



Indian Trail Tree Becomes Park

LANDMARK — This is the famous Indian Trail Tree long a favorite landmark for tourist visitors to Southport. Arrangements have been made to purchase the lot on which it stands from the Cranmer Estate and friends of the late W. B. Keziah in cooperation with the City of Southport plan to make this a public park and tourist attraction. (Photo by Hugh Morton)



W. B. (Bill) KEZIAH

Memorial Park To Honor Keziah

The property on which the famous Indian Trail Tree is located will become a city park and the project will be carried out as a memorial to the late W. B. Keziah. This action was assured Thursday night when James M. Harper, Jr., appeared before the board of aldermen for the City of Southport to ask that the city accept a gift of this property for use for these joint purposes.

Harper explained that the lot situated at the northeast corner of Moore and Lord streets had been offered for sale by trustees of the estate of the late Judge E. H. Cranmer in order to assure the preservation of the Indian Trail Tree. He reported that friends and relatives of the late Mr. Keziah had made tentative arrangements to purchase the property, with the provision that it be maintained as a public place during the life of the tree and with the further provision that a tablet be erected to honor the memory of the late Mr. Keziah. It was pointed out that this famous one-man chamber of commerce had shown this strange freak of nature to literally thousands of visitors during his lifetime and that this will constitute a fitting and lasting memorial to him.

The Indian Trail Tree is a huge live oak which apparently has two stumps. Legend has it that this strange situation came about when Indians who had marched to the coast for fishing excursions bend small saplings to indicate the direction of their return. In rare instances some of these trees sprouted from their second stump, and the big live oak in Southport is one of the few surviving reminders of this Indian custom.

The late Bob Ripley in his "Believe It Or Not" cartoon once had a drawing of an Indian Trail Tree, saying there were only five known to be still standing in the United States.

After hearing Harper outline plans for use of the property, members of the board took formal action to assure perpetual maintenance of the proposed memorial.

Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., appointed the following persons to serve as a self-perpetuating committee to receive and disburse contributions with which to purchase the property and to make recommendations for its use: D. C. Herring, C. D. Pickersell, Mrs. L. J. Hardee, James M. Harper, Jr. and James M. Harper, Jr.

The following resolution was offered by Alderman Hoyle Doshier, who moved its adoption: "WHEREAS the City of Southport...

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Thompson To Be Honored At Pageant

The pretty miss who is named the Most Talented non-finalist in the 1967 Miss Brunswick County Pageant, and this winner in all future presentations of Brunswick's beauty and talent, will receive a trophy commemorating and honoring one of the pageant's dedicated workers in its early history.

"The Waters Thompson Trophy" will go to the girl who is voted the most talented, but still does not quite reach the finals of the 1967 Miss Brunswick County Pageant, sponsored by the Charlotte Junior Chamber of Commerce, to be held in the Charlotte High School Auditorium on March 11.

Waters Thompson, a former Southport artist of note, died during the past year. The sponsoring Charlotte Jaycees have voted to award the Thompson Trophy in his honor. Thompson had worked with the Brunswick Pageants since they were originated in 1961 by the local Jaycees. He painted the scenery and props for all of the Past Miss Brunswick County Pageants.

"His absence will be greatly missed," said J. T. Clemmons, a publicity chairman and one of the founders of the Miss Brunswick County Pageant, "and our group felt his work and interest in the program should be remembered by all who work with and attend the Miss Brunswick County Pageants of the future. Thus, we decided (Continued On Page Seven)



Join Alpha Delta Kappa

MEMBERS — These are the Brunswick county teachers who met in Wilmington Saturday to form a new chapter of the International Teacher's Sorority. Miss Brightie Holden of Shallotte is president of the new organization.



Make It \$1,000 Even

CHECK — Mrs. Connie Young, right, is shown here delivering a check for \$12.64 to Mrs. Sue King. This brings to an even \$1,000 the contribution made by the Southport Junior Woman's Club to the Southport-Brunswick County Library Building Fund.

Jap Sailor Is Fatally Hurt

A Japanese sailor Shinsri Tsukozima, was fatally injured Monday night when he and a companion fell while working in the hold of the freighter Haeue Maru as she traveled down the Cape Fear river enroute to sea.

Capt. Bobby Smith was piloting the vessel when a commotion developed aboard while off the point of Caswell. He said that both the captain and first mate could speak some English and that they told him there had been an accident. They discussed the matter and decided it would be best to turn the ship around and to bring the injured seamen to Southport to the hospital. This maneuver was accomplished in the vicinity of the sea buoy and the ship was brought back to the Southport harbor where she was anchored.

Meanwhile, a call had gone out to the Coast Guard, and their boat met the ship and took off the two injured men and brought them ashore.

Gilbert's ambulance met the Coast Guard boat at the dock and the men were rushed to the hospital, where one was dead upon arrival. The other, Veda Toshiye, remains as a patient.

The Haeue Maru had visited the port of Wilmington and reportedly was on her way to New York when the accident occurred. Details were not available, other than that the men were working in the cargo section when they fell a distance of 25 or 30 feet. It was reported that Tsukozima sustained severe head injuries.

Norris C. Long Is Recommended

Congressman Alton A. Lennox announced today that Norris C. Long has been recommended to the Post Office Department for appointment as postmaster at Southport.

The democratic Executive Committee recommended Long who has made the Post Office Department his career, and who is qualified by experience for appointment to this post.

Long is a career man with the Post Office Department having spent nearly 30 years in its service. He has been a resident of Long Beach for several years, having moved there from Wilmington. He is currently working with the Mobile Post Office Section of the Post Office Department.

Mrs. Marjorie P. Livingston has been serving as Acting Postmaster at Southport since the resignation of Niels Jorgensen in April 1965.

Time And Tide

Remember the strange looking wood tower which stood near the marsh in the vicinity of Oak Island Coast Guard Station? There was a front page picture in our issue for January 20, 1937. There was as much mystery then as now as to the original use of that structure. The U. S. Navy Submarine Perch has spent an enjoyable two days in Southport, and the crew had departed the town with expressed regret. "Yachting," national publication, had carried a story about the sailboat races held at Southport the previous summer; a case of whooping cough (how long since you heard of anybody having whooping cough?) had been reported by the Brunswick County Health Department; and the weather for the previous few days had smacked of summertime.

Back in 1942 the annual meeting of REA stockholders was held in January. Our issue for January 21 reported the season held on the previous weekend at Waccamaw High School. The front page still had a strong wartime flavor, what with rationing news, news of men volunteering for service and a column headed "Late War Bulletins."

Orton Gardens had survived a cold snap in good shape; there was a call for the location of privately-owned binoculars, needed for use by aircraft spotters; and Maxie Cooker had used his trusty grill net to rack up a pretty good score against red drum in nearby waters.

In the front page of The Pilot for January 22, 1947, there was a photo of Bill Sharpe, who was then director of the State Advertising Division, and Miss Francesca LaMonte, famed fishing authority who had put Southport on her itinerary while making a study of East Coast fishing.

One headline said: "Long Beach Getting Ready For Expansion;" another announced: "Artist Colony Being Planned"; and once more this one cropped up in print: "Good Weather For Hog Killing."

Fifteen years ago this week the March of Dimes was on, and Brunswick County Chairman Ed Redwine, was shown in a front page photo

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Juniors Contribute \$1,000 To Library

Members of the Southport Junior Woman's Club voted this week to give \$12.64 from the club treasury to the Library Building Fund.

So what is the big deal about giving \$12.64? The big deal is that added to \$987.36 already raised, the club has now turned in a total of \$1000 to the fund for building a new library.

Mrs. Edythe Smith, outgoing president of the 25 member group, said that fund raising for the library started with the silver offering at the 4th of July Arts Festival. This was followed by house to house solicitation by Junior Clubwomen; a fall luncheon fashion show and a Christmas Benefit Ball.

Mrs. Mae Barbee, newly elected president of the club, stated that although the treasury was somewhat depleted at this, the beginning of their club year, members couldn't bear the thought of such a small amount standing between them and their \$1000 goal for the library.

The vote was unanimous. The club treasury is further depleted by \$12.64. But let the record show that the Southport Junior Woman's Club raised \$1000 for the Library Building Fund.

Building officials were informed this week that preliminary plans for the new library have received approval by state officials in Raleigh.

Other members pledging their loyalty and support were Hilda W. Council and Ruby G. Sutton, Leland, Ruth B. Smith, Clara M. Russ and Sarah B. Rogers, Shalotte; Lila M. Hogg and Alice Lesh, Bolivia; Myrtle H. Evans and Janice S. Gore, Waccamaw; Ruth R. Hood, Southport; and Ruth T. White of the central staff.

Presiding at the tea table were Miss Holden, newly elected president of the Beta Beta chapter, and Miss Frances Parnell, president of Alpha Psi Chapter which was chartered by the Delta chapter last spring.

Alpha Delta Kappa was chartered in August 1947 as a national sorority for women teachers, with the privilege to organize

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

Committee To Work On Plan For Bond Vote

CALENDARS ON SALE
The remainder of the Southport PTA calendars for 1967 will be on sale at the PTA meeting on Thursday night.

SUFFERERS INJURIES
Mrs. Albert Phelps of Southport sustained serious injuries Saturday when she was struck by an automobile while crossing a street in Wilmington. She is a patient in a Wilmington hospital.

MOTHERS MARCH
The countywide Mothers March of Dimes will take place on Tuesday, January 31, according to Mrs. M. H. Rouk, county chairman for the March of Dimes. "Everyone is urged to leave his porch light on that night," she said, "and to have a contribution to give to the volunteer who will call on him".

ON HONOR ROLL
Stuard L. Goodwin of Southport is on the dean's list at Appalachian State Teachers College for the fall term. In order to qualify a student must carry a minimum of 15 hours, must achieve a grade average of at least 3.00 and must have no grade below a C. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodwin and the grandson of Mrs. Emma Lind, Southport.

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 19,	
1:39 A M	8:10 A M
1:51 P M	8:28 P M
Friday, January 20,	
2:33 A M	9:10 A M
2:51 P M	9:22 P M
Saturday, January 21,	
3:33 A M	10:16 A M
3:45 P M	10:22 P M
Sunday, January 22,	
4:27 A M	11:10 A M
4:45 P M	11:10 P M
Monday, January 23,	
5:21 A M	12:04 A M
5:39 P M	12:04 P M
Tuesday, January 24,	
6:15 A M	12:52 A M
6:33 P M	1:02 P M
Wednesday, January 25,	
7:03 A M	0:52 A M
7:21 P M	1:40 P M