



### New Bank Building In Southport

COMPLETED—This is the new home of the Southport branch of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. which will be formally opened at ceremonies starting at 3 o'clock

Saturday afternoon. Open House will be held from 3 to 7 o'clock. (CFN photo by Daniels).

Formal Opening Saturday

## New Bank Building Completed Here

Formal opening of the new building of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. in Southport will be held Saturday afternoon from 3 to 7 o'clock with the ribbon cutting ceremony slated as the first feature of the afternoon's festivities.

On hand for this event will be President B. L. Nesmith, Jr., and several other officials of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. Mayor E. B. Tomlinson and other local dignitaries also will be present for the occasion.

There will be a special inducement for the ladies to be there in number, and to be on time, for orchids will be presented to the first 100 ladies arriving. Refreshments will be served and gifts suitable for the occasion will be available for all who visit the new building.

The new bank is located at the corner of Moore and Howe streets and is of white masonry construction. It features a drive-in window and has facilities for night deposits. It is modern in every respect and will afford adequate working and storage room for the growing banking operation in Southport.

President Nesmith said today that officials of the Waccamaw Bank system have been much encouraged with recent developments in Southport which indicate that business is on the upgrade. "We are optimistic over the future development at Southport and are proud to have these new facilities to aid and encourage business growth," he said.

William C. Love, who is active in many civic organizations in Southport, is cashier of the Southport branch of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. He came here from Mooresville. Other members of the staff include Mrs. William Oberjohan, Mrs. Clifton White and Miss Carolyn Barbee, tellers; Mrs. Afton Smith, note teller; Mrs. Paul Cochran and Mrs. Jerry Spencer, bookkeepers.



### Receive Diploma

GRADUATE—Two Southport boys, James F. Howard, Jr., center, and James H. Ward, right, receive diplomas from School of Radiologic Technology, Duke University Medical Center. Making the awards is Dr. Richard G. Lester, left.

## Two Southport Boys Graduate At Med Center

Commencement exercises were held Friday night at Duke University for the graduates of The School of Radiologic Technology, Department of Radiology, Duke University Medical Center, and among those being graduated were James Fox Howard, Jr., and James Harvey Ward of Southport.

Other graduates included Marion Mason Abbe, Summitt, New Jersey; Frances Smithson Bass, Edenton; Mary Lynne Hightower, High Point; Katherine Erwin Patterson, Sanford; and Sandra Louise White, Edenton. Professor John B. Cahoon, Director of the School of Radiologic Technology, Duke University, presided. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. L. Bartine Sherman, Rector of St. Phillips Episcopal Church of Durham. Following the invocation Dr. George J. Baylin, professor of Radiology, Duke University, welcomed the graduates and students of the school, the staff and the visitors attending the ceremonies. Other speeches were made by Prof. Ralph A. Jennings, assistant director of the Medical Center of Duke University, and by Dr. John A. Goree, associate professor of Radiology at Duke University. The graduating address was by Professor James T. Cleland, Dean of the Chapel, Duke University.

In his address Professor Cleland, an accomplished and well-known speaker who has substituted for such personalities as Bob Hope and Cardinal Cushman, and who was just recently decorated by the Chief of Chaplains, United States Army for his work on behalf of the U. S. Army throughout the world, reminded

## Following Fire Truck Dangerous

Southport city officials are making preparations to crack down on those who insist upon following fire apparatus in response to an alarm too closely. Violators of the new ordinance are subject to a fine as large as \$50 or imprisonment for as long as thirty days.

The law, which is statewide in scope, states that it shall be unlawful for the driver of any vehicle other than one on official business to follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm closer than one block, or to drive into or park such vehicle within one block of where the fire apparatus has stopped to answer a fire alarm. Outside the city limits, Southport firemen are protected by the same laws. The only variation is that the following and parking distances are changed to 400 feet.

This city ordinance is a result of unofficial vehicles handicapping firefighting efforts in the past. The Southport police de-

## Five Inducted During August

Five Brunswick county registrants were inducted into the Army in August. They were Benjamin Leigh Blake, J. C. Evans, Benjamin Herman Rogers, Jr., Bobby Lane Parker and William R. Williams.

The local board examined 68 registrants during the month of August. Thirty-seven registrants are to be examined during the month of September and a call for two for induction has

partment and certain firemen have been given the authority to give citations to those violating these laws.

## Time And Tide

A front page story in our issue of August 28, 1935, declared that record prices were being paid for tobacco, and averages quoted for succeeding days were: \$26.04, \$28.03, \$24.63 and \$24.32--but it is well remembered that this was in the mid-thirties and that the depression was not long past. Schools were to open that fall on September 19.

Mr. Dave Davis of Southport owned a time-keeping machine that had the 8-day clock backed off the boards. Her clock, brought over from Switzerland by her father, the late L. Miller, required winding but once each year. Efforts were being made for a cooperative advertising venture for promotion of Brunswick county.

A headline on our edition for August 21, 1940; "Tobacco Averages 20 cents On Opening." And the story said that farmers were pleased with prices being paid. This was back in the days when Mr. Wallace Moore was farming in Walden Creek, and he had invited not only the members of the Men's Bible Class at Trinity Methodist Church to come out to his place for a Sunday afternoon watermelon feast, but earlier in the day had played host to a bunch of boys from the Sunday School class of his son, Wallace, Jr.

Mary Morrison had found a Duke ring owned by John Garrett he had lost 6 years before at Caswell Beach; the vocational agriculture class at Bolivia had spent the past week at Tom Brown Camp at Bernardville; and a 60-day duck season had been approved for the year by the Federal Wildlife Commission.

It was August 22, 1945, and tobacco prices had stepped up considerably during the intervening five years. Average for the first week of sales on the Border Belt had been \$44.74 per hundred, Lewis J. Hardee had his shrimp fleet operating in Louisiana, but his loyalty was back in North Carolina. One of his trawlers had been named the Southport, another the Tar Heel.

Military men were returning home and were coming out of uni-

Affects Holiday Weekend

## Betsy Threatens Area, Backs Down

Hurricane Betsy did an about face Saturday and it now appears that the Cape Fear area is out of danger. However, the presence of the breezy lady was felt on the Brunswick county coast.

When the dangerous tropical storm made her way northward to a point where there was uneasiness regarding the safety of the Carolina coast, she stalled, remained stationary for 24-hours then headed southward. Today (Wednesday) the full force of the storm is being felt in Florida.

High winds caused Southport charter boats to stay in port but they failed to blow away the determination of pier and surf fishermen or the enthusiasm of those who rush to the beaches when time permits.

At no time was there any ill-effect felt here from the storm. On Friday it appeared that some of the squalls had reached the area, but then the weather cleared, and Saturday was a pleasant day for persons who had come to the beach. The same conditions prevailed Sunday, except that it was a little too cool for comfort on the beach.

Fishermen invaded piers in numbers slightly less than expected by their operators and daily catches of flounder weighing from 2-1/2-pounds to 4-1/2-pounds, pompano, puppy drum, spots and whiting were reported. However, due to high winds catches were not the size normally taken.

Surf fishermen visited Brunswick county beaches in great numbers and daily catches of speckled trout were reported. Lockwoods Folly Inlet gave up the most fish as those fishing the inlet on the outgoing tide took speckled trout averaging 1-1/2 pounds.

The heavy surf that hampered

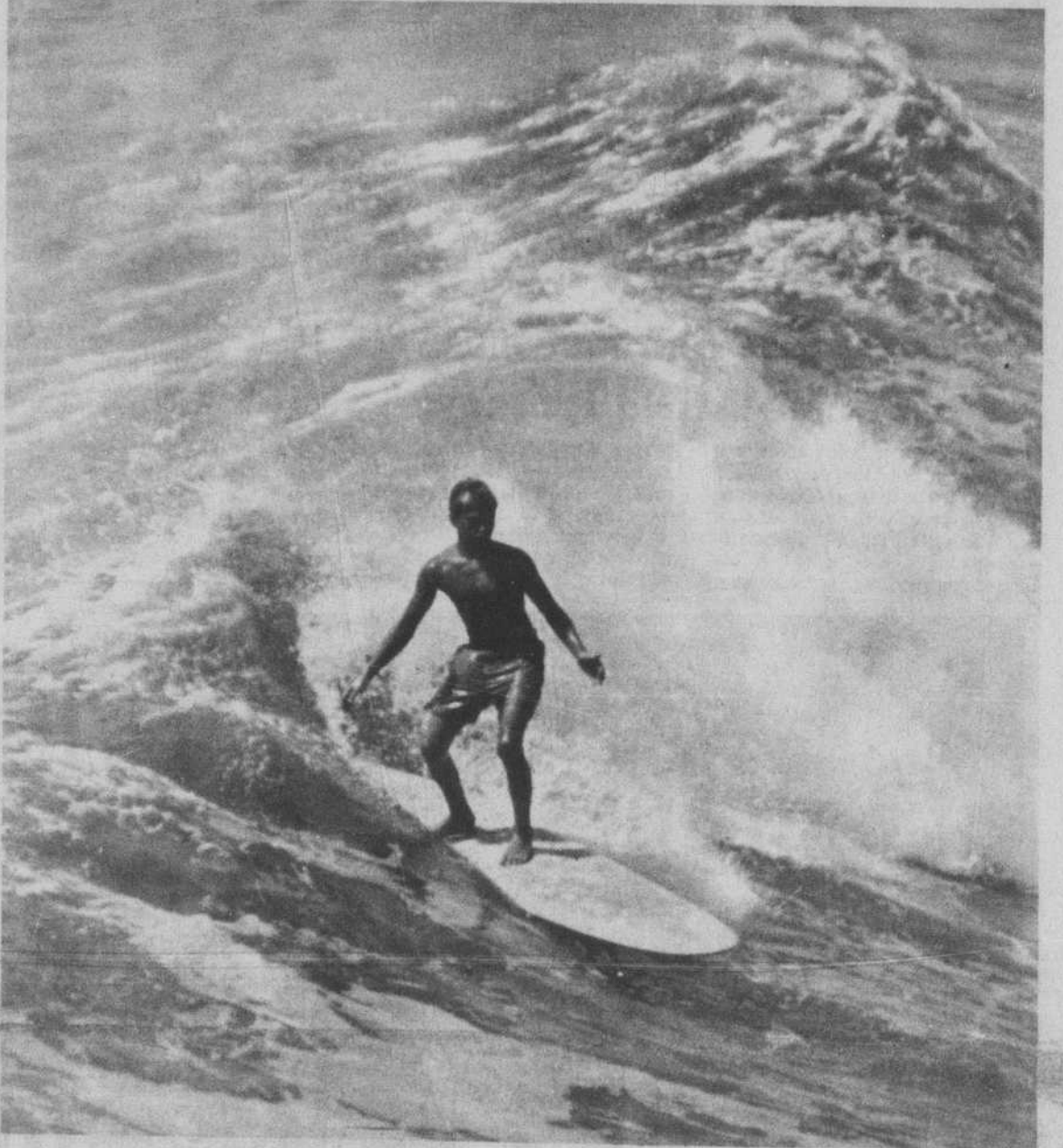
efforts of pier and surf fishermen provided a source of pleasure for another breed of sportsman--the surf board enthusiast. Friday afternoon found a sprinkling of surfers out on the beaches. Evidently the word got out that the surf condition was

ideal for the sport because the beach from Fort Caswell to Lockwood Folly Inlet was heavily populated Saturday through noon Monday.

At one time, by actual count, there were 48 persons surfing at Yaupon Beach and Long Beach.

The first concentration had 17 and the second had 31, congregated chiefly in the areas of the two fishing piers.

The young folks enjoying this exhilarating sport were making the most of the turbulent water conditions.



### Surfing At Long Beach

DARING—While Hurricane Betsy stood offshore and churned the waters of the Atlantic ocean, surfers had a ball at Brunswick county beaches during the past weekend. This shot was taken from the Long Beach fishing pier while more than a dozen surfers were in action. (CFN photo by Daniels).

## Ferry Service To Be Delayed Week

Ferry service between Southport and Fort Fisher may not begin on October 15, the date originally set by the N. C. Highway Commission. However, the delay, if any, should be no more than one week, according to Ashley Murphy, commissioner of the third highway district.

Murphy explained that the possible delay is due to the time needed to make the Sea Level ready for service on the Cape

Fear River. The vessel now operates between Cedar Island and Ocracoke and is scheduled for dry dock at New Bern on September 12. It is now feared that more than the planned 30 days will be required to make the Sea Level ready for river service.

Chairman Joe Hunt and Administrator W. F. Babcock were authorized by the commission on September 4 to receive bids and enter into a contract for work on the Sea Level prior to its October 8 meeting. The commission is expected to set tolls for the crossing during its October session.

Ivan Hardesty, engineer in charge of the project, disclosed that present plans call for the Sea Level ferry to operate on a one-hour crossing schedule until the actual service need is established. He disclosed that the vessel will leave each dock--Southport or Fort Fisher--every two hours.

According to Hardesty, the vessel will be manned by a crew of five men who are to be locally employed. The crew will train with the present crew until they are qualified to operate the vessel. A purser will remain at the Southport dock to accept fares from persons boarding on the Brunswick county side and from those disembarking from the New Hanover county side.

## Farm Voters Miss Signing

On August 31, ASC Committee Election Ballots were mailed to every eligible voter of record in this office. To date about 5 percent of these ballots have been voted and returned. Of this number a large percent do not have the certification on the back of the envelope signed.

Unless this certification is signed, these ballots cannot be counted. Therefore, community committeemen are being urged to contact everyone possible and encourage them to vote and to be sure to sign the certification on the back of the return envelope. "We don't expect a 100 percent vote, but we do want it to be as large as possible and we would like to be able to count all that are received," said ASC Chairman Lonnie Evans this week. "Those who are eligible to vote and have not received a ballot can still get one by visiting the ASCS office. We have had many ballots returned to us undelivered by the post-office. These are apparently for the wives of some of our farmers."

Where ballots have been lost or destroyed duplicates may be obtained by visiting the ASCS office, Chairman Evans said. September 10 is the deadline for returning ballots to the ASC office at Shallotte. They will be opened and counted publicly on September 15.

## Leland School To Cooperate With Courses

Leland High School, in cooperation with the Cape Fear Technical Institute, is again making plans to provide an Adult Education Program for residents of the Leland School District, Principal Rockefeller Venters announced this week.

In recognition of the rapidly changing conditions brought about by the vast technological advancements realized since World War II, and of the need for a continuing education program for adults, designed to help keep abreast of these changes and be prepared to deal with the crises that might result from them, the Brunswick County Board of Education has endorsed

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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, September 9,	
8:35 A. M.	0:49 A. M.
7:04 P. M.	12:55 P. M.
Friday, September 10,	
7:14 A. M.	1:28 A. M.
7:40 P. M.	1:36 P. M.
Saturday, September 11,	
7:51 A. M.	2:05 A. M.
8:14 P. M.	2:15 P. M.
Sunday, September 12,	
8:26 A. M.	2:40 A. M.
8:45 P. M.	2:54 P. M.
Monday, September 13,	
9:01 A. M.	3:15 A. M.
9:18 P. M.	3:32 P. M.
Tuesday, September 14,	
9:39 A. M.	3:50 A. M.
9:51 P. M.	4:13 P. M.
Wednesday, September 15,	
10:21 A. M.	4:28 A. M.
10:32 P. M.	4:58 P. M.

## News Service Spreading Word

Newspaper clippings indicate that the Lower Cape Fear News Bureau, a merchant's organization designed to promote the Southport, Yaupon Beach and Long Beach area through publicity, is beginning to make itself felt around the state, according to President E. C. Blake.

A tally at the end of the first four weeks of the bureau's operation showed over 50 clippings

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## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**BIRTHDAY CALENDAR**  
Orders are being taken this week for the Southport PTA Birthday Calendar. Those who are not contacted may call Mrs. Bryant Potter at 457-3532 to order a calendar or to list their name.

**CRUSADE TELECAST**  
The Billy Graham Nationwide Television Crusade will be telecast over WWAY-TV Channel 3, Wilmington, this week, September 9, 10, 11. On Thursday night the hour is from 10 to 11 p. m., on Friday from 7 to 8 p. m., and on Saturday from 7:30 to 8:30 p. m.

**CLUB SPEAKER**  
Mrs. Fred Smith, elementary teacher in the Wilmington City Schools, will be the speaker at the September meeting of the Southport Woman's Club Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Community Building. Following the meeting there will be a reception honoring members of the faculty in the Southport High School.

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