

The Eagle Goes To Sea

This is the Eagle, big three-mast sailing barque what came in Friday with her crew of Coast Guard Cadets and spent three days in Wilmington. She came through Southport Harbor Monday about noon and headed out to sea. Bald Head Island is shown in the background. (Photo by Spencer)

## Local Hospital Director Of Nurses Is Man

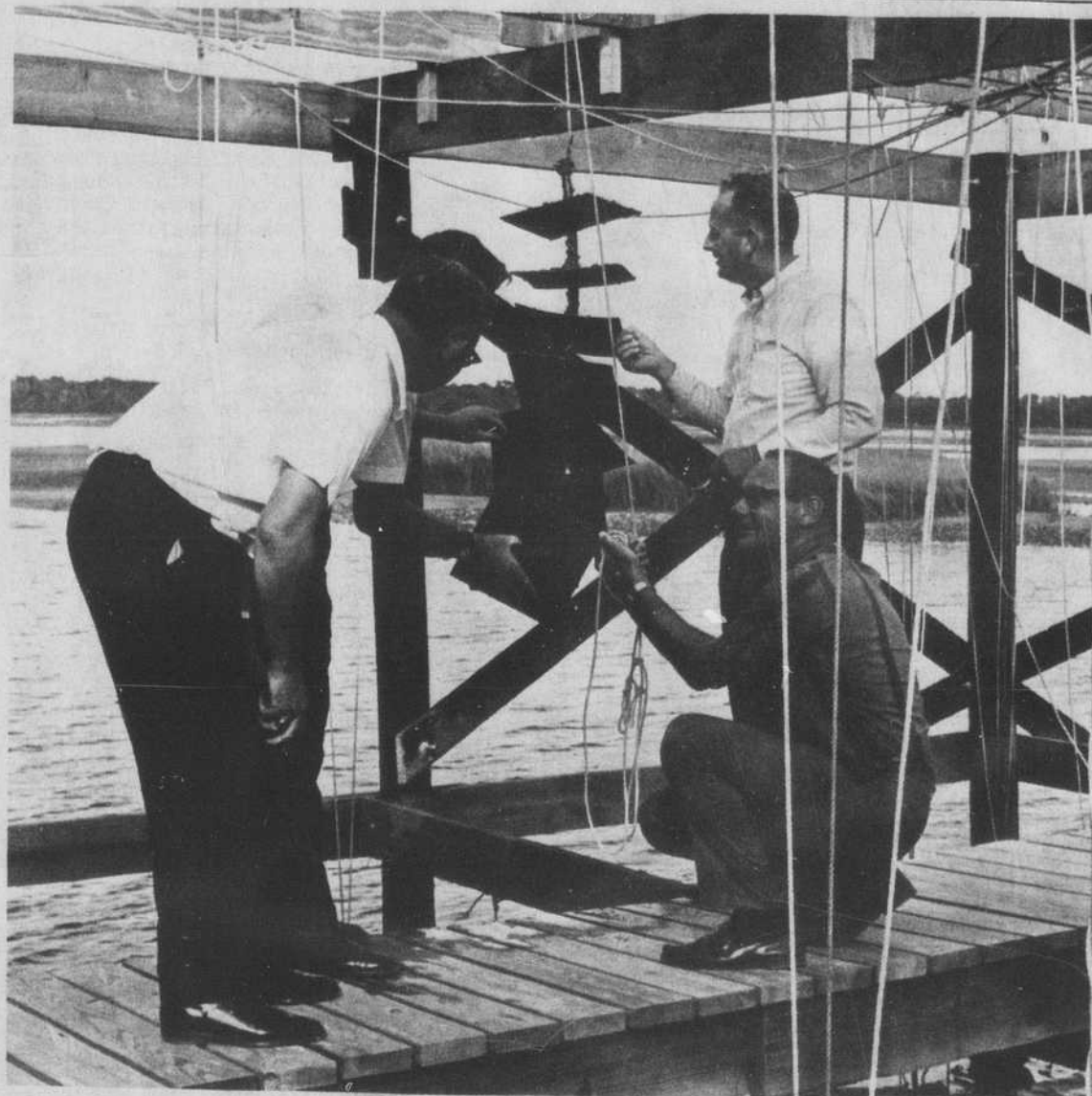
William Huggins, R. N., has an assumed duties as the Director of Nursing at Doshier Memorial Hospital, replacing Mrs. Vera Howard who had been the acting director for the past three years.

Huggins was born in New York City, but moved to Wilmington in 1948 where he attended New Hanover High School. He enlisted in the U. S. Navy in July 1956 and attended the Hospital's Corps School, at Great Lakes, Ill. He served in various Naval Hospitals during his enlistment and due to this experience he decided to become a registered nurse.

He was honorably discharged in January 1960 and soon after, entered nursing training at Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Asheville, where he graduated in Sept. 1963. Since his graduation he worked on the staff at James Walker Memorial Hospital and in the Veteran's Administration Hospital, Charleston, S. C. He has done post-graduate work in psychology and personnel management and has attended lengthy programs in Disaster and Emergency Nursing, sponsored by the American Red Cross and Civil Defense.

Huggins is married to the former Patricia Fore of Boca Raton, Florida, who was his classmate in nursing training. They have two daughters, Catherine and Patricia, who resides with their mother in Wilmington, but who will join him as soon as he finds a place to live in Southport. At present he is staying with his brother, Johnny Huggins at Long Beach, who is the pastor at Ocean View Methodist Church.

Huggins holds the distinction of being one of the few male nurses serving as a Director of Nursing Service in any hospital in North Carolina.



Inspect Tour Attraction

Three men who made a trip through Brunswick county Tuesday to line up a tour for a group of food editors next month stopped over at the Oyster Research Station on Lockwoods Folly River and were impressed with what they saw. In the left foreground is Roy A. Stevens and behind him is Lewis F. Dunn of the Department of Conservation and Development. Squatting in the right foreground is Jim Brown, chief of Biology Section, Commercial and Sport Fisheries, Department of C. & D.; and standing is H. P. Medford, Fishery Marketing Specialist, U. S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

## Lennon Favors Allotment Sale Inside County

Representative Alton Lennon last week told the House Agriculture Subcommittee that the "basic thinking of tobacco growers in his District favors legislation that will add the thousands of farmers with small tobacco allotments economically nonprofitable to operate."

Congressman Lennon was among the first witnesses testifying on bills under consideration to authorize the transfer of flue-cured acreage allotments and acreage-pounding quotas.

The North Carolina lawmaker said, "Careful consideration should be given any legislation that would permit the sale of allotments within the boundaries of counties, as well as the leasing of allotments across county lines, since many growers feel this ultimately will substantially affect land values and collateral businesses in their respective counties."

He further stated that "under no conditions should the sale of allotments be authorized to cross county lines; neither should such purchased allotments be resold within a period of 3 to 5 years, in order to reduce the possibility of speculation."

There are 4,869 tobacco allotments in the 7th Congressional District with one acre or less, and "the farmers concerned cannot afford to mechanize planting, harvesting, curing, and marketing of tobacco or to obtain the necessary labor," Congressman Lennon said.

"In the event legislation is enacted to permit allotment sales or leases within a county or across county lines, it should be subject to a farmers' referendum," Congressman Lennon stressed. He concluded his remarks urging the Subcommittee to make a judgment "in the best interest of the total flue-cured tobacco economy and the majority of our tobacco growers."

## Daughters Name Local Women As Officials

The Daughters of America held their 41st Annual Session in High Point August 10-12. Those attending from Southport were Mrs. Evelyn Gilbert, Deputy National Councilor; Mrs. Pearl Aldridge, Inside State Sentinel, and Mrs. Gwendolyn Dixon, State Flag Bearer. Also attending were Mrs. Mary Lou Coleman, Mrs. Delores Fortisue and Mrs. Lena Fisher.

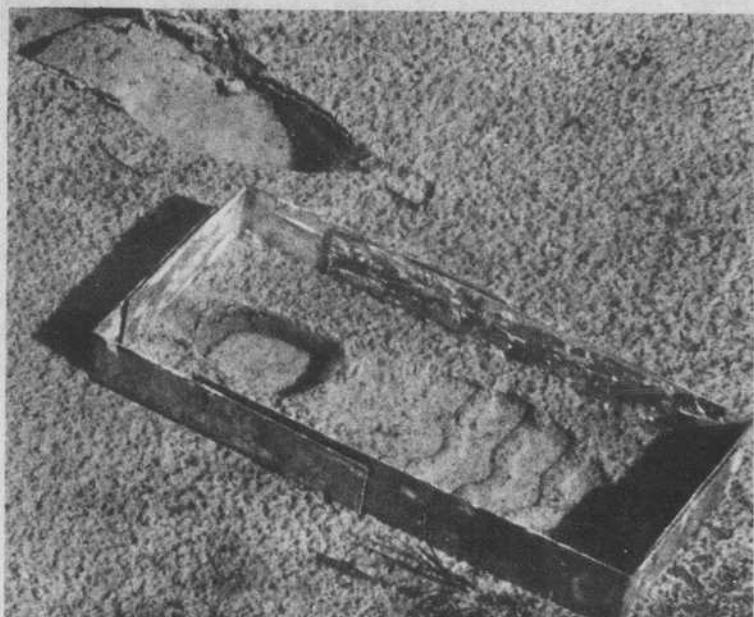
Thursday afternoon, a tea was given to honor the National Councilor, Mrs. Delores Whittschner, of Charleston, S. C.

Thursday night, a reception was held in honor of the state officers of the Daughters of America and Junior Order United American Mechanics.

Friday morning, the business session opened with Mrs. Gilbert presiding in the absence of the State Councilor. Friday evening, the Daughters of America joined with the Junior Order United American Mechanics and held their Annual Good Fellowship Banquet in the ballroom. This was followed by a dance.

Saturday morning, the annual Joint Memorial Service was held to pay respect to those removed by death. Immediately following this service the business session was resumed until all business was completed.

New officers for the ensuing year were elected and installed; Mrs. Evelyn Gilbert, Deputy National Councilor; Mrs. Lena Fisher, State Conductor, and Mrs. Pearl Aldridge, State Warden. The following were appointed to serve: State Flag Bearer, Mrs. Dixon; and Mrs. Mary Lou Coleman; Page, Mrs. Delores Fortisue.



Tell - Tale Footprint

This is a footprint left behind by one of the thieves who entered the Elmore Motor Co. garage at Bolivia Monday night and made off with \$2,000 in merchandise. This mold was made by SBI Agents during their investigation Tuesday. (Photo by Spencer)

## Former Bolivia Woman Killed

A Delco woman was found dead in the front seat of her car Thursday morning. Eight bullet wounds about the right arm and chest, Sheriff Ben Duke reported.

The dead woman was identified as Virginia Dare Ford, 37, formerly of Delco.

Deputy Sheriff Kenneth Squires arrived at a Rt. 1 Delco service station, known as Alex Ford's Place around 10:05 a. m., five minutes after the woman was said to have been shot.

Mrs. Ford was found slumped in the driver's side of the front seat of her 1966 Pontiac, which was parked beside her husband's service station. An unlit cigarette was in her right hand. Two visible bullet wounds were in her right arm.

It was reported to investigating officers that Mrs. Ford and her husband, Charles Alex Ford, 47, operator of the service station, had returned from Wilmington around 8 a. m. the same morning. Ford was said to have left his car in Wilmington and his wife had driven him back.

It was also learned by officers that the husband and wife had been separated for a short time, with Mrs. Ford living in Bolivia.

There were no witnesses to the shooting.

The Ford's two children, Charles, 12, and Patricia, 16, were both in the living quarters of the service station when the shooting occurred.

A small caliber automatic pistol was found on a bar inside the service station.

Ford, after being advised of

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## Ancient Notes Papers, Diaries, Letters Needed

Mrs. E. M. McEachern and Mrs. Robert W. Williams spoke about their Civil War Research Project at the August meeting of the Brunswick County Historical Society which met in the Sacred Heart Parish House in Southport.

While doing research for a play presented at Thalian Hall in January 1965, to commemorate the fall of Fort Fisher, they found there is a great deal of material on the Civil War period that has never been collected, and decided to gather it together into a file which will eventually be made available to people doing research in the period.

After two years of work, a great many letters, accounts and diaries have been copied and filed, but the ladies feel they have only scratched the surface of available material. The file system was set up with the help of the Department of Archives and History. Typed copies of the accounts are filed chronologically within subject headings. The card files contain the bibliography, a cross-indexed subject file, and a biography file. They have also begun files on ships, fortifications and camps, and military companies, all facts taken from the original accounts and letters.

The researchers stated that so far there has not been much material collected from Brunswick county, and asked the cooperation of the Historical Society in locating accounts and letters. The Mercer letters, Dr. Curtis' account, letters of Sidney Lanier, as well as various letters of soldiers stationed at the Brunswick

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Southport Man Decorated

Herman Rogers, Jr., has just returned from duty in South Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star Medal for bravery in action. He is shown above showing his mother, Mrs. Nonnie H. Rogers, the commendation that came with his medal. (Photo by Spencer)

## Bronze Star To Southport Man

Benjamin H. ("Bubba") Rogers, Jr., of Southport has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for outstanding meritorious service while a member of the armed forces in Vietnam.

The award was presented to Army Specialist Five E-5 Rogers for his service "during the period August 1966 to July 1967 in connection with ground operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Through his untiring efforts and professional ability, he consistently obtained outstanding results. He was quick to grasp the implications of new problems with which he was faced as a result of the ever changing situations inherent in a counterinsurgency operation. The energetic application of his extensive knowledge has materially contributed to the overall effort of the United States in Vietnam. He was a motivating example to all with whom he came in contact. His devotion to duty, loyalty, and meticulous attention to detail are in keeping with the finest traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, the 25th Infantry Division, and the military service."

## Market Averages Above Last Year

The season average for Whiteville tobacco market thus far has produced an average better than \$2 per 100 pounds above the last year's average to the same point, figures furnished by the USDA show.

When the week ended Thursday the Whiteville market had sold untied leaf in excess of 6.6 million pounds for an average of \$68.92. In addition there was 6,880 pounds of tied leaf sold, averaging \$69.97. Thursday was the eleventh day of the marketing season in this area.

A season report of last season through the eleventh day indicated that Whiteville sales had amounted to 9.8 million untied for a \$66.88 average; and 553,159 pounds tied, averaging \$69.58.

There apparently was a downward trend in average prices by grades this week when compared with last week. Quality of offerings continued to improve, according to the Federal News Service.

Extremely heavy deliveries are expected until the end of the untied selling period.

Volume of sales was heavy on Columbus County markets last week, five hours per day scheduled.

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## Thieves Enter Elmore Motors

Thieves broke into the Elmore Motor Co. garage at Bolivia Monday night and made off with parts and tools valued at more than \$2,000. Sheriff Harold Willetts called on State Bureau of Investigation agents to assist in solving the crime.

According to H. Foster Mintz, the unwanted visitors broke in a window, and one of the chief items they stole was a transmission that was uncrated, ready to be installed by company mechanics the next day.

The thieves forced their way into the parts department where they helped themselves to a couple of tape recorders, among other things. In the latter group was a package of parts that never had been unwrapped.

One of the major losses was a clean sweep of mechanics' tools, leaving the employees at a bad disadvantage for performing their normal services when they got to work Monday.

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## Time And Tide

Thirty years ago this week a large picture of the 427th Company CCC at Southport, a total of 160 men, appeared in a front page photo. Many of the men in the picture now reside permanently in Brunswick county.

A tugboat and barge ran aground on Frypan Shoals. The tug and its tow were returning to New York after delivering a cargo of oil to Wilmington. At that point the shoals were un-navigable to any vessel drawing more than nine feet of water. The tug drew 12 feet and the barge 13. As of press time both were still grounded after 48 hours and the tug was leaking as a result of the pounding surf.

Big game fish were being hooked by parties from Southport; the county tax rate was to be \$1.75; and school was to open August 31.

Twenty-five years ago this week Judge E. H. Cramer of Southport passed away in Southport at the age of 71. Judge Cramer had been a member of the N. C. Bar Association since 1900 and was regarded by the people of Southport as its first citizen.

A picture of three Mintz brothers of this county appeared on the front page because of their being in the service at the same time. They were Harry Mintz Rudolph Mintz and Elwood Mintz.

The Brunswick county agricultural agent requested that farmers stop their slaughtering of young calves; tobacco prices continued to be high on the Border Belt; and Capt. Charlie Swan had re-

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## Additional Funds Needed For Library

Apparently an additional \$6,200 in local funds will be required to complete the Southport-Brunswick County Public Library building project, according to bids opened August 17.

Bids opened by Frank Ballard, architect, in the presence of members of the Library Board of Trustees and the Building Committee ran some \$16,000 over original estimates made two years ago, when the building project was initiated.

Total low bids amounted to \$76,970. C. T. Chauncey, Whiteville, won the general contract with a bid of \$58,280. Dixon and Waynick, Inc., Greensboro, had a low bid of \$2,750 for plumbing. The Electrical Contract went to Paul T. Turner of Wilmington, for \$7,490. Cannon Refrigeration, Wilmington, was low bidder on Heating and Air Conditioning at \$8,450.

Actual contracts for the various phases of construction will be signed by Sept. 17, and building is expected to be started immediately after that date. Bids and construction agreements must first be approved by the North Carolina State Library, which controls federal funds to be used in the project.

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## Tractor Kills Leland Farmer

A Leland man was killed late Tuesday afternoon when crushed beneath a tractor which he was using in a field near his home.

Johnnie Eugene Evans was found by a searching party comprised of friends and neighbors who were called by his wife when she became alarmed when he failed to come in at dark. They found him beneath the tractor, with the steering wheel against his chest. The tractor had stopped at 7:15.

Apparently the tractor had bogged down in a wet spot in the field, for logs were chained to the wheels and there was evidence that Evans had been trying to get it unstuck.

The tragedy was investigated by Coroner L. B. Bennett, who held that death was due to accidental causes and no inquest will be held.

Patrolman G. C. Howell assisted Coroner Bennett in his investigation.

## 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
<b>Thursday, August 24,</b>	
10:27 A M	4:28 A M
10:39 P M	4:46 P M
<b>Friday, August 25,</b>	
11:03 A M	5:04 A M
11:15 P M	5:28 P M
<b>Saturday, August 26,</b>	
11:45 A M	5:46 A M
11:51 P M	6:16 P M
<b>Sunday, August 27,</b>	
12:33 A M	6:28 A M
	7:10 P M
<b>Monday, August 28,</b>	
0:39 A M	7:16 A M
1:33 P M	8:10 P M
<b>Tuesday, August 29,</b>	
1:39 A M	8:16 A M
2:33 P M	9:16 P M
<b>Wednesday, August 30,</b>	
2:45 A M	9:16 A M
3:33 P M	10:16 P M

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**NURSING MEET**  
The Brunswick County Home Care group for the chronically ill will meet in the Agricultural Building in Supply on Monday at 8 p.m. The program will be on T. B.

**ENTERS COAST GUARD**  
Stephen M. Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis A. Clark of Southport, has enlisted in the Coast Guard and left Friday for Cape May, N. J. where he will be for 9 weeks during boot training.