

Quiet Time In Legislature For Brunswick Man

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It has been said many times that a name has a lot to do with whether something is a success or failure. I have also heard that a person's name somehow reflects his personality.

I don't know about these sayings, but I do know that the first letter in a name like Williamson has its advantages and disadvantages in that "W" comes close to the bottom of the alphabet.

When I used to draw my paycheck, I was always last in line. But in politics, my name sometimes seems to be an advantage. For instance, when speakers appear in alphabetical order, most of the time my opposition speaks before I do.

In the House of Representatives, my name is next to last when a roll-call vote is taken. Therefore, in most cases, I have the pleasure—or displeasure—of knowing whether I am voting on the losing or winning side of the proposition being decided.

And if, by now, you think I have started off by rambling, you are correct. Not a whole lot has taken place during the week to write about.



Boys Play Hosts To Mothers

LUNCHEON — Male members of a class in home economics at Waccamaw High School are shown here as they played hosts to their mothers at a luncheon they prepared and served as a part of their class activities. This is one of the unusual curriculum opportunities at Waccamaw High School this year. (Photo by King.)

Boys In Home EC Class Feed Their Mothers

Several bills aimed directly at the Ku Klux Klan passed the House this past week and went to the Senate. One would make the burning of a cross, or other acts of intimidation, a felony, punishable by imprisonment of from one to ten years. Another would allow an increase from \$400 to \$10,000 in the amount of money the Governor can offer as a reward for evidence that would bring about a conviction in criminal cases.

In the past, when the solicitor of a superior court tried a person for first degree murder or burglary, rape or arson, he had no choice but to ask for the death penalty. This past week, a bill was passed that allows the solicitor to try such cases and ask for life imprisonment.

I expect that, as has been the case in the past, a bill will be introduced to do away with capital punishment entirely. I personally would oppose such a bill, for I still feel that the present law acts as a good deterrent and does help prevent murders.

One of the top issues of the 1967 session began to bubble this week when a bill was introduced in both the House and the Senate to give East Carolina College separate university status.

I have already been staked out on this issue, and I plan to support the bill. As I have said before, I think it is possible that our one university system, as it is now set up, could become too large for its own good. I can foresee a possible enrollment of 100,000 students in the one university system within the next ten years.

Every two years a race generally develops for the position of Speaker of the House for the next General Assembly session.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

YARD OF MONTH
Southport Garden Club announces that yard of the month honors for March go to Mr. and Mrs. Guy Garrett, 105 River Dr., Southport.

MYF PROJECT
Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at Ocean View Methodist Church are selling toothbrushes to raise money to paint a room at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

BENEFIT SUPPER
Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church near Supply will sponsor a benefit supper with a choice of barbecue or fried flounder Saturday at the Educational Building of the church from the hours of 5-8 p. m. Homemade cakes and pies will also be on sale. All proceeds will go to the new church building fund.

TUESDAY MEETING
There will be a meeting of all Commodity Committee Board of Directors and Ladies Committee members of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau Tuesday, 7:30 p. m. announces Ira L. Chadwick, president. The meeting will be held at the Agricultural Extension Building in Supply with the Ladies Committee serving refreshments.

Farm Lending Agencies Join To Aid Program

On February 24, stockholders of the Wilmington Production Credit Association voted in favor of a proposal to merge with the Duplin Production Credit Association in Kenansville, according to Charles R. Rogers, president of the Wilmington Association.

In commenting on the proposed merger, Rogers said, "Merger of the two associations will result in one strong financial organization with an expanded ability to better serve the short and intermediate-term credit needs of farmers in Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender and Duplin counties."

The Duplin Stockholders met Thursday and unanimously approved the merger recommended by the boards of directors of both the farmer-owned credit associations.

The name of the continuing association will be changed to Coastal with complete service offices maintained at Wilmington and Kenansville. H. B. Rivenbark will be in charge of service in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties. All members of the staff of both associations will continue with the association. Last year the Duplin and Wilmington associations furnished nearly \$7.5 million in credit to 2,285 farmers in their respective territory of operations. "When merged, the associations will have assets of over \$10.5 million and nearly \$2 million of capital and surplus," Rogers explained.

"This stronger capital," added Rogers, "and larger volume after combining the two associations will provide a broader base to serve farmers more effectively and economically."

Miss Brunswick County

Sarah Hickman Wins



MISS SARAH HICKMAN

Sarah Hickman, pretty young freshman at Southeastern Community College who plans to become a nurse, was crowned Miss Brunswick County for 1968 as a climax to the Miss Brunswick County Pageant Saturday night at Shallotte.

First runner-up was Sharon K. Bradsher, student at East Carolina College, and second runner-up was Sylvia Gardner, senior at Southport High School. Two other Southport High School students were also finalists, Joann Gregory and Whitney Zachary.

The coveted Miss Congeniality title went to Eula Faye Stidham of Southport and the Waters Thompson trophy, awarded to the most talented non-finalist, went to Priscilla Hewett of Supply.

Other contestants were Patricia Kirby, Supply; Victoria Hughes, Ash; Joyce Ward, Southport; and Linda Flowers, Winnabow.

In addition to numerous other prizes the new Miss Brunswick County will receive a \$500 scholarship to Wilmington College, sponsored by Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. and Security Savings and Loan Association. She also will receive a \$250 wardrobe in preparation for her appearance in the Miss North Carolina Pageant.

The contestants appeared first in their talent presentation, which provided a variety show for the overflow audience. Later they appeared in swim suit competition and finally in evening dress.

The new Miss Brunswick was crowned by Marsha Hickman of Bolivia, who held this title during the past year.

Art Bannon served as master of ceremonies for the pageant, which was directed by Mrs. Shirley Ward. Judges were Mrs. Vera Brewer and Mike Borders, Chadbourne; Mrs. Helen Osteen and Raymond Schild, Myrtle Beach; and Gil Burnett, Wilmington. Specialty numbers were presented by Lloyd Collier, Jr., of Whiteville and by the Azalea City Majorettes.

Wilmington Man To Preach Here

The Rev. Jerome C. Jones, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, will be the preacher for Holy Week services at Southport Presbyterian Church beginning Sunday evening.

The Rev. Mr. Jones is a native of Florida, is married, and the

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REV. JEROME C. JONES

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 16,	
10:45 A M	5:10 A M
11:15 P M	5:16 P M
Friday, March 17,	
11:27 A M	5:52 A M
	5:58 P M
Saturday, March 18,	
0:05 A M	6:46 A M
12:15 P M	6:52 P M
Sunday, March 19,	
1:03 A M	7:52 P M
1:21 P M	7:58 P M
Monday, March 20,	
2:09 A M	8:58 A M
2:39 P M	9:10 P M
Tuesday, March 21,	
3:15 A M	10:04 A M
3:45 P M	10:16 P M
Wednesday, March 22,	
4:21 A M	11:04 A M
4:51 P M	11:16 P M

Southport Man New Trooper

Twenty-eight rookie Highway Patrolmen were graduated today (Wednesday) from the organization's basic training school at the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill. The new Troopers completed an intensive 16-week training course on Tuesday.

The graduation ceremonies included talks by State Motor Vehicles Commissioner A. Pilston Godwin, Jr., and Colonel Charles Speed, the Patrol commander. Technical Sergeant G. A. Everington of Asheville served as commandant of the training class, assisted by Corporal H. B. McKee of Albemarle and Trooper E. D. J. Bryson of Asheville.

Each of the graduates will be assigned to work with a veteran Trooper for a period of six weeks, during which time their performance will be observed and evaluated. After successful completion of the probation period, the new men are assigned their own cars and duties.

This class is of particular interest to Brunswick county residents. One of the graduates is David Ray Garrish, son of Mr.

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Ferry First Year Business Is Good

The Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry has been in operation for one year, and figures for that period reveal that good use was made of this facility by the traveling public.

Statistics show that the 45-minute trip is popular with both tourists and permanent residents.

During 1966, the State Highway Commission reported, 12,072 motor vehicles and 39,089 passengers used the ferry. Service began on Feb. 8, 1966.

The peak months were July with 3,186 cars and 12,424 passengers; August with 2,828 vehicles and 9,969 passengers; and June with 1,710 cars and 5,799 passengers. Last September there were 949 vehicles with 2,309 riders, October tabulations show 863 cars and 1,367 passengers.

The ferry was in drydock during November. Service resumed on Dec. 21 with 50 vehicles and 102 passengers logged between then and the end of the year.

During its second month of operation in March, 1966, the ferry carried 609 cars and 1,354 passengers. April figures list 928 vehicles and 2,641 riders. Last May there were 819 cars and 2,443 passengers.

Six trips are made daily between May 16 and Sept. 15, while four crossings are scheduled the remainder of the year.



REV. GEO. C. MEGILL

Spring Revival At Town Creek

Zion Methodist Church at Winabow, of which Rev. Thomas R. McKay is pastor, will hold its spring revival beginning Sunday, and continuing through Easter Sunday.

The Rev. George C. Megill, an evangelistic and social work missionary of the Methodist Church, who is back in the United States for a year's furlough, will be the guest evangelist.

Services will begin at 7:45 p. m. each evening. Rev. Megill will have a number of items from Brazil on display in the narthex of the church that will be of interest to everyone. He will also show color slides of the missionary work in Brazil and talk informally about his work there for 15 minutes prior to the services each night. The public is invited to attend.

Rev. Megill was commissioned a Methodist missionary in 1961. He has since worked with the autonomous Brazilian Methodist Church as director of the Ana Gonzaga Orphanage, located about an hour's drive from Rio de Janeiro. While there he ministered to the needs of 170 children left homeless by death, disease and desertion.

Born in Kansas and raised in Oklahoma, he received a B.A. degree from the University of Tulsa, and a B.D. degree from Duke University Divinity School. Before joining the Methodist Board of Missions, he served pastorates in Oklahoma and in North Carolina. Rev. Megill is married and the father of three children.

Mrs. Bellamy Dies In Wreck

SHALLOTTE— Mrs. Letha Benton Bellamy, 71, of Shallotte, was killed in a Sunday afternoon traffic collision, just 40 feet from the South Carolina line on US 17.

State Highway Patrol personnel have said Mrs. Bellamy was driving in a rain storm, Sunday and made a left turn in front of another auto driven by Samuel James McGee of Windsor about 5 p. m. McGee told officers he couldn't stop in time to avoid the collision.

George Watson, a passenger in the McGee car, was thrown through the windshield and suffered head and facial lacerations, patrolmen said. Also, the officers noted McGee was wearing a safety-belt so he was not injured. Both cars were demolished. No charges were made.

Patrolmen from South Carolina aided the N. C. troopers in clearing the scene of the accident.

Final rites for Mrs. Bellamy were held Wednesday at 11 a. m. at Bethel Primitive Baptist Church at Hickman's Cross Roads by Elder Gardner Mishoe with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include a foster son, Zeb Davis of the home; four brothers, Ellis Benton, Longwood, C. B. Benton, Little River, S. C., Wilson Benton and L. N. Benton of Laurinburg; and four sisters, Mrs. Vickie Nelson of Little River, S. C., Mrs. Charley Lewis, Mrs. Polly McLamb and Mrs. Ruby Mintz, all of Shallotte.



Present Check For Library

PRESENTATION — Eugene Gore, president of the Southport branch of the NAACP, is shown here presenting a check for \$100 to Mrs. Annie Francis for the Building Fund of the Southport-Brunswick County Library. Others in the picture are Mrs. Eleanor Jackson, Mrs. Mattie Hewett and C. D. Pickerrell.

Property Owners May Enter Protest

Letters are being mailed to all owners of property in Brunswick county notifying them of the new assessment of their property which is effective for the 1967 tax year. The new assessments are the results of the revaluation program which has just been completed and which is done every eight years as directed by the General Assembly in 1955.

These assessments represent 50% of the fair market value as determined during the revaluation program.

Representatives of the Allen Appraisal Company will be at the tax office in Southport to discuss the value placed upon property with owners who feel their assessment is more than one-half of the amount he would get if the property were sold under the conditions of a normal market.

The following schedule will be used to talk with individuals from their respective townships, Northwest, March 20-21; Town Creek, March 20-21; Waccamaw, March 22-23; Lockwoods Folly, March 22-23-24; Smithville Beaches, March 24-27-28-29-30-31; Smithville, March 28; Shallotte, March 29-30.

The Board of Equalization and Review will meet in April and advertisement as to specific dates will appear in this newspaper.

Set Schedule For Pre-School

All children entering the first grade in the fall must meet certain requirements before they can be enrolled in school. These requirements include:

Birth certificate; immunization record to include diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, smallpox; physical examination record to include skin test for TB and feces.

Following is a schedule for all pre-school clinics in Brunswick county this year. Each child should enroll in the pre-school clinic at the school in which he will be in first grade this fall; March 15, Shallotte High School

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Marine Drum And Bugle Corps Coming

The Southport Fourth of July Festival Committee announced this week that the Second Marine Division Drum and Bugle Corp from Camp Lejeune will take part in this year's big celebration. This outfit is one of the sharpest marching bands of its type in the world and has won honor and recognition wherever they have appeared. This unit is one of the most sought after Drum and Bugle Corps in the Military establishment and consists of thirty members under the Command of Gunnery Sergeant R. A. Edinger.

The corps will arrive in Southport early on the morning of July 4th and will be seen in the parade and possibly later on the afternoon program.

Time And Tide

The week prior to our edition for March 17, 1937, had been filled with some interesting and unusual incidents, a wreck in Wilmington has resulted in 100 dozen eggs, being delivered by a Brunswick county farmer L. C. Sellers, being smashed; a Shallotte girl, member of a visiting group at the State Capitol in Raleigh, had the poise to shake hands with the late Governor Hoyer while standing on tip-toe and holding the heel from a damaged slipper in the other hand; and it took double overtime for Bolivia to roll up the 23 points it required to defeat Chiquinapa by a margin of two points in the finals of the Star-News Tournament.

A group of seamen who had been rescued from a torpedoed tanker off the coast of Brunswick had been landed in Southport. That story, and a front page picture, was in The Pilot for March 18, 1942. Forest Protection Week was being observed in Brunswick, and there were pictures and stories in the Pilot.

David Watson and Donald Brock, both former East Carolina stars, were here to join forces with the town team as they squared off against the combined forces of the Naval and Coast Guard units in a benefit basketball game. Word came from Orton that camellias were in full bloom.

March 19, 1947, and the District American Legion meeting was to be held in Southport on Friday of that week. A new organ had been dedicated at St. Phillips Episcopal Church in honor of the late Capt. Churchill Bragaw.

The board of Commissioners had raised the rate of juror pay \$2 and \$3 per day to \$3 and \$4 per day; there was a complaint that nattering were slow in arriving at Town Creek and folks pling

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