



FOREST FIRES BURN IN BRUNSWICK

SMOKE—This pillow of smoke arose to a height of several hundred feet Friday afternoon as fire burned over a large tract of land near Varnumtown. This shot was taken from the northern point of Long Beach across Lockwoods Folly Inlet and the Intracoastal Waterway. Several hundred acres of forest land were burned over in several fires during the weekend, one of the largest being northwest of Shallotte opposite the fire tower on Highway No. 130. (Dan Shannon Photo.)

Observance Of Easter Slated For Southport

Brunswick county schools will close today (Wednesday) in observance of Easter, with classes being resumed on Tuesday morning.

Brunswick county offices and city employees will observe Easter Monday, and there will be no session of Recorder's Court next week.

The banks and savings and loan institutions will be closed on Monday.

Easter is not a legal holiday for the postoffice department, and postal services will be uninterrupted.

In Southport Holy Week Services are being held nightly at Southport Presbyterian Church. A communion service will be held on Thursday night at Trinity Methodist Church. On Friday at 12 o'clock Good Friday services will be held at St. Philips Episcopal Church, with the Methodists also participating.

There will be a community sunrise service Sunday morning at 6 o'clock at the Old Southport cemetery.

Special Easter music will feature morning worship services at each church in Southport, and members of the Southport Baptist Church Choir will present their Easter cantata Sunday evening.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

HONOR STUDENT

Miss Barbara Jeanette Knowles, a sophomore at Wilmington College, was on the Dean's List for the Winter Quarter with an "A" average. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Knowles, Bolivia.

BAKE SALE

The M.Y.F. of Trinity Methodist Church will sponsor a bake sale Saturday in front of Leggetts, beginning at 9 a. m.

OFFICE CLOSED

The office of the Drivers License Examiner in Southport will be closed Monday in observance of Easter.

ON DEAN'S LIST

Miss Cynthia Lynn Hardy, a freshman at Wilmington College, was on the Dean's list for the Winter Quarter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hardy of Southport.

EASTER PROGRAM

An Easter program will be presented at Elah Baptist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Ted Caudill is program chairman.

COUNTY PHYSICIAN

Dr. Norman A. Templeton has been appointed county physician, succeeding Dr. Fred Burdette. His compensation will be on a fee basis.

WMU WORKSHOP

Mrs. Margaret McRacken will conduct a WMU Workshop at Bethel Baptist Church on April 14, starting at 9:30 a.m. Supplies will be available at the church.

Sherrill Discloses Plans For Island

The question of what to do about Bald Head Island was debated at length at a public hearing Saturday at Wrightsville Beach, with owner Frank Sherrill revealing for the first time plans that are under consideration for oceanographic research.

That was the issue put before the board of the State Department of Conservation and Development Saturday in a five-hour public hearing here, marked by the surprise revelation of tentative plans to establish a portion of a "World Center of Oceanography" on Bald Head which would be a part of the Research Triangle near Raleigh, Durham and Chapel Hill.

Proponents of the world center, principally the Oceanographic Society, Inc. of New York City, a non-profit research development group, pictured the center, if established at Bald Head, as doing economically for southeastern North Carolina what the outer space program has done for Cape Kennedy, Fla.

Ocean research, aimed at tapping the seas of the world for their known unlimited source of food, minerals, metals, fresh water and living space, is the "last frontier" for man's exploration and development they contend.

Bald Head Island was found after thorough investigation, society officials said, ideally suited for the proposed center, primarily because the facility there would be tied in with the Triangle and its three university units — Duke, the University at Chapel Hill and N. C. State University at Raleigh.

But at Saturday's hearing, there were two score scientists, nature lovers, teachers, public park enthusiasts and others who came to say island owner Frank O. Sherrill, multi-millionaire businessman of Flat Rock shouldn't be allowed to commercialize Bald Head.

The 11,000-acre island, in the south of the Cape Fear River and forming the cape itself, is the last remaining wilderness of its type in North Carolina, they pointed out, and should be

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Weather Stops Island Visit

A strong southwest wind and rough water in the Cape Fear river prevented members of the Board of Conservation and Development and a large number of other interested persons from visiting Bald Head Island Friday.

This was the first of a two-phase study into the feasibility of utilizing this area for recreation, with the possibility of having the state acquire the island as a State park.

The crowd, under the direction of board member G. I. Horton of Wilmington, gathered at the Southport Boat Harbor, but it turned out that the only persons to see the island that day were those who boarded one of the C&D boats for a rough ride on the river and those who shuttled over the island in a light plane.

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Girl Scouts In Litterbug Battle

Members of Girl Scout Troop No. 353 have been conducting an anti-litterbug campaign in Southport for the past week. Posters designed and made by the girls have been placed in store windows, and on Saturday litter bags were placed on all cars passing through the downtown area. The girls in the green berets decorated the bags with original art work and slogans. Their campaign to help keep Southport clean is part of the Scouts community service program.

Bellamy Named New Chairman

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in regular session Monday night and O. K. Bellamy was elected chairman for the next year, succeeding James Thompson.

When the floor was opened for nominations for the position of chairman, Bellamy was nominated by Delmas Babson. There were no further nominations, the nomination was closed on a motion by Arthur J. Doshier and seconded by Babson. The motion carried, the chairman took a vote on the nomination and all votes were in the affirmative.

The recommendations concerning county personnel policies made by the C. T. A. were discussed by the board. A delegation appeared before the Board consisting of the following persons: David Carmichael, President of the C. T. A. and spokesman for the group; Mrs. Catherine Mintz, Mrs. Gelene Russ and Mrs. Betty Hewitt. Carmichael explained to the board each of the recommendations included in the proposal by the C. T. A. These are as follows:

1. That teachers be notified of the school assignment upon the signing of the contract with the teacher, and that any changes in this assignment be preceded by a 30 day notice or more prior to the opening of school.

2. That teachers be informed of the grade or subjects to be taught upon the signing of the contract and that any change in this assignment be preceded by not less than a 30 day notice prior to the opening of school.

3. That all teachers when required, assigned or scheduled to do after school duties be paid hourly in proportion to their teaching salaries. This includes such duties as selling tickets to athletic events or school functions of any description, working in concession stands or performing any function not required by the duly signed contract. As an alternative, it is suggested that such duties be carried on by Booster Clubs or be contracted to outside interests.

3a. That meetings other than professional association meetings be scheduled during the regularly scheduled school day. These recommendations were

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Headstart Is Planned For This County

ELIZABETHTOWN ----- The three-county unit of SENCLAND Community Action, Inc., has applied to the federal government for a summer "Headstart" program in Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus counties which would cost \$287,738.

The request was mailed in last week by James E. Coats, newly appointed Community Services Consultant for the three counties.

The "Headstart" program is for under-privileged pre-school children, also for other children who might need training such as they would receive in kindergarten in preparation for entrance into the elementary grades.

Bladen's request was for \$54,418 to handle 200 students at centers at Tar Heel School, Dublin, Elizabethtown and Clarkton, schools where the teacher aide program is not in progress.

Funds would provide for 14 teachers, 18 teacher aides, a staff director, instructional supervisor, secretary - bookkeeper, four lunchroom workers and four janitors.

Plus, food, medicine and medical exams, dental exams and dental work if absolutely necessary; vision exams and glasses if absolutely necessary.

Children would be given a mid-morning snack and a hot meal at lunch, stay in class five days a week for 4 1/2 hours a day.

In Columbus County, the money for the Whiteville City system would be \$32,580 with centers at Whiteville Elementary and Central School, for 150 students expected, a director, 10 teachers, 12 aides, two janitors, a dietitian, four lunchroom workers and a typist.

In the Columbus County system, the funds would be \$113,188, good for 534 students with centers at Acme-Delco, Fair Bluff, Cerro Gordo Elementary, Hallsboro, Carver-Moore, Mt.

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County Group Seeking Help

Brunswick County is now making progress in setting up organization to promote aid to the mentally retarded, reports J. J. Hawes, county chairman of the Mental Retardation Planning Council. Other officers of the council are, Mrs. Ell Kravits, vice-chairman and Mrs. Aubrey Johnston, secretary.

Assisting the council with various promotion aids are these committee chairman: Publicity, Earl Milliken; Community Health, Mrs. Ruth Harrington; Fact Finding, Mrs. Boyd Robinson; Parents and Associations, Mrs. Kravits; Community Services, Rev. Robert Childs; and Education, Mrs. A. A. White.

According to Chairman Hawes, the federal government has set up machinery and funds to help the mentally retarded of this nation and the State of North Carolina is cooperating by promoting the aid program and has \$2,025,000 to assist various

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Time And Tide

Back in 1936, before Orton Gardens were formally opened to public admission, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lawrence Sprunt, the owners, set aside a Saturday afternoon on which admission would be charged, with all proceeds to go for the benefit of the hospital at Southport. That was reported in our edition for April 8, 1936.

A local seafood dealer had gone to Wilmington, purchased four boxes of fish and had sold them out almost immediately to a fish-starved Southport population. Bolivia girls had defeated Waccamaw in a play-off for the county basketball championship; and citizens of Southport were being urged by Mayor John D. Eriksen to make the most of a clean-up campaign which was in progress.

There was a pretty picture of Orton Plantation on the front page of our publication for April 9, 1941. Miss Annie May Woodside had been re-elected County Superintendent of Schools and a list of local school board appointments had been announced.

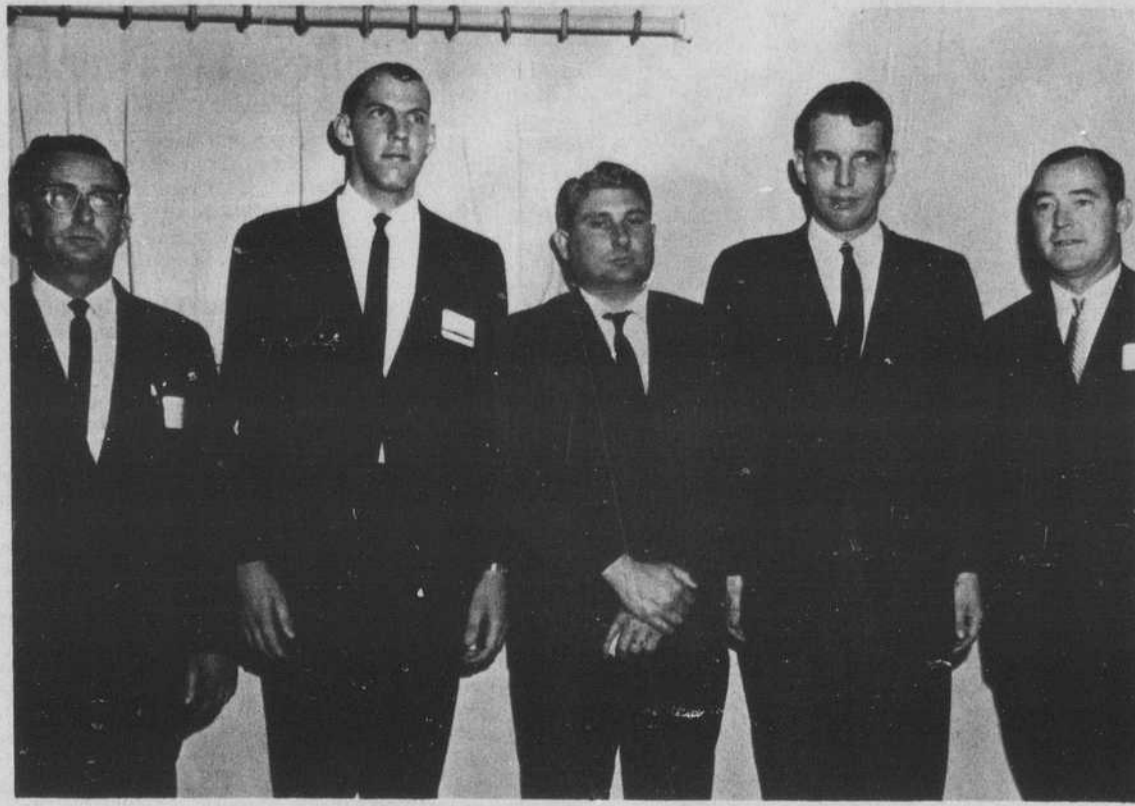
Judge John J. Burney was presiding over a team of Superior court for trial of criminal cases, and in the absence of Solicitor Dave Sinclair, local attorneys were taking turn-about in serving as prosecutor. On the society page there was a write-up of the third birthday party for little Miss Betty McGlamery in Southport.

April 3, 1946, and there was a half-page advertisement announcing the opening of Mac's Home Supply at Leland, with Mac F. Jones and his father, Dawson L. Jones, the proprietors. There was a business announcement from Shallotte, too, where a new ice plant had been opened for operation.

Capt. J. I. Davis had driven up to Trinity Methodist Church on the preceding Sunday night with a chicken riding on the automobile bumper; Dr. Wingate Swain was opening an office for the practice of medicine at Shallotte; and there was talk that Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. would open a branch at Shallotte.

The time was April 4, 1951, and Senator S. Bunn Frink and Representative Harry L. Mintz, Jr., of Brunswick were much encouraged

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NEW BUSINESS FOR BRUNSWICK

ANNOUNCEMENT—Officers of Regional Development Research Limited announced at a meeting Monday night at Tranquil Harbor Restaurant, Long Beach, that they plan to locate their center on a large tract of land near Bolivia in Brunswick county. Shown here, left to right, are George T. Rourke, chairman, Board of County Commissioners, Paul Smith, design engineer, Regional Development Research Limited, W. A. Powell chairman, Resources Development Commission for Brunswick county, Keith Morrison president, RDR, W. J. Griffin, asst director, North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Spelling Bee Winners For County Named

SOUTHPORT — Nine Brunswick County spellers, each a school champion, battled through 85 words here Tuesday with the winners Roger Shew and Teresa Faircloth gaining entry in the Regional Spelling Bee in Wilmington on May 14.

The two winners will represent Brunswick County at the Regional Bee, sponsored by the Star-News Newspapers, with the Brunswick County student staying in the contest the longest being declared Brunswick County Spelling Bee Champion.

The Brunswick spellers went through 15 rounds before the two winners could be determined. Delane Holmes of Shallotte High School correctly spelled such words as "sickle", "frugal" and "facial" before being spelled out in the 15th round, giving the two winning slots to Roger and Teresa.

Three contestants were left on the Southport High School platform when Lois Wyley, representing the Brunswick County High School, misspelled "freckles". She had previously spelled such words as "fragile" and "harpoon" before being counted out in the 15th round.

Doris Beatty of Lincoln High School tripped out in the 10th round when she left the last "g" out of "leggings".

Other contestants were Gloria Stevens of Bolivia School, Cornelia Bowman of Southport

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New Business To Locate In County



LT. COL. LEWIS

Southport Man Has Promotion

Major Richmond R. Lewis, son of Mrs. Bradie E. Lewis of Southport, has been selected for promotion to lieutenant colonel in the U. S. Air Force.

Major Lewis is chief of plans branch at Headquarters, U. S. Air Force Security Service at San Antonio.

A graduate of Southport High School, he received his B. S. degree from the University of Maryland. He was commissioned in 1942 through the aviation cadet program.

Major Lewis' wife, Elizabeth, is the daughter of Mrs. Bessie Hastings of Wattsville, Va.

Consultant To Help Program

James E. Coats has been assigned as Community Services Consultant in Bladen, Brunswick, and Columbus counties, effective April 1. He is employed by the Community Services Division of the North Carolina State Board of Welfare and will work closely with the Director of Sencland Community Action, Inc. who has not yet been named. Sencland Community Action, Inc. is a tri-county organization formed recently in Bladen, Brunswick, and Columbus counties to participate in the war on poverty.

Coats has been working with the Community Services Division of the North Carolina State Board of Welfare in Elizabethtown. He is a native of Michigan, a graduate of Belmont College, Nashville, Tennessee, and is married to the former Doris Herndon of Parkton. The Coats have four children and presently reside in Elizabethtown.

Coats will continue to maintain an office in the Bladen County Courthouse in Elizabethtown. He will continue to serve all types of community organizations in the tri-county area in their efforts to improve the lot of lower income groups and the general public as well.

Study Made Of Hospital And Medical Need

A professional consultant employed by a group of Shallotte citizens to conduct a survey of the needs for adequate medical and hospital services for Brunswick county has recommended construction of a new county-wide hospital, centrally located.

Recognizing the need for greater medical services than were then available in lower Brunswick county, a group of interested residents met in Shallotte in the summer of 1965 to discuss the possibilities of securing additional medical facilities for the area. From this group meeting a seven-member Medical Committee was formed and given the responsibility of determining the services and facilities needed and ways and means of securing them.

The Medical Committee, with A. C. Johnston as chairman, went to the North Carolina Medical Care Commission for advice and assistance and was referred to The Sears, Roebuck Foundation. The Sears Foundation makes funds available to finance the education of medical students who will agree to practice in rural areas for a specified period of time after entering into medical practice. The local Medical Committee, under the direction of the Sears, Roebuck Foundation, then made a survey of the area to determine the medical services needed.

On completion of the survey, consulting again with the N. C. Medical Care Commission, the Medical Committee was advised that the survey indicated more medical services were needed than would be available under the Sears, Roebuck Foundation plan. The Medical Care Commission also recommended that a qualified professional consultant be retained to make both a survey, to determine the medical services needed, and a feasibility study, to determine how to provide the medical services indicated by the survey.

The Medical Committee then retained the services of a professional consultant who made a survey and feasibility of the area. The consultant recommended:

First, the construction of one hospital large enough to serve the entire county population. This hospital would be a 60-bed unit with provisions for an additional 30-40 beds as needed.

Second, should it prove impossible to arrange a county-

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Newman Named As Councilman

J. C. Newman has been named to replace Andy Burgess as a member of the town council for Yaupon Beach.

Other action taking place at the Monday night meeting was a discussion of plans and progress on the new town hall. A large number of palm trees have been purchased and will be sold, with profits to go to the building fund.

Col. Frank Moffitt, director of Civil Defense for Brunswick county, attended the meeting and presented a program for the benefit of the town councilmen.

There is a feeling of optimism over prospects for the season, with a total of 15 building permits having been issued since January 1.

Jury List For Criminal Term

Following is a jury list for the May term of Brunswick county Superior Court for trial of criminal cases, convening here on May 9:

Leland-Tom Everett, Norman B. Kimbrough, John Joseph Child, W. E. Benton, Floyd Ganey, Lorenzo Williams, Wayne Lewis, Morris B. Watkins, J. R. Shaw, V. A. Creech, Sr.

Supply-John Albert Norris, L. Genrette Brown, Jack Self, O'Brien Holden, Cecil Fulford, J. Rudolph Robinson, David H. Sellers, Vander H. Clemmons.

Shallotte-Ernest Holden, W. B. Grissett, William Marlow, Jr., Schlyer Stanaland, Alton Milliken, R. B. McKnight, Rudolph Stevens, A. C. Johnston, Robert Gore, Woodrow Formyduval, Alvin B. Willis, Jr., Larry R. Russ.

Bolivia-Joseph Monroe, H. M. Long, J. T. Gardner. Southport-Sam Rees, Jr., Tommy Walker St. George. Ash-Ausborne Cox, Nelson W. Babson, Ozle Tripp, Pink White, Clarence Harrelson. Freeland-Asa Ray Brady. Longwood-Orbie Stanley. Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.-Jackie Thomas.

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, April 7	
9:15 A M	3:22 A M
9:45 P M	3:34 P M
Friday, April 8	
10:30 A M	4:10 A M
10:39 P M	4:16 P M
Saturday, April 9	
10:51 A M	4:58 A M
11:27 P M	5:04 P M
Sunday, April 10	
11:39 A M	5:52 A M
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Monday, April 11	
0:15 A M	6:46 A M
12:33 P M	6:46 P M
Tuesday, April 12	
1:15 A M	7:40 A M
1:33 P M	7:46 P M
Wednesday, April 13	
2:09 A M	8:34 A M
2:33 P M	8:46 P M