



Commanding Officer Gets Promotion

PINNING — Lt. Col. Archie B. Joyner, Jr., Commanding Officer of the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal, was promoted to full Colonel, effective December 23. Lt. Col. Charles B. Shiveley, Terminal Executive Officer, and Mrs. Joyner are shown pinning a set of Eagles on the new Colonel.

## Good Housing In Prospect For Brunswick

The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Farmers Home Administration is better equipped to handle the housing credit needs of low and moderate income Brunswick County families as a result of legislation recently signed into law, according to Parks C. Fields, Farmers Home Administration county supervisor.

Fields said the Demonstration Cities and Metropolitan Development Act, signed last month by President Johnson, makes it possible for a broader range of Brunswick county families to qualify for housing credit under expanded housing loan authorities of the Farmers Home Administration.

The new legislation Fields continued, makes more mortgage credit available to low and moderate income families in Brunswick county by increasing the level of activity of the agency's rural housing loan program.

Here are some of the other changes in the rural housing loan program administered by Brunswick County Farmers Home Administration:

—Many Brunswick county families who had to go the long route of planning, contracting and building a house can now buy newly constructed buildings. Before the new legislation, these families could only purchase previously occupied buildings.

—Qualified low-income families can now obtain housing credit from Farmers Home Administration on the basis of a cosigner. Previously, only those rural persons 62 years and older qualified for this assistance.

—The new legislation increases from \$1,000 to \$1,500 the maximum amount of assistance the agency can make for emergency repairs or improvements to owner-occupied rural housing or farm service buildings. This credit is not de-

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## First From This End

# Four-Lane Project For Highway 74

By STEVE WALL

Endorsements from the immediate and remote sections were voiced Wednesday afternoon at Delco in support of expanding and modernizing highway 74 to four lanes from Bolton to Leland with no objections but questions about the effect on business houses and homes along the way.

Several citizens of the Delco section and farther west wanted to know how much of their property would be absorbed by the expansion, how their businesses would be affected during the construction period and would there be compensation, for one, for the loss of business while the building of the new link is in progress.

Sixth District Highway Commissioner Carl Meares of Fair Bluff told the gathering of nearly 100 that highway people would see to it that every property owner and others involved would be treated fairly and justly but, "I want you to know we are going to build this road."

Representatives were present, and spoke, from New Hanover county, Brunswick county, Anson county and at least a third of the assembly was from Columbus county.

Facts pertaining to the improvement are these:

The 20-mile section from Leland to Bolton at the intersection with N. C. 211 will be four-lane with each lane being 24 feet wide and a median ranging in width from 30 feet to 66 feet depending on the final design.

Plans for the lower section, in Brunswick county, are scheduled to be ready February 1 and March 1 for the second section from the county line to Bolton.

Each property owner abutting on the new highway will have access to the road but crossovers from one lane to the other will vary and thus no assurance was given that a crossover will be opposite each entrance to the highway.

The new lane will parallel the existing lane in its entirety on the north side except in the Maco section where it will switch to the south side.

The eastern terminus of the new sections will end at the Atlantic Coast Line railroad crossing at Leland, and it was reported that discussions are underway now pertaining to improving the remainder of the highway to Wilmington.

Highway Commissioner Appraisers will be in the area in coming weeks to consult with respective property owners about the necessary relocating of various buildings.

The median will be 30 feet wide all the way through Delco.

Commissioner Meares told the group that "we hope to build a four lane highway on 74 all the way to the mountains," adding, "In a few months we will have something to tell you about extending the four-lane road to Hillsboro and in about a year something about carrying it on to Lumberton."

Mrs. Betty Lee of the Delco community posed numerous questions concerning how much land the expansion would require, where the right-of-way stakes would be driven and how near the new lane would come to houses and businesses along the route.

She asked if the road came within 10 feet of a home, would appraisers give consideration to (Continued On Page Two)



Ashley Murphy



Carl Meares



George Stanback



Honors Gray Ladies

AWARDS — Mrs. May Barbee is shown presenting badges to Gray Lady Volunteer Hospital Workers Mrs. Evelyn Doshier, Mrs. Jo Norman, Mrs. Mary Bellows and Mrs. Lavada Bevel.

## Du Pont Asks For Dredging On Cape Fear

The Du Pont Co. has applied for a permit to excavate in the Cape Fear River, Maj. Leon E. McKinney, acting district engineer of the Corps of Engineers announced Saturday.

Purpose of the excavation, which would be upstream from the mouth of the Black River in Brunswick County, is for construction of a river water inlet and pump house.

Plans submitted show that approximately 1,500 cubic yards of material are to be removed from the south side of the river to an elevation of eight feet below mean low water.

Excavated material is to be deposited on shore in a soil bank about 500 feet from the river's edge.

Riprap is to be placed along the mouth of the inlet to prevent erosion. Plans showing the proposed work may be seen in the Corps of Engineers office and in the Post Offices at Wilmington and Leland.

Maj. McKinney has requested that in order for an accurate and complete record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition.

The determination as to whether a permit will be issued must rest primarily upon the effect of the work on navigation, Maj. McKinney said.

He added that other pertinent factors, including fish and wildlife conservation aspects, will be accepted and made part of the record and will be considered in determining whether it would be in the best public interest to grant a permit.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

CORRECTION  
Last week we carried an announcement in our advertising section to the effect that privilege licenses now are due at Yaupon Beach. This should have been for Long Beach, and appropriate corrections have been made in the advertisement which appears today.

VISITOR FROM PARIS  
Mrs. Peggy King, from Paris, France, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jo Norman, for the Christmas holidays. Mrs. King has been with the Defense Department, NATO, for the past eleven years.

HOLIDAY VISITORS  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Burgess of Durham were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Gore over the holidays. Mr. Burgess will receive his Masters Degree in Forestry Business Administration in January from Duke University and has accepted a position with Kirby Lumber Corporation in Houston, Texas. Mrs. Burgess is the former Lola Mae Gore.



Homecoming Queen

CROWNED — Miss Patricia Watts, member of the Junior Class, is crowned Homecoming Queen at Waccamaw High School by Principal John G. Long.

## Two Deer Hunters Struck By Train

Two Brunswick county deer hunters feel like Santa Claus came to see them one day late this year as they escaped with minor injuries Monday morning when their car was hit by a railroad locomotive.

But this gift of a second chance at life is deeply appreciated by James L. Bullard of Winnabow, father of three, and by Dexter Robbins, Jr. At Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, Tuesday, they had trouble trying to describe their emotions, but there was no doubt that they both felt lucky to be alive.

The accident occurred about 8:30 o'clock when they turned off the road crossing the dam at Boiling Spring Lakes to go to the Big Boiling Spring and their car was struck by a diesel locomotive heading from Sunny Point to the railroad junction near Leland. Their car, a late model Ford, was knocked clear of the (Continued On Page Two)

## Miss Watts Is Chosen Queen

Patricia Watts, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Watts of Ash, N. C., was recently selected Homecoming Queen of Waccamaw High School. She is a junior and intends to become a classroom teacher.

Miss Watts was chosen from a group of 11 contestants on the basis of beauty, poise and talent. The queen was crowned by principal John G. Long.

Other contestants were Wanda Duncan, Wanda Hughes, Olive Inman, Rickie Dutton, Brenda Milligan, Vallie Redwine, Jean Ward, Barbara Faulk, Cathy Russ and Jeanette Mintz.

Judges were Hugh David Vance of Whiteville, Mrs. Lola Rose Hogg of Bolivia and Mrs. Michel Russ of Shallotte.

## Schedule For New Years Day

All city and county offices will be closed Monday in observance of New Year's day. The board of county commissioners will hold their regular first of the month meeting on Tuesday. The banks, savings and loan offices and many business places also will be closed Monday.

Schools of Brunswick county will reopen Tuesday morning following the Christmas holidays.

## Southport Man Now Captain

Captain Fred J. Smith, Jr., of Southport, has just completed an intensive ten-week military law course at the United States Army Judge Advocate General's School, School Commandant, Colonel Lewis F. Shull, announced this week.

Captain Smith, a lawyer on active duty in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corps, was commissioned an officer in the Army's legal corps after being selected on the basis of his outstanding college and law school record.

Lawyers newly commissioned into the Army's legal corps come from all fifty states to the Judge Advocate General's School, where they undertake intensive instruction in military law. Favorably located on the Grounds of the University of Virginia in Charlottesville, Virginia, this J. S. Army School is an approved law school rated by the American Bar Association inspectors as having the outstanding specialized graduate law program in the country. The only (Continued On Page Two)

## Wage & Hour Law Applicable

The application of the amended Fair Labor Standards Act to 1,471,000 employees of hospitals and nursing homes is highlighted in a new pamphlet just issued by the United States Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Child Contracts Divisions.

Beginning February 1, 1967, the amended Act will apply for the first time to hospitals and nursing homes, whether public or private, except hospitals operated by the Federal government.

Employees of such institutions, unless specifically exempt, will be entitled to a minimum wage of at least \$1 an hour. The minimum wage advances by annual steps of 15 cents each year to a \$1.60 an hour starting February 1, 1971.

Hospital employees may be entitled to overtime pay of one and one-half times the employee's regular rate of pay after 44 hours, effective February 1, 1967, 42 hours beginning February 1, 1968, and 40 hours on and after February 1, 1969. The Act has a special provision for hospital employees who have an agreement for a fixed work period of 14 consecutive days which allows the payment of overtime over 8 hours in a workday and in excess of 80 hours in the 14 day period.

Employees of nursing homes are exempt from the overtime provisions of the Act if paid at least one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 48 in a workweek. The new pamphlet sets forth in some detail these requirements as well as the equal day, child labor and record-keeping provisions of the Act.

## Time And Tide

When you live beside the sea there are tales of shipwreck and rescue, and such a story was going the rounds in Southport during the week following Christmas in 1936. A Greek freighter, the Mount Dirreys, had run aground and had broken in two on Fryling Pan Shoals. Her crew had abandoned ship, had been rescued and were being quartered at the U. S. Quarantine Station in Southport.

All if this was reported in our edition for December 30, which also had reported that otherwise the Christmas in Southport had been uneventful. Another group of visitors for whom preparations were being made was the crew of the submarine Perch, which was due here in two weeks on a shake-down cruise. Also on a nautical note, there was encouragement for a project to dig a yacht basin at Southport.

Blackout drills were being carried out in Southport during Christmas week of 1941, for World War II was not then three weeks old. That was reported in our December 31 issue of The Pilot. Peacetime pyrotechnics also were causing their troubles, and a firecracker had shattered the windshield of the Prince O'Brien family car on a trip from Wilmington late at night. (The Banker's first thought was that he was being bombed!)

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## Receive Bids For Dredging On Waterway

Colonel Beverly C. Snow, Jr., has opened bids submitted by six dredging contractors for maintenance dredging of the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway between the Neuse River and Little River, S. C.

The apparent low bidder was J. A. LaPorte, Inc., of Arlington, Virginia, with a low bid of \$201,800, and the bids received ranged as high as \$322,159. The government estimate was \$202,980, based on a unit price of 27.8¢ per cubic yard, as compared with LaPorte's bid of 28¢ per cubic yard. The work will consist of removing an estimated 710,000 cubic yards of material to afford the authorized 12-foot depth to sports and commercial craft using the Waterway. The authorized channel width is 90 feet in land cuts and ranges up to (Continued On Page Two)

## Mrs. Connie Young Woman Of Year

### Light Contest Winners Named

Winners of the annual Southport Christmas lighting contest were announced this week by the Southport Women's Club, sponsors of the event. Winners were:

Prettiest overall decoration, first place, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oliver; second place, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hardee; honorable mention, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Lee and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ross.

Prettiest door, first place, Dr. and Mrs. Landis Brown; second place, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Smith; honorable mention, Mrs. W. B. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Potter and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Livingston.

Living tree, first place, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Russ; second place, Rev. and Mrs. R. R. Childs; honorable mention, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Donnell and Mr. and Mrs. James Harper.

Most unusual decoration, first place, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Young; second place, Mr. and Mrs. James Bowman; honorable mention, Mr. George Swain and Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hubbard.

## Retail Sales Still Advance

Retail sales in Brunswick county for the month of October exceeded 2 million dollars, according to a report received this week by the Resources Development Commission.

October was the fourth month in 1966 to exceed the 2 million mark compared to only one month in 1965. Sales in the months of June, July and August in addition to October set records for the year. Only July in 1965 was in excess of the two million mark. (Continued On Page Five)

## 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, December 29,	
8:57 A M	2:46 A M
9:15 P M	3:34 P M
Friday, December 30,	
9:45 A M	3:34 A M
8:09 P M	4:22 P M
Saturday, December 31,	
10:33 A M	4:28 A M
11:03 P M	5:10 P M
Sunday, January 1,	
11:21 A M	5:16 A M
	5:58 P M
Monday, January 2,	
	6:16 A M
12:15 P M	6:46 P M
Tuesday, January 3,	
0:57 A M	7:16 A M
1:15 P M	7:46 P M
Wednesday, January 4,	
2:03 A M	8:22 A M
2:15 P M	8:46 P M

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