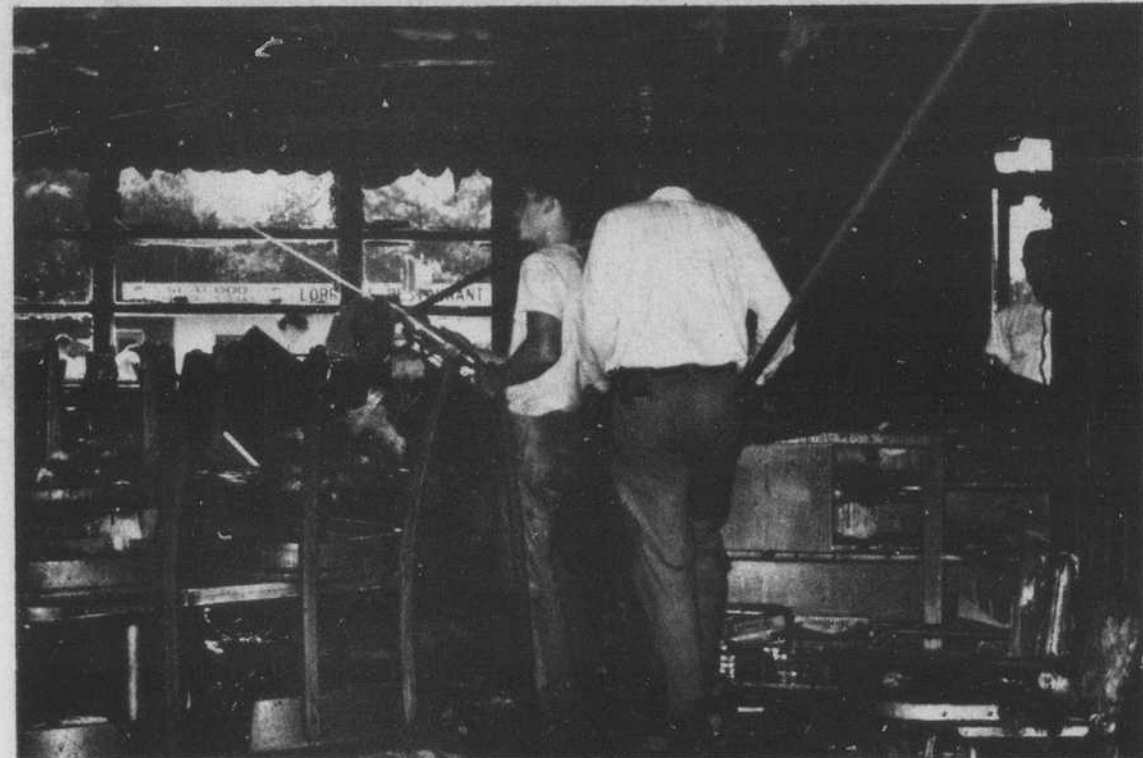




Old Fashioned Christmas Decorations

Gingerbread men, snowmen and angel cookies; strings of popcorn, cranberries and colored paper loops; pine cones and gum tree balls; handmade ornaments and candy canes decorate this colorful replica of a colonial Christmas tree on display in the visitors Center-Museum at Brunswick Town during this holiday season.



Fire Burns Out Beach Restaurant

This is the interior of the front dining room at Tranquil Harbour Restaurant after it had been razed by fire about noon Monday. The blaze apparently started in the kitchen and spread to the room where the above picture was taken. Two other dining areas escaped with water damage. (Photo by Spencer)

Johnston Will Continue As Fund Treasurer

Aubrey C. Johnston of Shallotte will again serve as treasurer of the Brunswick Heart Association, Ed Clemmons, president of the local Heart group, has announced.

As treasurer, Johnston will be responsible for banking and maintaining accounts of funds raised during the 1968 Heart Fund campaign. In addition, Johnston will handle memorial gifts to the local Heart Association. They are acceptable throughout the year, President Clemmons said.

Treasurer Johnston is vice-president of the Shallotte Branch of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company. He makes his home in Shallotte and has served as treasurer of the Brunswick Heart Association for a number of

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Fire Hits Tranquil Harbor Restaurant

Fire which apparently broke out in the kitchen area of Tranquil Harbour Restaurant at Long Beach partially destroyed that business about noon Monday.

The Volunteer Fire Department of Long Beach was assisted in its efforts to control the blaze by a fire fighting unit from Sunny Point and from the Southport Volunteer Fire Department. They were called by the Long Beach firemen.

The front dining room of the restaurant was gutted by the blaze and the kitchen area was a total loss. Two other dining areas were saved by the efforts of the fire fighters.

The restaurant was one of the most successful in Brunswick county and has been operated for several years by Jarvis and L. D. Jones. It was impossible to get an immediate estimate of loss, but only part of it was covered by insurance.

Training Class For Teachers

Because of the urgent need for licensed kindergarten teachers in Brunswick county, the Southport Junior Woman's Club has made arrangements for the training of kindergarten teachers.

Cape Fear Technical Institute will send an instructor to teach a course for the training of kindergarten teachers. The course will be taught in Southport. The classes will meet one or two nights per week and the course will run for approximately three months. There are no special requirements for participants in the course. The

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Application To Construct New Fishing Pier

Gordon L. Davis, manager for the Oak Island Pier, Inc., of Long Beach has made application to the U. S. Corps of Engineers for permission to erect a new fishing pier at this nearby beach resort.

The location of this new pier will be on the Atlantic Ocean, 204 feet west of 59th street (formerly Iredell street) at Long Beach. This will be the second pier at that beach. There also are ocean fishing piers located at Holden Beach, Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach in Brunswick county.

Plans submitted show a pier 16 feet wide extending 1,176 feet seaward with a 24-foot by 48-foot tee on the outer end. Plans showing the proposed work have been printed and posted.

For accuracy and completeness of the record, all data in support of or in opposition to the proposed work should be submitted in writing setting forth sufficient detail to furnish a clear understanding of the reasons for support or opposition. In cases of conflicting property rights, the Corps of Engineers cannot undertake to adjudicate rival claims.

Written comments pertinent to the proposed work, as outlined above, will be received in Corps of Engineers office until 4:45 p.m., EST, January 2.

Southport Man In House Race

A. H. Gainey, Jr., Southport attorney, has announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination for one of the two representatives from the 13th District to the House of Representatives.

Clyde Collier and Odell Williamson are incumbents, and the latter has publicly announced that he will not seek reelection. There has been no announcement of the intentions of Representative Collier.

Gainey attended Campbell College, Wilmington College and Wake Forest college where he received his A. B. degree. Later he received his law degree from that institution. He is married and he and his wife have three children.

Gainey is solicitor of the Brunswick county Recorder's court, a position he has held since 1960.

In discussing his decision to make the race, the young Southport attorney said that he has received encouragement from citizens of both Brunswick and Columbus counties. "I think it will be a great opportunity for service to be one of the representatives from Brunswick and Columbus in the State Legislature," he said.

"I don't want to sound corny, but I think we have some great undeveloped potential here in Southeastern North Carolina, and I would like to have a part in helping to bring about its full development," he said.

"Working for support in two counties will be a big undertaking, I know, but I plan to conduct a clean, aggressive campaign which will bring me in personal contact with as many voters as possible. I am looking forward to meeting many new friends in the next few months."

Time And Tide

Continued story from thirty years ago in The State Port Pilot: The trail of the two desperadoes (mentioned last week) was traced from Southport to Hallsboro where it was immediately lost. The two escaped convicts, Wash Turner and Bill Payne, were traveling from here to Supply, were involved in an automobile accident with a car driven by Southport youth Robert Marlowe. The convicts' car was wrecked and they asked young Marlowe for a lift to the nearest highway while Marlowe's companion, Mary Catherine Northrop, went on into Southport with Mrs. Ed Wells. The next time Marlowe was heard from was at Hallsboro, where he was forced to take the convicts. A short time later, a car at a nearby community was stolen, and was chased by local police until lost heading to Myrtle Beach.

The local Dolphins battled the college boys at home for the holidays in a basketball battle that saw the home team emerge as 35-29 victors. Stars of the local unit were Rogers, Shannon Hood, D. I. Watson and Thompson. Outstanding for the college all-stars were Jelks, Watson, Robinson, Jones and Hubbard.

Twenty-five years ago this week, Saturday, E. F. Gore had finished up a ten day leave and returned to action aboard the flagship of the fleet. Gore had seen action in African battle up and down the dark continent coastline.

The county tax listers had been named and were about to secure supplies to carry out their duties in filing of taxes during January; Civilians were restricted from making long distance telephone calls during the holiday season except in the case of an emergency; trucks were going from farm to farm in a campaign for scrap iron.

Fifteen years ago this week preparations for the work to be done at Sunny Point had been completed and work was to begin on a full scale soon. At the peak of construction it was estimated that some 2,500 workers would be employed on the job. Some 50 mules of

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Bank Officials At Beach Meeting

These officers of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. were present for a meeting of the board of directors at Tradewinds Restaurant at Yaupon Beach Thursday. Left to right they are Aubrey C. Johnston, vice president; B. L. Nesmith, chairman of the board; Dr. R. C. Sadler, honorary board chairman; L. R. Bowers, president; and Lester Lowe, vice-president. (Photo by Spencer)

Lennon Urges Assistance For Beach Damages

Representative Alton Lennon has written the following letter to Charles L. Schultze, director of the Bureau of the Budget, regarding recent storm damage sustained by the beaches of Brunswick county:

"On November 7, 1966, the Congress authorized in the Omnibus Public Works Authorization Bill a dune and berm construction project along the ocean shore of the Brunswick County, North Carolina, beaches.

"Intense suffering and damage was caused in the area by Hurricane Hazel in October 1954, and the three hurricanes that followed in 1955. Ten lives were lost, over 1200 homes were totally destroyed, and over 600 others were heavily damaged. The U. S. Corps of Engineers estimated damages of \$21.5 million in the project area from these hurricanes.

"On Sunday, December 2, 1967, unusually high tides, swept by gale force winds, lashed into the Brunswick area causing damage running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars to property and beaches. The attached pictures obtained by newspaper photographers clearly indicate some of the damage.

"This project merits your immediate favorable attention. The east-west orientation of the beaches causes them to be constantly exposed to the full impact of hurricanes and severe storms which generally move from south to north. As a consequence, this project area has suffered greater damage than most of the other beaches on the southeast Atlantic Coast. The U. S. Engineers have recognized this additional danger and designed the protective dunes substantially higher than those recommended for any other area.

"This is the only beach protection project in North Carolina where local interests have al-

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Draw New Jury List

Three Brunswick County officials are shown here drawing a jury list for the January term of Superior Court under the new system devised by the Brunswick County Jury Commission. Shown here, left to right, are Durwood Clark, Register of Deeds; J. E. Brown, Clerk of Superior Court; and Mrs. Sylvia James, Assistant Clerk of Superior Court. (Photo by Howard)

Waccamaw Plans Bolivia Office

A proposed new banking facility at Bolivia, and a special dividend to stockholders were major recommendations Thursday at a meeting of the general board of directors of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company.

Meeting at Yaupon Beach on the Brunswick county coast, the board also heard L. C. Bruce of Raleigh, public relations director for the State Ports Authority, discuss Brunswick county's potentialities and growth in relation to water commerce.

Lawrence R. Bowers, president of the Waccamaw system, said an immediate request will be made with the State Banking Commissioner for permission to establish a teller window branch at Bolivia, which would serve the mid-eastern section of Brunswick county.

During the meeting, the bank's general board of directors declared a special cash dividend of

Invite Bids On Railroad Work

Savannah District Army Engineers are inviting bids on a multi-million-dollar construction job to be built at the Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal near Southport. The job calls for construction of a 350 rail-car barricaded rail holding yard.

Work includes site preparation and drainage of the area, construction of earth barricades, laying access tracks and 35 spur tracks, provision of access roads and construction of a small smoking room/toilet building. All work is scheduled for completion within 150 calendar days.

Plans and specifications cost \$8 and may be obtained by writing to the Savannah District Engineer, P.O. Box 889, Savannah, Ga. 31402. The Engineers have scheduled a bid opening for January 23.

10 cents per share to stockholders of record as of December 15, 1967, and payable by January 10, 1968.

Bowers said the dividend is in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share. He said the extra dividend is possible "because of excellent earnings for the year."

Approximately 1,600 stockholders will receive the extra cash payment, totaling \$45,468. Bowers said a total of \$409,212 will be paid stockholders from 1967 earnings. The bank has 454,680 shares outstanding.

The directors, he said, also will recommend to the annual stockholders' meeting in February, that a 10 percent stock dividend be authorized for issuance as soon after the stockholders' meeting as is practical.

In another action, the directors paved the way for the Waccamaw to increase sizeably the amount of money allowed to lend to a single borrower. They authorized transfer of \$750,000 from undivided profits to surplus.

This will increase the bank's permanent capital structure to \$5,500,000, and will increase the legal loan limit of the bank to \$75,000.

Bowers said the growing number of larger corporations operating in the Waccamaw system's territories makes it "increasingly important for the bank to keep pace through its service to the region."

Lester Lowe, vice president of the Waccamaw's facility in Southport, said no location has been selected as yet for the Bolivia branch, if the request is approved.

"Everything hinges on the State Banking Commissioner," Lowe explained. "If we get a favorable hearing, we will move right ahead with our plans."

Lowe said the proposed operation at Bolivia would require only two employees, and that it

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Brunswick Has Good Year In Several Areas

1967 was a banner year for Brunswick County!

New public facilities established during the year were: A new city hall for Yaupon Beach was completed, a new library facility is under construction in Southport, a new Post Office has been completed at Ash and new Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company facilities were activated at Leland and Yaupon Beach with new a installment Loan branch in Shallotte.

M&M Instrument Company moved to Southport, and is in operation; Highlander, Ltd., at Shallotte announced a major expansion program for 250 employees with a 1 million dollars a year payroll. The North Carolina Department of Conservation & Development, Commercial and Sports Fishing Division, established an oyster research station on Lockwoods Folly River; the Calabash Motel was opened at Calabash.

Dredging is underway and partially completed in deepening the channel of the Cape Fear River from 34 feet to 38 feet between the ocean bar and the Port of Wilmington. The new Ocean Isle airstrip was open for use and construction on the approaches to the Cape Fear River Bridge at Wilmington are under way.

An Industrial Corporation was formed in Brunswick county for the purpose of assisting new industry in securing facilities and local capital was raised for the business organization.

The tourist season in Brunswick county had its biggest year with all facilities reporting record attendance. The visitors Center Museum at Brunswick Town was dedicated. A new promotional tourist brochure was prepared, printed, and distributed to 23 states; the U. S. Coast Guard Lightship Fryling Pan was accepted by the city of Southport to be converted to a marine museum. A new 18-hole golf course and club house was announced for the Shallotte area.

Food Editors from the southeast toured Brunswick county for a study of the seafood industry. The Southport-Ft. Fisher Ferry reported record crowds and during the summer months a second ferry was needed to

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Wolfe Heading County Realtors

On Thursday night the Brunswick County Board of Realtors held their annual Christmas banquet and installation of officers for the coming year.

Installed as president, James M. Wolfe of National Development Corp., vice-president, W. B. McDougle of M-K-M Realtors; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Lucy S. Biggins of Long Beach Realty Co. and state director, Edgar W. Morgan of Real Estate Service Co.

Short talks were made by the outgoing president, Ed Morgan, the incoming president, Jimmy Wolfe and the outgoing state director, Al Martin.

The object of the local board is to work with the state and national boards in professionalizing the real estate business in the nation, state and Brunswick county.

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, December 21,		
10:39 A M		4:40 A M
10:03 P M		5:22 P M
Friday, December 22,		
11:27 A M		5:25 A M
		6:04 P M
Saturday, December 23,		
0:00 A M		6:22 A M
12:21 P M		6:58 A M
Sunday, December 24,		
1:03 A M		7:28 A M
1:21 P M		7:58 P M
Monday, December 25,		
2:03 A M		8:34 A M
2:21 P M		8:58 P M
Tuesday, December 26,		
3:09 A M		9:40 A M
3:21 P M		9:58 P M
Wednesday, December 27,		
4:15 A M		10:46 A M
4:27 P M		10:52 P M