



Crowded Public Library

**NEEDED**—Work space is one of the greatest needs in the Southport-Brunswick County Library. In the crowded corner pictured above Mrs. Charlotte Jones, assistant librarian, is shown preparing books for distribution throughout the county. (Doshier Photo).

### Award Contract For Dredging At Terminal

Atkinson Dredging Company was adjudged to be the apparent low bidder on the Sunny Point Ocean Terminal dredging contract when Colonel Beverly C. Snow, Jr., Wilmington District Engineer, opened the bids of 12 companies Friday. The Atkinson Dredging Company bid a total of \$474,111.

The contract calls for the removal and disposal of all materials lying above the plane of 34-feet below mean low water in the ship channels and basins at the installation. The channels vary from 300 to 400 feet in width, while the basin areas to be dredged vary from 600 to 1,000 feet in width. Colonel Snow stated that his engineers estimate that approximately 4,355,000 cubic yards will be removed, including about 308,000 cubic yards of allowable overdepth dredging. The Military Ocean Terminal, commanded by Lt. Colonel Archie B. Joyner, is located about 5.5 miles upstream from Southport.

Colonel Snow revealed that 11 other bidders submitted bids ranging from \$558,505 to \$1,165,873. The Government estimate was \$751,226. The District Engineer commended that in the past 50 days, the Wilmington District has opened bids on four dredging jobs, totaling more than \$4,500,000.

Atkinson Dredging Company has 175 days to complete the task, once notice to proceed has been received from the Army Engineers.

### Brief Bits Of NEWS

**CONDITION IMPROVES**  
David Tomlinson, youngest son of Mayor and Mrs. E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., of Southport, has been a patient at Cape Fear Hospital in Wilmington since Friday. His condition is reported to be improved.

**NAMED TO BOARD**  
At a meeting of the board of commissioners here Monday C. E. Mitchell of Leland and Earl Bellamy of Shallotte were appointed members of the Brunswick-New Hanover Maritime Commission, an agency created by an act of the last legislature.

**FRANK OBRIEN**  
Opening of a public relations agency here to be operated under his own name has been announced by Frank O'Brien, who has been associated with the Wilmington Star News Newspapers as an editorial writer for the past 11 years. The new firm will specialize in business, industrial, and marine public relations, and also handle special writing assignments. O'Brien is from Southport, and the son of Prince O'Brien and the late Ida M. O'Brien. In the late '30s he wrote the forerunner of "Not Exactly News" in the State Port Pilot at Southport.

### Ferry Service To Be Started On February 8

The Southport-Fort Fisher ferry will begin regular service on February 8, according to announcement made this week by the State Highway Commission. Assistant Chief Engineer Ivan Hardesty said the ferry would make four round trips a day, starting at 6 a. m. The Sea Level was moved to Southport after two new ferries were put on its old run between Cedar Island and Ocracoke.

The ferry will leave Southport at 6 and 9 a. m., and 12 and 3 p. m. It will leave Fort Fisher at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m., and 1:30 and 4:30 p. m.

A second crew has been employed for the operation of the ferry. They include Ira Spencer, captain; Louis Holden, port captain; Boyd Moore, quartermaster; Eugene Gore, ferryman; and George Rabon, deckhand.

Announcement of the personnel of the first crew was made several weeks ago.

Captain Preston Bryant said Tuesday that the vessel would go on a shakedown cruise about the Southport harbor today (Wednesday) to test some recent repairs made to her machinery.

### Dr. Rourke Is On Heart Staff

Dr. M. H. Rourke of Shallotte has accepted the post of medical representative for the Brunswick Heart Association, according to Stanley Knowles, president of the local heart group.

Knowles also announced that Dr. William Anyan, of Durham, and Isaac M. Taylor, of Chapel Hill, deans of Duke and UNC schools of medicines, respectively, have been made co-chairmen of North Carolina Physicians-for-Heart.

"Our Heart Association is most pleased that Dr. Rourke will represent the health and medical profession in our organization's year-round leadership," said Knowles. "Physicians have worked closely with the statewide Heart program since the North Carolina Heart Association was founded in 1949 by 33 physicians and six laymen at a state medical society meeting," he continued.

In accepting his volunteer post, Dr. Rourke pointed out that through the North Carolina and American Heart Associations he can provide members of local health professions with research reports and other medical matters to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of heart diseases. Family physicians can also secure printed information to give their heart patients; these booklets deal in simple terms with various heart and blood vessel diseases and are written to reassure the patient and to help him cooperate with his physician for his own improvement.

Dr. Rourke stated that hundreds of North Carolina physicians, in a manifesto on heart disease published nationally a year ago, pointed out that the Heart Association's community health education and physician education

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JAMES C. BOWMAN

### Solicitor Bowman Seeks Re-election

District Solicitor James C. Bowman announced this week that he will seek reelection to this office and has entered the Democratic primary to be held in May. His statement follows:

"As I enter upon the fourth year of my term of office as District Solicitor of the Eighth Solicitorial District, embracing the counties of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, and Pender, I have decided that I will be a candidate for reelection to this office for an additional four-year term.

"In announcing my candidacy for this office, I can only rely upon my record as your district solicitor for the past 37 months. During this period of service, I have endeavored to represent the people of the State of North Carolina, as solicitor, without fear or favor, always bearing in mind that my duty and my oath require that I prosecute, but never persecute, those who have been charged with violations of the criminal laws of our State.

"In all cases, I have pursued my duty without regard to race, religion, station, or position in life, of any defendant. All defendants have been treated equally and none have received preferred or special consideration regardless of who they might be.

"There is nothing a candidate for the office of district solicitor can promise anyone, except that he will conduct the affairs of his office in an honest, efficient, and dignified manner. If re-elected as your solicitor, it will

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### Poverty Group Seeks Director

The executive committee of Sencland Community Action, Inc., recently funded anti-poverty organization for Bladen, Brunswick, and Columbus Counties, met in Whiteville on January 17 at the Heritage Inn. The executive committee is made up of five members of the board of directors of the organization. Purpose of the meeting was to screen applications for the position of director. The group discussed four candidates and interviewed one applicant for the position. After discussion, it was agreed to continue the search for an executive director. No action was taken on the applications received.

Sencland Community Action will have a paid staff of twelve: An executive director, a deputy director, three county coordinators, four stenographers and three training aids. According to an official, the group plans to first employ an executive director before employing any other members of the staff. Those attending were Dr. W. C. Keith of Elizabethtown, vice-chairman; Dr. Jesse C. Fisher, Jr., of Whiteville, president; Jonathan Hankins, of Southport, secretary, and Blon McNeill of Bladen county.

### Murder Cases Tried In Court

Essie Hill, who was tried on charges of second degree murder in Brunswick County Superior Court last week, was convicted of involuntary manslaughter and was sentenced to serve from 4 to 6 years of the woman's division of State prison. Eunice Davis, faced with a similar charge, went free on a directed verdict of not guilty. William Quince was acquitted on charges of arson through a directed verdict of not guilty. The case charging Myrtle L. McAllister with drunk driving and possession of tax paid whiskey with seal broken was not pros with leave.

Marvin E. Davis pleaded guilty to charges of non-support. His sentence of 6 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs and \$10 per week for support of his child.

Rudolph Evans entered a plea of guilty to charges of driving 80-mph in a 60-mph zone. Other charges were consolidated, and the defendant was given 6 months, suspended upon payment of costs, a fine of \$50 and agreement not to drive again without a valid license. Judge Henry A. McKinnon of Lumberton presided at the term.

### Jury List For February Term

Following is the jury list for the February term of Brunswick county Superior court for trial of civil cases. The term will begin on Monday, February 21, with Judge Henry A. McKinnon, Jr., of Lumberton presiding.

Ash - J. J. Wilson, Otis L. Evans, Henry Bowen, C. C. Brown, James D. Smith, William T. Bowen, Paul Clarence Smith, Fred Marlow.

Leland - Bennie R. Sellers, Carl K. Lewis, Willie Sheed, Wilson Porter, Paul Brown, M. F. (Continued On Page Four)



New Bank Official Here

**CHANGE**—L. V. Lowe, seated above, a vice-president of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., is coming here in February to become manager of the Southport branch of this banking chain. He is shown with B. L. Nesmith, left, chairman of the board of directors. Lowe replaces William C. Love, who has resigned to accept a banking position in Oakboro. (Clemmons Photo).

### Low replacing Love As Local Bank Cashier

L. V. Lowe of Whiteville will assume management of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., branch in Southport in mid-February. B. L. Nesmith Jr., chairman of the board of directors, announced this week.

Lowe is a native of Chadbourne and is vice-president of the banking institution.

Before his appointment to the vice-presidency and location in the Whiteville office, Lowe served the Waccamaw Bank branches in Chadbourne and Fairmont.

Chairman Nesmith said, "We have observed Southport closely and feel that the area shows great signs of potential growth. With such faith in its prospects we provided the residents with a modern banking facility."

"It is also fitting that Southport should be given the service of one of our top officers," Nes

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### Savings And Loan Reports Good Year

#### No Changes In S & L Officials

At the annual stockholders meeting of Security Savings and Loan Association here Thursday H. T. St. George was re-elected president. Also re-elected were D. C. Herring, vice president; W. P. Jorgensen, executive vice president; L. J. Hardee, S. B. Frink, H. Foster Mintz, E. H. Kirby and Earl Bellamy, members of the board of directors.

Mrs. Rachel Rook was re-elected assistant secretary-treasurer of the Shallotte office.

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As of December 31, total assets of Security Savings and Loan Association stood at \$4,768,176, a gain of over \$687,973 in total assets reported one year ago. Net savings gains during 1965 total \$698,683, increasing the institution's total savings balance to \$4,245,761. This was reported by President H. T. St. George at the annual meeting of stockholders in Southport Thursday.

Total dividends paid during 1965 reached a record \$161,300, and this high return on savings has helped increase the association's total number of savings accounts to 2300.

"For more than two decades, the home mortgage leading in which savings and loan associations traditionally specialize has proven to be one of the soundest possible investments and one which has made it possible for associations to pass on their relatively high earnings to their savers," St. George declared.

"In addition, savings and loan financing activities have helped build and improve this community and thousands of others across the nation. We are happy to report that our total home mortgage volume in 1965 increased to a record \$1,206,000. These funds were used to finance the purchase of 59 existing homes and the construction of 30 new homes, as well as to provide resources for a certain number of specialized construction purposes. Total mortgage loans now stand at \$4,090,673.

"In order to provide against any possible losses resulting from our mortgage leading activities," said St. George, "this institution added \$22,500, to its total reserve holdings and our present total reserves equal 6.40% of our total savings, well above the minimum requirements of regulatory authorities. Our liquidity ratio, which is the savings, also greater than regulatory authorities require.

"The directors and officers of Security Savings and Loan Association feel themselves obligated to conduct its business operations in a sound and ethical manner, to provide a place for savings for the general public and to make home loans to all qualified applicants," he continued. "It is felt that these services are vital to the welfare of this community, and we are proud to be in a position to provide them."

"At present, there is every

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### Nominations For Mother Of Year Being Accepted

The Brunswick county chairman of the North Carolina State Mothers Association announces that nomination blanks are now available for nominating a qualified mother for State Mother of the Year.

For the first time the nominations are being conducted on a district level. Nominations for State Mothers are growing in such large numbers because North Carolina is blessed with so many wonderful mothers who deserve recognition that 24 districts have been set up on a population basis composed of contiguous counties. A district selection committee representing each county within the district is being appointed and will screen the nominations and select one of them as a district nominee to go to Raleigh April 15-16 for the selection of the State Mother of the Year. All nominees within each district will be honored in the district in which they live. This will be more convenient for the nominees as well as enable more of their families to attend the recognition function honoring them.

A nominee for State Mother must be nominated by a recognized organization. Nominations by individuals are not accepted. The current 1966 blank that contains the rules for nomination as well as the qualification for the selection of the State Mother must be used. Not only must the 1966 State Mother be a woman of achievement herself through her service in civic, religious, cultural and educational activities, her children too must show achievements as reflected in the care and nature by their mother. Her youngest child, therefore must be over 15 years of age. All races and creeds are eligible for nomination and recognition. March 1, is the deadline for nominations with all supporting data to be in the hands of the district chairman.

Blank may be secured from Mrs. Foster Mintz, Boltavia Mrs. (Continued On Page Four)

### Library Fund Drive Growing

The Building Fund Committee of the Southport-Brunswick County Public Library met Thursday night to discuss progress of the fund raising drive.

Encouraging reports were received from the various subcommittees concerning their efforts in raising the \$42,000 required locally in order to be eligible for a Federal grant of \$39,000. Mrs. Philip King, librarian, stated that contributions were being received in increasing numbers from individuals and businesses in Brunswick and the surrounding counties.

The committee adopted a suggestion of Miss Gertrude Loughlin and Mrs. J. A. Francis to establish a "One Hundred Club." Membership in this club will be awarded those who give or pledge to give \$100 to the building fund during calendar year 1966. It is reported that since the meeting several contributions for this amount and more have been made by individuals desiring membership in the "One Hundred Club."

Contributions may be made in person at the library or mailed to Mrs. A. P. Henry Jr., Winnabow.

### 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, January 27  |             |     |  |
| 11:15 A. M.           | 5:22 A. M.  |     |  |
| 12:39 P. M.           | 5:52 P. M.  |     |  |
| Friday, January 28    |             |     |  |
| 12:59 A. M.           | 6:10 A. M.  |     |  |
|                       | 6:40 P. M.  |     |  |
| Saturday, January 29  |             |     |  |
| 0:33 A. M.            | 7:04 A. M.  |     |  |
| 12:45 P. M.           | 7:28 P. M.  |     |  |
| Sunday, January 30    |             |     |  |
| 1:33 A. M.            | 8:10 A. M.  |     |  |
| 1:45 P. M.            | 8:28 P. M.  |     |  |
| Monday, January 31    |             |     |  |
| 2:33 A. M.            | 9:16 A. M.  |     |  |
| 2:51 P. M.            | 9:34 P. M.  |     |  |
| Tuesday, February 1   |             |     |  |
| 3:39 A. M.            | 10:28 A. M. |     |  |
| 3:57 P. M.            | 10:34 P. M. |     |  |
| Wednesday, February 2 |             |     |  |
| 4:45 A. M.            | 11:28 A. M. |     |  |
| 5:03 P. M.            | 11:34 P. M. |     |  |

### Time And Tide

Announcement was made in our edition for January 29, 1936, that George W. Bunker was to arrive later that week as the new cashier for the Peoples United Bank of southport. US Army Engineer spokesman said that the Intracoastal Waterway link between Winyah Bay and Little River would be completed about the middle of the following month, and Congressman Allard H. Gasque of South Carolina already was sponsoring a bill to deepen the channel of the waterway to a depth of 12-feet.

A Southport woman, Mrs. J. N. Arnold, had walked through a plate glass window which workmen were carrying across a Wilmington sidewalk and had escaped with only a minor bruise; city employees were busy setting out trees in a beautification project; and plans were being made for a Presidents Birthday Ball at Camp Sapona (the local CCC camp).

Five years later to the day and war clouds had cast their shadow on the front page of The Pilot; Dr. M. M. Rosenbaum of Shallotte had been ordered to report for active duty and the front page photo was of a group of PT boats had passed through here on their way South. There was one of our patented pre-war rumors; A northern firm was interested in acquiring a site here for a shipyard.

An influenza epidemic had forced the closing of Southport High School for one week; a front page story seemed to be rushing the season when it reported that "Orton Gardens Scene of Beauty," with early blooming varieties of azaleas already in bloom.

A front page story on January 23, 1946, carried the news that the Rev. A. L. Brown had resigned as pastor of Southport Baptist Church and that he and his family were moving to Beulahville. D. C. Herring had been sworn in as a member of the bar on Monday that week before the 1st Judge John J. Burney, who was presiding over the January term of Superior court.

Members of Soldier's Bay Baptist Church were nearing the end of their job of erecting a new brick church; a site had been purchased for a new radio station in Whiteville; and Highway officials

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