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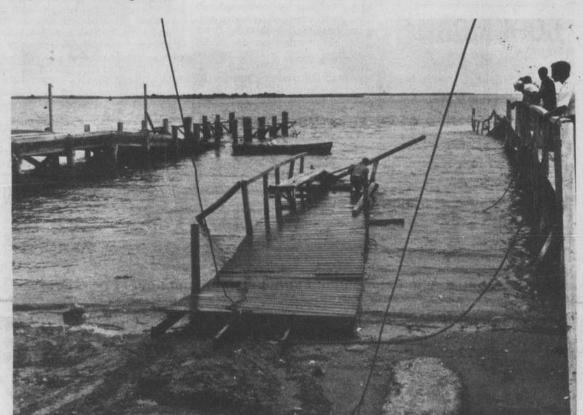
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New Building Going Up

George W. Massengill, Jr., left, is shown here talking to William Powell, chairman of the Brunswick County Resources Development Commission regarding the new plant for M & M Electronics which now is under construction on a site near the Southport Boat Harbor. Massengill plans to move his manufacturing operation into the new building when it is completed.



Removing Dock Debris

In the above picture the middle section looks like a walkway, but it isn't. It is a section of the City Dock which collapsed one night last week under the force of wind and wave wash. City workmen are shown removing this menace to navigation and public safety. (Spencer photo).

State 4-H Week Three Superior Starts Monday A.M. Court Sessions

Some 1,500 Tar Heel young-sters and their adult leaders converge on Raleigh Monday for the 1967 State 4-H Club Week.

Brunswick county will be represented by participants in the health contest, the dress revue and in the automotive competition. Milton Coleman and other adult leaders will accompany the boys and girls from Brunswick who attend.

Four days of activities on the North Carolina State University campus will climax another year



LIONS TO MEET

The Southport Lions Club will hold its regular meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:30 p. m. in the Community Building, Jim Rogers will be the speaker.

RADIO MEETING

Col. Frank Moffitt had called a meeting of all C. B. Radio Operators to meet Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the Agriculture Building at Supply to plan an emergency organization to function in the event this area should be hit this fall by a hurricane.

BOOKMOBILE REPAIR

The Brunswick County Bookmobile has been temporarily removed from the scheduled runs in order that emergency repairs can be made. It is anticipated that it will resume its regular runs next week. Meanwhile, the Bookmobile librarian is meeting the scheduled stops by car in order to receive books which are due.

of work for the 4-H'ers.

Dr. T. C. Blalock, state 4-H Club leader, said each of the state's 100 counties will be represented. They will throw their youthful enthusiasm into a tight schedule of classes, contests, recreation, fellowship and even politicking

Among the featured speakers, according to Blalock, will be Marilyn Van Derbur of Colorado, a former Miss America and well known television personality; Dr. Earl Butz, Dean of the School of Agriculture at Purdue University; and Dr. Robert George,

extension conservation specialist at Michigan State University. Miss Van Derbur will appear on the program Thursday morning to the 4-H'ers on "Are You Willing to Pay the Price?"

Dr. Butz, a former 4-H member from Indiana and married to a native Tar Heel, the former Mary Emma Powell of Sampson and Jones counties, will speak

Tuesday morning. Dr. John T. Caldwell, chancel-lor of North Carolina State University, will welcome the group at the opening assembly Monday evening. Dr. George will follow

with a pictorial presentation on "You and Your Environment." Among the other highlights of

the week are a Battle of the Bands and the Honor Club tapping ceremony Monday night, the Health Pageant Tuesday night, the Dress Revue Wednesday night, and the Parade of Talent

Thursday night. The evening assemblies begin at 8 p. m. in Reynolds Coliseum.

The public is invited. Some 30 contests, starting Monday afternoon with an automotive skill driving contest judging in horticultural crops, livestock and dairying, will be held throughout the week. Most of the contestants are winners from the state's six ex-

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Three terms of Superior court

for trial of civil cases have been scheduled for Brunswick county during the month of August, according to Clerk of Court Jack Brown this week.

On Monday members of the board of county commissioners drew a jury list for each of these terms. They are as follow: Following is the list drawn for the term starting August 7:

Southport: Israel Clemmons, Joseph Galloway, G. A. Howard, John H. Williamson, G. W. Fisher, Sr., Neal Eagles, Wriley Willis, Ed Harrelson.

Shallotte: Olaf Thorsen, Hubert Blanton, Vollie E. Smith, Dalphus Bellamy, Malcolm Shephard Smith; Ash: M. S. Hughes, Vance Gore, Houston I. Hewett, Thurman Simmons; Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.: F. C. Osborne,

Barden E. Gore. Leland: Eugene Grady Barnes, Gilbert M. Savage, John F. Melvin, Dan Willetts, Forest D. Williams, Sr.; Supply: Harvey Bellamy, Homer B. Clemmons, A. B. Chestnut, Emory R. Hewett, Levy Clem-

mons, Thomas Gause, Johnnie Sam Varnum, Johnnie D. Gainey. Bolivia: Horace M. Johnson; Freeland: Robert S. King, W. Ardis King, Bennie K. King, Malcolm King, Anson Babson; Win-

nabow: Homer S. King. Following is the list of jurors called for duty during the term convening August 14:

Shallotte: S. Grant Johnson Jr., Parker D. Phillips, Shepard Hill, Louie Stanley, Steve Autry Gore, D. B. Kanoy, Jr., Paul Dennis, Clarence Michael Russ, E. L. Gray; Freeland: J. B.

Inman, J. M. Formyduval. Leland: Homer B. Chadwick, Phillip Perry, L. W. Long, Hulon Pellom, H. L. Summerlin, Jimmie D. Blanton, Raymond Reddick, Edison Moore; Southport: Malcolm Stidham, Charles Leon McKeithan, Charles Bruce, A. D. Ruark, Jr., Lewis Hardee,

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Health Work For Quarter In Brunswick

The following is a summary of the Brunswick County Health Department activities for April, May and June:

There were 300 immunizations for diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus combined, 29 for diphtheria and tetanus combined, 15 for tetanus, 5 for typhoid, 83 for measles, 78 for smallpox and 348 for polio.

One talk on health education

was made.

There were two new cases of tuberculosis reported in Bruns-wick County during the last three month period. There were also 27 visits to patients, contacts and suspected cases, 179 tuberculin tests were given--174 were negative; 5 were positive. There were 58 X-rays taken.

53 visits were made by expectant mothers to maternity but there were no clinics, nursing visits to expectant mothers, no visits by nurses to midwives and no classes for midwives. There were 82 visits to planned parenthood clinics.

There were 88 visits by infants pediatric clinics and 18 nursing visits to infants. There were 161 visits by children to pediatric clinics and 15 nursing visits

count for school The year health shows that 1092 children were screened by the health department for defects and 773 vere referred for medical or dental care, 298 children secured medical care and 517 received dental care.

The six month report on chronic diseases showed that 57 patients were under the program at the end of the last three month period. 8 new patients were added to the program this quarter. were 34 patients discharged from the program this quarter, and there were 919 vis-its to chronic disease patients.

25 birth certificates and 30 death certificates were received and processed. There was one stillbirth certificate received and processed and one infant death inder one year of age. There were no deaths under one month. (Continued On Page Four)

Board Pushes Highway Work

At their first regular meeting this month members of the board county wrote to Chairman Joe Hunt of the State Highway Commission urging that his commission give consideration to a project to improve and widen U.S. Highway No. 17 from Bell Swamp

This week the commissioners received the following reply from Chairman Hunt:

"Thank you very much for your letter of July 5 regarding the action of your Board relative to the improvement of US 17 from Supply to Bell Swamp.

"We appreciate the en-dorsement of this improvement by the Brunswick County Commissioners and assure you this matter will be given careful consideration by the Highway Com-

The Highway Commission has announced plans to four-lane No. 17 from the new bridge over the Cape Fear River at Wilmington to Bell Swamp. The commissioners took this action in an effort to have improvement made to the entire stretch of this interstate highway lying within the boundaries Philip King, Davis Herring, Harof Brunswick as early as is

led by Frank Rabon.

having been opened in 1830.

Time And Tide

Thirty years ago this week two young federal foresters spent two

night in the Green Swamp before being rescued by a search party

the Stuart House may have been the oldest hotel in North Carolina,

Entries were coming in for the sailing regatta to be held in Au-

Twenty-five years ago this week shrimping was well underway in

Southport. Good catches were reported and there were four shrimp

houses here to accept the loads of shrimp. The menhaden boats were

given permission by the board of Conservation and Development to

catch mullets. They were not to take any within 300 yards of shore. Capt. I. B. Bussells, H. T. Bowmer and Crawford Ruark had caught

130 sea trout and 20 bluefish while fishing off one of the wrecks.

Sports fishing near Southport has been prohibited during the past

several months and reason for this ruling was that the area has

been classified in the defensive area of the port of Wilmington.

their nets; a number of Southport boys were arrested for stealing

watermelons; and a warning siren was sounded before dawn because

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Sharks were hindering the shrimpers by becoming entangled in

gust; case workers were ready to begin social security; and the

Waccamaw Lumber Co. had sold all of its timber land.

of an unidentified craft off the North Carolina coast.



Three women returning to their homes in New Jersey and Pennsylvania from a vacation in Florida plunged into the waters of McMilly Swamp shortly after noon Thursday and were drowned before they could be rescued from their capsized automobile. Shown above, left to right as they worked to get the car back on the highway are Delane Stanley, K. T. Bellamy, Beaman Hewett and Robert Bellamy. (Beacon Photo)

On Highway 17

Wreck Claims 3 Lives

An automobile, northbound on U. S. Highway No. 17, ran off car landed upside down. the road and plunged into the waters of McMilly Swamp two miles south of Shallotte shortly after noon Thursday killing three

women passengers.
Coroner Lowell Bennett said death was due to drowning.
The victims were Mrs. Carole

Ann Bersage, 25; her mother, Mrs. Theresa Bringlia, 58, both of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Angelina Avetta Benton, 52, of w Jersey.

This raises to 11 the number persons who have lost their lives thus far this year in Brunswick county in highway accidents. Last year's total stood at 12. Riding in the car just ahead

within view of the women were Frank Bersage, husband of Mrs. Bersage, who was driving the car that took the lives of the women; their daughter, Denise 5; Douglas Benton, husband of a victim, and Elaine Benton 6. A patrolman said Mrs. Bersage

lost control of the car as she passed another car. The car cut of commissioners for Brunswick to the right, went out of control,

New Officers For Library

At a regular meeting of the Southport-Brunswick County Library Board last week, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., was elected chairman to succeed Harold Aldridge, who has served in that capacity for the past four years.

Douglas Hawes of Bolivia was elected vice-chairman, succeeding Mrs. M. Henderson Rourk of Shallotte. Reelected for additional two-yearsterms were Mrs. Susie Carson, secretary, and Miss Gertrude Loughlin,

treasurer. The Building Committee for the new library will remain the same, with the exception that Harold Aldridge, who has been serving in an ex-officio capacity, will become a regular member. This committee is composed of Lewis Hardee, chairman, Eugene Tomlinson, C. D. Pickerrell, Mrs. old Aldridge and Mrs. Harper, ex-officio.

The car driven by Mrs. Bersage was traveling north when that had been buried in the River it left the highway and went over an embankment into the river. The point where the accident occurred is near the South Carolina There were no skid

A wrecking crew spent more than an hour extricating the car

Frank Bersage returned to the scene when the car driven by his wife failed to appear in his rear



Once In A Lifetime

This is the century plant at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Herring at Long Beach and it now is in full bloom. The only trouble is that the high wind one day last week broke the top off the plant. It can be seen leaning to the right. As soon as the blooming process has ended, the plant will die. (Photo by Spencer)

Brunswick Helps Carry Referenda

Brunswick county voters added A mention was made of a report on a story about the Stuart House their strength to an overwhelmthat appeared in the Wilmington Messenger in 1897. It said that ing vote of approval for each of the four propositions submitted to the farmers of the nation Tues-

In Brunswick the vote was 859 to 24 in favor of continuation of tobacco quotas; 815 to 50 in favor of continuing an assessment for Tobacco Associates; 31 to 0 in favor of assessment for the promotion of cotton products: and 4 to 0 in favor of the peanut program.

Ralph Price, Brunswick ASC office manager, said that the light vote probably was due to the fact that this is a busy time for farmers of this area. He also cited the rains of yesterday as a reason for some people being unable to get out to vote.

The favorable vote exceeded

90 per cent in each state and in all North Carolina tobaccogrowing counties except Rowan and Davidson Totals in North Carolina were

107,195 favoring quotas and 3,230 opposing, for a 97.1 per cent margin of approval. The total vote and the favorable percentage in other states:

Georgia, 14,266 and 93.6 per South Carolina, 13,351 and 98.4 per cent

Florida, 2,013 and 93 per cent. Alabama, 103 and 96.1 per

Virginia results were unre-ported late Tuesday night. Flue-cured farmers in the Carolinas approved a continuation of their assessment pro-(Continued On Page Four)

Erosion Funds Being Sought From County

Chairman John Barbee is a patient at Dosher Memorial Hospital and was unable to attend either the special meeting Saturday for consideration of the budget of the regular meeting on

Monday.
At the latter session George Rourk served as acting chairman, The commissioners say that they have most of their preliminary work completed on the budget and predict that they will be able to come up with a tentative tax rate the next time they meet, with all members present.

One matter of business Monday was to accept the resignation of A. H. Gainey, Jr., as a member of the Board of Trustees for Dosher Memorial Hospital and the appointment of D. L. Gainey Sr., to take his place.

At the Saturday session members of the board heard an appeal to place an item in the new budget to raise funds with which to match State and Federal funds which are expected to be made available for beach erosion con-

They heard several private in-dividuals express alarm over what is happening to the waterfront property along the coast of Brunswick and agreed that this is the source from which most of the added tax valuation has been developed during the past few years.

One of the advocates for taking a step toward cooperation with the erosion program was Representative Odell Williamson, who stated flatly that Ocean Isla Beach is not one which appears to be seriously affected by the erosion threat.

"The critical areas appear to Yaupon Beach and Sunset Beach", he said.

Representative Williamson declared that there is a strong sentiment in favor of state assistance in erosion projects, but he pointed out that there must be some source of funds for matching purposes. "We need to make a move to show that we are willing to do something to help ourselves," he said.

The commissioners made no commitment, but said they would take the matter under consid

Summer Course For Teachers In Brunswick

L. R. Biggerstaff, head of the ESEA program in Brunswick county this week received approval from Raleigh for a summer reading course for which he has on file approximately 80 applications. These applicants will be given first choice for the course on registration day. If there is room left, others may apply for these spaces.

The course title and number are Ed 312 Ga., "Improvement of Reading in the Elementary Grades," It will be taught by Mrs. Georgia Franklin of the East Carolina College staff. Classes will be held at Bolivia High School beginning July 24 through August 4. All teachers who indicated a desire for this course and plan to attend are to register at Bolivia on July 24 at 9 a. m.

This course will be offered at no cost, including textbooks. Students must provide their own (Continued On Page Four)

Fide 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.

ı	LINGS	LOW
ì	Thursday	y, July 20,
ı	6:39 A. M	0:52 A M
ı		12:52 P M
ı	Friday	, July 21,
ı		1:40 A M
ı	8:03 P M	1:40 P M
ı	Saturda	y, July 22,
ı		2:28 A M
ı	8:51 P M	2:28 P M
ı	Sunday	, July 23,
ı	9:03 A M	3:10 A M
ı	9:27 P M	3:10 P M
ı	Monday	, July 24,
ı	9:45 A M	3:52 A M
ı	10:09 P M	3:48 P M
ı	Tuesday	y, July 25,
١	10:27 A M	
١	10:45 P M	4:40 P M
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Wednesday, July 26,

5:10 A M

5:22 P M

11:09 A M

11:27 P M