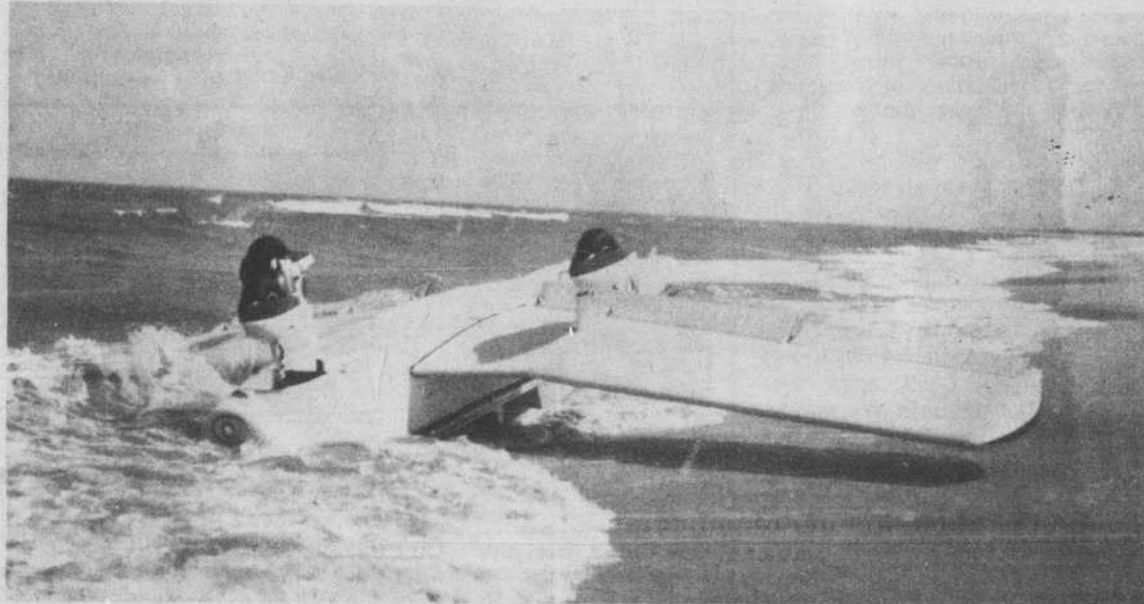


### Yacht On Beach At Bald Head

AGROUND — This is the Bikini, 38-ft yacht which went high and dry in the eastern beach at Bald Head Island during a storm last Tuesday night. The five men aboard were safe and were given assistance by the U. S. Coast Guard crew at Oak Island and by Reese Swan, caretaker of the island.



### Plane Crashes At Bald Head

WRECKAGE — A Cherokee crash landed on the beach at Bald Head Island Monday afternoon. The two occupants managed to escape through an emergency hatch before the cockpit filled with water. Neither was seriously injured. The plan was a total loss.

## Plan Festival Features For Fourth Of July

By JAMES F. HOWARD  
Every year the Southport Fourth of July Festival committee says the Festival this year is going to be the biggest ever. This year it really is!  
In fact, this year the festival will begin one day earlier than usual when, for the first time, a Miss Fourth of July will be selected in a beauty pageant to be held in the Southport High School auditorium at eight o'clock on Saturday night, July 1. Miss Fourth of July will reign over the entire festival and will be the official hostess for all the festival events. Miss Fourth of July will welcome a host of other beauties to Southport also. Among the beauty queens who will take part in this year's festival will be Miss North Carolina, Miss Blueberry, Miss Firebird, Miss Brunswick County (unless she is also Miss North Carolina), and several others.

The festival will get into full swing on Sunday, July 2, when 2 National Guard helicopter lands at the waterfront and a Navy ship enters the Cape Fear River and drops anchor just off of the

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## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**AT METHODIST CHURCH**  
Loyalty Sunday will be observed at Trinity Methodist Church Sunday with a family-type picnic dinner to be served following morning worship service. Members and friends are urged to attend.

**MARS HILL GRADUATE**  
Miss Thetis Henry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Henry of Winnabow, graduated Sunday at Mars Hill College. In addition to her parents, her two brothers, Frank and John, and Ray Walton and daughter, Libby, of Southport, attended her graduation exercises.

## Boat Wrecks, Plane Crashes On Island

### Bible Week Is Scheduled

The Sunday School Department of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina will sponsor a Bible Conference Week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell July 3-7.

Paul Kesterson, Associate in the Sunday School Department, says a strong faculty has been enlisted for the week long program, Bryant Cummings, Sunday School Secretary, Mississippi, will be present with other members of his staff—Judd Allen, Dennis Conniff, Jr., Miss Carolyn Madison, Mrs. Dennis Conniff, Jr. and Mrs. Bryant Cummings—will be featured leaders.

Miss Jeanette Wheatley will lead a conference for Kindergarten workers; Glynn T. Hill from the Baptist Sunday School Board will lead conference for church library workers; William C. Lamb, Associate, Division of Evangelism, Baptist State Convention, will lead a seminar on evangelism for pastors and staff; Raymond Brown, Professor of Bible at Southeastern Seminary, will lead the Bible study each morning; and Donald A. Kiland from the Baptists Sunday School Board will speak each day on "The Sunday School and Ministry". Marshall Price, First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, will direct recreation for intermediates and Young People each evening.

Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Director of the Division of Church Programs, Baptist State Convention, will lead evening vespers on the fort overlooking the Atlantic. The activities of the day will be brought to a climax in an evening worship service led by A. Douglas Aldrich, pastor of First Baptist Church, Gastonia; assisted by Charles Storey and James D. Reich, musicians.

## Final Report Received On County Labor

The report on Brunswick County's Manpower Resources Report, which was conducted by the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, was delivered Friday to William A. Powell, Chairman of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County.

The report was compiled from a survey taken during January, February and March, by the Smaller Communities section of the Employment Security Commission.

The report was delivered by Ben Johnson, manager of the Smaller Communities Department, and Don Hudson, manager of the Wilmington office of Employment Security Commission.

During the survey the Mobile Team interviewed 1,088 Brunswick county citizens who were unemployed and who were actively seeking employment. All information compiled during the survey is now stored in the computer of the Employment Security Commission direct to Industrial Firms, Roy A. Stevens, director of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County, reported that a follow-up will be made with each industrial firm that receives the report from the Employment Security Commission.

Included as information in the special Employment Security Commission report are statistics on the availability of respondents, educational level, age, work experience and commuting distance from various points throughout Brunswick County.

Also included are estimates of recruitable labor which were based on the response to the survey. Powell and Stevens, in reviewing the report with Johnson and Hudson, commented on the amount of information that was included in the report and other information that is now available for use in promoting the economic growth of Brunswick County.

"The industrial promotion field is highly competitive and without factual information to provide to our prospects we cannot be successful," Stevens stated. Industrial prospects consider many factors in deciding where to locate and they require up-to-date information that must be correct.

"No two prospects ask for the same information with the exception of statistics on available labor, and this will vary according to the requirements of the firm and the general area that the firm is considering," Stevens declared.

Several industrial prospects that are considering sites in Brunswick county have complimented the Resources Development Commission on the information which had been prepared on Brunswick county and is provided to each industrial prospect. Special information is compiled for each prospect to meet the needs of the particular prospect.

Within the space of one week Bald Head Island has been the scene of a shipwreck and an airplane crash, and all of this without loss of life.

Last Tuesday night the 38-ft. yawl Bikini, enroute from Florida to New Haven, Conn., ran aground during a storm on the eastern beach of the nearby island. All five men aboard got off safely and spent a cool night on the dunes near their crippled craft.

The owner was Victor A. Mutlie, who had purchased the Bikini a few days before and had employed two men to help him sail her outside to New Haven. Two other men had come along for the ride.

Last Monday they were caught in a storm which shredded the sails of the Bikini. The men estimated they were about 150 miles offshore when this occurred. They used their auxiliary motor to reach land, which they did with a sudden screeching noise about 10:30 last Tuesday night.

They said they first sighted the Oak Island Lighthouse and steered in that direction. When the lights of Southport loomed upon the horizon, they headed straight for them, not knowing that an island intervened.

The boat came ashore on a full moon high tide so that when the waters receded she was left stranded. Salvage crews are working on her this week in attempt to get her off the beach. Apparently there is no structural damage to her hull.

The Oak Island Coast Guard Station took three of the men off the island on Wednesday and the other two came ashore with Reese Swan, caretaker of the island. On Monday afternoon about 4:30 o'clock a single engine Cherokee made a simulated landing on the strand of the east beach. The motor stalled, the plane plunged, then caught up just as it touched the ground, pitched up and flipped into the waves.

Three men who were on the island to examine the wrecked yacht were eyewitnesses as the

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### Float In Blueberry Festival Parade

READY — Mrs. Shirley Ward, right, making some last minute-adjustments in the gown worn by Miss Sharon Bradsher just prior to the Blueberry Festival Parade at White Lake Saturday. Mrs. Ward was chaperone and coach for the Brunswick county entry in the Blueberry Festival Pageant on Friday night.

## Five Brunswick Men Graduate At N. C. State

Degrees were conferred on 5 students from Brunswick county at the 78th annual North Carolina State University commencement Saturday, Chancellor John T. Caldwell has announced.

The Brunswick county graduating seniors were among 1,300 to receive bachelors and professional degrees at commencement ceremonies at Reynolds Coliseum.

Also awarded were 123 doctors degrees and 335 masters degrees.

Chancellor Caldwell pointed out that this year's Brunswick county students represent an increase over last year's single graduate from the county.

Faculty, students, relatives and friends heard talks by Gov. Dan K. Moore, University President William C. Friday, and Chancellor Caldwell at commencement exercises on Saturday morning.

The Brunswick county students who received degrees, their parents and their fields of study are: Jesse S. Clemmons, Agricultural Education, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin S. Clemmons, Supply; Thomas M. McLamb, mechanical engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jennie M. McLamb, Shallotte; Leroy Mintz Jr., agronomy, son of Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Mintz, Shallotte; Asa D. Ruark, aerospace engineering, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Ruark Jr., Southport; Samuel W. Russ,

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### Honor Students

John Donald Ward, left, was valedictorian and Linda Yvonne McKeithan, right, was salutatorian of the graduating class of 41 who received their diplomas at Waccamaw High School Wednesday night.



## Fire Causes Great Damage At Navassa



EDISON H. CROWE, Jr.

### Bolivia Has New Principal

Edison H. Crowe, Jr., has been elected principal of Bolivia High School for the 1967-68 school year.

He comes to Brunswick County from Bowling Springs in Cleveland County where he has been connected with Gardner Webb College. He has had prior experience as principal at Catawba School at Catawba and Sunshine School at Bostic. He also taught at Hildebran School.

Crowe is a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne where he received his B.S. degree. He received his Master's Degree from Appalachian State Teachers College.

The new principal is married to the former Evelyn Bandy of Catawba and they have two children, Oneida, 12, and Theada, 6. Crowe is a veteran of World War II and has been active in Lions Club, Schoolmasters Club and Woodmen of the World.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowe plan to move to Bolivia in August.

A storage-manufacturing shed at the Armour agricultural Chemical Company at Navassa in northeast Brunswick county was heavily damaged by fire Monday. No injuries were reported and the cause of the blaze has not been determined.

It took approximately 75 firemen from area fire departments about two and one half hours to bring the fire under control. The fire was contained in the storage area. One fire official said the fire probably originated from the spontaneous combustion of chemicals inside the shed.

Fire units from Wilmington, South Wilmington, Winter Park, Leland, Acme-Delco, Wrightsboro and Ogden answered the alarm. In addition, Air Force foam units from the 444th Fighter Interceptor Squadron at New Hanover Airport were on the scene, Leland Fire Chief D.A. Long, who was in charge of the firefighters, requested assistance from all area units to fight the blaze. The Wilmington fire department provided two units and the fire boat, Atlantic IV.

"We couldn't have stopped this fire without their help," Chief Long said of the other fire units.

Despite the danger with 250 tons of sodium nitrate inside the burning shed, firefighters plunged into the area using foam and water in an effort to contain the fire and save millions of dollars in equipment and property.

Just 30 feet from the storage area firemen kept a steady stream of water on three 20,000 gallon drums of ammonia solution.

Explosions inside the shed shot flames 100 feet into the air. Columns of white smoke rose to great heights and could be seen across the Cape Fear River in Wilmington.

Water splashing on the nitrate compounds created deafening explosions and threatened to bring the shed down on the firemen battling the blaze from inside. Intense heat generated by the fire twisted and melted the steel beams supporting the shed.

## Seeking Funds For Covering Harbor Slips

By ODELL WILLIAMSON  
The appropriations committee, of which I am a member, received a final estimate last week of the money we can figure on spending for the next two years. We were informed that we will have \$28.4 million more than the Advisory Budget Commission had taken into consideration at the time the proposed budget was made up.

Of course, along with the announcement that this new money would be available came the Governor's recommendation for spending it, which we, as members of the General Assembly, may or may not follow.

I for one was certainly pleased to learn that we will be able to provide at least a 20 per cent salary increase for school teachers. At the same time, I want to add that I personally would like to have seen the teachers get the full 30 per cent increase proposed by the United Forces for Education. But we cannot spend money that we do not have.

After the Governor made his recommendations about where the new money might go, there was just a little more than \$5 million left to take care of the many worthwhile appropriations requests that were not considered by the Advisory Budget Commission.

For instance, one such request was for \$190,000 to provide covers for part of the boat slips in the small boat harbor at Southport. I certainly hope to be able to get most of this money, if not all of it. I feel that it is absolutely necessary that we put this facility on a paying basis for the taxpayers. I also believe the facility will help bring in more businesses and jobs for my district.

When the General Assembly finished its work in Raleigh two years ago, we were considered by most people to have done a fair job with the appropriations bill and to have satisfied almost everybody.

But the State's economy has certainly grown a lot in two years. Just to give you an idea, let me point out that this time we will appropriate over \$425 million more money than we did the last session. This amounts to an increase of about 20 per cent in the total biennial budget.

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## Lions Planning Ladies Night

Former District Governor for 31-H, Gordon Weeks of Goldsboro, will be the speaker for the Ladies Night program tomorrow (Thursday) at 7 o'clock in the Community Building.

Lion Weeks also will induct the following new officers: President, W. E. McDougle; 1st vice-president, C. D. Pickrell; 2nd vice-president, William A. Powell; 3rd vice-president, C. R. Conrad; secretary-treasurer, Lester V. Lowe; ass't secretary-treasurer, Harold Aldridge; tall twister, Joseph M. Rideout, Jr.; assistant tall twister, C. B. Carrou; lion tamer, H. A. Livingston; directors, C. William Greene and William P. Stearns. The following will also serve on the Board of Directors: James H. Kyle and J. Fred Fordham and the immediate past president, W. Frank Hardy.

## 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, June 1,	
2:33 A M	8:58 A M
3:09 P M	9:28 P M
Friday, June 2,	
3:27 A M	9:46 A M
3:57 P M	10:22 P M
Saturday, June 3,	
4:15 A M	10:34 A M
4:45 P M	11:10 P M
Sunday, June 4,	
5:03 A M	11:16 A M
5:27 P M	11:58 P M
Monday, June 5,	
5:45 A M	12:04 A M
6:09 P M	
Tuesday, June 6,	
6:27 A M	0:46 A M
6:51 P M	12:40 P M
Wednesday, June 7,	
7:09 A M	1:28 A M
7:33 P M	1:22 P M