



Trinity Methodist Educational Building

Good progress is being made in construction of the new educational building at Trinity Methodist Church in Southport. New construction, being performed by Miller Construction Co., of Wilmington, is shown in the foreground. In the background is the rear of the frame sanctuary and in the left background is the old Methodist parsonage. (Photo by Spencer).

Planning Grant Is Received By City Officials

The City of Southport received notice last week that a grant of \$9,200, has been approved by the Federal Government for City Planning Assistance.

This notice was received by Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., from Dan E. Stewart, Jr., director of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. The division of community planning of the N. C. Department of Conservation and Development will assist the City of Southport and the local zoning and planning committee in setting up long range development planning, which will include such items as up dating zoning regulations, public housing regulations, land use and development, sub-division planning etc.

Approximately two years will be required to complete the work. Public hearings will be held from time to time in order that the citizens of Southport will be kept informed as to the actual progress being made, for any suggestions and recommendations they have to offer, or objections to any phase of the planning.

Members of the local zoning committee are C. B. Steele, H. A. Schmidt, Roscoe Davis, E. F. Gore, and Joe W. Walton.



CP & L Testing Site

This is part of a rig the S. E. Diamond Drilling Co. is using this week to make the first of seven test borings near Southport to determine if the soil can provide sufficient load-bearing qualities to accommodate the proposed nuclear power plant. The holes will be from 100 to 600 feet in depth and the borings will be studied by geologists. The operation is expected to last about 6 weeks. The mayor of Southport and members of the board of county commissioners were on hand to see the first equipment unloaded. (Photo by Spencer).

Financial Help For Students Through PACE

SENClard Community Action, Inc., has agreed to co-ordinate the 1968 P.A.C.E. program in Brunswick county.

This program is designed to lend financial assistance to needy students now attending college and to those planning to attend in September. A student applying for this assistance must be approved by the college he or she is attending or plans to attend. In order to get this financial assistance, the student is required to work during the summer months.

If a student is approved by the college, he is assigned to a work site, which may be any non-profit organization, willing to pay the required matching share of the student's wages. The matching share paid by the non-profit organization will not in any case exceed thirty per cent of the student's wages.

Last summer 24 college students from Brunswick county received financial assistance through the P.A.C.E. Program. These students worked at 12 different sites throughout the county. The agencies participating were Brunswick County Board of Education, Brunswick County Health Department, City of Southport, Doshier Memorial Hospital, Brunswick County Tax Office, Ocean Isle Beach, Town of Long Beach, Brunswick County Library, A.S.C. Office, Town of Shallotte, Brunswick Town Historic Site and SENClard Community Action, Inc.

P.A.C.E. applications are now available to needy students planning to attend college this fall, as well as to those students now attending college. Application forms may be secured from the college's financial officer, Mrs. J. T. Barnes and Mrs. Irene Hankins, counselors for Brunswick County.

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Measles Inoculation Program

This was the scene at Southport High School gymnasium Sunday during the measles clinic, conducted throughout Brunswick county by the Health Department, and aimed at stamping out this dangerous and painful childhood disease. Volunteers assisted professional health officials in this program. (Photo by Spencer)

Measles Fight Waged Sunday In Brunswick

A total of 1206 children in Brunswick county were inoculated for measles during an one-day all-out effort to stamp out this disease Sunday.

The program was conducted by the Brunswick County Health Department and had the cooperation of a large group of volunteers. The State Department was very well pleased with this response, saying they figured 1,000 participants would have been a good record for Brunswick.

Among the volunteers were law enforcement officers who stood by with radio communications to keep each of the clinics in touch with each other.

A doctor was on duty at each clinic.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

DENTIST AWAY
Dr. C. R. Conrad will be out of his office from February 24 to March 2.

ART CLASSES
Registration for Adult Spring Art Classes will be held at Southport High School on February 27 at 7:30 o'clock. Miss Hester Donnelly will be the instructor.

WILLIAMS SPEAKER
George Williams, superintendent of schools for Brunswick County, will be the speaker at the public affairs forum at Southport Presbyterian Church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Coffee will be served and Mr. Williams will speak and answer questions.

Waccamaw Bank Honors Nesmith

Authorization of a stock dividend, and tribute to a man who retired after 30 years of service were among the highlights of the 42nd annual stockholders' meeting of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., in Whiteville Wednesday.

Youthpower Is Contest Theme

County winners in the North Carolina Youthpower Program were announced this week by Milton Coleman, Assistant Agricultural Extension Agent, who was county coordinator for the program.

Lynn Hewett and Jeris Hewett were the girl and boy winners. Both are students at Shallotte High School and are actively involved in 4-H club work. Lynn's projects included a study of egg production, marketing and consumption; planning family meals; and seafood. Jeris' projects included egg production, marketing, and consumption; the value and effects of the present Hog Cholera Eradication Program; and swine production--producer, packer and consumer.

As county winners, their records will be judged in state competition. At the state level, ten delegates, five boys and five girls, will be selected to attend the National Youthpower Congress in Chicago, Illinois, March 27-30.

Youthpower is a non-commercial, educational program sponsored by North Carolina and United States Food Industry companies and organizations and the North Carolina Farm Bureau.

A 10 percent stock dividend will be an added bonus for over 1,600 stockholders, and it will be issued the latter part of March to stockholders of record Feb. 21, 1968. The bank paid a 20-cents quarterly dividend in 1967, and a 10-cents per share cash dividend as an extra payment in December.

Lawrence R. Bowers, president and chief executive officer, said stockholders also approved amendment to the charter, increasing the authorized shares of common stock from 460,000, and the stock dividend will give Waccamaw more than 500,000 shares outstanding.

The annual report also honored Ben L. Nesmith Jr., who retired last month as chairman of the board of directors, after 30 years' service, with the last two chief executive officer.

Nesmith joined the Waccamaw Bank in 1937 when the Farmers and Merchants Bank of Tabor City was purchased. He moved up through the ranks over the years, with the Waccamaw enjoying some of its most significant gains under his leadership.

He began to relinquish his active administrative chores last August, stepping down as chief executive officer. Though his active career ended last month with retirement as chairman, he will continue in less active roles with the Waccamaw.

The annual report emphasized four major areas of progress for the bank during 1967, and set forth plans for continued progress in the current year. Expansion and improvement of facilities in nine offices of the 25 in 18 communities, and substantial increases in banking activities also were pointed out in the annual report.

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Water Projects In Good Shape

The effects of the President's 1968 budget on North Carolina's civil works navigation projects was a major concern of the Navigation Committee of the North Carolina Delegation to the National Rivers and Harbors Congress when it met last week in Raleigh.

It was the view of the committee, expressed by Chairman Lucius Pullen of Raleigh, that the status of the State's navigation projects is favorable and that no action to promote changes in proposed appropriations is necessary.

Two projects--the deepening of Cape Fear River channels above Wilmington and the deepening of Wilmington Harbor -- have, according to Pullen, been financed to completion. Two other projects--the dredging of the North East Cape Fear River from Wilmington to Castle Hayne and establishment of a 12-foot channel in the Roanoke River between Williamston and Roanoke Rapids--are adequately funded to insure the normal progress of studies currently being conducted by the Corps of Engineers.

In connection with the Cape Fear above Wilmington project, the Committee was informed that, while Federal funds to complete the project appear assured, construction cannot begin until real estate and other elements of local cooperation are provided by local interests. Col. R. J. B. Page, Chief of the Division of Waterways and Seashore of the State Department of Water and Air Resources, informed the committee that an attempt will be made to resolve this problem when the Cape Fear Basin Development Association meets in Elizabethtown on February 13.

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Tree Tunnel

If you live in Southport you ought to recognize this tree tunnel. It is in front of the old Finch place near the Sawdust Trail intersection where live oak branches span the highway and where trucks have carved a graceful archway.—(Photo by Spencer)

Engineer To Redraw Plans For Station

At a special meeting of the board of aldermen for the City of Southport Thursday night Wiley G. Wells agreed to place in escrow the sum of \$1,000 to be applied toward the cost of making structural alterations in a sewage lift station located near his home at the end of Lord Street.

At the conclusion of a lengthy discussion W. P. Horne made a motion to have the plans and specifications for lowering the station.

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School Group To Meet At Bolivia

A countywide meeting to discuss a school bond election to finance the construction of three modern, completed consolidated schools has been scheduled for next Tuesday night at Bolivia High School, and an invitation has been extended to every interested citizen in Brunswick county to attend this meeting.

This was the chief development of a joint meeting of the Brunswick County Citizens for Better Schools, members of the Brunswick County Board of Education and members of the Board of County Commissioners held here Monday night.

This was an open meeting, and several persons who were not members of any of these three groups joined in a discussion of what had been done and what should be done to bring the issue of school improvement before the people at the earliest possible date.

E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., who presided over the meeting, asked the commissioners if they would call a bond election this summer if a petition bearing 500 names--not more than 100 of which are to be from the Southport-Beach area--is presented to them. They said they would if the Board of Education recommends this action.

Four members of the Board of Education said they will make such a request, but expressed the hope that a study by the State Department of Public Instruction will be available before such action is taken.

The Tuesday night meeting has been called in order to call citizens from all sections of the county together to consider the proposition.

An opening statement read by Chairman Tomlinson clearly sets forth the objectives of the Brunswick County Citizens for Better School Committee.

"On February 6, some sixty municipal, civic, and fraternal leaders from Bolivia, Leland, Bolling Springs, Yaupon Beach, Long Beach, and Southport met to discuss the growing concern of the county's schools and how the apparent needs could best be met.

"We are all aware of recent statements made by a DuPont Company official as to why his staff personnel are not settling in Brunswick County--unwilling to subject their children to our county education program. Some

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Recognition For Southport Girl

Miss Susan White Harrelson, a student at Peace College in Raleigh, has been chosen as one of four students selected for an independent study program in Freshman English at Peace.

Miss Harrelson is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Harrelson of 206 W. Bay Street in Southport.

The students, who have been selected on the basis of their ability to do independent research in literature, will study the development of the Orestes myth as rendered in dramatic works by Aeschylus, Eugene O'Neill, and Jean-Paul Sartre. The special freshman program which is being offered for the first time at Peace, will be directed by Mrs. Ann Eubanks Reynolds.

The three other students participating in the course are Susan Elizabeth Lomax and Anna Mills Scarborough from Salisbury, and Bettie Trigg Fontaine from Raleigh.

The Southport girl was named to the Dean's List at Peace College at the end of the first semester.

To receive this honor, the student may make no grade lower than "B" on no fewer than twelve semester hours of college work and have no record of infringement of the Honor Code or social regulations during the school year.

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, February 22	
2:30 A M	9:10 A M
2:51 P M	9:16 P M
Friday, February 23	
3:45 A M	10:16 A M
4:03 P M	10:22 P M
Saturday, February 24	
4:51 A M	11:16 A M
5:09 P M	11:28 P M
Sunday, February 25	
5:45 A M	12:10 A M
6:03 P M	
Monday, February 26	
6:39 A M	0:22 A M
6:57 P M	12:58 P M
Tuesday, February 27	
7:27 A M	1:10 A M
7:39 P M	1:40 P M
Wednesday, February 28	
8:09 A M	1:52 A M

Time And Tide

It was February 16, 1938, and it was dead winter. The Pilot that week, in an attempt to warm everyone's spirits, ran a picture of three Southport lovelies (Leila Hubbard, Mercedes Watts and Lois Jane Bussells) decked out in swimming gear, enjoying the warm water of a Ft. Caswell bath. The fame of the hot springs at the water has been spread through the up-state newspapers, and great numbers of people were coming to enjoy the healthful, refreshing and warm waters.

The Civic Club was still hard at work trying to invent history; the N.C.S.U.S.U.S.D. of 1812 was planning to erect a monument commemorating the American effort in the war of that date (1812); and the Riegel Paper Company was starting to restore forests with pine seedlings. A walkway was being planned for the Shallotte River bridge, which the local school children had to cross twice daily, and The Pilot had added another feature: "The Saying of Dorcas, the Philosopher."

It was Washington's Birthday, 1943, and a cold spell had hit the county on Monday. The Rev. R. S. Harrison was, in open meetings throughout the county, explaining the use of Ration Book 11. There was to be a county-wide meeting of the AWSOCD, to establish a local ground observer corps. It was advertised that travel to the meeting would not be considered pleasure driving.

All Southport motorists had been asked, then told, to black out a portion of their headlights in accordance with dimout regulations. Almost eight thousand dollars worth of Series "E" war bonds had been sold in the county during the last month; Mrs. Ressie Whatley had held a Valentine party; and the Sunday School classes of Southport were making and selling "warsages."

It was Wednesday, February 18, 1948, and the North Carolina Little Symphony had been in the county for three performances. And they had stayed over long enough to be seen camped all over the front page of The Pilot that week. One picture was of the conductor, Dr. Benjamin Swalin, and his wife, another of the entire ensemble as it appeared to the local audiences.

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