



Operation Tidy-Up 1968

William and John White, Terris Kelly, Jerry and Bennie King of Ash are shown here as they kick off the contest sponsored by the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation to clean up the highways this year. Big cash prizes are being offered in this competition.

Brunswick REA Will Sponsor Cleanup Drive

Operation Tidy-Up, a cooperative effort of the Brunswick Electrical Membership Corporation, the agricultural workers and various nurserymen in the Brunswick-Columbus County area, will be held again this year, according to Hugh D. Vance, electrical advisor of the Co-op.

Vance said that because of the increased amount of travel, the widespread use of disposable packaging, the increased number of tourists in our area and the lasting impact of first impressions make it necessary to promote such a concerted effort to enhance the natural beauty of the two counties.

"In essence, it is simply a community clean-up, square-up, tidy-up contest supported by pictorial proof of the before and after conditions," said Vance. "Therefore, the originality and content of a scrap book will weigh heavily in the selection of the contest winner. However, it is hoped that in the process of carrying out the project, a new sense of vision, a greater feeling of community fellowship, an increased idea of the value of cooperative effort, a pleasure in active participation, and a feeling of civic responsibility and pride will have been generated that far out-weighs and outlasts any other

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

MOTHERS MARCH
The Brunswick County Mother's March of Dimes will be held next Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:30 o'clock. Everyone is asked to cooperate.

FERRY SERVICE
The Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry will go back in service tomorrow (Thursday) on its regular winter schedule. This calls for trips from the Southport side at 8, 11, 1:30 and 3:30. Return trips will be made at 9:30, 12:30, 2:30 and 4:30.

P.T.A. SPEAKER
F. Murray Acker, general manager of the DuPont Plant in Brunswick county, will be guest speaker at P.T.A. meeting at Southport High School Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock. Everyone is urged to attend, regardless of whether he or she is a P.T.A. member.

Farm Bureau Holds Meeting At Shallotte

"It appears the path of agricultural production is seldom illumined by economic consistency. For, each year, some of problems requiring the farmer to cut, increase, dump, or quit," said Harold C. Robinson, vice-president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau, at the January meeting held at Schick's Restaurant in Shallotte, Robinson acted as host due to illness of President Ira Chadwick.

"Prices received by farmers declined most of 1967. The result was a drop of 13 percent in net farm income from the first half of 1966 when composed to the same period of 1967," said Robinson.

"We need to join together with Farm Bureau and find methods to combat these decreases in prices received by the farmers when all the time prices we are paying are going sky-high. We favor keeping our present allotments in Brunswick County for the future benefit of our county economy to help combat these decreases in prices received by the farmers when all the time prices we are paying are going sky-high. We favor keeping our present allotments in Brunswick County for the future benefit of our county economy to help combat some of these drastic decreases in our increase," Robinson said.

"Adjustments for overplantings of flue-cured tobacco in 1967 shows a possibility that perhaps we will have one of the smallest crops to be produced in several years. Sale and transfer to other counties and states will not help this situation either. Domestic use is expected to increase along with exports and price support level, but we still do not need to give someone else our OWN economy out the back door," Robinson stated.

The following committees were appointed: National Legislative: F. Herbert Swain Sr., Southport, James D. Bellamy, Jr., Shallotte, Homer Holden of Bolivia, Dr. I. Chadwick of Shallotte.

Special Projects: Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Williams of Shallotte, Mrs. Jackie Long of Supply, Mrs. Joyce Russ of Ash, and Mrs. Virginia Gilbert of Bolivia.

Service Committee: Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gilbert of Bolivia and Murphy L. Hewett of Supply.

Seals Receipts Set New Record

Hugh A. Ragsdale, chairman for the SENC Tuberculosis Association Seal Sale reported that the total raised through January 19th was slightly over \$21,000.

Of the six counties involved, Brunswick reached \$1,000, New Hanover, \$9,485, Onslow \$5,285.25, Pender \$858, in each case the highest amount raised since the area association was formed.

Bladen and Columbus counties are still short of last year's total amount. While no set goal was made, the Association needs \$23,000 to carry out the year-round program of education, medical research, patient service, and community service.

Because of the number of patients from these counties, the drain on patient service funds has been particularly heavy.

The Association is sending a third reminder to those contributors who have not been heard from, according to our records. If there have been duplications, the Association would appreciate knowing, so that the permanent records can be corrected.



Lightship At New Berth

The Frying Pan Lightship, destined to eventually wind up as a nautical museum in Southport, was moved Monday from one temporary berth at the Baptist Assembly dock in the Cape Fear River to the Standard Products dock on the intracoastal waterway west of the bridge on the beach road. Towing the lightship was Capt. Merrit Moore's Cindy and following along behind with a line out to prevent the larger vessel from 'fish-tailing' is Capt. Dick Skipper's Eva K. (Photo by Spencer)

Welcome Given News Of CP&L Plant Proposal

Response to the Carolina Power and Light Co. announcement he received enthusiastic endorsement by many individuals, firms and elected officials according to William A. Powell, chairman of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County is collecting letters addressed to Shearon Harris, president of CP&L, to be placed in a portfolio to be presented to Mr. Harris on February 1. All letters should be mailed to the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County, P. O. Box 638, Southport.

Powell also stated that resolutions of endorsement and support are being requested from all municipalities, civic clubs and organized groups of Brunswick county.

The response to date has been very gratifying, but he urges citizens to prepare their letters and resolutions as soon as possible in order that time can be allowed to prepare the portfolio for presentation.

The first resolution in support of the project was adopted by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport. This resolution was adopted by the club shortly after the announcement was made at the Bolling Spring Lakes Country Club. (Continued on Page 4)

Power Planning Long Term Job



RAYMOND S. TALTON

First Highway Fatality Listed

SUPPLY — A Wilmington man was killed and another injured in a two-car collision near here Monday afternoon, according to J. E. Farmer, investigating Highway Patrolman. Robert Lee Gainey, 45, 2201 Dexter St., Wilmington, was killed instantly when his 1959 car, moving south on U. S. 17 about two miles north of here, went out of control and struck a car driven by Hayden Hill, 73 Bonedan Ave., East Palatkaque, N. Y., Farmer said.

Gainey's car apparently went off the road on the right side when entering a curve, came back onto the road and hit the Hill car in the front, Farmer reported.

Hill, 59, driving a 1967 car, was carried to a Shallotte doctor in a private car and later transferred by ambulance to New Hanover Memorial Hospital, where he was listed in satisfactory condition. He suffered facial cuts and bruises, according to hospital officials.

Both cars were a total loss. Gainey was born in Rockingham, August 20, 1923, the son of Mrs. Ada Viola Long Gainey and the late Arthur Leonard Gainey.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mavis Briggman Gainey of (Continued on Page 4)

School Study Featured In Jury Report

The Grand Jury was called to order on January 15 by William O. Beasley, foreman, Kathleen C. Parker, secretary.

The jury was in session 3 days examined 15 bills and returned 15 true bills.

Members inspected the jails, schools, court house, health department and other county buildings and found the following conditions:

Southport Jail--We recommend a new jail to be built.

Shallotte Jail--Good condition.

Southport High School--Needs numerous broken window and door glasses replaced, need one new exterior door, needs repairs on wall plaster, needs commode tank lid in boy's bath, needs fire extinguishers upstairs, needs new heating system in Marineology building, needs new water fountain in gym.

Brunswick County High School --Needs lavatory in first grade room, needs back exterior door, needs broken window and door glasses, replaced, steps need to be strengthened on mobile class unit, plumbing repairs needed, fire extinguishers needed, roof needs repairs to prevent leaking in vocation building, and gym, walls need repairing, ventilation should be checked in cafeteria, screen doors need replacing in cafeteria, heater needs repair in classroom building, behind school.

Bolivia High School -- Needs numerous window and door glasses replaced, needs door knobs, needs wall plaster repaired, cabinet and book shelves needed in classrooms, window in projection room needs repairing, fire extinguishers needed, exhaust fan needed in kitchen, roof needs repairing in shower room of gym. Bolivia school was found clean. The poor condition of this school indicated that proper maintenance has not been carried out in the past. We recommend that the Brunswick County Supt. of Schools investigate this condition and determine if corrective action should be taken.

Leland High School -- Needs window and door glasses replaced, new seats needed in auditorium, needs plaster job on wall, repair halls, elementary library requested, fire extinguishers (Continued On Page Eight)

Kindegarten Is Topic For Class

Final plans for the kindergarten training classes are now being completed as the Cape Fear Technical Institute plans to offer "The Nature and Scope of Day Care for Young Children" sometime in early February.

The course will consist of two meetings a week for twelve weeks. The only cost will be for textbooks. Two different classes will be taught, one in Southport and one in Bolivia. At the completion of this course a certificate will be given, and if called for a follow up course will be taught in the fall. This course may be used towards a one year trade degree or a two year technical degree if desired.

Letters will be sent to those who have phoned in their names when final plans are completed. Others who wish to take the course may do so by attending the first meeting, which will be announced later.

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, January 25,	
3:57 A M	10:28 A M
4:06 P M	10:34 P M
Friday, January 26,	
5:03 A M	11:34 A M
5:15 P M	11:34 P M
Saturday, January 27,	
6:03 A M	12:28 A M
6:15 P M	
Sunday, January 28,	
6:57 A M	0:34 A M
7:09 P M	1:22 P M
Monday, January 29,	
7:45 A M	1:22 A M
7:57 P M	2:04 P M
Tuesday, January 30,	
8:33 A M	2:10 A M
8:45 P M	2:52 P M
Wednesday, January 31,	
9:15 A M	2:58 A M
9:27 P M	3:28 P M

Candidate For Governor Here

Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins, Democratic candidate for Governor of North Carolina, has accepted an invitation to attend the mass meeting of the Southport branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Brunswick County High School gymnasium.

The speaker for this meeting is Kelly Alexander of Charlotte, who is president of the North Carolina Branches. The program will be held at 4 p.m. and presidents of both branches in Brunswick county are asking the public to attend this first mass meeting of the year.

Time And Tide

It was January 19, 1938, and the campaign against free-roaming felines that had been announced by the Southport Civil Club on the previous week was getting hearty approval from local upland game hunters. H. B. Smith had recently been appointed Chief Boiler Inspector for the State; and the late Clifton Moore had entered the race for district Superior Court Judge.

The Southport Independents had recently won a basketball contest from the crew of the cutter Modoc, 48-24. High scorer; Willing, 13 points. H. M. S. Apollo, an English gunboat, had made a brief appearance in Southport harbor earlier in the week, being piloted by Wilmington by Capt. Harold St. George. The occasion had warranted a recess for the local school. The new Fords had just come out and were advertised at around \$650. With 22 to 27 miles per gallon too! And a Whiteville firm was offering competition with good mules and Hackney Wagons.

It was January 20, 1943, a war year, and Americans everywhere were working furiously at providing food for their forces overseas. Locally, clam-digging had begun to boom again, and some service men were soon due for a good mess of clam chowder. The recent cut in auto travel was noted to have increased wear on shoe leather a good deal. The editors of both The Lighter Side and Not Exactly News had noted the unique birth announcement sent out by Mr. and Mrs. Jim Ferger; and two Northwest township establishments had been visited by a group of law enforcement officers on

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Hospital Room Rate Advances

Hospital room rates will be increased on March 1, at Doshier Memorial Hospital as follows: Private room, \$21.50; semi-private, \$17.50; 3-bed ward, \$16; and 4-bed ward \$13.

The Hospital Board of Trustees were compelled to increase the rate of rooms since the Federal Wage Law requires another salary increase to all employees now under the minimum wage requirements on February 1. This will increase the monthly payroll of the hospital approximately \$2,000. The steady climb of hospital operational costs is also a contribution factor in increased room rates, a spokesman for the trustees said.

Record Resources Reported By S & L

Assets of Security Savings and Loan Association as of December 31, 1967 total \$5,985,565, up 13.75 percent from the \$5,261,847, reported a year ago, the association's annual report revealed this week.

All officers of the association were reelected as follows: H. T. St. George, president; D. C. Herring, vice-president; W. P. Jergensen, secretary-treasurer.

The report, issued by president St. George, showed that savings balances held by the association now amount to \$5,530,912 as compared to \$4,747,761 a year ago. St. George noted that compared to the 1966 gain in savings 1967 had been an excellent savings year for the association. Record dividends totalling \$222,204 were paid to the 2536 account holders of the association during 1967. Mortgage loans put on the books during the year amount to \$1,253,739 bringing total loans to \$5,106,711.

In looking ahead to 1968, the annual report indicated that there is a possibility that next year might see another round of tight money. This would, of course, present challenges for the savings and loan business and the real estate and housing industry. Mr. St. George said: "The savings and loan business profited very much from the lessons it learned during the tight money year of 1966. I predict that even with a return

Lt. (jg) Meekins Promoted

Lt. (jg) Les Meekins, commanding officer of the Cape Upright, U. S. Coast Guard boat stationed at Southport, recently received a promotion from rank of ensign. He is a native of Dare county, North Carolina, where his family has been identified with this branch of the service for many years. (Photo by Spencer)