



Dreams Of Yesteryear

William Reeves, costumed guide at Brunswick Town State Historic Site, sits and ponders the news that brown bagging again is in the news. He is seated before the fireplace in the tavern, located within a stone's throw of where the first regulations governing consumption of alcohol in public were passed. (Dorsey Photo)

At Brunswick Town

Forerunner Of Brown Bag Bill

It seems that the members of the Legislature are having quite a time deciding what to do about the thorny question of brown-bagging.

However, according to the records describing early Brunswick Town, the legislature has an early precedent.

A colonial regulation passed over two centuries ago, April 20, 1745, to be exact, is found in Section 18, Chapter 12, of the acts of the colonial assembly under King George II of England. Following the introduction, the act states, "and it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that if at any time after 20 days after the ratification of this act, any tavern-keeper, ordinary-keeper, or any person whatsoever, selling liquor or keeping a public house in the said town (Brunswick) shall after suffer any person or persons to get drunk in his house on the Sabbath, such person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay, for every such offense the sum of 10 shillings, proclamation money."

It is not known how long the law remained on the statute books, but in all probabilities during the life of the town which came to an end about 1775.

Russellborough, the Birthplace of Liberty in America and the former home of Governors Dobbs and Tryon, is now a part of the Brunswick Town State Historical Site complex located near Southport. William G. Faulk, Jr. is the historic site assistant.

Brunswick town is a part of the educational Schar Tour (scenic, cultural, historical, and recreational tour of the Lower Cape Fear), produced by the Cape Fear Technical Institute, Wilmington.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

YARD OF MONTH
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Willing are choice for Yard of the Month honors given by Southport Garden Club.

CANCER CRUSADE
Helping with the Cancer Crusade Drive in Southport and the Beach areas in addition to Mrs. Richard Conrad, is A. C. Caviness, principal of Brunswick County High School. The Southport house-to-house canvass has been set for April 19.

RABIES CLINIC
Goley B. Lewis will hold his last rabies clinic in Southport at the water tank on Saturday from 12 noon to 2 p. m. North Carolina State Laws require that all dogs be vaccinated against rabies and any persons who have dogs that have not been vaccinated are encouraged to have this done.

HOSPITAL AUXILIARY
A definite date for the organization meeting of the Auxiliary of Dasher Memorial Hospital will be announced on Sunday by the pastors in the various churches in the county, according to Mrs. H. B. Smith, temporary chairman. The date will be one night next week.

More Persons Eligible For Housing Loans

Applications for insured housing loans are now being accepted from families in all income groups, Brunswick County Supervisor, Parks C. Fields, of the Farmers Home Administration said this week.

Until recently funds were only available for families with low and moderate incomes.

Fields said home financing for families of above-moderate income, can be resumed by the agency under a new allocation of lending authority granted by President Johnson. A Presidential order March 17 authorized the agency to insure \$25 million more in housing loans to families of the upper income group between now and June 30.

Action on new applications from persons in the above-moderate income group had been at a virtual standstill since fall of 1966. The agency had taken all applications it could meet under the previous \$25 million allocation of loan authority for the current fiscal year.

There has been no interruption of the rural housing loan program for low and moderate income families, which has an allocation of \$300 million for fiscal 1967.

Fields said applications from families in all groups are being accepted at the Farmers Home Administration office at Lewis' Shopping Center in Shallotte, which serves Brunswick County.

The county supervisor reported that insured housing loans in the county to date this fiscal year have totaled \$140,000. The Farmers Home Administration, a part of the Department of Agriculture, is the U. S. government agency for insuring home-ownership loans both for farm and non-farm families in rural areas, including towns of not more than 5,500 population.

"The service is available to rural people who are unable to

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Activities For Vo-Ag Classes

Michael Russ and his Vo-Ag classes at Waccamaw High School have been busy in recent weeks.

There are 48 Vo-Ag members and 70 F. F. A. Chapter members. The Vo-Ag students have been pruning shrubbery, have done some landscaping, have made picnic tables and have also poured some concrete sidewalks.

The F. F. A. members have made a field trip to Riegel Paper Corp. and enjoyed a tour of the plant. Last fall the students went on a trip to the State Fair and attended many educational exhibits.

They made a tour through the farming equipment building and also attended a cattle judging contest. They were accompanied by Mr. Russ and Linwood King.

The F. F. A. members had a project to gather pine cones and sold them to Riegel Paper Corp. to raise money for their chapter.

Time And Tide

This was a headline in The Pilot thirty years ago this week: "Grand Jury Decries Prevalence of Crime Among Young People"—so they have been going to the dogs at least for a quarter-century! Many upstate persons were showing interest in the possibility of acquiring Bald Head Island foreclosed by Brunswick County for delinquent taxes.

There was a headline saying "Many Yachts Stop Over On Way North"—and there was an editorial saying that there should be a general tidying-up of the local waterfront so that these people might get a better impression of what they saw here. Edward Taylor had been named chief marshal for the forthcoming commencement exercises at Southport High School.

The year was 1942, and the USE Dredge Comstock, on which so many Southport men had served, had been converted into an army supply ship. There was a front page picture of the vessel in The Pilot for April 16 of that year. Douglas Hawes was acting postmaster at Supply, and an examination had been called to obtain a permanent employee for this position.

Fort Lauderdale was still just a place for the idle rich back in the early forties when group after group of college classes were making springtime field trips to Bald Head Island. On the Shallotte High School debating team which was going to Chapel Hill to compete in the state finals were Burgwyn Hewitt, Betty Lancaster, Virginia Russ and Ernest E. Parker, Jr.

The second week in April, 1947, Brunswick county farmers were getting ready to plant tobacco. It had been a late spring, for Orton Gardens were just at their peak beauty. These facts came out in The Pilot for April 18.

Brunswick shrimpers were protesting a South Carolina tax which appeared to be aimed at them; Miss Mary Milliken had won a popularity contest at Shallotte, which had netted \$1,440 for a local church.

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Waccamaw Vo - Ag Class

BUSY — Shown left to right in the picture above are the following Vo-Ag students at Waccamaw High School: Charles Fowler, Medford Mintz, Harry Inman, Michael Smith, Jack Simmons, Jerry White, Jerry Little. These students are shown making needed repairs. (King Photo)

Leland Voters Against Plan To Incorporate

LELAND — A proposal to form a steering committee to study possible incorporation of this community was downed by an emphatic standing vote at the close of a public meeting called for the purpose at the school here Wednesday night.

Slightly more than 100 persons attended the session with E. Sessoms acting as chairman.

Discussion of questions pertaining to incorporation was led by Kerby Sullivan, Southport city attorney. Mayor Ronie Cheers of Shallotte and Harold Aldridge, mayor pro-tem of Southport, who were invited by a group supporting the matter.

Sharp dissent to the idea of incorporation became evident in the biting questions asked from the floor, principally by Mike Mitchell and Ross McGee.

Sessoms opened the session with the comment, "The purpose of this meeting is to find out if the people of the community are interested in incorporation. If they are we will take steps in that direction and petition our legislator to allow the people to vote on the question. If they do not favor any further action we will drop the matter now."

Persons who have shown interest in incorporation the area by informally discussing the matter and planning the public meeting, according to Sessoms were V. A. Creech and George Rourk, county commissioners, Howard Williamson, Ezra Dale, Joe Ganey, O. W. Cleaton, Durwood Clark, Joe Kiser, Herbert Long, Roy Martin, John Coker, Dillon Ganey, James Thompson, Elmer Aycock and Sessoms.

Seeking Bids For Ash Post Office



J. EARL FREEMAN

Freeman Public Relations Man

J. Earl Freeman of Charlotte has been appointed Public Relations Manager for Southern Bell in Wilmington. His new duties will include all customer as well as employee public relations activities for the Wilmington District, which includes the Southport-Long Beach area, Burgaw, Hamlet, Rockingham, Laurinburg, Lumberton, Fairmont, Rowland, and Wilmington.

He joined Southern Bell in 1951 as a salesman traveling out of Charlotte and has since held various positions in directory sales with the Marketing Department of Southern Bell in Charlotte.

Just prior to his recent appointment, Freeman held the position of Directory Sales Manager in Charlotte.

After graduation from Hamlet High School, he served during World War II in the U. S. Navy aboard the destroyer U. S. S. Osborne. After discharge from the service, he attended Coker College at Hartsville, S. C., and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is a Mason and a member of the Park Road Baptist Church of Charlotte.

Upon completion of their move to Wilmington, Freeman, his wife Martha, and their children Jeff, Mary Alice and Nannette, will make their home on Mallard Drive.

Seek Damages For City Dock

The Southport City Dock was badly damaged during a windstorm one week ago Thursday night when the weight of three U. S. Army tugs that were moored to the structure caused it to crash into the water.

All of the T-section was carried away so that the remaining walkway runs out to open water that covers the stumps of the broken piling. This creates a menace to navigation in that area of the Cape Fear river.

What will be done about repairing the dock still is unsettled. Contact has been made with the U. S. Army to determine the degree of responsibility they will accept for the damage. City officials are said to favor

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Turtle Nests Get Attention In Legislature

By ODELL WILLIAMSON

Every year, after high water on the night of the full moon in June, I generally see a group of people strolling along the beach with a definite purpose in mind. And if I don't see them, I hear about them later.

These people are trying to find a turtle's nest, where the sea turtle has come up out of the ocean and laid her eggs to be hatched. I have heard of some people eating these eggs.

This past week, a bill passed the House that would make it a misdemeanor for a person to destroy either the eggs or the turtle.

People who are supposed to know about such things say that these species of turtle are getting to be very rare. The idea behind the bill is to preserve the species so that generations to come might also be able to see the turtle laying her eggs, and the little turtles hatching, then making their way back to the water.

The Senate passed a bill last Friday authorizing the State Highway Patrol to use airplanes in enforcing traffic laws.

This past fall, well before the General Assembly convened, patrol officials waged a strong campaign to sell legislators on the need for using airplanes. Evidently they did a good selling job as far as the Senate is concerned.

Now the bill comes to the House. I personally favor the measure, for I know that airplanes can be used to good advantage in such circumstances as helping control the flow of vehicles at football games and other places where there is heavy traffic congestion. I also feel that patrol planes serve as a good deterrent to speeding because of the psychological effect on drivers, who never know when a flying patrolman might be overhead.

One of the real big issues facing the General Assembly was practically resolved this past week when the House of Representatives came up with a brown-bagging bill authorizing controlled, legalized sale and use of

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Crusade Seeks Memorial Gifts

Memorial gifts to the American Cancer Society to commemorate a loved one have become a thoughtful way of striking back at the dread disease of cancer, so that others may be spared.

When a memorial contribution is made, the family of the deceased is notified with a memorial card naming the person in whose memory the gift was given and the name of the person making the contribution. An acknowledgement is also sent to the donor.

Contributions should always be accompanied by the full name of deceased, the name and address of the family member to whom memorial card should be sent and the donor's full name and address.

Memorial gifts may be sent to Mrs. Herman Strong, Southport, Memorial Gifts Chairman for the Brunswick County Chapter.

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 13,	
9:45 A M	4:10 A M
10:03 P M	4:10 P M
Friday, April 14,	
10:15 A M	4:46 A M
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Saturday, April 15,	
10:57 A M	5:24 A M
11:33 P M	5:34 P M
Sunday, April 16,	
11:57 A M	6:22 A M
	6:28 P M
Monday, April 17,	
0:33 A M	7:22 A M
1:03 P M	7:34 P M
Tuesday, April 18,	
1:39 A M	8:28 A M
2:15 P M	8:46 P M
Wednesday, April 19,	
2:45 A M	9:14 A M
3:27 P M	9:52 P M