

In Line For Sunny Point Lumber

Thursday is the day when scrap lumber is available at give-away prices at Sunny Point. To give you an idea of how popular this bargain has become, this picture was taken on Monday, showing the trucks and trailers already lining up for early admission. A load costs from one to three dollars on a first come, first served basis. The lumber comes from box cars and trucks where it has been used to secure ammunition cargo. It is removed from these carriers and piled in the dunnage yard, where it becomes available for many local uses. By the time the gates are opened each week the line has become more than a mile long. (Photo by Spencer)

Famous Artist Appears Sunday In Southport

The PTA of Brunswick County High School, Southport, will present Richard Baker, New York's foremost gospel singer in concert Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Baker has an extensive musical background. He made his debut in New York City at a concert in Town Hall. Mahalia Jackson often selected him to appear on her program as a soloist, and he has been referred to as "the male Mahalia Jackson" by the New York-Amsterdam News, New York City and its many visitors were privileged to hear him at the New York World's Fair 1964-65, and also at Radio City Music Hall in the hit production "Hawaii", "U.S.A." and "Wings of Glory."

Baker has made great strides as a recording artist on the RCA Victor label. He won wide acclaim as a former member of the Back Home Choir.

The concert will be held in the Brunswick County High School gym. Professor Herman Stevens accompanies him at the piano. Baker is the brother of John H. Baker of Bolivia.



New Army Couple

Second Lieut. William J. Nelson and Mrs. Nelson are from California. They recently have moved to Long Beach where they will live while he is on duty at Sunny Point Army Terminal.

Commissioners Get Ambulance Appeal

The owners of three funeral homes in Brunswick county met with the board of county commissioners Monday to discuss what is to be done about future ambulance service in this area. They were unanimous in their position that unless some financial assistance is forthcoming, they will be unable to continue to provide this service.

T. S. Gilbert of Gilberts Funeral Service, G. C. Kilpatrick of Kilpatrick's Funeral Service and Dickie Powell of Powells Funeral Service appeared in person to tell the commissioners that as a result of regulations announced on October 28 the cost of providing and equipping the type of vehicle required and of providing 24-hour service will be more than they can stand.

Powell served as spokesman for the group when he said each of the funeral services has been providing ambulance service at a serious financial loss to the operator. From statements by the three men it appears that collections run less than one-third of business done.

The last session of the legislature provided for strict supervision of ambulance services and placed the local control in the hands of county commissioners, with the provision that where these bodies do not exercise their prerogative, cities within each county may set up its own control.

Powell said that he estimates that in order to comply with the new state regulations, which must be in operation by January 10, 1968, new vehicles costing about \$6,000 each must be purchased. "Station wagons no longer will meet requirements," he said. Each of three men agreed that he would be better off financially not to be engaged in the ambulance business, but each admitted that it will create some ill feeling and lack of understanding if this service suddenly is discontinued. Each of the funeral services has two vehicles which can be used for ambulance calls. Both Gilbert and Powell answered about 150 calls

each last year, while Kilpatrick admitted that he does not do as much of this sort of business as he did in former years. He estimated that he has lost upwards of \$60,000 in uncollected ambulance accounts since he has been doing business in Brunswick county.

When asked by the commissioners specifically what they will require in the way of financial assistance, the men were indefinite. They went back to the \$6,000 cost per unit for the new equipment, but then admitted they have no way to know the amount that will be involved in staffing

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Brunswick Boy Wins Award

Reggie Hewett, 11-year old 4-H club member, was named the Most Representative Junior Boy in the Star-News Honor Program Saturday, in Wilmington. Reggie, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hewett, is a member of the Busy Bees 4-H Club. Celebrating the tenth anniversary of the program, this is the first year that the Junior Award has been given. The Star-News Honor Program covers 10 counties in Southeastern North Carolina.

Several other 4-H members in the county also received recognition. Kenneth Hewett was runner-up for the Most Representative Senior Boy. Lynn Hewett received a blue award for her German Chocolate Cake. Others receiving awards were Electric-Dione Potter, red award; Simple Dress (clothing), Marjorie Calson, red award; Clothing—dress other than cotton or wool, Linda Cheers, red award; Creative Stitchery, Kenneth Hewett, red award; Home Improvement—pillow cases, Lynn Hewett, white award.

Thirty-three 4-H members, parents and leaders attended the event from Brunswick county.

Fishermen To Vote On Plan For Promotion

The North Carolina Fisheries Association, at a recent meeting in New Bern, laid plans to promote the referendum among the seafood dealers of North Carolina, as authorized by the Board of Conservation and Development in its October meeting at Atlantic Beach.

Elmer Willis, president of the Association, stated, "This is the most important thing in the history of the fishing industry. Being president this year has cost me \$5,000 in lost time, and God only knows how much in travel, phone calls, and so on. And even at that, the job was only half done."

He continued, "For us to have the full-time help this thing (the assessment) will provide means that the job will be done right, and each nickel we put in will mean a dollar or more benefit to the industry, to us, and to North Carolina."

His reference to the nickel was quite in line, in that the legislation enabling the fishing and seafood industry to hold such a referendum was patterned after the Nickels for Know-How came about. Under that program, the farmers agree to pay a nickel per ton of feed and fertilizer bought, the money to go for "the new Know-How you need in the exciting years for agriculture which lie just ahead." So says the North Carolina Agricultural Foundation, Inc., which

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New Officer On Duty Here

Second Lieutenant William J. Nelson of Inglewood, California, has recently reported for assignment and duty at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point. Lt. Nelson graduated from California State Polytechnic College, San Luis Obispo, California in 1965 with a degree in Farm Management and a Reserve Commission in the United States Army. He then attended graduate school at California Polytechnic and received a General Secondary Teaching Credential in Agriculture Education.

Prior to coming on active duty, he taught vocational agriculture and was Director of Agriculture at Santa Ynez Valley Union High School in Solvang, California. Upon being called to active duty in the Army he completed the Transportation Officers Basic Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia, before being assigned to Sunny Point.

Lt. Nelson is married to the former Catherine Morris of Eureka, California. She is presently employed at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport. They are presently residing at Long Beach.

Time And Tide

Thirty years ago this week the Intracoastal Waterway was unusually crowded. During a period in the preceding week a total of 37 boats and yachts stopped at Southport. The reason for the large number of these pleasure craft was that it was time to begin the migration to the warmer Florida waters during the cold weather up north. Also, Southport is almost precisely the halfway point between New York and Miami.

Local citizens were looking forward to the Thanksgiving day feast to be held in every home the following Thursday; efforts were being made to collect delinquent taxes that were due this county; and a Japanese bishop was to speak at a Thanksgiving day service.

Twenty years ago this week a food campaign was being carried on in Southport as part of the Catholic project to raise food for the needy persons in Europe. It was to be a part of the world-wide campaign to supply the poverty stricken people as a result of the war. The project was called "friendship train."

A gas-tanker truck went out of control and crashed into a filling station at Leland. Damage to the store was estimated to be in excess of \$5,000; tax lists for the coming year had been appointed; fine catches of rockfish were made in local waters, with one weighing 19-pounds.

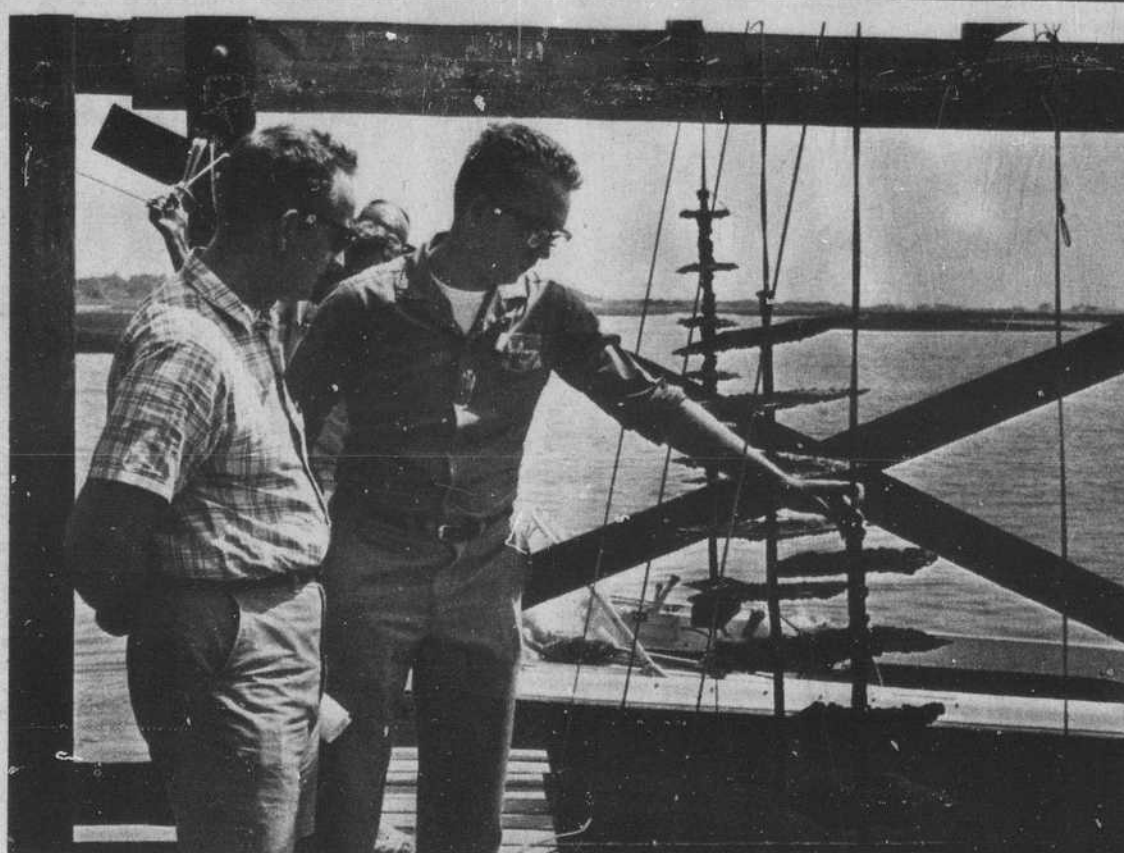
Fifteen years ago this week the citizens of Southport, especially those on the waterfront, were disturbed over the decision to move the Coast Guard Patrol boat from the Cape Fear area. The boat had been ordered to Norfolk 43 days before and had not yet returned. However, the Air Force did have boats almost identical to the 83-footers, but to residents who had become used to the Coast Guard craft it was not the same.

The docks in Southport were becoming crowded with the increased waterway traffic, and plans were being made to enlarge the facilities. The waterway business was considered to be too important for the passing boats to continue on their way because of the lack of a docking place.

Ten years ago this week a report was made concerning the abundance of freshwater in the area supplied by underground rivers. This is an important factor that may be considered by businesses needing a lot of water for the operation of certain industries.

The best hunting story of the season was told by Art Huntley. It concerned a wounded duck being chased ashore, into Huntley's waiting hands, by an alligator in a pond near Southport. The

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Oyster In Depth

Biologists are shown here inspecting stacked palets upon which oyster growth is being produced at the Oyster Research Station at Lockwood Folly. These experiments follow a pattern already being carried out in Japan and other nations with overcrowded population.

Record Number Of Families In Farm Bureau Experiment Aids Oyster Production

The Brunswick County Farm Bureau reported a gain of 118 farm families as the farm organization concluded its current membership campaign.

The new Farm Bureau members boosted the local farm organization's strength to 506 farm families.

Ira L. Chadwick, president of the Farm Bureau, paid tribute to Farm Bureau workers for their help during the drive. "As the number of farmers who have planned their financial hopes to the future of agriculture grow smaller," he said, "it is important that Farm Bureau grow stronger. Working together through an organization like Farm Bureau is the only way that farmers can continue to have a strong voice in farm affairs," Chadwick said.

The president welcomed the new members, noting that they had affiliated themselves with a farm organization that believes in action. "Working through the framework of Farm Bureau," he said, "you can help shape the future of agriculture in the nation and state."

Chadwick pointed out that the next order of business is drafting policy recommendations to be considered by voting state delegates to the national convention which will be held in Chicago, December 10-14.



Basil R. Watts, E2/c has completed basic training at U. S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill. He arrived home November 9 to spend 15 days. His next assignment is Newport, Rhode Island. On January 2 he will enter quartermaster school there.

Farm Bureau Wants Action

"Farm Bureau is on the front lines fighting for grassroots farmers in every significant legislative battle affecting agriculture during the past year," the president of the Brunswick County group said this week. "The Flue-Cured Tobacco farmers and committee should start right now working out a plan to help this tobacco situation before another season comes," stated Ira L. Chadwick of Shallotte.

President Chadwick, F. Herbert Swain, Sr., of Southport, and Henry C. Williams of Shallotte recently represented Brunswick County Farm Bureau at the State Convention in Durham.

Gov. Dan K. Moore prodded the Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee to work out positive recommendations for the Department of Agriculture. Meanwhile, the Farm Bureau Federation Convention where Moore spoke was threatening to look elsewhere for action if the Flue-Cured Marketing Committee failed.

The convention was to consider a proposal which said if authority to regulate marketing could not be assumed by the Marketing Committee, then the Farm Bureau would form its own committee and go ahead without anyone who declines to participate.

Moore also took another slap at the U. S. Public Health Service campaign now going on against smokers. He stated that if more money finding the facts and less public suppositions could have been done, the problems would have been less.

Gov. Moore recommended the Flue-Cured Tobacco Marketing Committee as a cure of the ills in the tobacco industry.

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Mrs. Rourke To Head March Of Dimes Campaign

Mrs. M. Henderson Rourke of Shallotte has been appointed director for the Brunswick County 1968 March of Dimes Campaign, it was announced this week by Clarence W. Walker, volunteer state chairman.

"It's time we stop telling ourselves that birth defects strike only at 'other people' and 'other people's children,'" Mrs. Rourke said. "A birth defect can hit any family, rich or poor, any race, any nationality."

"Birth defects are this nation's second greatest destroyer of life, claiming approximately half a million unborn babies each year and killing 60,000 of our children and adults," she declared. "More than 250,000 American babies are born each year with a defect, and an estimated 15 million persons of all ages have one or more defects that affects their daily lives."

The director said that the March of Dimes, which won the fight against polio, attacks birth defects by financing research and supporting more than 90 birth defects centers at major medical institutions throughout the United States.

Working with Mrs. Rourke in the 1968 March of Dimes will be: Mrs. William Mathews, Ash; Mrs. Kenneth McKeithan, Bolivia; Mrs. Norman Bellamy, Supply; Mrs. Harry Bennett, Shallotte; Mrs. E. P. Brady, Exum; Mrs. Raymond Babson, Free-land; Mrs. Norman Grissett, Shallotte; Mrs. Hugh Dutt, Supply; Mrs. Ernest Stanland, Shallotte; Mrs. Joe Best, Leland; Mrs. W. A. Long, Longwood; Mr. Lloyd Parker, Exum; Mrs. W. McLamb, Jr., Shallotte; Mrs. Harry E. Williams, Shallotte; Mrs. Bobby Jones, Southport; Mrs. Harris Thompson, Shallotte; Mrs. Garland Clemmons, Supply; Mrs. Grant Gore, Shallotte; Mrs. Thomas McKay, Winabow; A. C. Cavness, Southport; and Wilbur Rabon, Leland.

"A fine example of what can be done is seen at our Birth Defects Treatment Center in Chapel Hill and our Birth Defects Evaluation Center at the Western Carolina Center in Morganton. The point is that we need more such centers not only in our State, but in many others," Mrs. Rourke declared.

"In our State alone," she said, "every year there are an estimated 6,800 babies born with defects. How long can men and women of good will tolerate the suffering and heartache that this total represents?"

Southport Man Is Commander

James E. Piner on Saturday was elected for the eighth time as commander of the Brunswick County Barracks No. 1744, Veterans of World War I.

Senior vice-commander is Henry R. Hewett of Winnabow; junior vice-commander is Henry D. Williams of Shallotte; judge advocate is John P. Stevenson of Shallotte.

The chaplain is John P. Scarborough of Bolling Spring Lakes; quartermaster is E. E. Wesley of Yaupon Beach; Sgt. at arms is John P. Doshier of Southport; trustee for one year is William K. Usher of Shallotte; trustee for two years is Marian A. Reed, Long Beach.

Shooting Out Lights Costly

Recently, several mercury vapor area lights have been destroyed with air rifles. This destruction all has been in the new development section of town.

The city pays \$5.82 for a mercury vapor bulb that has a life expectancy from 4 to 5 years. These lights are more efficient than the incandescent bulb, and operate as an independent unit. The city was in hopes of changing out all the incandescent street lights in town this year and replacing them with the new mercury vapor area lights. However, destruction of the new lights with air rifles, if continued, will bring this program to a standstill.

Parents who purchase air rifles for children should know that it is against the city ordinance to shoot the rifle within the city limits. In the past, the city police officers have looked the other way, so to speak, with respect to the air rifles and fireworks ordinance.

As a result of the recent vandalism, the Southern Police Department has been instructed to enforce the ordinance in all cases of violation, starting immediately. Furthermore, the city appeals to all parents for their cooperation and help in correcting this undesirable situation.

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, November 23,	
11:51 A M	5:45 A M
	6:34 P M
Friday, November 24,	
0:15 A M	6:46 A M
12:45 P M	7:28 P M
Saturday, November 25,	
1:21 A M	7:52 A M
1:45 P M	8:28 P M
Sunday, November 26,	
2:27 A M	8:58 A M
2:51 P M	9:28 P M
Monday, November 27,	
3:33 A M	10:04 A M
3:51 P M	10:28 P M
Tuesday, November 28,	
4:33 A M	11:04 A M
4:45 P M	11:16 P M
Wednesday, November 29,	
5:27 A M	12:04 A M
5:45 P M	