

Open Bids For County Library Here Thursday

Two brothers from Washington, D. C. have given \$100 to the building fund of the Southport-Brunswick County Public Library. Angelo V. Catucci, insurance broker, and Henry G. Catucci, a vice-president of Western Union International, made the contribution as "an expression of thanks for the many happy hours we have spent in Brunswick County". The brothers have owned a cottage on Long Beach for the past 17 years.

Out of town donations have come also from Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Susong of Akron, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Howard Laonhardt, Falls Church, Va.; and Charles W. Wells of the Seaharvest Packing Co., Brunswick, Ga.

Locally, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Fulcher gave \$50; Ivan Ludlum made a gift of \$20 and the Southport Art Club \$15.

Memorial gifts have been received for George Whatley, Col. Wilmer Kemper, Sam Rees, Sr., Mrs. Martha C. Dickey and Bryant Potter.

Bids for construction of the county library will be opened tomorrow (Thursday) at 3:30 p. m. The next step will be signing of a construction agreement with the North Carolina State Library in Raleigh. Until the actual signing of this contract, every dollar received in local contributions will be matched by a similar amount from federal aid. Any person who has planned to help in this project but who has not done so is urged to get his donation in within the coming few weeks while every one dollar given is worth two through matching funds.

Methodist Men Organize Club

The Rev. Johnnie S. Huggins, pastor of Ocean View Methodist Church, Yaupon Beach, announces the chartering of a Methodist Men's Club at the charter meeting August 7.

The club got off to a grand start with 37 charter members. Following a seafood dinner, the men of the church immediately turned to a business and organizational meeting. Carl V. Stidham, Sr., of Southport was elected the club's first president. After election of other officers the club's charter was presented to President Stidham by Roy Turnage, lay leader for the North Carolina Conference.

In addition to the men present from the church, the following guests attended: The Rev. Clyde G. McCarver, Wilmington District Superintendent; Dr. Clyde Burns, Associate District Lay Leader; Wade Pierce, District Lay Leader; the Rev. L. D. Hayman, founder and former pastor of Ocean View; the Rev. William Davenport, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Southport.

The Lay Leader of Ocean View, Sam C. Carr, and the Rev. Huggins have worked hard toward bringing a Methodist Men's Club to the beach area. They wish to remind all Christian men of the area to come to the club meetings on the fourth Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. The meetings will be held at the church, with supper prepared by the ladies of the WSCS.

Time And Tide

Thirty years ago this week the sailing regatta was over and was considered to have been a successful venture. Southport was host to the yachting crowd with various kinds of entertainment. Over two thousand visitors had been here for the races.

The "Geeches" of Savannah, Ga., took the Class "A" title from favored "Syndicate" when the skipper of the latter fell overboard. A man from the Holden's Beach prison camp saved a family of four from drowning when they went in water over their heads. Johnnie Varnum was credited with this dramatic rescue.

Twenty-five years ago this week a scrap metal drive was being conducted by the Southport Baptist Church. The proceeds from this campaign were to go to the Building Fund.

Dances were being held in the USO building once again. These dances, along with games and movies, highlighted the activities for service men in this area.

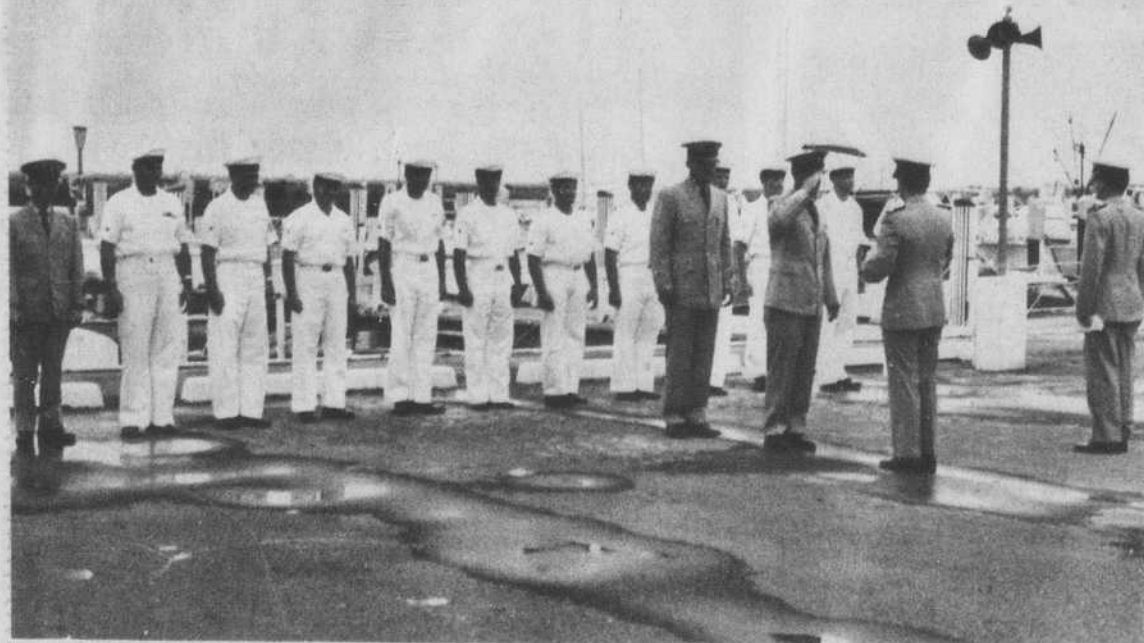
The making of surgical bandages was postponed because the material had not arrived due to unavoidable difficulties; two men escaped through the front door of the jail with the help of a hacksaw; first aid classes for the Civilian Defense and the Red Cross disaster relief committee were being held here.

Twenty years ago this week a wide variety of fish were caught offshore, highlighted by eight sailfish strikes and two catches. The biggest sail measured 7'2" and weighed 55-pounds.

The Brunswick cold storage plant at Shallotte was to open during the coming week; Bill Sharpe, director of the State News Bureau, was to make a picture story of the intracoastal waterway as soon as he finished his vacation; Long Beach was growing rapidly with 25 houses having been built recently.

Fifteen years ago this week Long Beach was reportedly invaded by flying saucers. After being seen by a dozen different people

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Change Of Command Ceremony

Ensign Leslie M. Meekins, right assumed command of the Coast Guard Patrol Boat Cape Upright during ceremonies here Friday morning. He replaces Lt. (jg) Bartholomew Hennessey, left center, who is receiving a salute from Chief Quartermaster Orlene Stout, who also was reporting aboard for duty. Behind him is Chief Boatswain Mate Eugene Gray who, along with Lt. Hennessey is headed for Vietnam. Other members of the crew of the Cape Upright are lined up in the background. (Photo by Spencer)



Organizational Meeting

Distinguished visitors and newly elected officers of the Methodist Mens Club at Ocean View Methodist Church are shown here during the organizational meeting last week. Front row, left to right, Roy Turnage, North Carolina Conference Lay Leader; Rev. J. S. Huggins, pastor of Ocean View; C. V. Stidham, club president; Rev. C. G. McCarver, District Superintendent; W. F. Cupit, club vice-president; and C. Payne, publicity chairman; back row, Wayland Vereen, project director; Tommy Helms, development director; Wade Pearce, District Lay Leader; Lee B. Caster, secretary-treasurer; S. C. Carr, program director; Dr. C. Burns, Assistant District Lay Leader.

Richmond Bar Praises Judge James Bowman

When he was sworn in as a member of the North Carolina Bar Association 29 years ago Judge James C. Bowman took the oath before Judge Don Phillips in Rockingham. Thus it appeared fitting that his first assignment as a Superior Court Judge last month should have been to go to Rockingham.

This he did, and he must have been well received. Following the completion of that term, the following resolution was passed by the members of the Richmond County Bar Association:

Judge Bowman is presiding over a term of Superior Court for trial of civil cases in Southport this week, the first time he has served in his home county as a Superior court judge.

"WHEREAS, Honorable James C. Bowman recently appointed Judge of Superior Courts of North Carolina was assigned to hold and did hold his first session of Superior Court at Rockingham, North Carolina, on July 24, 1967, and

"WHEREAS, Judge Bowman presided at said term with fairness, dignity and impartiality and gave thorough consideration to all matters coming before him for hearing, and

"WHEREAS, the members of the Richmond County Bar Association appearing before him were highly impressed with the way and manner in which he conducted said Court.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Richmond County Bar Association does hereby commend the Honorable James C. Bowman, Judge Superior Courts of North Carolina, for the able and fair manner in which he presided at his first

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Border Markets Curtail Sales

The Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee reconsidered previous action and voted unanimously Monday night in Lumberton to place tobacco markets in all belts, except Georgia-Florida, on a four-day week, with Friday sales eliminated.

The plan is effective immediately. The Border Belt will discontinue Friday sales starting this week. South Carolina markets had taken similar action previously.

The committee first voted the four-day week, on motion of T. W. Graves, Wilson, buyer, representative from Imperial Tobacco Co.

It then took up the four-hour day question on motion of August Wallace, Smithfield, president of the Eastern Belt Association. After considerable discussion the question was called on a roll-call vote.

The decision to go on the four-hour schedule after the first ten sales on each belt was approved by a vote of 19 to 7 with most growers and warehouse representatives of the Border Belt and South Carolina opposing.

With a four-day week limit, sales are limited to 20 hours a week for the first ten days of the Belt's season. Each set of buyers can sell 400 baskets an hour. Each basket can weigh up to 200 pounds. Thus the time control controls the rate of flow of tobacco through the markets.

Early in Monday night's meeting P. R. Floyd, Fairmont, president of the Border Belt Warehouse Association, presented his

Belt's recommendation that the Border Belt be allowed its five-day sales week for the first ten days of the season—in other words, be allowed to sell this Friday. Floyd presented a substitute motion to the four-day week motion to that effect, but the motion died for lack of a second. The new restrictions on sales time were approved following discussion revealing that the present flow of tobacco would make marketing holidays inevitable unless immediate restrictive action was taken.

Graves said his company was reaching its limit of capacity at the present. Other buyer representatives on the 36-man committee emphasized the same point.

Farmers Must Ask For Refund

Brunswick county farmers have until September 30 to apply for refunds on gasoline used for non-highway purposes over the past year, according to Brunswick County Farm Bureau President Ira L. Chadwick.

Farmers with adequate gas purchase records, said Chadwick, will be reimbursed for gas used from July 1, 1966, through June 30, 1967.

Chadwick emphasized, however, that a farmer "must file for his refund in order to get it."

The local farm leader said that "help with gas tax refunds is one of the many services offered to members of the Brunswick

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Ski Troup In Southport This Morning

The five-girl ski troupe on their way to Expo 67 in Montreal from St. Petersburg, Fla., reached Southport early this morning. They stopped here long enough to stage a brief water show in the Southport Harbor and to come ashore at the Southport Boat Harbor where Pat Markus presented greetings to Mayor E. B. Tomlinson from officials of her home city in Florida. Shown here, left to right, are harbor manager H. A. Schmidt; Miss Kathy Joyner, Southport's official hostess; Cathy Austin, Linda Austin, Pat Markus, Alice Roberts, Mary Fraas and Mayor Tomlinson. (Spencer Photo)

Mrs. Aldridge Presides Over State Meeting

The Sixteenth Annual Conference of the Association of Assistant and Deputy Clerks of the Superior Court of North Carolina met at the Blockade Runner, Wrightsville Beach, during the past weekend with a Brunswick County woman president.

Mrs. Vickie Aldridge, Assistant Clerk Superior Court, Brunswick county, has served as president of the association during the past year. Other officers were Betty B. Jenkins, Gaston county, 1st vice-president; Frankie C. Williams, Rockingham county, 2nd vice-president; Jean O'Neil, Chowan county, secretary; Barbara Beatty, Wake county, treasurer; Institute of Government, Chapel Hill, advisor.

A workshop "Clerical Operations under the New District Court System" was conducted on Thursday afternoon by Marion B. Person, Clerk Superior Court, Cumberland county. The panel included Dixie Barrington, Robeson county; Annie Belle Lowe, Durham county; Jean O'Neil, Chowan county; and Max Blackburn from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Friday's classes included a report on major 1967 legislation affecting the clerk's office by Ed Hinsdale from the Institute of Government, and Judge J. Frank Huskins from the administrative office. The court of appeals, selection of jurors, solicitor reorganization and amendments to the Judicial department Act of 1965 were discussed.

Nathan Yelton spoke on the

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Schoolmen Learn From Architect

If public school officials want to spend part of the summer learning how to get the most from the school construction dollar, what is the best approach? A good way is to talk it over with an architect. Here Winston-Salem architect Gorrell Stinson goes over fine points of efficient school building planning with W. D. Flowers, superintendent of Fremont City School, and Ralph C. King, assistant superintendent of Brunswick County Schools.

Three Drown In Two Accidents

Three persons drowned in two separate accidents in the Leland area this week, according to Coroner Lowell Bennett.

Two young boys drowned Friday morning in a boating accident at Sturgeon Creek. The victims were Fred McKeithan, age 9, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julian McKeithan, and William Anthony Burden, age 8. With them at the time of the accident was Michael Bailey, 14 years of age, who said he tried in vain to save his two companions.

The bodies were recovered by members of the Ogden Rescue Squad but it was too late to do anything about revising the drowning victims.

The body of 55-year-old Elbert Melvin was found in a drainage ditch Sunday. He lived alone near Maco and a search was instituted when he was missing Saturday night. The victim was partially paralyzed.

Coroner Bennett reported that Melvin apparently fell into a ditch filled with water from recent heavy rains and was drowned. He ruled death to be due to an accident.

The coroner said that no inquest will be held in either case.

Dealers Place Chief Emphasis On Marketing

The first of a series of district meetings being planned by the North Carolina Fisheries Association was held Friday night at the Tradewinds Restaurant at Yaupon Beach and the theme of the meeting was on marketing.

The session drew a large attendance not only from Brunswick county seafood producers but from other parts of the state as well. Several state officials also were in attendance. Arrangements for the meeting were made by C. B. Caroon of Southport and Lew Dunn of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development.

The meeting was presided over by Elmer Willis of Williston, who pointed out that permissive legislation was passed by the Legislature, allowing various elements of the fishing industry to assess themselves for promotional purposes.

Willis said plans are being made to call for a referendum of dealers and processors this fall on the question of assessing themselves a sum that would develop funds for a full-time promotional and organizational worker.

He said such a program is much needed by the industry to present its needs to the people and the State Legislature.

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Southport Has Close-Up Look At Ski Group

When a boat bearing a welcoming delegation from Southport met the Miss Sunshine in the vicinity of the Yellow Banks early this morning those aboard thought for a moment they might be seeing a waterborne UFO.

That was because the two girls who were doing the skiing stint in this marathon run from St. Petersburg, Fla., to Montreal and Expo 67 were clad in black wet suits and were wearing helmets that looked like they might have been for wear in out of space.

The boats met and passed, and the welcoming craft undertook to overtake the excursion houseboat before it reached Southport, but it never made it. When it reached Southport the Miss Sunshine had moored to the remnants of the City Dock, the two trim young creatures had come aboard the mother ship and changed and all five members of the troupe were ready to put on a water show for the benefit of the large crowd that had gathered on the Southport waterfront.

First they did some formation maneuvers with flags flying, then some more difficult trick stuff. They left no doubt that they were accomplished in the art of water skiing.

Then the entire group, including the welcoming committee, went back to the dock at the Southport Boat Harbor where an exchange of greetings and gifts was made, refreshments were served, pleasantries were exchanged, good wishes were said and the visitors took off upriver for their appointment at Wrightsville Beach.

It was a good show—a day late. That was a result on an accident near Charleston on Monday, causing a one-day delay in the schedule.

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, August 17,	
5:33 A M	11:46 A M
6:09 P M	
Friday, August 18,	
6:27 A M	0:34 A M
6:57 P M	12:40 P M
Saturday, August 19,	
.15 A M	1:22 A M
7:45 P M	1:22 P M
Sunday, August 20,	
7:57 A M	2:04 A M
8:21 P M	2:10 P M
Monday, August 21,	
8:39 A M	2:40 A M
8:57 P M	2:45 P M
Tuesday, August 22,	
9:15 A M	3:15 A M
9:33 P M	3:28 P M
Wednesday, August 23,	
9:51 A M	3:52 A M
10:09 P M	4:10 P M

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