



# Happy New Year Greetings to All



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The Captain Builds A Ship

Capt. John G. Swan, member of the Cape Fear Pilots Association, is shown here with an intricate sailing ship model which he recently completed and named for his father, the late Capt. C. N. Swan. (Photo by Spencer).

### Lennon Plans County Visit On January 10

Alton Lennon, U. S. Representative from the North Carolina seventh district, of which Brunswick County is a part, will be in Southport at the courthouse from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Wednesday, January 10.

On Thursday and Friday of this week he will be in the District Office in the I. O. O. F. Building in Wilmington. It is located at the corner of Third and Princess Streets.

In announcing his schedule of visitations, Congressman Lennon had this to say:

In the few days since Congress adjourned, I have been able to travel briefly in the District and to spend some time in our District Office. The length of this year's Session has, unfortunately, limited the amount of time I have to visit with you.

If you have a problem relating to the Federal Government with which I can help you, I will be happy to discuss it with you. Even if you do not have a problem, I hope you will have an opportunity to drop by to say "hello" while I am in your area.

### Brief Bits Of NEWS

**HOME FOR CHRISTMAS**  
Johnnie Creech of South America was home for the Christmas holiday visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Lane.

### DEANS LIST

Miss Jacqueline Barnes of Shallotte and Julian Ray Bell of Bolivia were among the 81 students on the Dean's List for the fall quarter at Southeastern Community College.

### HOLIDAY DANCE

The Southport Jaycees will sponsor a holiday dance Saturday night from 9 until 1 o'clock at the Jaycee Building. Music will be provided by the Saints and proceeds will go to the visual education program at Southport High School in the effort to meet standards required for accreditation.

### HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City and county offices, the banks and savings and loan institutions and a good many businesses in Brunswick County will be closed Monday to observe New Year's. Brunswick County schools will reopen on Tuesday morning. That will bring to a close the holiday schedule which has involved Christmas as well as New Year's.

### Builds Model Ship To Honor Father

Capt. John G. Swan, like his father before him, is a man of the sea. He is a member of the Cape Fear Pilots Association and prior to the time when he came on duty with this organization he served with the U. S. Corps of Engineers as master of a dredge. During World War II he was captain of the USE Dredge Lyman, which was on duty in the harbor at Manila.

It is logical that a man of this background should have as one of his principal hobbies the building of model ships. He has built a ship model for each of his three children. His latest work was a three mast barque which he calls the Charles N. Swan, in honor of his father, the late Capt. Charlie Swan, who saw much duty aboard sailing ships when he was a young man.

The model is made from a block of white pine and has mahogany masts and yards. "Nothing is from a kit," says the builder, with a note of pride. This ship is not made to scale, but is about four and one-half feet in length and 1 1/4 inches wide. Countless hours of tedious, painstaking work went into the completion of this beautiful new ship model, which is much like the Barque Eagle which sailed through the Southport harbor in August.

There was a time when ships of this kind were frequent visitors to the Cape Fear River, and the model maker saw some of them in the Southport harbor when he was a boy.

"I thought it would be proper to name the ship for Papa, since Mrs. Herring wrote a very fine book about him. The book tells of his years at sea in ships like this when he was a young man."

### Sale Of Seals May Set Record

The Christmas Seal Sale on Christmas day showed a total of \$18,029, of which \$928.94 came from Brunswick County residents, according to Hugh A. Ragsdale of Richlands, chairman for the area.

Ragsdale commented on how well Brunswick County was doing and would like to give his thanks.

A total of 60 patients were in the sanatorium at Christmas time and while a number were taken care of by organizations and clubs, the SENC Tuberculosis Association provided Christmas boxes for the balance of the patients. Christmas trays favors were made by the Girl Scouts and First Presbyterian Church of Wilmington, to add cheer to the many patients who have been there for months.

Final receipts from the Seal Sale will not be known until the sale ends January 28. Many contributors wait until after Christmas to send in donations and the final total is expected to exceed the 1966 sale.

### To Investigate Storm Damage

Following is a portion of a letter from Col. Beverly C. Snow of the Wilmington District Corps of Engineers to Congressman Alton A. Lennon regarding erosion problems in Brunswick:

"I will be happy to make an investigation of the damage inflicted on Brunswick County beaches by the 3 December storm and advise you of my findings as requested in your letter of 15 December 1967. "By separate letter, I will give you a complete detailed report on the improvement of Lockwoods Folly Inlet as desired by local interests, the related erosion problem at Holden Beach and other Brunswick County beaches, and the erosion along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway."

### Technical Aid For Business

Brunswick county businesses will receive technical assistance from N. C. State University's Industrial Extension Service in 1968.

The program is conducted by the extension arm of N. C. State's School of Engineering and is financed through the Economic Development Administration.

Goal of the program is new jobs.

The University will offer technological advances to local enterprises to increase productivity and job opportunities.

N. C. State teams will work with citizens of the county who are interested in establishing new firms and expanding old companies.

The program operates under Dr. John R. Canada, assistant dean of engineering at NCSU. Project director is Harley Mudge Jr. and assistant director is Louis E. Gates.

Mudge is a mechanical engineer with experience in production and design. Gates is former chief chemist of Champion Paper and Fiber Co. in Canton. Both have been members of the Industrial Extension Service for three years.

Mudge, Hampton and other members of the IES staff will confer with local leaders throughout the year in implementing the program.

Counties under the program are Bertie, Bladen, Brunswick, Camden, Carteret, Columbus, Currituck, Dare, Duplin, Franklin, Gates, Greene, Hyde, Jones, Northampton, Robeson, Tyrrell, Warren, and Wilson.

### Postal Force Thanks Folks For Good Help

"We want", said Southport Postmaster Norris Long this morning, as the local mail office began operations following the Christmas weekend, "to express our heartfelt thanks to the local postoffice patrons for the wonderful way they responded to our pleas for cooperation in sending off their Christmas mail and packages.

"We couldn't have done the job of distribution, and getting all the packages and mail off from Southport alone," said the postmaster.

"Everyone cooperated beautifully and we were able to deliver all the holiday mail reaching the Southport Post Office in time for the last delivery and postal employees were able to spend Christmas with their families," the postal official said.

"If people had waited for the last minute to mail their gifts and greetings, we would have been working throughout the holiday," he said.

No backlogs were noted in post offices throughout the area. Another significant factor was the use of ZIP Code on a great volume of the mail passing through the Southport post office. This meant more efficient mail handling operation than in previous years.

### Former Board Member Dies

WILMINGTON--H. O. Peterson, 77, retired farmer and businessman of the Leland area and Northwest Community, died Saturday in New Hanover Memorial Hospital after a short illness.

He was a native of Brunswick County and was a member of Goshen Baptist Church of Leland, from which final rites were held Tuesday at 11 a. m. by the Revs. J. C. Spivey and Woodrow Robbins, with burial in the church cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Vera Rowell Peterson; two sons, the Rev. Linwood Peterson of Norfolk, Va. and H. O. Peterson, Jr. of Leland; five daughters, Mrs. Ernest Lennon of Wilmington, Mrs. Hulet Croom, Mrs. Allen Brinson, Miss Elsie Peterson and Mrs. Dick Saunders, all of Leland; a brother, T. E. Peterson of Wilmington; a sister, Mrs. Bertie Skipper of Wilmington; 12 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

The deceased was one of the most prominent citizens of Brunswick and was active in the business, political and civic affairs of this county. On two different occasions he served as a member of the board of county commissioners.

### Time And Tide

Thirty years ago this week sudden large catches of shrimp had again brought activity to the Southport waterfront. During the days preceding that edition, the high boat's catch was anywhere between 30 and 50 bushels. Each bushel was being sold at \$3, and a half a dozen boats were averaging over \$100 per day.

The H.M.S. Apollo, a 7,000 pound light cruiser of the British navy, was due to visit Wilmington and pass through Southport's harbor. The visit was to be only a courtesy call.

Interest was still aroused concerning the future of sport fishing possibilities following the discovery of the abundance of fish during the preceding summer season. The Civic Club was urging the citizens of Southport to support the fishing development as much as possible.

Twenty-five years ago this week the rationing board was busy adjusting fuel rations, and not much hope was given to the possibility of lifting the restrictions. Brunswick county motorists had been slowed down and were not allowed to use more than a small amount of fuel for their cars. The same restrictions were placed on the homeowners for fuel oil.

The rationing on gas and tires had halted the delivery of retail milk. Only milk going to the store was to be delivered. Fred Stevens, manager of the Magnolia Dairy, made the announcement and said that he had delivered milk to a point where his tires would no longer take the strain.

Preston Bryant, a Southport resident, was named a lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Naval reserve. Bryant, had seen much sea duty aboard the dredge Constock as a captain after the craft was converted to a government freighter.

Twenty years ago this week a letter was received from T. L. Smith, at that time a resident of Siler City, containing a five dollar check and several ideas concerning improvement on the Whittier's Bench. He suggested that the location should be beautified and

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Employees Honored

Seven employees at Doshier Memorial Hospital were honored last Wednesday when they received Loyal Service Awards in the form of a letter of appreciation, a certificate of appreciation and a Loyal Service Pin. The awards were handed out by L. T. Yaskell, chairman of the board of trustees for the hospital. Shown here, left to right, are Mrs. Walburg Moore, Mrs. Mabel Moore Joyner, Yaskell, Mrs. Vera McKeithan, Mrs. E. F. Gore, Mrs. Sam Reese and Mrs. Ruby King. (Photo by Spencer)

### Hospital Help Honored For Long Service

L. T. Yaskell, chairman of board of trustees at Doshier Memorial Hospital, presented seven hospital employees with Loyal Service Awards, for continuous employment.

The awards consisted of letter of appreciation, certificate of loyal service, and a loyal service pin.

Employees receiving awards were Mrs. Vera McKeithan, 22 years employment; Herbert Robinson, 19 years employment; Mrs. Mable Moore Joyner, 17 years employment; Mrs. Fannie Robbins, 16 years employment; Mrs. Elena Gore, 14 years employment; Mrs. Walburg Moore, 12 years employment; Mrs. Recie Rees and Mrs. Ruby King, 10 years employment, all of Southport.

The Letter of Appreciation read in part: "You have helped to maintain a county and community institution through your sense of responsibility and devotion to your work. I share your pride in the contribution you have made to the hospital in its ability to accomplish its primary purpose of the Care of the Sick and Injured.

"I trust you will continue to maintain this interest and devotion by many more years of faithful service." Chairman Yaskell remarked when the last award was presented that this was the first time an award of this kind has been made to employees of the hospital.

### Get Auto License Plates At Shallotte

Today, December 27, the Department of Motor Vehicles will place 2,700,000 license plate applications in the mail.

The cards are in two parts instead of the usual five. This reduction is made possible because of the Department's new computer which allows for storage of registration information on magnetic tape, eliminating the necessity of maintaining card files.

Miss Foy Ingram, who heads the Department of Motor Vehicles Registration Division, says the applications are being mailed under First Class postage rather than bulk rate, and that all cards, therefore, should reach their destination by January 2, the date issuance of new plates begins. She points out that "to renew a license plate you must have a re-

newal card" and cautions against the misplacing of it when received. Obtaining a duplicate takes time and can be costly if application is made late in the renewal period.

"If by the end of the first week in January you have not received your renewal application card you should," according to Miss Ingram, "send a request for another to the Department of Motor Vehicles, Raleigh. We will need the make, of vehicle, its identification number and the 1967 tag number. If possible, send the title number."

Surrounding area residents can procure their 1968 plates at the N. C. License Plate Agency, Shallotte, (next door to Russ Motors) on January 2. The office hours are from 8 a. m. until 5 p. m. Monday thru Saturday. The local license agency, Mrs. Christine Soles and Miss Ingram urge that "you open your application cards and complete them in accordance with instructions before presenting for new plates." They say this will greatly expedite the issuance and keep long lines from forming.

### Jury List For January Term

Following is the jury list for the January term of Superior court for trial of criminal cases which convene on the third Monday:

**SUPPLY** -- B. E. Etheridge, Josie Pugh Davis, Donald G. Huddleton, Daniel Leo Hewett, Ivory E. Johnson, Fred Cumbee, Nancy Varnum Hewett, Raleigh Dixon, Sr., Joyce Bell Brown, James Henry Stevenson, Alfred K. Stanley, Martin M. Gore, Jesse C. Calson, Thomas S. Bennett, Kathaleen Parker.

**LELAND** -- Willie W. Henry, Mrs. Heber Moore, Albert Larry Vaughn, R. E. Sanders, Juanita Rogers Mills, Albert S. H. Boney, Sr., Robert Wayne Mintz, W. H. Brew, Lenwood Ballard, Marshall James Mintz, Randolph McGowan, Mrs. Oliver A. (Maxine) Lewis.

**SHALLOTTE** -- J. L. Holmes, Jr., Clyde Benton, Leon Hilburn, A. W. Bradsher, Sam Fletcher Frink, Ralph L. Price, Theron Johnson, Earl Frink, S. D. Smith, J. S. Parker, Jr., Lula Brooks, Adell Sommersett, Lurris Stanley, Albert Cumbee.

**SOUTHPORT** -- Salley P. Swain, C. P. Price, Grace B. Garner, William L. Freeman, Mrs. Susie F. Toler, Mrs. Ed. P. Spencer, Mrs. James E. Smith, Jr., Floyd L. Allen, A. D. Harrell, Elnova McClean, Elias Alfred Gore, Mrs. Dallas Pigott, Kathlene Poindexter, Joyce Greene Potter, Mary Phelps, William O. Beasley.

**ASH** -- Bob Milliken, J. K. Register, Lula Mae Long, Mrs. Joseph Standland; **BOLIVIA** -- H. M. Thorpe, Essie Mae Clarinda, Burris Robinson, Leroy Parker.

**WINNABOW** -- Daniel Rabon, Elizabeth H. Irving, J. N. Sewell, Jr., Mrs. Roy Swain, J. Tyler Potter, Sr., Arate Jones; **OCEAN DRIVE BEACH**, S. C. -- Eugene Carter, Roger Dugard; **FREE-LAND** -- Grace S. Young.

### Retired Men Receive Checks

The Duke Endowment has distributed Christmas checks totaling \$230,000 to retired Methodist ministers and families of deceased ministers.

Through its rural church program, The Endowment provides funds to assist in the support of aged ministers and widows and dependent orphaned children of ministers who served in the North Carolina or Western North Carolina Conferences of the Methodist Church. The appropriation for this year went to 529 persons of whom 245 are ministers, 249 are widows, and 35 are children. The amount received by each beneficiary depends upon the years of service. In the North Carolina Conference, the checks represented 5,512 years; in the Western North Carolina Conference, 9,271-1/2 years.

Fifty-five of the ministers receiving checks have served 40 years or longer. Of these, five had records of 46 years or more. The largest check to a minister was \$914.30, representing 48-1/2 years. Among the widows, one received a check based on her husband's 50-3/4 years of service.

The program includes also contributions for building and operating rural churches in the two Conferences. Allocations and appropriations for these purposes had amounted to a total of \$8,126,299 at the close of 1966, and the total for retired ministers and their dependent families had reached \$1,877,714.

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### Seafood Men Seek Support Of Promotion

North Carolina seafood dealers voted recently to support an industry-wide promotion of their industry by means of an assessment at the dealer level. The referendum was conducted by a mail-in ballot, with forty eight percent of the eligible votes being returned. The measure passed by an impressive seventy percent favorable vote.

Organized and conducted by the North Carolina Fisheries Association, with the help of the Commerce and Industry Division of the Department of Conservation and Development, the referendum called for a vote by each licensed fish dealer on whether they should pay five cents per 100 pounds of shrimp, three cents per 100 pounds of fish (except for alewives and inedible fin fish, which is one-half cent per 100 pounds), two cents each per bushel of oysters and clams, two cents per gallon of bay and calico scallops, two cents per dozen of hard crabs, and two cents per 100 pounds of hard crabs.

Legislation was enacted during the most recent General Assembly to allow any association or group in the fishing industry to hold a referendum. Subsequently, the Board of Conservation and Development authorized and empowered the North Carolina Fisheries Association, Inc., to conduct this referendum. Ballots were mailed out on December 1 to 487 licensed seafood dealers. Assessment will commence in July, and will continue for three years under this balloting. To continue this assessment beyond three years, the Association must conduct another referendum then.

Funds collected under this program will be used to promote the good, welfare, and advancement of the fishing and seafood industry. The most prominent initial feature will be the hiring of a full-time executive director who will conduct the affairs of the Association.

Earl H. Holton of Vandemere, chairman of the Referendum Committee of the Fisheries Association, in announcing a favorable vote said, "This means many, many things to us. It means that for the first time we will have a voice that will be heard in Raleigh, in Washington, and in other places in the fishing industry. It means we will have the means to reach all phases of our own industry. It will mean we can have the liaison with other groups with which we can join for joint efforts. It means we will have an information source through which we can tell our story, and which can inform us of things we should know."

Elmer D. Willis of Williston, retiring president of the association, stated at the public meeting on December 15 that the ballots were counted and the results announced; "This is the biggest thing ever in the history of our industry. There were the most things riding on a favorable vote. Had it not passed, we could have all gone home and gotten out

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### 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 Pilots' Association.

	HIGH	LOW
Thursday, December 28,		
5:15 A M	11:36 A M	
5:27 P M	11:42 P M	
Friday, December 29,		
6:09 A M	12:40 A M	
6:21 P M		
Saturday, December 30,		
7:09 A M	0:46 A M	
7:21 P M	1:34 P M	
Sunday, December 31,		
7:56 A M	1:34 A M	
8:09 P M	2:22 P M	
Monday, January 1,		
8:51 A M	2:28 A M	
9:03 P M	2:16 P M	
Tuesday, January 2,		
9:39 A M	3:16 A M	
9:57 P M	3:58 P M	
Wednesday, January 3,		
10:27 A M	4:04 A M	
10:45 P M	4:46 P M	