



First Sailfish Of Season

The first sailfish of the season was brought in Sunday by a party fishing aboard the Idle On III with Capt. Albert Doshier. The lucky angler was Sam McDonald of Lincoln and his fish measured 5-ft., 9-inches. It is shown above, surrounded by the eight king mackerel, 6 dolphin and 2 amberjack that comprised the remainder of the catch. (Photo by Doshier)

Referenda On Four Programs Slated Tuesday

Four referendums of extreme importance will be held in Brunswick County next Tuesday at the same polling places to save money and the farmers' time. The voting will be at the regular ASCS polling places. The assessment programs to be voted on this year are: the tobacco assessment, which supports the work of Tobacco Associates, for the years 1968, 1969 and 1970.

The peanut assessment for a six year period, 1968 through 1973. Funds from this assessment are used by the North Carolina Peanut Growers Association in promoting the use and sale of peanuts grown in the state.

The cotton assessment, which supports the work of the North Carolina Cotton Promotion Association, will be voted on for the period 1969 through 1973. The assessment has already been approved for 1968 in an earlier referendum, and the vote for the ensuing five years is being held under special legislation, enacted by the current General Assembly, to permit the cotton growers to get in step with the peanut and tobacco groups so that joint referendums can be held in the future. All of the assessment programs must receive a two-thirds majority of the vote if they are to continue.

The flue-cured tobacco referendum will be held to determine whether or not tobacco farmers want to continue acreage-poundage quotas for the three marketing years beginning July 1, 1968. Growers have the choice of, (1) Acreage-poundage marketing quotas and price support, or (2) Unlimited production and no price support. Two-thirds of the vote must favor the program

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

OFF THE PRESS
"Capt'n Charlie and the Lights of the Lower Cape Fear, the latest book by Mrs. Ethel Herring, is off the press and is on sale in Southport.

YARD OF MONTH
Yard of the Month honors for Southport for July have been awarded by the Southport Garden Club to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Phelps for their grounds at their home on Leonard Street.

SPECIAL SERVICES
The Upper Room Assembly, located 5 miles south of Shalotte, will have a series of evangelistic services starting July 14 and continuing through July 18. Evangelist T. R. Music of Newport News, Va. will be the speaker.

EYE OPERATION
Tommy Rees, 5 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rees, Jr. of Southport, will be admitted next week to New Hanover Memorial Hospital where eye surgery will be performed. He received serious eye damage March 18, when a BB shot hit his left eye.

Farmers Face Four Major Decisions

Wide Publicity From Name Change

Southport received nationwide publicity this week when recent action of the board of alderman made a spot on the Paul Harvey News and Radio Station WOR in Newark, N. J., taped a comment from Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., on the same subject.

It is well known that Southport has three streets named Lord and Howe and Dry. Recently the city fathers decided to name the alley running through the next block "I Am" Alley—thus giving a continuity to the well known phrase.

Publicity resulting from the Fourth of July Festival got this story on the wire, resulting in the two follow-up stories this week.

Directors Hold Monthly Meet

The Board of Directors of SENCLand Community Action, Inc., anti-poverty agency serving Columbus, Brunswick and Bladen Counties, met Friday night, July 7, for the purpose of electing an additional director from each county to serve as representative of citizens within that county.

Byron McNeill of Clarkton was elected to represent Bladen County, William Ewen of Shalotte will represent Brunswick County, and Starlon Nealy of Clarendon will represent Columbus County.

Columbus County's other directors are Dr. Jesse C. Fisher, President, C. D. Raper, and Bobby Sessions of Whiteville, Mrs. Carline Baldwin of Wainash, R. V. Gore of Fair Bluff, A. L. Williams of Chadbourn, and Ed Walton Williamson of Cerro Gordo.

Bladen County is also represented by Dr. William Keith, Chairman, Joseph Gallegher, W. J. Hair, and Mrs. Esther Huntey of Elizabethtown, Abram Hall of Ringelwood, and Carl Suggs and Walter Hines of Bladenboro.

Other members of the Board from Brunswick County are Jonathan Hanks, Secretary, and Mrs. Ira Chadwick of Southport, Park C. Fields of Shalotte, P. R. Hanks of Bolivia, A. Clement Holden of Supply, Ralph C. King of Freeland, and G. M. Sinclair of Yaupon Beach.

Current activities of the agency were reported by James C. Cox, Director, and Charles H. Mumford, Deputy Director.

Dr. Fisher announced the appointment of directors to serve on an Executive Committee, a Committee on Representation which will review and approve all petitions and applications for membership on policy making committee, and a Research and Advisory Committee to study design and conduct of programs and projects of existing agencies and make recommendations reflecting the needs of SENCLand area. This committee will also

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Fishing Facts Shown In New Study Report

A special study report on North Carolina Commercial Fishing has just been received by the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County.

The report, prepared by the Eastern North Carolina Development Institute, was made at the request of the Resources Development Commission, according to Roy A. Stevens, director.

The special study and report covers the years 1957-1966, and provides much needed information on the commercial fishing industry.

The study was started in December, 1966 and information was secured from the many sources to make the report complete.

A supplement to the report on Brunswick county is being prepared at the present time and should be received within the next 30 days.

The report on North Carolina provides detailed information on fish and shellfish landings for each year, price per pound, total dollar value for each county, and where each county ranked in landings for each of the years covered by the report.

Brunswick County fish landings in 1965 were valued at \$981,200 and ranked 6th in the State. In shellfish landings Brunswick county ranked 5th in the State for 1965. For menhaden, Brunswick county ranked 2nd, a place that it has maintained during the entire period of the report. Only Carteret county reports more menhaden landings than Brunswick.

Also included in the report is the average price paid for each species of fish landed in North Carolina.

The report compares fish landings in North Carolina to those of South Carolina and Virginia.

Stevens commenting on the report stated that the information included will be vital in working with firms interested in the sea-food industry. "Although the information included in the report has been available through several sources, this is the first time that it has been included in one report and in a manner that it can be used to our best advantage," Stevens said. We are delighted with the report, and present plans are to deliver copies to two firms within the next week."

Visiting Boy Killed By Car

A 5-year-old youngster from upstate in a vacation visit to Long Beach was struck and fatally injured Thursday by an automobile driven by another vacationist.

Perry Lewis Hawkins of Rt. 2, Dallas, died at New Hanover Memorial Hospital at 4:15 p.m. of injuries received in the accident.

Coroner Lowell Bennett said the accident occurred around 2:25 p.m. the same day. The child was attempting to cross a street and ran out in front of a car driven by Maggie Proctor, 48, of Durham.

He said that the driver of the car was unable to stop in time to avoid striking the child and she has not been charged by Long Beach Police. Bennett said the accident was unavoidable.

The boy was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Graham Hawkins.



Swearing In Ceremony

Judge James C. Bowman, right, is shown here as he is administered the oath of office Monday morning at a ceremony performed in the Superior Courtroom at Southport. In the background is the portrait of the late Judge E. H. Cranmer of Southport. (Photo by Foxy Howard)

Solemn Oath Is Given Judge On Taking Office

EDITOR'S NOTE: When Judge James C. Bowman was administered his oath of office on Monday morning before Clerk of Court J. E. Brown we were so deeply impressed with the gravity and solemnity of this ritual that we are printing the text of it.

"I do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States; and I do solemnly and sincerely swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to the State of North Carolina, and to the constitutional powers and authorities which are or may be established for the government thereof; that I will endeavor to support, maintain and defend the Constitution of said State, not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, to the best of my knowledge and ability, and I do solemnly swear that I will well and truly serve the State of North Carolina in the office of Special Judge of the Superior Court of the said State; I will do equal law and right to all persons, rich and poor, without regard to any person. I will not wittingly or willingly take, by myself or by any other person, any fee, gift, gratuity or reward whatsoever, for any matter or thing by me to be done by virtue of my office, except the fees and salary by law appointed.

"I will not entertain, by myself or by any other person, privately or openly any plea or quarrel pending in any of the said courts; I will not delay any person of letter or person in authority by any letter or person in authority to me directed or for any other cause whatsoever; and in case any letter or orders come to me contrary to law, I will proceed to enforce the law, such letter or orders not withstanding; I will not appoint any person to be clerk or any of the said courts but such of the candidates as appear to me sufficiently qualified for that office;

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Bowman Appointed To Superior Court

James C. Bowman, Southport attorney, was appointed to a four year term as a Special Judge of the North Carolina Superior Court by Governor Dan K. Moore and on Monday morning he was administered the oath of office by Clerk of Court Jack Brown. The ceremony took place in the courtroom of the courthouse in Southport prior to the weekly session of Recorder's court.

Judge Bowman has served since January 1, 1963, as Solicitor of the Eighth Solicitorial District, which is comprised of Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover and Pender counties. He was reelected to that position last year.

Bowman's appointment was one of four which affected court officers in this district. Judge Raymond B. Mallard of Tabor City was named Chief of the new North Carolina Court of Appeals; Judge Edward B. Clark was appointed Resident Judge of the Eighth Judicial District; and Alan Cobb of Wilmington assistant district solicitor, was named to fill Bowman's position.

Judge Bowman has received a tentative assignment to hold his first term of Superior Court in Rockingham on July 24. He says that this is a suitable assignment since it was in Rockingham, 29 years ago that he was sworn in as a practicing attorney before Judge Don Phillips.

Judge Bowman was born in Kenly in 1910 and grew up in Wadesboro. He graduated from Wadesboro High School, attended Duke University and Virginia Military Institute, obtained L.L.B. degree from Washington College of Law, Washington, D. C., and was admitted to practice law in courts of North Carolina in 1938.

He is a member of the American Bar Association, North Carolina State Bar, North Carolina Bar Association and also is admitted to practice in United States District Courts in North Carolina, United States Supreme Court and United States Court of Military Appeals.

Bowman served as solicitor of the Brunswick County Recorders Court during the period 1953-1957; served as Recorder's Court Judge Brunswick County for several months in 1962, following resignation of Recorder's Court Judge Earl Bellamy and until appointment of a judge to fill the remainder of the elected judge's term. He served in the 1957 and 1959 sessions of North Carolina General Assembly in the House of Representatives from Brunswick County. He has served as Solicitor of the Eighth Solicitorial District, comprising Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender and Columbus Counties from January 1, 1963, until his resignation to accept his new appointment.

He is past president of the Southport Lions Club, past president of the Southeastern North Carolina Beach Association for three years, 32 degree Mason, member of Eastern Star and American Legion Post No. 194, Southport. He served in the United States Navy from October, 1941, to February, 1946, in European and Southwest Pacific areas aboard ships. Presently he is a lieutenant commander in the United States Naval

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Freak Accident Almost Serious

A 2-year-old child left alone in the front seat of an automobile caused an accident Friday night involving injury to three persons and extensive damage to the front of an ice cream stand at Long Beach.

Marshal Johnson sustained bruises and contusions when his two year old son turned the switch key and caused a 1964 Chevrolet belonging to Ned Cloer to lurch forward, striking him with the bumper before plowing into the front of the building. Several blocks were knocked out of the structure. Cloer also was slightly hurt, as was an older brother of the child.

The miracle is that nobody was killed, for the area had been packed with customers standing in front of the building.

Graham Urges Vote Approval

Agriculture Commissioner James A. Graham this week urged North Carolina farmers to vote for the continuation of tobacco, peanut, and cotton promotion assessments in referendums scheduled for July 18.

Graham also stressed the importance for Tar Heel farmers of voting in the flue-cured tobacco allotment referendum, to be held the same day.

"Expanding the sale and use of North Carolina tobacco, peanut, and cotton products is vital to both the farm and non-farm economy.

"An overwhelming majority of the farmers concerned have supported these assessments in past times, but farmers can't expect these vital measures to pass without their continued active support at the polls. It takes a two-thirds majority to pass the assessments and just sitting back and letting the other guy do the voting could, over a period of time, result in the loss of promotion programs of great benefit to the Tar Heel farmer. We cannot ever afford to let overconfidence keep us from voting.

Graham said marketing is now the biggest job facing farmers and the promotion programs of the N. C. Cotton Promotion Association are essential to the marketing job. This promotion work is paid for out of assessment collections.

Commissioner Graham advised farmers, "In addition to the three assessments referendums, farmers will have the chance, and should take the chance, to 'put in their say' about flue-cured tobacco allotments.

"It is my opinion that the acreage-poundage arrangement for tobacco allotments has proven its effectiveness and deserves the farmer's continued support."

Voting will be done in person July 18, at polling places selected by the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Advertising Is Paying Off In More Tourists

Brunswick county advertising had an exposure to over 5-1/2 million people during the current year according to an announcement this week by W. A. Powell, chairman of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County.

Powell stated that a report presented to the members of the commission at their July meeting showed that for \$8,253,92 spent on advertising that in excess of 5-1/2 million people saw some form of the advertising.

The advertising of the commission covered 5 highway signs, Brunswick county brochures, fishing guides, North Carolina Travel Book, North Carolina State Ports Magazine, State Magazine and 8 Sunday editions of the Asheville Citizens Times, Charlotte Observer, Greensboro Daily News, High Point Enterprise and the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel.

Newspaper advertising amounted to approximately 3,900,000 of the exposures with highway signs covering 1,500,000 and magazines and special brochures accounting for 125,000 exposures.

Powell stated "We are delighted with the response to our advertising which cost less than .2 of a cent per exposure during this year. We feel that this advertising has brought many new visitors to Brunswick county. Our mail inquiries increased immediately when the advertising campaign was started and each inquiry indicated an interest in visiting Brunswick county. The inquiries were from many other states in addition to North Carolina.

"Everyone in the County profits from the advertising dollar invested", Powell said. "These include the motels, restaurants, service stations, grocery stores, department stores, drug stores, gift shops and every other type business in the county."

Brunswick county's tourist income for 1966 was \$4.5 million, which was an increase of \$300,000 over 1965.

"With the added facilities and interest, the increase for 1967 should be considerably higher," said chairman Powell.

Retail sales for the first 3

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Strange Bottle Holds Message

Mrs. Susie Speece, a visitor last week at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly, is back home in Union Grove where she is waiting for the mailman.

The reason is a letter she wrote last week to a Capt. Frank C. Smith, and the reason she wrote to him is a message she found in a bottle that washed up on the beach at Fort Caswell.

She was on a shelling expedition when she found a strange-looking, long necked bottle that was sealed with a cork. She opened it and found inside an invitation for the finder to communicate with Capt. Smith, who was purported to be the master of the SS Sunwalker. The date was "3 March, 1960" and the latitude was given as 40-46 north and the longitude 60-41 west.

Mrs. Speece was at Caswell with a group from Hamm's Grove Baptist Church.

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, July 13,	
12:21 A M	6:16 A M
	6:46 P M
Friday, July 14,	
0:38 A M	7:10 A M
1:27 P M	7:46 P M
Saturday, July 15,	
1:33 A M	8:04 A M
2:27 P M	8:52 P M
Sunday, July 16,	
2:33 A M	9:04 A M
3:27 P M	9:58 P M
Monday, July 17,	
3:39 A M	10:04 A M
4:33 P M	11:04 P M
Tuesday, July 18,	
4:39 A M	11:04 A M
5:33 P M	11:58 P M
Wednesday, July 19,	
5:39 A M	11:58 P M
6:27 P M	