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Decorates Southport Boy

HONORED—Vice President Hubert Humphrey is shown here shaking hands with an Air Force lieutenant before moving on to Staff. Sgt. Leon Fullwood of Southport, center. The local boy received the Medal of Honor from Vice President Humphrey while the latter was on a recent tour of South Viet Nam.

New Record Is Set In State For Shellfish

A new, all-time record high in value of fish and shellfish landed at North Carolina ports was set in 1965.

This was revealed today in a report compiled by the U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries in cooperation with the State Department of Conservation and Development's Commercial and Sports Fisheries Division.

Value of fish and shellfish landed at State ports last year was put at \$9.4 million, a gain of 20 per cent over the 1964 value. The previous high mark in value was set in 1953 when it was \$8.3 million.

Fish and shellfish landed at commercial fishing ports in Pasquotank, Chowan, Washington, Tyrrell, Dare, Hyde, Beaufort, Pamlico, Craven, Carteret, Onslow, Pender, New Hanover, and Brunswick counties totaled 221,604,630 pounds, a drop of about 3 per cent under the 1964 totals.

The report dealt only with commercial fish landings and does not include those caught by sports fishermen.

During December, 1965, fish and shellfish landings amounted to 66,577,632 pounds for a value of \$1,477,861 compared with 53,676,626 pounds for a value of \$1,192,323 in December, 1964.

Landings of menhaden, a non-edible fish used for commercial purposes, in 1965 totaled 156,340,864 pounds for a value of \$2,031,184 against 1964 landings of 172,991,671 pounds for a value of \$2,108,529.

Shrimp landings totaled 5,416,186 pounds for a value of \$1,719,235 in 1965 compared with 4,279,141 pounds for a value of \$1,503,288 in 1964.

Commercial fishermen landed oysters which produced 863,675 pounds of meat for a value of



Keys To The Boarding Home

TURN-KEY—Odell Williamson, Shallotte businesswoman, turns the keys to the new Ocean Trail Boarding Home to the new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watts. Williamson supervised the construction of the home, located at Southport. Open House will be held there Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock. (Beacon Photo)

Open House At

New Boarding Home

Open House will be observed Sunday afternoon from 2 to 4 o'clock at the Ocean Trail Boarding Home at Southport, a modern new facility which is expected to be in operation by the middle of this month.

For Mr. and Mrs. Sam Watts this building is a dream come true after operating the Brunswick County Boarding Home for the past 17 years. During that time the facility had earned a reputation for kind treatment, cleanliness and good care, but the building left much to be desired.

As a matter of fact, this is what brought on a crisis situation that resulted in the construction of the new building. The State Board of Public Welfare made it known that they would not renew the license for the continuation of Brunswick County Boarding Home, and there was much distress on the part of the inmates and their next of kin when it was thought they would no longer be able to be under the care of Mr. and Mrs. Watts.

It was at this juncture that Odell Williamson, Shallotte businesswoman, came forward and offered to back them financially in this venture on their own. He became so interested in the project that he assumed personal supervision of construction.

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Committees For Fourth Of July Festival Named

Preparations for the 1966 Fourth of July Festival in Southport got underway last week when Harold Aldridge, chairman, Mrs. Elizabeth Robinson and C. D. Pickett, co-chairmen, and Mrs. Edythe Smith, treasurer, met to name the various planning and organizational committees and really get things moving so this year's Festival will be the biggest and best in the 4-year history of the annual event.

Every year since the Festival was re-originated as a local project by the Southport Junior Chamber of Commerce, the celebration has grown in size and scope until now it is seriously recognized as one of the most colorful and enjoyable pageants in this part of the county.

With this year's early start, and with the reception being given by the various organizations and personalities who are being invited to enter floats, marching units and bands in the parade, and to take part in all of the events of the two-day, old-timey celebration, there is every indication that even last year's extravaganza will be topped in 1966.

The following committees were named and are already hard at work:

Parade Committee: G. W. Fisher, chairman.

Float Personnel Committee: Mrs. Marie Brown, chairman, Mrs. Betty Smith, Miss Kathy Joyner.

Float Committee: H. A. Schmidt, chairman, Mrs. Ann Donnell, Col. W. S. Norman.

Marching Units Committee (Bands, clowns, Scouts, autos, horses, etc.) Jaycees and Jaycetes.

Transportation Committee: Floats and guests: Billy Doshier, chairman, Mrs. Delores Swan.

Food and Lodging Committee: Mrs. Lena Fisher, chairman, Mrs. Donald St. George.

Special Events Committee: (Museum, Sky divers, Water Show, etc.) Joe Walton, chairman, Bill Faulk, Jaycete Representative.

Finance Committee: Tommy Kirby, chairman, Dan Harrelson, G. W. McClamery, Frank Hardy. Publicity Committee: James F. Howard, chairman, Mrs. Fred Willing, Mrs. Marie Johnson, Col. W. O. Beasley. Program Committee: Mrs. Doris Harrelson, chairman, Mrs. Ruby Bowman, Roy Stevens.

Thanks People For Canadians

Bill Hensley, director of the Advertising Division of the Board of Conservation and Development, this week wrote the following letter of appreciation to Dan Harrelson, president of Oak Island Golf Club, for the hospitality shown the Canadian golf professionals on their recent visit here.

"On behalf of Governor Moore, this division and the Department of Conservation and Development, I would like to thank the fine people of Southport for a job done well.

"It would be impossible for me to convey my thanks and appreciation to everyone who assisted (Continued On Page Four)



Final Pageant Entries

CONTESTANTS—Here are the final three entries in the Miss Brunswick pageant. Left to right they are Barbara Ann Skipper of Shallotte, Maureen Patricia Jenkins of Southport and Marsha Dale Hickman of Winnabow.

Contestants In Miss Brunswick Pageant At 10

Three final entries in the Miss Brunswick pageant came in before the deadline Friday, bringing the total number of contestants to ten, according to Mrs. Shirley Ward, pageant director.

Barbara Ann Skipper is the 17-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Skipper of Shallotte. She has a definite trend toward art, and in the pageant her talent will be art display and sketching. She has been active in student publications at Shallotte High School, where she is a senior and the current Valentine Queen. She wants to study commercial art after completing her high school work.

Maureen Patricia Jenkins is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Jenkins of Southport. She is 19 years old and is a graduate of Southport High School. She has completed a business course at Kings Business College in Charlotte and works at Brunswick Motor Sales. . . In the pageant her talent will be dancing.

Marsha Dale Hickman is 18 years of age and is the daughter of Mrs. G. R. Hickman of Winnabow. She is a senior at Bolivia High School and hopes to continue her education at Wilmington College. She is a member of the Mellonettes Quartet and of the Southern Harmonizers. Naturally, in the pageant her

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New Home Agent For Brunswick

Mrs. Mary L. Russ will join the Brunswick Extension Staff as Home Economics Agent on March 7. Mrs. Russ is married to Michael Russ of Shallotte and is the former Miss Mary Lewis of Winnabow. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lewis of Winnabow.

Mrs. Russ graduated from Bolivia High School and attended Wilmington College for one year. While at Wilmington, she was a member of the college chorus. She transferred to East Carolina College where she majored in Home Economics and received her BS degree in 1965. At East Carolina she was a member of the Home Economics Chapter.

Mrs. Russ joined the teaching staff of Whiteville High School as Home Economics teacher and during her stay there the department became accredited.

We are looking forward to having Mrs. Russ join the Extension Staff in Brunswick County. She is a former 4-H member from Bolivia and is acquainted with the activities of the Extension Service. She is interested in art and her Home Economics background will be a valuable asset to the 4-H and Home Demonstration Clubs in the county.

Cucumbers Aid Farmer Income

By ARCHIE F. MARTIN
Are you thinking of adding a new enterprise to your farming operation? Cucumbers may be the crop that will bring in additional income for you. Pickling cucumbers is one of North Carolina's leading vegetable crops and the demand is increasing. On some farms this crop constitutes a major source of the family income.

There will be a meeting for farmers who might be interested (Continued On Page Two)



MRS. RUSS

Retail Sales Show Increase

Retail Sales in Brunswick County increased \$2,162,277 in 1965 over 1964, according to reports released from the North Carolina Department of Revenue, which were compiled and compared by the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick county.

Total retail sales for the year 1965 amounted to \$19,425,624 represented a 12.5% increase of 1964 retail sales of \$17,263,347.

March and October recorded the largest increases with a 23.2% increase in March and 20.6% increase in October.

July recorded total retail sales of \$2,140,489, which was a 14.1% increase over July 1965.

Sales tax on sales in Brunswick County for 1965 totaled \$391,593.02. This was an increase of \$48,369.90 over the 1964 collections.

Schedule For School Clinic

Listed below is a schedule of the pre-school clinics for all schools in Brunswick county;

March 18, Brunswick county high school, 9 a. m.; March 21, Cedar Grove school, 10 a. m.; March 22, Lincoln high school, 9 a. m.; March 25, Waccamaw high school, 9:30 a. m.; March 29, Leland high school, 9 a. m.; Shallotte high school, 8:30 a. m.; March 31, Bolivia high school, 9 a. m.; Longwood school, 9 a. m.; April 1, Piney Grove school, 9 a. m.; April 4, Union high school, 10 a. m.; Southport high school, 9 a. m.

Following is the list of requirements that all children must meet before being registered in school. Completed series of diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis, smallpox, physician examination (including a T.B. skin test and feces examination); copy of child's birth certificate.

For a child who does not meet these requirements, now is the time to begin to get him ready to enter school in the fall.

Time And Tide

It was the first week in March 1936, and plans had been perfected for the Brunswick County Baseball Tournament to be played in the Southport gym. That famous old wooden structure had just been given a new bill of health when contractors had inspected it and had pronounced it safe for use for the tournament. Figures released from the WPA office showed that approximately 15-percent of the Brunswick population was dependent upon that source for their cash incomes.

On our front page was a picture of "Little Coney", already a legend in the water sports activity of the town; a wing of the old Southport High School building was being moved from the grove to the campus of BCT; and there was a helpful hint to the farmers: "Cottonseed Hulls Make Good Hen Nests."

There was a big front-page picture of a good looking boy in our edition for March 5, 1941. It was of Warren Wilson, Clemson College athlete, who was being billed at the time as a fine prospect for the heavyweight boxing title. He has relatives here. There also was a front page shot of Bald Head lighthouse, which was being equipped with a radio beacon.

It looked like a good fishing season ahead, what with word that the waters of the Cape Fear were literally teeming with small fish and local boatmen were having unusually good luck with whiting. On another sporting front one upstate visitor, after hunting here for a few days, had ventured the guess that there were more foxes than people in this county.

You'll never guess what was on the front page of The Pilot for February 27, 1946—a three column picture of the Battleship North Carolina. She was all dressed up on war paint, and she was fresh back from the wars, but there she was.

Southport girls had made headlines when they broke a 10-

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NORMAN BELLAMY

Two Candidates Seek Nomination

V. A. Creech, Jr., entered the race for the Democratic nomination for county commissioner from Town Creek this week and Norman Bellamy tossed his hat into the ring for election to the Brunswick County Board of Education, representing Shallotte School District.

This will be the first time Creech has run for public office. He lives on the River Road near the Lay-up Basin and is employed as district sales manager for Armour Fertilizer Co. He has been with this firm for the past 10 years, and prior to that time was employed by the Coastline Railroad.

He has been active in the civic and political life of his community. He graduated from high school at Four Oaks and attended Wilmington College for one and one-half years.

Bellamy is a fisherman and a building contractor. He has been actively identified with education on the local level for many years, having served for two periods on the local committee at Shallotte High School. He also had been active in the civic and religious affairs of his community, being an active Baptist.

About six weeks still remain before the deadline for filing for county office in the May primary.

RETURNS HOME
Capt. J. I. Davis has returned home from Doshier Memorial Hospital where he was a patient for three weeks.

White Quits As Tax Collector

Bobby White has resigned as Brunswick County Tax Collector, a position he has held since the resignation of D. H. Hawes three years ago. Previously he had served as deputy tax collector under Hawes. Following is the text of his letter to the board of county commissioners:

"After long and sound deliberation, I am submitting my resignation as Tax Collector of Brunswick County, to become effective as soon as you have appointed my successor and audited the tax books. If possible, I would like to be relieved of my duties not later than March 15.

"I have been offered a position that I feel I cannot turn down. I'll be closer home and have more regular hours.

"I would like to thank each of you and the citizens of this county for making my job as Tax Collector an enjoyable one. All of you have meant a great deal to me and my family. If I can ever be any help to you or the people of this county, please call on me.

Set Workshops For Teachers

Workshops for teacher aid training in Operation Upgrade will be held at four centers in county beginning next week.

Union High School and Longwood; Shallotte High School and Cedar Grove; Bolivia High School and Lincoln High School; BCHS and Piney Grove.

Classes start March 7 and run Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, 3 hours per night, 6:30 to 9:30. Classes will run for three weeks, total of 30 hours.

During the week of March 7 Union and Shallotte will receive classroom instruction and Bolivia and BCHS will have administration; during the week of March 14th reverse will occur.

During the week of March 21 training in audio-visual and reproduction machines will be held at Union, P. R. Hankins teacher; Shallotte, David Carmichael teacher; Bolivia, Neil Mallory, teacher; BCHS, Jesse Francis teacher.

Thomas Davis will teach administrative classes at Bolivia and Shallotte and Alvin Caviness will teach the same at BCHS and Union.

No teacher is available yet for classroom instructions. Supt. (Continued On Page Four)

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 3			
4:21 A. M.	11:04 A. M.		
4:51 P. M.	11:16 P. M.		
Friday, March 4			
5:27 A. M.	12:04 A. M.		
5:51 P. M.			
Saturday, March 5			
6:21 A. M.	0:16 A. M.		
6:51 P. M.	12:52 P. M.		
Sunday, March 6			
7:15 A. M.	1:10 A. M.		
7:39 P. M.	1:40 P. M.		
Monday, March 7			
8:09 A. M.	2:04 A. M.		
8:33 P. M.	2:28 P. M.		
Tuesday, March 8			
8:57 A. M.	2:52 A. M.		
9:21 P. M.	3:16 P. M.		
Wednesday, March 9			
9:45 A. M.	3:40 A. M.		
10:15 P. M.	4:04 P. M.		