



Fire At Sunny Point

**DANGER** — This was the scene Tuesday afternoon as smoke billowed up from an intense forest fire that burned over 800 acres at Sunny Point Army Terminal. A favorable wind and heroic work on the part of several hundred volunteer fire fighters prevented a major catastrophe. (Beacon Photo).

## Forest Fire At Sunny Point

A forest fire burned over 800 acres in the northwest quadrant of the Sunny Point Army Terminal reservation Tuesday afternoon before it was brought under control early in the evening through the combined efforts of several fire fighting organizations and hundreds of volunteers.

The direction of the wind probably was the greatest single factor in keeping the raging fire away from the critical area where carloads of ammunition were waiting to be loaded aboard the seven ocean going ships which were on berth at the terminal. The flames crept in around the administration area, requiring some fire fighting efforts on the part of office personnel, but no buildings were lost or damaged.

During the height of the conflagration flames and smoke billowed high into the air. The woods were exceedingly dry and new fires grew up wherever sparks lighted.

The fire department at Sunny Point was joined by men and equipment from Sunny Point Fire Department, Long Beach Fire Department, Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Fire Department, The Wilmington Fire Department, by men and equipment from the N. C. Forest Service and International Paper Co. and by a crew from Brunswick Town.

The fire broke out about 3:30 o'clock and was under control by 7:30. An all night watch was maintained to prevent another outbreak.

Soon after the alarm was sounded, all loading operations on the docks was shut down. The stevedore crews departed by way of the back gates and many of the contract employees reported for duty as volunteer fire fighters.

Col. A. B. Joyner, base commander, was warm in his praise for the cooperation received from citizens of nearby areas. He said this morning:

"I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the volunteer assistance we received at Sunny Point Army Terminal on the"

### Brief Bits Of NEWS

#### BENEFIT SUPPER

A barbecue and chicken supper will be served at Concord Methodist Church Saturday beginning at 5:30 p. m. Proceeds will go to the church fund.

#### SEEKS MEMBERSHIPS

Mrs. James C. Bowman is Southport chairman for the Wilmington Community Concert Association and is accepting applications for new or renewal membership. The deadline for next season is Friday noon.

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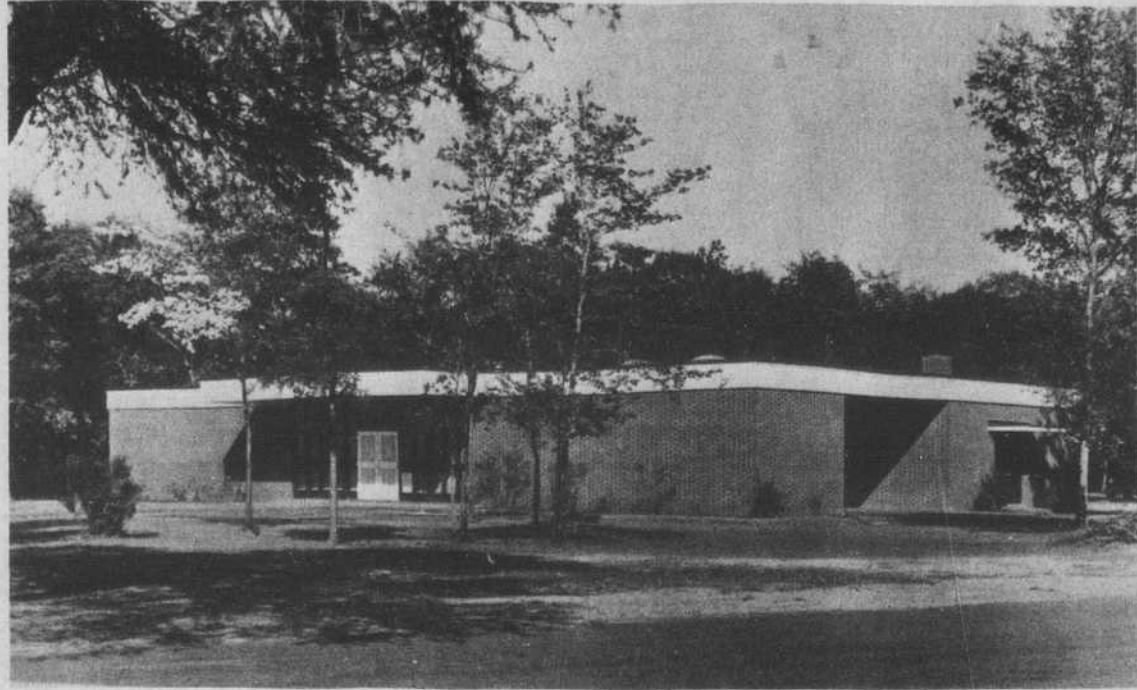
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department will sell ham plates, cakes and pies in the Grange Hall at Winnabow from 11 a. m. through 1 p. m. and from 5 through 8:30 p. m. Saturday.

## FHA Loans To Aid Fishermen Now Available

Melvin H. Hearn, State Director of Farmers Home Administration, and members of his staff from Raleigh met with Farmers Home Administration supervisors from the coastal counties of North Carolina on April 13 to advise with these supervisors in helping fishermen, shrimpers and oystermen with a credit made available by the Economic Opportunity Loan Program and administered by Farmers Home Administration.

Hearn advised that there is either a full or part-time Farmers Home Administration Office in each of the coastal counties. These offices have funds available to provide credit for fisherman, shrimpers, and oystermen when they cannot obtain their credit needs from other sources at reasonable rates and terms. This credit is available only if the operator does not have adequate income to meet his basic family living expenses. Loans are made for such purposes as to buy or improve boats or other equipment used in the business. There have been about 100 such loans already made in these coastal counties to help fishermen. These loans are also available to help with other small businesses in rural areas including towns up to 5,500 population. Hearn said that on a state basis, more than 1,800 loans of this type have been made to help more than 90 different types of businesses in the State.

Persons interested in obtaining more specific information on these loans need only to contact the Farmers Home Administration Office in Shallotte.



Scene Of Dedication

**BUILDING** — This is the Visitor Center-Museum at Brunswick Town, which will be dedicated Sunday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies, beginning at 2 o'clock. Mrs. Dan K. Moore will be the speaker. (Beacon Photo).

## Legislature To Be Battleground In Power Fight

By ODELL WILLIAMSON  
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13th House District

Past sessions of the General Assembly have seen several fights between the private power companies in the State and the electric cooperatives. However, two years ago, at the urging of the Governor, the two factions were able to get together on a bill that seemed to resolve, at least for the time being, a lot of their differences.

But in working out their dispute, it seems that the private power companies and the co-ops reached an agreement that is not too satisfactory to municipalities which operate their own electric power systems.

I understand there are 73 municipalities in our State that sell power direct to residents. The city of Southport, in our House District, is one.

Since the agreement between the private power companies and the electric co-ops does not satisfy those cities with their own electric power systems, the municipalities have come up with a new bill this session.

The bill was introduced last week. It would enable a city with its own electric power system to purchase facilities for distributing electricity within its corporate limits.

What with the power companies and co-ops on one side and the municipalities on the other, I am sure that this issue will develop into a real legislative battle before it is over.

The Senate has passed a bill that would require the driver of a motor vehicle to turn on his headlights at sunset and keep them on until sunrise.

When it reached the House, this bill was debated at some length. It was pointed out that if enacted as written, the bill could leave a driver in the position of not knowing when he was violating the law or when he was driving within it. This would be due to the fact that the time changes every day for sunrise and sunset.

Finally, the House adopted an amendment to fix the bill so that the driver must turn on his lights 30 minutes after sunset and keep them on until 30 minutes before sunrise. Of course, this is the way the law now reads.

It is my understanding, however, that if the bill passes, it

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## Library Fund Still Growing

Mrs. Virginia Williamson, wife of Rep. Odell Williamson, has collected \$246 from business firms and individuals in Shallotte and lower Brunswick County for the Library Building Fund. Other county residents who have recently made contributions toward the proposed county-wide facility are Douglas Hawes, Bolivia, Levon Bennett, Ash, and Willetts and Son Motor Sales, Bolivia. The Willetts firm has now exceeded contributions required for membership in the \$100 Club.

George Whatley, prominent Southport resident who died recently, has been remembered in memorial gifts to the building fund by Miss Gertrude Y. Loughlin, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Hardee, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Pickersell, and Mr. and Mrs. James T. Barnes. Books for use in the new library have been given in memory of Whatley by the choir of the Southport Baptist Church

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## Mrs. Moore Sunday Speaker

Thousands are expected to hear Mrs. Dan K. Moore, wife of the Governor of North Carolina, make the dedicatory address and see her cut the ribbon opening the Brunswick Town Visitor Center-Museum Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m. Dr. Christopher Crittenden, Director of the State Department of Archives and History, will participate on the program. The Rev. Fred Fordham, Rector of St. Philips Episcopal Church, will pronounce the invocation and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. W.S. Davenport, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Southport.

Former Senator Ray Walton will preside over the ceremony.

The day will be a product of the cooperation of various organizations. The Brunswick County Historical Society provided the funds for stamps, the Garden Clubs are in charge of all flower arrangements at the luncheon at Boling Springs Lakes prior to the ceremony. The Jayettes of Southport will help serve the luncheon, the members of the Southport Junior Woman's Club are providing the place cards and will be costumed usherettes at the ceremony. The Jayettes of Southport have charge of traffic and parking problems, and the Lion's Club of Southport is arranging the speakers platform. Invitations were addressed by members of the Southport Woman's Club.

Financial arrangements have been made by a committee composed of John Barbee, C. D. Pickersell, Lester Lowe, Grover Gore, and Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, who have received the cooperation of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, the Board of Aldermen of Southport and the Board of Boling Spring Lakes.



Pageant Entrants

**CONTESTANTS** — Sharon K. Bradsher, left, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bradsher of Shallotte, will represent Brunswick county in the Blueberry Festival pageant in Elizabethtown next month. She is a student at East Carolina. Patricia Ann Pigott, right, Columbus county's representative, is another Shallotte girl. She is a student at Southeastern Community College and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pigott.

## Hospital Gifts Still Come In

Donations for the improvement of Dasher Memorial Hospital have slowed down but continue to come in, reports Administrator W. F. Cuptit this week.

M. M. Way, wholesale grocer of Carthage, gave \$50 to help toward painting rooms. The MYF of Ocean View Methodist Church, Long Beach, donated \$15 to paint a room. The MYF sold toothbrushes for this contribution. The Southport Home Demonstration Club donated ten sheets and blankets for use of operative and oxygen patients. The Endeavor Circle, Kings Daughters, donated ten bed pan covers.

As in the past the administrator publicly thanks each person or organization for their contributions.

## Time And Tide

There was a front page picture of Dr. M. H. Rourke in the Pilot for April 21, 1937, and with it a story saying that he had been made chief of staff at Dasher Memorial Hospital. Schools got out early in those days, and graduation exercises for Southport were scheduled for the following week.

Paul Green had written a play for presentation of the 350th anniversary of the founding of The Lost Colony and few people would have believed that this outdoor pageant still would be running in the year 1967. Dr. Frank P. Graham was to be the commencement speaker at Shallotte High School.

Twenty-five years ago this week preparations were being made for the dedication ceremonies at the Southport USO Building. The late Congressman J. Bayard Clark was to be the principal speaker. The war was on, and registration had begun for men from 45-65 years of age.

A Brunswick county girl, Miss Emma Lou Harrelson, had captured a live alligator; a 20th Century-Fox Movietone News cameraman had been in the county taking pictures of pretty girls riding bikes; and bids had been opened for construction of the new drawbridge over the inland waterway near Southport. Registration had begun for the beginning of sugar rationing in the United States.

There was a front page photo of Orton Plantation in the Pilot in our edition for April 23, 1947. The word was that flowers in the plantation gardens were at peak beauty (as they are again this week). The bridge at Jackies Creek on U. S. Highway 17 had been the scene of another fatal accident.

William P. Sellers has begun work on an airstrip at Shallotte; fire had destroyed Longwood Trading Co., a landmark in that community; and vandals had dynamited the dam at the Butler Mill Pond, also at Longwood.

There was a front page headline in The Pilot 15 years ago this week announcing that a Brunswick county man, Col. Ivan L. Bennett, would be promoted to Brigadier General and would become Chief of U. S. Army Chaplains. The date was April 23, 1952.

W. P. Jorgensen had resigned as county auditor to become auditor for the City of Southport; members of the N. C. Bird Club were planning a weekend visit to this area; and Jerry Ball was coming to Shallotte for one of his benefit shows.

Ten years ago this week there was a headline reporting "Fishermen Enjoy Great Week End." There was the added information that good catches of bluefish had been made. Dr. M. H. Rourke of Shallotte was candidate for District Governor of Lions International. This was an off-election year, so far as the county was concerned but there was a city election in progress; a big May Day celebration

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Peak Of Beauty

**BEST** — This is Orton Mansion which this week is set in a fairland of beauty as the big azaleas reach the peak of their beauty. Thousands of tourists have visited these gardens during the past few weeks.

## Mrs. Bamber Back On Good Will Tour

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bamber of Southport, England, were guests in Southport, North Carolina, last night where they were honored at a reception at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Livingston. Mrs. Bamber is a former mayor of her own city and has been active during the past twelve years in cultivating a firm bond of friendship between the citizens of these two cities which are separated by the Atlantic.

Last night she spoke warmly of her friendship with the late Bill Keziah and expressed her pleasure that the Indian Trail Tree will become a park honoring the memory of this Southport booster. It was through his good offices that her first visit was made here, Mrs. Bamber recalled.

She brought with her six framed etchings to be hung in the Cranmer House when it is put in use as a museum and asked that they be used to honor Mr. Keziah. Many friends whom she had made during other visits called at the Livingston home to greet the Bammers.

Guests were greeted by Mrs. Ed Royal and Mrs. Charles McLain. Mrs. Frederick Spencer kept the guest book and Miss Linda Kay Potter poured punch. Mrs. Frank Potter and Mrs. Ralph Potter also assisted with the refreshments.

## Health Career For Students

Health careers are the goal of two Brunswick County students enrolled in schools at the University of North Carolina Health Center here.

Meta G. McNeil of Bolivia is a freshman at the School of Nursing and Joseph Henry Good-

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## P. T. A. Meeting This Thursday

Louis K. Newton, Wilmington attorney and former resident of Southport, and Mrs. Joyce Deaton, a teacher in the Myrtle Beach High School, will be featured on the program of the local P. T. A. on Thursday evening in the Southport High School auditorium. Mrs. Deaton will represent teachers and Mr. Newton will represent parents in a discussion centered around two topics: "Five Things I Wish Parents of My Pupils Would Do" and "Five Things I Wish Do". Audience participation will also be encouraged.

Also appearing on the program will be the Junior High School Glee Club under the direction of James H. Frink, Mrs. Annie E. Francis and Mrs. Ruth

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MRS. MAE BAMBER

## Slates Set Up For Municipal Elections

Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., is unopposed for reelection as are Mrs. Dorothy Gilbert and Harold Aldridge from the second ward.

In the first ward Crawford Rourke is opposed by W. L. (Shortey) Hufham.

At Long Beach eight candidates are seeking three vacancies on the Board of Commissioners. They are Mrs. Elizabeth O. Pickett, R. Sam Edwards, L. D. Jones, John J. Burk, Willard Ferrell, Alvin Staley, Mrs. Dorothy Cuppit and Billy R. Dorsett.

filed for the Board of Commissioners of Yaupon Beach: C. E. Murphy, Linwood D. King Jr., J. F. Aman, Gib V. Barbee Jr., J. C. Newman, Wayland F. Vereen, E. L. Champion, A. C. Harris, G. Jarvis Jones, Richard L. Appling, and W. E. McDougle.

All six members of the Board of Commissioners of Yaupon Beach will be elected at this election. The three with the highest number of votes will be elected for a term of four years, and the three with the low number of votes will be elected for a term of two years. Voting place will be in the City Hall. Polls will open at 7 a. m. and close at 6 p. m.

## 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 20,	
3:51 A M	10:28 A M
4:27 P M	10:56 P M
Friday, April 21,	
4:51 A M	11:22 A M
5:27 P M	11:52 P M
Saturday, April 22,	
5:45 A M	12:16 A M
6:21 P M	
Sunday, April 23,	
6:39 A M	0:48 A M
7:15 P M	1:04 P M
Monday, April 24,	
7:33 A M	1:40 A M
8:03 P M	1:52 P M
Tuesday, April 25,	
8:21 A M	2:34 A M
8:57 P M	2:40 P M
Wednesday, April 26,	
9:15 A M	3:22 A M
9:45 P M	3:28 P M