



Southport Girl Entertainer

ABROAD — Miss Lois Gore of Southport (inset) is shown as she sings to an audience in Morocco. Miss Gore, secretary to the agricultural attache at Rabat, Morocco, has delighted audiences in most of the major Moroccan cities.

### Southport Girl

## Helps Spread Goodwill

## Local Men Safe Aboard Dredge

The USE Dredge HYDE on which two Southport men are crew members sustained major damage from enemy mines while operating recently in Cua Viet in South Vietnam.

In a letter to members of his family written immediately after the occurrence Albert Russ, dragtender, reported he had been unhurt in the explosion. R. L. Phelps, deckhand, also was uninjured in the blast.

While dredging in Cua Viet Harbor in support of military operations in what is currently the scene of bitter fighting in Vietnam, the HYDE took an enemy mine explosion in her hull. Her Master, Russell J. Bartell, had the loaded hoppers dumped and beached the ship. A second mine blast occurred two hours later, injuring three crew members, one of whom has been hospitalized. The initial explosion blasted a six by eight foot hole in the starboard near the chain locker in the aft-section, and the second blast blew a hole one foot across on the portside. Captain Bartell's action in lightening the ships load enabled the HYDE to resume her dredging operations 37 hours after the initial explosion.

Bartell's accomplishment was quickly recognized by the Navy Officer-in-Charge of Vietnam Construction who commended the Master and his crew for their "outstanding performance" in the face of hostile action.

The HYDE dredge frequently performed maintenance dredging for the Wilmington District which included assignments last summer in Oregon and Masonboro Inlets.

Numerous other Southport and Brunswick county men have seen service aboard the Hyde in years gone by. The vessel reported for duty in South Vietnam in March of this year.

### Brief Bits Of NEWS

**FATHER DIES**  
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Caster, Sr., have returned home from Elkin where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Caster's father, W. C. Whitaker, who died May 18 and was buried May 20.

**PILOT ECC GRADS**  
Three Brunswick County residents were listed among the 1967 graduates of East Carolina College at Greenville. They were Edward Franklin Mintz of Bolivia, recipient of a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration; Robert Hugh Sellers of Shallotte, who received a Masters degree in Education; and Glenn Leon Gore of Southport, recipient of a Master degree in Music.

## Wild Flower State Group Meets Here

The North Carolina Wild Flower Preservation Society held its spring meeting on Sunday at the Brunswick town State Historic Site. Dr. B. W. Wells, consultant to the society and a former resident of Southport, was the principal speaker.

Dr. H. R. Totten of Chapel Hill, president of the society, presided at the business session in the meeting room of the Visitor-Center Museum during the morning, after which a picnic lunch on the grounds was enjoyed by the more than 100 persons who attended from all parts of the state.

After lunch Dr. Wells in his talk said "Of all states in the United States, North Carolina has the widest range of climates and habitats, making possible within the state the largest number of wild flowers of any state in the Union. Of all sections in the state, the southeastern portion is the most interesting to lovers and preservers of wild flowers."

Dr. Wells explained the effect which salt spray has on plant life close to the coast and told of ecological field work he has done in this area.

Following his talk, members of the society viewed the ruins of the site and walked along the Nature Trail sponsored by the Garden Club of North Carolina. Among interesting plants which they found was the Venus' Fly Trap, found only in the southeastern part of North Carolina.

Arrangements for the meeting were made by W. Gordon Butler of Fayetteville, a past president of the organization who owns a home at Holden Beach.

## Queen Candidate Honored Sunday

The Shallotte Jaycees and Jayettes honored Miss Sharon Bradsher at a tea Sunday, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Ward at Ash.

Sharon leaves Thursday with her chaperone, Mrs. Shirley Ward, for White Lake to represent Brunswick County in the Blueberry Pageant. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bradsher of Shallotte, and was first runner-up in the Miss Brunswick County Pageant this year.

The Jayettes presented Sharon with a sterling initialed pin. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Martin were special guests.

## Williams Is Speaker For Leland Finals

George F. Williams, superintendent of Brunswick County Schools, presented diplomas to graduating students at Leland High School during commencement exercises Monday night.

Speaker for the graduation ceremonies in the school auditorium was the Rev. J. Garland Bordeaux, pastor of White Lake Baptist Church, White Lake.

Valedictorian of the graduating class was Marilyn Kay Russ, and Nancy Louise Raynor was salutatorian.

Other members of the graduating class are Marjorie Ann Baxley, Betty Sanora Benton, Janice Carolyn Benton, Mary Beth Blake, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Linda Gall Harrelson, Sandra Jean Hooper, Gilda Darnell Kingston, Erma Kay Long, Linda Geraldene Marshburn, Gloria Ernie Merrick, Mary Elizabeth Perkins, Elizabeth Rogers Long, Rachel Marlese Watson, Jennifer Sue Wilkins, Sara Rosemary Williams, Bonnie Bordeaux Williamson, Janice LaVerne Willis, Paul Edward Allen, Jr., Charles David Child, Durwood Thomas Clark, Jr., Danny Sisco Flowers, John Vernon Ganey, Richard Irdeil Gore, Jr., Lonnie Chester Harrison, Thomas Michael Holmes, Schommon Don Kelly, Stanley Wayne Messer, Jackie Wayne Mintz, Robert Willis Moore, George Elma Price, Harold David Saburn, Harry Wayne Shaw, Michael James Thompson, Harvey Stephen White, Douglas Robert Williamson, and Robert Thurston Williamson.

## Redistricting Bill Postponed

By ODELL WILLIAMSON

Representative 13th House District Of all the issues facing the General Assembly this year, the one that probably would have aroused the most interest on the part of North Carolina failed to materialize as scheduled last week.

A congressional redistricting bill was supposed to have been acted on by the Senate. But when the measure came up, action was postponed.

One reason for the postponement was that the U. S. Congress now has before it a bill that would make redistricting in our State unnecessary. Our congressional districts are well within the population variations allowed by the bill being considered in Washington.

If the national bill fails to pass, however, the General Assembly passes a lot of bills that are technical in nature or otherwise not very interesting to write about.

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Also during each session members of the General Assembly get together with their clerks.

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## Time And Tide

May 25, 1937--Plans were being made for an outboard motor boat race, with Carolina Outboard Association as sponsors. The farm outlook in Brunswick was described as good; and Vacation Bible Schools were in progress throughout the county.

Fishermen were warned to time their trips with the tide; fishing stories in upstate newspapers were attracting many to this area; and there has been fun for all--plus a lot of action--in an old-fashioned track and field meet at Camp Sapona.

The time was May 27, 1942, and Judge Clifton Moore and Congressman Alton Lennon were engaged in a three-man race with David Sinclair for the post of district solicitor. The Primary Election was to be the following Saturday.

Plane spotters were warned that stations must be manned 24-hours per day (there was a war on); and the Rationing Board was swamped with requests for tire purchase certificates. There were extra pages in The Pilot as candidates made their final pitch to the voters.

Five years later Solicitor Clifton Moore (he was the successful candidate in the above-mentioned election) was the commencement speaker at Southport High School. Brunswick farmers were breathing a sigh of relief after timely rains had put an end to a bad drought in the farming areas.

Seventeen boys and girls had graduated at Bolivia High School; there had been a big improvement in boats and equipment engaged in the shrimping operation here; and "Freshwater Fishing At All-Time Best In County" was a big front-page headline.

Fifteen years ago this week the stage was set for big primary election on the following Saturday at which the governorship was at stake. But, as usual, here in Brunswick there was greater interest in local races.

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Visit Sunny Point

VISITORS — Members of the seventh grade class of Southport High School were recent visitors to the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point. While at the terminal these students, together with parents and teacher, Mrs. Annie Francis, were given a briefing on the mission of Sunny Point, following which they were given a guided tour on an on-the-spot observation of actual loading operations.

## Finals Program Completed At Bolivia School

Baccalaureate and graduation exercises for the senior class of Bolivia High School were held this week in the school auditorium. The Baccalaureate service was held Sunday night; the graduation ceremonies were conducted Wednesday night.

The Rev. T. R. McKay presented the invocation at the Sunday night program. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. W. C. Francis, and Rev. McKay presented the benediction. Mrs. T. R. McKay provided the music for the exercise.

The invocation for the graduation program was given by Rev. Charles Lanier. Sue Westcott presented the salutary and Georgia Irving delivered the valedictory address. The speaker for the program was the Rev. B. Frank Hall. Special awards were presented by J. Murphy Perry and Larry Holden presented the senior gift. The presentation of diplomas was conducted by Morrison D. Watkins.

Marshalls for the 1967 graduation exercises were Roger Watkins, Sheila Ward, Donald Johnson, Janice Lanier, Betty Bogie, Lavada Carroll, and Janice Randolph, chief. Mascots were Greg Skipper and Gwen Wolfe.

Bolivia High School awarded diplomas posthumously to David Carlton Simmons and Thomas Lee Simmons, Jr., members of the senior class who drowned last month in a tragic accident.

The 23 graduating seniors who participated in the graduation program were Elizabeth Barbarenda Beck, Julian Ray Bell, Kathryn Gall Benton, Sammy Paul Carteret, James Earl Caudill, Harriet Simmons Cook, Linda Darnell Flowers, Dorothy Ann Francis, Jetty Sullivan Gore, Jerry Bryan Henry, Homer Larry Holden, class vice-president, Georgia Elizabeth Irving, class president, Meredith Ann Johnson, Roderick Dale McDowell, Kathy Ann Potter, Shirley Marie Roberts, class treasurer, Anita Lutricia Sellers, Dorothy Ann Sellers, Pamela Potter Sellers, Myra Joelyn Tatum, Kenneth Ronald Tharp, Floyd Ellis Westcott and Wanda Sue Westcott, class secretary.

## Southport Seniors Largest Class Ever

Southport High School held its commencement exercises Tuesday evening in the school auditorium. Thirty-nine graduating seniors--the largest class in the school's history--received their diplomas.

The invocation was given by the Rev. William Davenport, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church. The salutary address was presented by Greta Jorgensen and the valedictory address was delivered by Susan Harrelson. The Rev. Jackie Cooper, pastor of Oak Island Baptist Church, said the benediction.

Speaker for the occasion was Ed P. Blair, principal of West Havelock Elementary School, who was introduced by Tim Johnson, president of the Student Council. A noted humorist, Blair kept his audience in a mirthful uproar until the latter stages of his talk, when he advised his young listeners to follow the two

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## First Class To Graduate

Southeastern Community College's first graduating class will be awarded diplomas at commencement exercises June 4 at 8 p. m. in the college auditorium.

Dr. Robert R. Wiegman, assistant dean of the college of education at the University of Florida, will deliver the convocation address. Dr. Wiegman, an authority in the field of community colleges, is former director of the junior college center of the University of Florida.

Altogether, 102 students in Southeastern's college transfer and technical-vocational programs will receive diplomas. They include 30 candidates for the Associate in Arts degree; eight who will complete requirements in the summer term, and eight for the Applied Science degree.

The technical-vocational graduates include 14 in practical nursing, five machinists, 13 in welding, 11 in electronics, and 13 in auto mechanics.

Dr. Charles R. King, SCC dean, calls this first graduating class "a significant time in the young history of our school." He will introduce the main speaker, and William L. Eddins, acting president and business manager, will make the presentation of diplomas.

The full exercises begin with the academic procession, and the invocation by Dr. Francis S. Chesson, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Whiteville.

The greetings will be extended by Henry B. Wyche of Hallsboro, chairman of the college's board of trustees. This is followed by the introduction of the speaker and the main address, after which are remarks and the conferring of diplomas by Dr. King. The presentation of candidates will be made by George Howard, dean of technical-vocational programs, followed by the presentation of diplomas by the acting president.

The benediction will be given by Dr. Chesson, and the recessional will end the exercises. A reception will follow for graduates and visitors, sponsored by the faculty wives of the college.

## Graduation Is Completed At Shallotte High

Graduation exercises were held for 64 Shallotte High School seniors Tuesday night in the school auditorium. Baccalaureate services were conducted Sunday morning.

The Rev. Murry DeHart, Jr., presented the invocation and the scripture at the Baccalaureate exercise. Special music was presented by Debbie Kravitz and the sermon was delivered by the Rev. James Dellert, pastor of the Shallotte Presbyterian Church. The Rev. G. Scott Turner presented the benediction.

Junior marshals for the 1967 graduation program were Diame Clemmons, chief, Linda Cheers, Thurston Gore, Judy Hewett, Nellie Hewett, Landis Lancaster and Sarah White. Class mascots were Debbie Brown and Tony Arnold.

Tuesday night's invocation was presented by the Rev. Dennis Hewett. The salutation was given by Pearson Dubar, Jr., and the Rev. James Dellert provided the special music. The valedictory address was delivered by Martha Kaye Inman. Robert Sellers, Shallotte High School principal, presented the diplomas to the following graduating seniors:

Rufus Curmon Arnold, Jr., Lois Jane Benton, Brenda Kay Blake, Ruby Jane Bozeman, William Thomas Bradsher, Rosa Lee Bryant, Alvin Roosevelt Burney, Gloria Marvaean Butler, Doris Gail Caison, Wilbur Harold Caison, Shirley Jean Carter, Lalla Marie Chestnut, Glenda Daye Clemmons, Lenora Louise Clemmons, Barry Bumble, Wendell Hevey Davis, Edwin Dean Doshier, class vice president; Olga Elaine Edwards, John Alburn Evans, David Eugene Faircloth, Ada Louise Galloway, Maurice Wesley Galloway, Sandra Carmella Galloway, Alice Gail Gore, Richard Edison Gray, Roy Eugene Gray, Tony Maurice Hare, Charles Dale Hewett, Donald Ray Hewett, Wilber Gerson Hewett, Gloria Jane Hewett, Willie Steven Hewett, James Archie Hickman, Kennon Lane Hickman, Erich Yates Hickman, Jr., Ronald Elias Hickman, Charles Berard Holden, class president; Ronal Lynn Holden, Thomas Russ Hughes, Martha Jane Inman, Lila Jeanette Jenrette, Jimmy Dale Kirby, Patricia Inez Kirby, Joseph William Lancaster, Glenda Ramona Lewis, Glenn Dale Long, Christine Louise Love, class treasurer; Christian Irvin Marshall, Linda Joyce McDonald, Jacqueline Adele Milliken, Frances Kathryn Redwine, Jack Dale Robison, Ruth Carol Sellers, Danny Lee Sellers, David Wayne Sellers, Mary Anne Simpson, Lois Ellavan Smith, Marcus Daniel Stanaland, Davis Delane Stanley, Bernita Jean Usner, Harriet Jean White, Larry Blane Williams, Emma Jane Williams and Carolyn Jane Woodard.

Seniors with the ten highest scholastic averages were, in order, Martha Kaye Inman, Pearson Dubar, Jr., Susan Paulette Gray, Hulaine Clemmons, Pamela Kay Clemmons, Stephen M. Lyles, Delbert E. Williams, Paula Dennis Griffin, Judy Lee Benton, and Kenneth G. Bellamy.

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## Firms Helping In Promotion

Boiling Spring Lakes Country Club near Southport and Vesta Fishing Pier at Sunset Beach, are among the more than 450 business firms from Florida to New York now participating in the Chesapeake Bay Bridge-Tunnel Travel Bonus Plan.

Under the Plan, which was inaugurated April 15, 1967, all motorists using the Bridge-Tunnel, the 17.6-mile long crossing of the lower Chesapeake Bay, receive a book of coupons good for discounts of 10 per cent or more at hotels, motels, restaurants, travel attractions and candy and gift shops, and two cents gallon of gas at service stations.

The Travel Bonus Plan, according to Kenneth J. Farley, travel director of the Bridge-Tunnel, is expected to create new business for participating firms and their communities. "The savings of \$40 or more that families can realize by using the Bridge-Tunnel and Travel Bonus will attract many vacationers and other motorists," he pointed out.

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## Colonel Wilmer Kemper Passes

Col. Wilmer Garrett Kemper, 63, died in Veteran's Hospital, Fayetteville, Wednesday after a long illness. He was the son of the late Lewis M. and Lillian E. Kemper.

He was a retired colonel in the U. S. Army; was a past grand deputy patron of the Order of Eastern Star, a member of the Masonic Order's Pythagoras Lodge No. 249 and a member of the Live Oak chapel of the OES No. 179. Col. Kemper was on the vestry of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church and a senior warden for five years.

Final rites were held Friday at 3 p. m. at St. Phillip's Episcopal Church by the Revs. J. Fred Fordham and H. A. Elebash, with burial in Northwood Cemetery with full military honors.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Irene Weeks Kemper of Southport and a sister, Mrs. Lillian K. Riley, also of Southport.