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Bus Load Of Choir Members

Mrs. Connie Young, president of the Southport Junior Woman's Club, is shown above as she meets the bus bearing members of the North Fulton Special Choir as it pulled up at the Jaycee Building last night. The boys and girls had supper before their 8 o'clock concert at the high school auditorium. (Photo by Spencer)

Choir Delights Small Audience Tuesday Night

"Dixie" is a prayer? Members of the audience who heard the Fulton Special Choir sing this unusual arrangement during their concert here Tuesday night agree with Director Robert S. Lowrance, Jr., that it very well might be. This was one of the highlights of the program here.

Another group that pleased the audience included some favorite spirituals, "There Is A Balm In Gilead", "Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child", "This Train" and "Michael Row The Boat Ashore".

There were other high points of musical enjoyment during this delightful two-hour program, including a piano duet by Jane and Judy Stanfield.

And there was a delightful variety, which reached a toe-tapping, crowd-pleasing climax with the "Everybody Loves Saturday Night" series, which included several dance routines.

Eighteen boys and 22 girls make the spring tour of the North Fulton Special Choir. During a week's tour, the choir, under the direction of Robert Lowrance, Jr., will make appearances in several North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia cities. On their tour of 1968, the group was on television in Leningrad, newsreels in Warsaw, radio for European armed forces from Berlin. They also performed concerts in Moscow, Stockholm, Copenhagen and other European cities. Definite plans have been made for a world tour in 1969.



Planes Fight Fire

Planes from the N. C. Forest Service joined with ground crews of the same organization, members of the U.S. Coast Guard, the volunteer fire departments from Southport and Long Beach and firemen from Sunny Point Tuesday afternoon to fight a forest fire that burned fiercely in the area north of the Brunswick County Airport. This was one of several fires which made this a black day for forest resources in Brunswick county as several hundred acres were burned over. (Photo by Spencer)

Retail Sales For Brunswick Show Increase

During 1967 19 counties recorded a decrease in retail sales collections while Brunswick county showed the largest percentage increase in North Carolina. This increase was 25.78% with Polk County rating 2nd with a 24.16% increase.

Brunswick County Retail Sales are increasing at the rate of 11% per year according to statistics compiled by the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County.

In 1965 sales of \$19,425,624 were 11.3% over 1964 sales of \$17,263,947. In 1966 sales were up 11.5% and 1967 retail sales showed an increase of 11.2% for a record year of \$24,820,149. This amounts to a 43.7% increase for the 3 year period from 1964 through 1967.

January 1968 Retail Sales increased \$292,939 for an increase of 17.4% over January, 1967.

In reviewing the retail sales record for Brunswick county it was noted that during 1964 no one month exceeded \$2-million. In 1965 it had one month over the \$2-million mark; in 1966 3 months over the \$2-million mark, and in 1967 5 months over the \$2-million mark.

At the present rate of increase the month of July, 1968 should set a new record of over \$3-million of retail sales in one month.

Board Urges Mayor To Stay

A call meeting of the Southport Board of Aldermen was held Friday at which time members voted unanimously not to accept the resignation of Mayor E. B. Tomlinson.

Mrs. J. A. Gilbert presided as mayor pro-tem.

Following is a report of the minutes of that meeting:

The board of aldermen met in special called session Saturday with mayor pro-tem Dorothy F. Gilbert presiding, Harold F. Aldridge, Crawford L. Rourk, William P. Horne and Norman M. Hornstein in attendance.

Mrs. Gilbert stated that this special meeting was called for the purpose of accepting or rejecting the pending resignation of Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson, Jr.

Motion was made by Aldridge and seconded by Hornstein that the city board go on record commending Mayor Tomlinson for his outstanding service as mayor, and that they wish to express utmost confidence in his integrity and ability, and that the city board refuses to accept his pending resignation.

As alderman Thomas H. Doshier was unable to attend the meeting due to illness he was contacted by Mrs. Gilbert on the telephone and was asked to give his vote on the motion. His vote being in agreement with the motion it was then declared unanimously carried.

Campaign Diary

By Margaret Harper

You might say that my campaigning last week began on Monday night when Ann Colarusso of the Durham Morning Herald interviewed me for a feature article. She is a knowledgeable writer who asked straight, hard political questions. When the story came out on Thursday I was very much pleased with the results. It was one of the best I have seen since I announced for office.

I was a delegate from Trinity Methodist Church to the Annual WSCS Conference in Raleigh, so on Tuesday and Wednesday, I went with my sister, Mrs. Earl L. Brown, to these sessions. I have worked with many of the women present in various capacities over the years and it was pleasant to greet old friends and to make new ones. Mrs. Musette Dunn, who is president, introduced me as a past district president (and candidate). There were about 800 delegates present.

On Thursday I went out to Meredith College to talk to the student-body. This visit was arranged by Dudley Barbee Howard, who introduced me. It was pleasant to talk to these eager young people, and although most of them are not old enough to vote, they now are making evaluations which will affect them throughout their life. What's more, all of them have parents!

Duck had done a thorough job, for not only was there newspaper coverage, but the same television cameraman who had followed me on my trip to Smithfield was on hand to take pictures of my visit to this college campus.

Bright and early on Friday I headed for Montgomery county where I spent the day in hand-to-hand politicking. First it was with Mrs. Kitty Reid as my escort in Candor. Later I was in Bliscoe, where Mrs. Helen Ashbill took me up one side of the street and down the other to meet the people in her town.

We had luncheon at the Old South Inn, where my good friend, Mrs. (Continued on Page 4)



Meeting At City Hall

This was the scene at City Hall Thursday night as Mayor E. B. Tomlinson presents a summary of the controversial situation which later led to his resignation. Shown here, left to right, are Harold Aldridge, Mayor Tomlinson, Walter Aldridge, Mrs. J. A. Gilbert and Dr. N. M. Hornstein. (Photo by Spencer)

Mayor Tomlinson Resigns

City Controversy Continues

Hornstein Urges Mayor To Remain

Dr. N. M. Hornstein, member of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Southport, said this week that he considers the resignation of Mayor E. B. Tomlinson to be a "very unfortunate" action and says that it is his hope Tomlinson will reconsider and will remain as head of city government here.

The entire text of the Hornstein letter follows:

"Mr. Eugene Tomlinson's resignation as Mayor of the City of Southport immediately after the emergency meeting of the Board of Aldermen, in which the existence of brothels was discussed, has been very unfortunate. Immediately after the meeting, I called Mrs. J. A. Gilbert, Mayor Pro-tem, and asked that an emergency session of the Board of Aldermen be called for the following day. At this meeting, I seconded the motion that was unanimously carried commending Mr. Tomlinson for his outstanding work as Mayor, and asking that he reconsider his resignation.

"I believe that Southport has been very fortunate in having had Mr. Tomlinson leading so many projects in the past that have greatly contributed to the culture, (Continued on Page 4)



JAMES HARPER

Southport Man Safety Winner

Virginian Pilot staff writer James Harper has won first prize and \$1,000 in the national Newspaper Safety Writing Competition of the American Trucking Association, Inc.

The award will be presented at a luncheon in Washington on April 4.

Harper won the award for a story that appeared in The Virginian Pilot on January 8, 1967. It was an investigation report of a 1965 auto-truck collision in which two teen-age boys were (Continued on Page 4)

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 APRIL 4	
11:45 A M	6:10 A M
	6:16 P M
Friday, April 5,	
0:21 A M	7:04 A M
12:45 P M	7:10 A M
Saturday, April 6,	
1:15 A M	8:04 A M
1:51 P M	8:16 P M
Sunday, April 7,	
2:21 A M	9:10 A M
2:57 P M	9:22 P M
Monday, April 8,	
3:31 A M	10:10 A M
3:57 P M	11:28 P M
Tuesday, April 9,	
4:21 A M	10:58 A M
4:51 P M	11:22 P M
Wednesday, April 10,	
5:15 A M	11:52 A M
5:45 P M	

Brunswick Lady Covering State In Campaigning

The campaign of Mrs. Margaret Harper for Lt. Governor extends all the way from Columbus county to Greensboro this week, with stops in between at Lumberton, Elizabethtown, Clinton, Sanford and Pittsboro.

Tuesday was a busy day in the campaign of the first woman who ever has run for this office. It started in Whiteville and wound up in Lumberton. At 10:30 Mrs. Harper cut the ribbon to open the Arts Festival, then went to the Heritage Inn where she was guest of honor at a coffee hour. Later she was guest of honor at a luncheon before going to Southeastern Community College for a visit to the campus of that institution.

At Lumberton she spoke last night to the Rotary Club. Today (Wednesday) she has been visiting various places in Robeson county to meet and shake hands with voters. Tonight at 8 o'clock she will address a meeting of voters at the Robeson County Courthouse in a session sponsored by the Lumberton Jaycees.

On Thursday she will attend the District WSCS meeting at Elizabethtown and will spend a part of the afternoon visiting in Bladen county before going to Clinton. There she will attend the meeting of Sampson County Democratic Women.

She will spend Friday in Sanford and other points of interest in Lee county. She goes to Greensboro Saturday to attend a Fine Arts Festival, then back to Pittsboro for a meeting in her honor and a chance to meet Chatham county voters.

Mrs. Harper said while she was at home this past weekend that she is pleased with the momentum that her campaign has picked up. Her attendance Saturday night at the banquet of North Carolina Press Women at Chapel Hill gave her contact with representatives from every section of the state. "I am glad that all over North Carolina they know now that not only am I the only woman who ever ran for the office of Lt. Governor, but that I am running to win. If things continue at their present pace," she added, "I think I have a good chance to receive the nomination."

"Here at home, the best help I can get from my fellow citizens of Brunswick county is your enthusiastic support when you are talking to people from other sections of the state. We need to send them forth as missionaries to spread the word that it is time for our part of the state to be represented in Raleigh.

Mrs. Harper said that she wants to urge every voter to be sure that he or she is registered to vote in the precinct where he or she now resides. "We have this new registration, so this is something that affects every voter, not just those with some unusual condition," she said. "I understand they had good response last Saturday, the first day the books were opened. I hope there will be an even greater turn-out this week."



At Southeastern College

Mrs. Margaret Harper, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lt. Governor, is shown here with President Phillip Comer of Southeastern College. At the right is Robert L. King, member of the faculty, a native of Brunswick county and graduate of Shalotte High School. (Elgie Clemmons Photo)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

SATURDAY PARTY
The Jaycees will have a bingo party on Saturday night at the Jaycee Building, starting at 7:30 o'clock.

MUSIC FESTIVAL
Southport High School will be host to the Brunswick County Music Festival on April 17 at 7:30 o'clock. Musical groups from several schools already have indicated their intention to participate.

BROUGHTON COMING
Gubernatorial candidate Mel Broughton will be in Brunswick county Monday with stops at Leland at 8:30, at the courthouse in Southport at 10 o'clock and for lunch at 12 o'clock at the National Guard Armory in Shalotte to which the public is invited.

FISH FRY FRIDAY
There will be a Fish Fry at Somerset's Landing near Ocean Isle Beach Friday night beginning at 6 for Broughton supporters.

Columbus and Brunswick county Democrats are expected. Candidates are invited to come and give their views. Gubernatorial candidate Mel Broughton will be in the county Monday.

Merchants Sign In Food Stamp Plan

Some 47 merchants in Brunswick county signed up under the Food Stamp Program in Southport last week. These merchants were authorized to accept the stamps in payment for groceries bought at their places of business by low-income families who are qualified to receive the stamps.

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 N.C. 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 coupons to handle USDA food coupons is handled by the Consumer and Marketing Service.

Mrs. Gerald D. Dowdy, Officer-in-Charge of the Consumer and Marketing Service's field office at Wilmington, was on hand Tuesday to certify qualified mer- (Continued on Page 4)