner Bill Love absent and not voting, the vote was three to nothing in favor. (Continued On Page Four)

Burlington Man Drowns In Surf At Long Beach

Robert H. Shoffner, 48, general manager of the Coble Farm Equipment Company in Burlington, drowned early Sunday morning while swimming near the Long Beach Pier.

The accident was witnessed by dozens of people on the crowded fishing pier. Several fishermen joined in rescue efforts.

According to eye witnesses, Shoffner was floating on a rubber raft about 500 feet from the strand with two of his five children, Lyndall, 9 and Katherine, 12.

The fatality was the first on any Brunswick County beach this year, the second in all the county. Earlier this year a Southport man drowned in the Cape Fear River near the Southport city pier.

Sunday's fatality occurred when a wave dumped Shoffner and his two daughters into the water. Their call for help was answered by Shoffner's two sons, Robert H. Shoffner, Jr., 20, and Kenneth Shoffner, 18.

Also joining in the rescue attempt were W. H. Farrington, Route 1, High Point; S. D. Landersman, Annapolis, Maryland; Gene Barber, Laurel Hill and Bruce Thomas, Sanford.

Thomas was credited by witnesses as being solely responsible for the rescue of the youngest Shoffner daughter.

The Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department Rescue Squad used a resuscitator on Shoffner for over an hour before Shoffner was pronounced dead by an unidentified Fayetteville doctor.

The body was taken to Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport for transfer to Gilbert Funeral Home. Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett pronounced accidental drowning as the cause of death. There will be no inquest, Bennett said.

Shoffner's body was flown back to Burlington Sunday afternoon.

Sunny Point Name Change

Sunny Point Army Terminal has been redesignated Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, effective July 1, 1965 per Department of the Army General Order No. 17.

In addition, the same order, Kings Bay Army Terminal, a subordinate installation of Sunny Point which is located near Jacksonville, Florida, has been redesignated Military Ocean Terminal, Kings Bay.

Both Kings Bay and Sunny Point are now under the jurisdiction of the Commander, Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, Headquarters, Washington, D. C., with Eastern Area Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service, Brooklyn, New York, the intermediate headquarters.

River Pilot Is Heart Victim

James D. Loughlin, Southport resident and member of the Cape Fear Pilot Association, died Friday morning in Wilmington after being fatally stricken with a heart attack as he boarded the tanker "Atlantic Trader" to bring her down the river.

His death was investigated by New Hanover Coroner Starr McMillan, who ruled that it had apparently resulted from a heart attack.

The deceased was a native of Wilmington, where he resided until three years ago when he moved to Southport. He had a number of relatives in Southport.

Loughlin complained of shortness of breath shortly after boarding the ship and sat down on the deck to catch his breath, prior to going to the bridge to take command of the vessel, when he collapsed while in sitting position, McMillan said.

McMillan said Loughlin was brought back to the terminal on a tug and carried by ambulance to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Funeral services were conducted at 3 p. m. Saturday at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church in Southport by the Rev. Fred Foreman. Burial followed in Northwood Cemetery.

Active pallbearers were E. M. Burris, W. W. McKinnon, Charles C. Blach, George H. Melvin, M. M. Hood and Earl Allen.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Desitte Bosser Loughlin of Southport; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Loughlin of Wilmington; three sons, James D. Loughlin Jr. of Tooele, Utah, William H. Loughlin of Wilmington and Edward Loughlin of Wrightsville Beach; two brothers, Charles E. Loughlin of Mobile, Ala., and Howard N. Loughlin of Wilmington; two sisters, Mrs. Earnest Sylvant of Grifton and Mrs. Thomas Bowmer of Georgetown, S. C.

Crab Business Is Important

North Carolina ranked third in the nation in 1964 in production of hard blue crabs, the State Department of Conservation & Development advised this week.

The information came from Harry Davis, reporting specialist for the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries at Beaufort.

North Carolina, with a production of 24,091,500 pounds of hard blue crabs in 1964, passed Florida, which reported a total of 21,747,000 pounds, included in the North Carolina total were 69,700 pounds of soft or peeler type crabs. It's the highest rank this state has ever had in hard blue crab production.

Virginia ranked No. 1 in the nation last year in hard crab production, with around 52 million pounds, Maryland, home of the National Crab Derby in which North Carolina crabs compete annually, was second with around 25 million pounds.

Dr. David A. Adams State Fisheries Commissioner and head of the C&D Department's Division (Continued On Page Eight)



Conference With The High Brass

CONFER—General Wesley Guest, right, is shown here talking with former Korean President Syngman Rhee as the latter inaugurates service over a newly installed communications system. Next to her husband is Madame Rhee and in the middle is General James A. VanFleet, Commander General of EUSAK.

For General Guest

Recalls Friendship

Death half-way round the world Monday of Syngman Rhee, former president of Republic of Korea, brought back memories for General Wesley Guest of Southport, who once was a close personal friend of this world figure.

General Guest, now retired and living in Southport, recalled that while serving with the Eighth Army in Korea in 1951 he had been decorated with the Order of Military Merit by President Rhee. It was for special work in re-establishing communications in this war-devastated country, and it earned for General Guest the undying gratitude of the ruler of that country.

General Guest said that he had photographs taken of President Rhee and himself, and brought forth a large scrapbook filled with documentary evidence that he had (Continued On Page Four)



Promoted At Sunny Point

Lieutenant Jimmy J. Justice, Assistant Director for Operations at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, has recently been promoted to the rank of first lieutenant. Photo shows Mrs. Justice pinning the new insignia of rank on her husband while Lt. Colonel Archie B. Joyner, Jr., terminal commander, looks on.

Pupil Assignment Plan Announced

A. W. Taylor, superintendent of Brunswick County Schools, is in Raleigh today with Chairman James Thompson and Attorney Kirby Sullivan to confer with representatives of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare seeking approval of the integration plan that has been submitted for use during the coming school term.

The plan has been set up on the formula of integrating schools of Brunswick county on grades 1-7-9-11. This was done when 602 Negro students made application for reassignment to schools that formerly had been all-white.

Under the proposal that has been submitted a total of 132 Negro students will be assigned to former all-white schools. This will be a total of 22 at Waccamaw, 94 at Shallotte, 9 at Bolivia, 5 at Southport and 2 (the only ones to apply) at Leland.

A complete list of students reassignments appears on another page in this issue of The Pilot.

The Brunswick County Board of Education met Monday and Neil Mallory was interviewed by the board for the job as superintendent of the county high schools.

E. M. Underwood, of Sanford was interviewed regarding the auditing of school records and accounts. He requested that he be (Continued On Page Eight)

Credit Source Assistance To County Farmers

A small amount of credit to needy farm and rural families may prove to be one of the Federal government's biggest weapons in the battle against rural poverty in Brunswick County.

This is the feeling of Parks C. Fields, who supervises the anti-poverty campaign for the Farmers Home Administration in this county.

Among the anti-poverty weapons available in rural areas in a recently authorized local program which enables eligible farm and rural families to get capital to finance farm or business enterprises that will lead to increased income.

The new credit program offers help for the first time to many rural families in Brunswick who previously were unable to obtain credit to improve their earnings.

Loans are also available to rural cooperatives serving low-income families and providing services and facilities not otherwise available.

Borrowers are provided continuing management aid to help them make a success of their farming or new business.

Farm families may obtain loans to finance agricultural enterprises. Funds may be used to purchase livestock, machinery and equipment, construct or repair farm buildings, pay annual operating expenses for seed, feed and fertilizer, refinance real estate debts and purchase land.

The loans also may be used to buy shares in small cooperatives that serve rural people.

Farm and nonfarm families living in the county or in small towns of not more than 3,500 population may obtain loans to finance non-agricultural enterprises.

Economic opportunity loans may be made in amounts up to \$2,500, bear 4-1/8 percent interest, and may be repaid over periods up to 15 years.

Eligible applicants must have an income that does not cover basic family living needs, be unable to obtain credit from other sources, including the regular loan program of Farmers Home Administration, and show a reasonable promise of success. (Continued On Page Four)

Tobacco Meet At Waccamaw

Tobacco prices for 1965, new government grades and a grading demonstration will be a few of the subjects to be discussed at a special meeting on tobacco marketing for tobacco growers in the Vocational Agriculture Department at Waccamaw High School next Tuesday night, at 8 o'clock. This announcement comes from Ralph C. King, teacher of agriculture at Waccamaw.

John H. Cyrus, a tobacco marketing specialist with the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, will be present to discuss the current problems facing the tobacco industry and the tobacco grower with emphasis on preparing the tobacco crop to meet the 1965 market demand. Cyrus will employ an actual demonstration in tobacco grading and will use a special tobacco grading light in his discussion.

All tobacco growers and persons who will be involved in the preparation of tobacco for market are urged to attend this meeting. Some may wish to bring a few sticks of tobacco from a particular curing to have it separated into its proper grades.

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	Thursday, July 22,	LOW
1:10 A. M.	7:59 A. M.	
2:03 P. M.	8:42 P. M.	
FRIDAY, JULY 23,		
2:11 A. M.	8:57 A. M.	
3:06 P. M.	9:50 P. M.	
Saturday, July 24,		
3:17 A. M.	9:59 A. M.	
4:09 P. M.	10:54 P. M.	
Sunday, July 25,		
4:24 A. M.	10:59 A. M.	
5:10 P. M.	11:54 P. M.	
Monday, July 26,		
5:28 A. M.	11:58 A. M.	
6:09 P. M.		
Tuesday, July 27,		
6:31 A. M.	0:51 A. M.	
7:06 P. M.	12:54 P. M.	
Wednesday, July 28,		
7:30 A. M.	1:43 A. M.	
8:00 P. M.	1:48 P. M.	

Brief Bits Of NEWS

BENEFIT FISH FRY
A benefit fish fry will be served at Ocean View Methodist Church at Yaupon Beach Friday beginning at 5 o'clock. Fresh flounder will be the main item on the menu.

EARLY NEXT WEEK
The Pilot will be published on Tuesday next week instead of on Wednesday, the regular day for publication. The North Carolina Press Association will hold its Summer Convention in Asheville starting Thursday and it will be necessary for the editor to be there early.

Those who are inclined to be discouraged over this year's (Continued On Page Four)