



Campaign Paper Work

Mrs. Dallas Pigott, left confers with Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., about one of the problems connected with mailing information concerning the latter's campaign for the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor of North Carolina. Mrs. Pigott this week has coordinated the volunteer efforts of several Southport women who are helping to get out letters in support of Mrs. Harper's campaign for this important state office. (Photo by Spencer)

State Campaign For Lieutenant Governor Begins

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., of Southport, woman candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor of North Carolina, is finding out this week that this is a big state and that she will have to follow a busy schedule during the next two months in order to carry her campaign into every county.

On Friday night she attended the Fourth Congressional District Rally in Chapel Hill and on Saturday night of this week she will attend the Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner in Raleigh. In between there will be special events in Durham, Smithfield and Raleigh in addition to newspaper, radio and television interviews. "I am grateful for the many expressions of encouragement that have come to me from all over North Carolina," Mrs. Harper said this week. "The newspapers have been particularly kind."

She said that the only thing to which she has objected thus far was a statement in one of the upstate dailies that she is a 60-year-old grandma. "I'm a grandmother, alright," she admitted, "and there is nothing I enjoy being better. But I'm a 51-year old grandmother. I can't spare those nine years that story took away."

The newspaper in question already has graciously given them back.

During the early stages of the campaign Mrs. Harper says that she wants to establish the fact that she is running to win, and that she will be busy traveling all over the state during the next few weeks to let the voters have a look at the woman who wants to be elected to state office. "I enjoy this prospect," she said this week. "I have traveled throughout North Carolina on other occasions in the performance of my duties in state organizations and I loved it. I hope to make my campaign travels an enjoyable as well as a rewarding experience."

Red Cross To Conduct Fund Drive Campaign

On March 12 at the annual meeting of the Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the annual appeal for funds will be launched. The drive is for funds to support programs of community service in the year beginning July 1, and to provide local share of the costs of the services to be carried on in this country and the world by the International Red Cross organization in 1968-1969. The organization terms its help an "SOS" (Support Our Servicemen) Appeal with the slogan "Help Us Help".

This year the Red Cross faces a crucial financial situation. No local fund drive has been held for several years. Rapidly mounting demands for services in Vietnam have compelled the National Red Cross to increase its budget for services to the armed forces to \$4.17 million. Two catastrophic floods, in Alaska and Texas, have forced the organization to draw heavily on its disaster funds in order to help several thousand families rebuild and repair their homes and otherwise return to normal living.

Brunswick county has been lucky for several years in escaping this sort of calamity. However this type of aid has been freely given here in time of hurricane damage. More money has been spent in this county than could be raised here in a hundred hurricane free years.

Other valuable services are provided by the Red Cross locally. Communications between servicemen and their families in time of emergency are handled by the local chapter. Gray Ladies serve in the local hospital, voluntarily helping others. Red Cross Lifesaving Courses are made available the Red Cross every summer when Mr. Kenneth Wooten comes down to teach Senior or Junior Lifesaving. This service will be available again this year.

For all of these constructive activities, the Red Cross needs the support of everyone in Brunswick county. With its slogan of "Help Us Help", the Brunswick County Chapter urges citizens to give generously to its drive for funds this year.



Receives Checks

Mrs. A. P. Henry of Brunswick county is shown here as she accepts a check for \$8,800 from John L. Frailey, of the Mid-Eastern Area Office of Economic Development. James R. Fout, left, is chairman and Mason Hicks, right, is vice president of the Southeastern Development Commission.

Present Check To Commission To Get Started

The Southeastern Development Commission was presented its first quarterly payment of \$8,800 of a federal grant at a meeting Wednesday afternoon in Elizabethtown.

Members of the nine county organization heard congratulatory speeches from John L. Frailey, Mid Eastern Area Office Economic Development Administration; Charles S. Edwards, EDA North Carolina Coordinator; William C. Bell, associate coordinator--State Planning Task Force; and Richard E. Timberlake Jr., Field Coordinator--SPTF, on the progress the commission has made since its beginning May 10, 1967.

It was announced by James R. Fout, Fayetteville, chairman, that New Hanover county had asked permission to join the commission and that only legal work and paper work now stood in the way of the tenth county.

Commission members heard discussions by Fout and vice-chairman Mason Hicks, Fayetteville, concerning the Cape Fear River Project, plans for hiring an executive director (procedures involved) and the Task Force Effort.

Fout described the future operations of the Commission by saying it would act as a screener for jobs--and projects arising in the region. It would decide whether state, local or federal funds would be necessary to handle the projects and added that it was hoped that through the commission, some of the goals could be reached simply through the efforts of local industries and interested persons.

Under the Concentrated Employment Program and the Special Impact Program the commission

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Democrats Have New Chairman

Mrs. H. Foster Mintz, left, will fill the unexpired term of S. B. Frink, right, as chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee following his resignation. This action was taken at a meeting of that body Saturday afternoon.

Food Stamp Plan Starts Here April 1

Low-income families in Brunswick county are being urged to apply to their local welfare agency in Southport for food assistance under the U. S. Department of Agriculture's food stamp program for low-income families.

The new food program is scheduled to get underway in Brunswick on Monday, April 1.

Applications are now being taken by the welfare office in Southport, according to Mrs. Emma B. Chadwick, director of the Brunswick County Department of Public Welfare.

The food stamp program in North Carolina is administered jointly by the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare and U.S.D.A.'s Consumer and Marketing Service.

The North Carolina Department of Public Welfare points out that families do not have to be receiving welfare assistance to be eligible for food stamp help. Food coupons are issued to families determined by their local welfare agency to be in need of food assistance. This includes a number of persons in the "senior citizens" group.

Many persons who, after retirement, are forced to live on reduced incomes, are often eligible to take part in the food stamp program.

Other low-income families also may receive food coupons provided their family income is not over specified amounts. The amount of income permitted to such families is worked out by the North Carolina Department of Public Welfare with the Consumer and Marketing Service.

Persons who are already receiving checks from the welfare department are usually eligible for food stamp assistance. These persons may take part in the food stamp program and still receive all of their monthly welfare check, and are urged to apply as soon as possible for food stamp assistance.

The Welfare Department is responsible for interviews and certification of eligible needy families. Authorization of food merchants to handle USDA food coupons is handled by the Commission.

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Over Hundred Residents Get FHA Home Loan

Credit programs of the U.S. Farmers Home Administration helped more than 115 people in Brunswick County improve their homes, family farms and communities during 1967, Supervisor Parks C. Fields of the agency's county office in Shallotte said today.

Farmers Home Administration loans and grants in the county totaled more than \$500,000. In 1967, a new record. Gains were especially note-worthy in rural housing loans. In 1966, twenty-three housing loans were made totaling \$136,110. In 1967, a total of \$271,170 was loaned to 33 residents to improve their housing.

Fields reported that the Farmers Home Administration, which supplements all other credit available to rural people, has added more than a million dollars to the county's resources with loans and grants the past three years through a range of programs increased under the leadership of President Johnson. Fields said that 361,000 of the 1967 lending total through his office was accounted for by Farmers Home Administration insurance of loans funded by private lenders.

Family farmers who lacked other sources of credit turned to Farmers Home Administration for \$99,750 in loans to secure farm ownership and improve their farms, and \$77,250 in loans for operating purposes during 1967.

"Many of the 50 farm families served by FHA might have been forced off the land except for this last-resort source of financing," Fields said.

The agency also loaned \$46,610 to 27 farmers in the county to overcome losses suffered in natural disasters.

Economic opportunity loans, which enable low-income families to equip themselves for income-producing small enterprises--either farming, or non-

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Southport Lady Named Officer

At an organizational meeting of the North Carolina American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in Raleigh Friday Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., of Southport was named vice-chairman and president at this opening session in the absence of State Senator Hector McLean, who had been elected chairman, Dr. C.C. Crittenden, Director of the State Department of Archives and History, will serve as secretary.

Dr. Crittenden opened the first meeting of the commission which Governor Moore appointed last month and suggested it "concentrate on matters of enduring value... rather than devote too much time to more ephemeral work and activities."

"I think we should have a serious observance," said commission member McDaniel Lewis of Greensboro. "I'm happy to observe there are no beads around this board," he added, alluding to the proliferation of whiskers that marked the recent Civil War centennial.

The commission authorized the executive committee composed of three officers, too look for a full-time salaried executive secretary to formulate plans for

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Make Test Borings

This is the drilling rig of the S. E. Diamond Drilling Co. of Asheville, now engaged in making test borings near Southport at a site where Carolina Power and Light Co. may erect a \$200-million nuclear power plant. The location of this test is the old Brock Farm, near Walden Creek. (Photo by Spencer)

Youth To Fill City Offices

Southport city officials are to be ousted from their jobs on Friday, March 15 and taking over city administration for that day will be fourteen students from Southport and Brunswick County High Schools.

Purpose of the project is to familiarize young people of Southport with the city's history, responsibility of each city job, and the day-by-day problems that must be faced. Student participation in city government is a joint project of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, and the recently appointed Human Relations Committee.

Seven students will be selected

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Campaign Diary

By Margaret Harper



On Friday night I faced the first "moment of truth" in my campaign for Lt. Governor when I attended the 4th Congressional District Democratic Rally in Chapel Hill. It was the first political meeting I had ever attended as a candidate, and I honestly had worried about how I would get along. It turned out so well I wondered afterward why I had worried about it at all. One thing that made it a pleasure was my escort. He was my son, Ed, a 20-year old junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

I knew that sooner or later I would run into Pat Taylor, my principal rival for the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor. The moment I spotted him I went over and told him I was Margaret Harper. "Oh, you're the one who filed against me", he said. "I sure am," I told him, "and I'm the one who's going to put you to work campaigning." Until I filed he didn't have any opposition. Later during a picture-taking session when a photographer wanted a shot of me with someone else, I told her to wait a minute. Then I went over and got Pat and we had our picture taken together. I think we ought to be friends. After all, I will need his help this fall in the general election.

Bob Scott was the only gubernatorial candidate present, but there were several members of the Council of State and their opponents in the forthcoming primary. Congressman Nick Gallifanakis was there, and I sat with him during the meeting.

When my time came to speak, I didn't try to be too long-winded. I told them I had come up all the way from Brunswick County to let them see what "that woman who is running for Lt. Governor" looked like.

In his talk Pat said he hoped the race for Lt. Governor wouldn't be decided on the basis of looks. A few minutes later David Stith, Negro

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New Type Stamps Helping Revenue

Brunswick County revenue will be increased by an estimated \$7,500 this year, to be collected by the Register of Deeds in the form of the new real estate excise stamp issued by the state of North Carolina.

Register of Deeds Durwood Clark's report of revenue taken in by his office for the month of February, shows that \$601.00 was derived through sale of the new stamps.

Total revenue from all sources for the Register of Deeds office was \$1,961.30. Accrued from 215 deeds was \$645; from 99 deeds of trust, 297; from 83 irregular instruments \$223.30; from 10 maps \$45; from 59 Uniform Commercial Code instruments \$130; and from five marriage licenses \$20.

The excise stamp tax on all real estate conveyances succeeds the Federal tax which was repealed by Congress effective Jan. 1. This enabled several states, at their discretion, to enact similar law suitable to their respective needs.

North Carolina's General Assembly authorized counties to levy a \$1 per \$1,000 excise tax

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C. A. PRATT

C. A. Pratt In Senate Race

C. A. Pratt, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for U.S. Senate as an opponent for Senator Sam Ervin, has a strong

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

LIONS TO MEET
E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., will be the speaker at the regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club tomorrow (Thursday).

AYCOCK ANNOUNCES
Elmer W. Aycock, farmer and businessman of Northwest township, announced this week that he will seek the Democratic nomination for county commissioner from that township, a position now held by George T. Rourk.

SCHOOL MEETING
The Brunswick County Citizens Committee for Better Schools has been invited to appear at Leland High School Monday night at 8 o'clock to explain the Special School Bond Election that is being requested of members of the Brunswick County Board of Education and the County Commissioners. The time is 8 o'clock and all Brunswick county citizens are urged to attend.

TERESA SHATTERLY

Southport Girl Club Nominee

Teresa Shatterly, a student at Southport High School, has been selected as their applicant for the Sallie Southhall Cotten Scholarship Award by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport. The scholarship is given to an outstanding girl who plans to attend a state supported school. The award amounts to \$750 a year and is renewable for the entire four year period.

An honor roll student, Teresa plans to attend East Carolina University and prepare to become a teacher. She moved here from Mobile, Alabama, before entering the tenth grade. In Mobile she was active in the Glee Club and the Junior Honor Society. Since matriculating at Southport, she has been a member of the FHA, FTA, Pep Club, and Beta Club. Last year she was Secretary of the FTA. This year she was elected to be President of the Beta Club.

On March 16, Teresa will go to Clinton to compete for the scholarship at the district level.

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, March 7,			
1:03 A M		7:46 A M	
1:21 P M		7:52 P M	
Friday, March 8,			
2:03 A M		8:52 A M	
2:27 P M		8:58 P M	
Saturday, March 9,			
3:03 A M		9:52 A M	
3:33 P M		9:58 P M	
Sunday, March 10,			
4:03 A M		10:46 A M	
4:33 P M		10:58 P M	
Monday, March 11,			
5:03 A M		11:40 A M	
5:27 P M		11:52 A M	
Tuesday, March 12,			
5:51 A M		12:28 A M	
6:15 P M			
Wednesday, March 13,			
6:39 A M		0:40 A M	
7:03 P M		1:10 P M	