



BONNET'S CREEK

Stede Bonnet, the "Gentleman Pirate", used the mouth of this creek as a hideout for his vessel, the "Royal James", formerly called "Revenge". Here, on September 26, 1718, the great "Battle of the Sand Bars" was fought between the pirates and the men sent to capture them under the command of Col. William Rhett aboard the "Henry" and "Sea Nymph". After a twenty-four hour battle there were 19 men killed, 23 wounded, and Bonnet, with the remains of his pirate crew, surrendered. On November 8, 1718, twenty-nine of the pirates were hanged in Charleston, S. C. A few weeks later, holding a cluster of flowers in his manacled hands, Gentleman Stede Bonnet met the same fate on the gallows.

This part of the Cape Fear was a favorite meeting-place for pirates, including the notorious Blackbeard, and Mary Anne Blythe, the woman buccaneer.

Marker For Gentleman Pirate

After some 200 years, Stede Bonnet, the "gentleman pirate" who frequented the Southport area in the early 1700s, has been remembered by the erection of a historical plaque by the City of Southport. The marker is on the causeway in the northeastern part of town which crosses Bonnet's Creek. (Photo by Frank O'Brien)

New Agreement Outlined For Board Approval

At a special meeting of the Commercial and Sports Fisheries Committee of the Board of Conservation and Development in Raleigh Wednesday, tentative approval was given to a new regulation which would restrict landings of trash fish in North Carolina's coastal waters during the winter trawling season. This action came on the heels of recommendations made last week by the Commercial and Sports Fisheries Advisory Board.

The proposed new regulation will be recommended by the committee to the full Board of Conservation and Development at its summer quarterly meeting in Wrightsville Beach on August 6 for final approval.

Committee Chairman Petro Kulynych of North Wilkesboro said the new regulation will place the burden on commercial fishermen by requiring their catch to contain at least 60 percent fish fit for human consumption. The remaining 40 percent, Kulynych stated, after passing through a seafood dealer, could be delivered by the dealer to be used for bait, mink food, or processed by a dehydrating plant.

Said Kulynych, "This puts the burden on the fisherman while he is fishing at sea. When he brings up his nets full of small, young fish, he will know then that he cannot bring in that catch without violating this regulation; therefore, he will return them to the waters and move on to better fishing areas."

State law prohibits trash fishing. Trash fishing is defined as the intentional taking of the young of edible fish before they are of sufficient size to be of value as individual food fish.

"Regardless of net size based on the type of fish being caught, it is impossible," said Kulynych, "to eliminate the taking of some"

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Leland Citizen Drowns Sunday

A young Leland man drowned Sunday afternoon in Town Creek after the boat which he and three friends were using capsized.

Thomas Edison Smith, age about 23, drowned about 30 feet from the Snowfield Landing embankment, according to Brunswick County Sheriff Harold Willetts. Willetts said that Smith, his brother, Charles Smith, and two friends, Larry Clutch and Miss Jane Parker, were swimming around the 14-foot fiberglass boat. When the three boys tried to get back into the boat, it capsized.

Charles Smith, Clutch, and Miss Parker grabbed lifejackets before the boat sank. Thomas Smith was unable to get a life jacket.

The four then swam toward shore, but Smith drowned before making it in.

The accident took place about 6 p.m. Sunday. Smith's body was recovered about 10 p.m. by the Acme-Delco-Riegelwood rescue squad.

Assisting in the rescue were the Leland and Winnabow rescue squads and members of the N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission.



Presents White Cane

C. D. Pickerrell, president of the Southport Lions Club, is shown here as he presents James E. Jackson, Southport resident, with a white cane. Jackson, who is 38-years of age, has been blind for several years. He is married, and he and his wife have one son, Ricky.

Library Fund Almost Within Reach Of Goal

A \$100 check from Hughes Transportation Company, Charleston, S.C., has brought the total amount of local funds needed to complete the new Southport-Brunswick County Library down to \$900, reports Walter L. Aldridge, project agent.

City Auditor Aldridge, who has voluntarily handled all receipts and disbursements for the building project, says that as of this week there are bills outstanding for about \$7200, with funds on hand, or due to be received, in the amount of \$6,300. The largest item still to be paid for is the \$6,000 worth of metal shelving, scheduled to arrive any day.

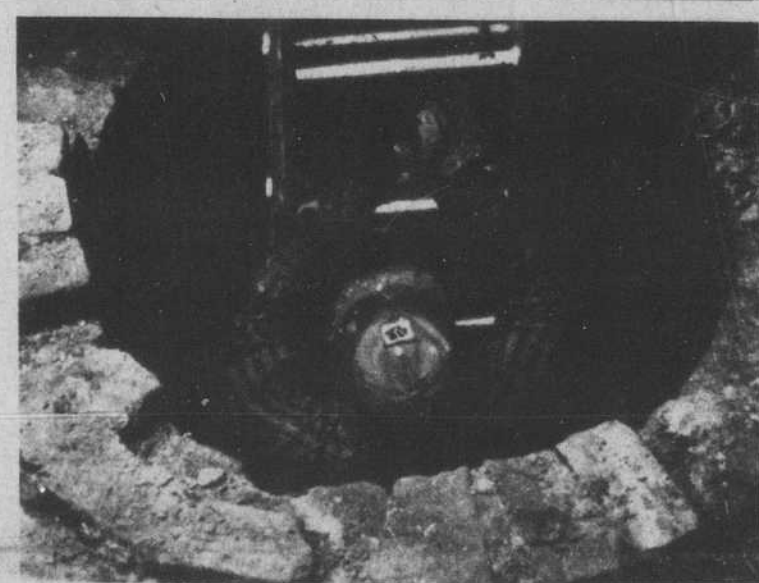
"I was a little worried a few months ago when we were still \$2,300 short in local funds," Aldridge states. However a sales tax refund of over a thousand dollars, and donations to the library fund have brought us down to the last \$900," he reports.

The total amount of funds to be raised by the local Building Fund Committee was originally \$40,175. In two years time, all but \$900 of that amount has now been collected.

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, expressed "amazement and delight" over Aldridge's report. She stated that "when we started out to try to raise \$40,000 in Brunswick County, people thought we were trying the impossible. This just shows what can be done when people are determined. Now, let's get that last \$900 in and start thinking about enjoying our beautiful new building."

A shipping notice from the shelving manufacturer gave a July 16 date for the shelving to leave California. As soon as

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Well Excavated At Brunswick Town

The existing top row of brick of this well, recently discovered and excavated at Brunswick Town, was about three feet beneath the surface of the present ground level. In the course of excavation it was found to be about 18 feet deep. The circular wall is of dry laid brick on a ballast stone foundation. This well is being restored about three feet above ground level.

Federal School Funds May Be Out

At a called meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education Friday night a letter from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare was read and discussed at length. The purpose of this letter was to advise the board of action taken by the Regional Civil Rights office in which legal procedures had been recommended for the termination of Federal Funds to the Brunswick County Administrative Unit. The text of the letter addressed to George F. Williams, Superintendent of the Brunswick County Schools, is as follows:

"We have received your letter of July 3, 1968, requesting an extension of time until July 31 to develop a terminal plan for the desegregation of your school system. Since previous communications from this office have quite clearly defined your responsibilities in developing a terminal desegregation plan, we do not feel that an extension is advisable at this time.

"A plan not having been submitted as requested in our correspondence to you on June 17, we have no alternative but to refer your file to our Washington office, with the recommendation that administrative enforcement proceedings be initiated.

"All further communication with the Office for Civil Rights should be directed to Dr. Lloyd R. Henderson, Chief, Education Branch, Office for Civil Rights, Washington, D.C. 20202. Dr. Henderson's telephone number is 202-962-0868."

Action was postponed on this matter until the next session of the board.

Supporters of Wallace To Meet

The American party, whose presidential nominee is George C. Wallace former governor of Alabama, will hold its North Carolina state convention Saturday in Raleigh.

State Chairman R. Reid Stubbs of Charlotte, plus a representative from the Alabama campaign headquarters, will be the principal speakers. The convention meets at 10 a.m., in the Sir Walter Hotel.

The convention also will include a special taped speech by Gov. Wallace, and a luncheon meeting for delegates. The lunch will be the only charge.

Stubbs will lead a meeting of Wallace supporters next Thursday night at 8 o'clock at Bolivia High School auditorium.

Duval M. Williams, chairman of the Wallace Campaign Committee for New Hanover county, said a large representation is expected from the eastern part of the state, and he urged county campaign managers and active

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Juniors Hear Discussion Of School Election

The Southport Junior Woman's Club held its July meeting at the home of Mrs. May Barbee. The program presented to the club was the upcoming school bond issue and the State Department of Public Instruction's recent school survey recommending construction of two complete consolidated schools.

George Williams, Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools, Mayor Eugene Tomlinson of the City of Southport and Robert Howard of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company were guest speakers. Mr. Williams discussed how the proposal would affect the immediate area, Mr. Tomlinson explained points of the proposal itself and Mr. Howard compared the financial aspects of the county under existing school systems and under the proposed consolidated system. During a question and answer session, Mrs. Kathy Barbee and Mrs. Sue Jones served refreshments to the guests and club members. All were urged to attend the July 29 open meeting of the Board of Education at the courthouse.

After the program, Mrs. Connie Young, president, called the business meeting of the club to order. A devotional was given by Mrs. Ellen Sherrod. Afterwards the minutes of the June meeting were read by Miss Almeta Dixon in the absence of the secretary, Mrs. Teresa Conrad. The minutes corrected and approved, the treasurer's report was given. Mrs. Marianne Gore, chairman of the Fourth of July Arts Festival Committee, re-

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Award For Service

Mrs. Lavada Bevel of Southport is shown here being presented a 5-year Red Cross Volunteer Button by William Cupit, administrator of Doshier Memorial Hospital. This is a very special award inasmuch as she is the only person in Brunswick County to have served the Red Cross in a volunteer capacity for 5 years. In order to receive this button a minimum of 400 hours of volunteer service is required. Mrs. Bevel, however, has donated over 500 hours of her time. The Red Cross volunteers in Brunswick County are sponsored by the Southport Junior Woman's Club.

Production Begins At DuPont Plant

First production units of the Du Pont Company's Cape Fear Plant for Dacron polyester fiber are now in operation, F. Murray Acker, manager said this week.

Shipments of Dacron staple are now being made to customers, he said. Additional manufacturing units will be phased into operation over a period of time as construction work progresses, he explained. Construction of the plant, which incorporates the latest fiber-making technology, began in 1966.

Demand for Dacron is strong, and the production from the new plant supplements the wide varieties of Dacron products manufactured at the Kinston, North Carolina, and Old Hickory, Tennessee, sites.

Employment at the plant now totals more than 300. There will be slight increases over the next few months as production expands. Most employees are area residents who have been trained for their assignments over the past few months.

"We are pleased with the way

that our new employees have been able to place this complex plant into operation," Acker said. Because the new facilities are based on recently developed technology, it will not be possible to admit visitors to the plant, according to the manager.

"Fiber manufacture is a

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New Member Of FHA Committee

William T. Bowen of Freeland has been appointed to a three-year term on the Brunswick County Farmers Home Administration Committee. His appointment became effective July 1.

Bowen is recognized as a successful farmer and a community leader. He is active in various community and civic affairs. He will serve on the FHA Committee with James D. Bellamy, Jr., of Shallotte and W. Worth Mercer of Bolivia.

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Time And Tide

Sports fishing was just getting started good around here back in 1938, and the issue of July 20 had a picture of several local lovelies in what was obviously a clever bit of promotion. New Hope Presbyterian Church at Winnabow had observed its 44th Sunday School and Homecoming Anniversary with more than 200 persons present.

Several local seafood dealers were getting ready for what they hoped would be a big season for shrimp production; a front page headline proclaimed "Tobacco Outlook Brighter As Opening Nears;" and the advertising section already was carrying announcements of warehouse personnel.

There had been more good news for the Potter family, with word coming from the War Department that Frank Potter was one of 157 sailors rescued from the hands of the Japanese following sinking of the Cruiser Helena. There was a threat that Western Union would discontinue services in Southport and also on the business front was the encouraging news of the Georgia Tobacco market opening. There had been no upset bid in the W.B.&S. sale; these were the days of Andy Hardy, and playing at the Amuzu was "Andy Hardy's Double Life"; and the front picture showed a pig sucking a cow-enough to ruin the appetite for milk.

The 1948 District American Legion meeting had been run off in good style, and Harry L. Mintz, Jr., of Shallotte was the new district commander. Square dancing was the big attraction each Saturday night at Long Beach and other resort communities. Despite the fact that polio was prevalent throughout the State, only one case had been reported in Brunswick county.

A Roanoke Rapids couple who had come to Long Beach for a one week's vacation, liked it so much they bought a cottage; sport fishing was going well; and there was talk among Shallotte business men of building a tobacco sales warehouse.

Caswell Baptist Assembly was going full blast in July, 1953, with more than 600 persons expected for the week's activities; Mrs.

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Music Week In Progress Now At Ft. Caswell

The thirteenth annual North Carolina Baptist Church Music Conference will be held at the Baptist Assembly this coming week, starting Monday, July 29, and extending through Saturday, August 3. Several noted musicians will perform, among them the following:

Monday, July 29, Walter Carringer, tenor. Walter Carringer has come to be known as one of America's outstanding native singers. He has appeared in recital, oratorio and orchestra dates in every state of the nation, throughout Canada and in Europe. Presently he serves as Associate Professor of Music and Artist-in-Residence at Northwestern University.

Tuesday, July 30, Robert B. King, organist. Robert King is one of North Carolina's most brilliant young organists. He is a graduate of Furman University Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and has studied at the Schola Cantorum in Paris. He has served on the faculty of Elon College and is presently Organist-Choirmaster for the First Presbyterian Church in Burlington. King will play the first recital on the new three-manual Allen Organ recently installed in the new Hatch Memorial Auditorium.

Wednesday, July 31, Sherry Kelly, soprano. Sherry Kelly is well known throughout North Carolina and has sung at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly many times. She is a graduate of Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey, where she was soloist with the famous Westminster Choir, having sung with this famous group in their world tour in 1956. Her husband, Fred Kelly, is Minister of Music for the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem. Mrs. Kelly's accompanist, William E. McDonald, of Winston-Salem, will also play a short recital at intermission on the new Kawai Concert Grand Piano which has been placed in the new auditorium.

Thursday, August 1, Sacred Choral Concert. Junior high choir I, Margaret Norwood, guest director. Mrs. Norwood is Minister of Music for First Presbyterian Church of Florence, South Carolina. Senior high choir I, Dr. Richard Brewer, guest director. Dr. Brewer is chairman of the Department of Music for Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer. Senior high choir II, Charles Starnes, guest director. Mr. Starnes is Director of Choral Work for East Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte.

Friday, August 2, Two sacred choral concerts. 11 a.m.--Junior high choir I, Blanche Starnes, director. Mrs. Starnes is Minister of Music for the Grace Baptist Church of Asheville. Senior high choir III, Eldon Moen, director. Mr. Moen is Minister of Music for the First Baptist Church of Greensboro and serves on the faculty of Guilford College, 8 p.m.--Messiah by George Frederick Handel. A chorus of approximately 150 singers under the direction of Harvey Woodruff of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Organist will be Robert Sutter of Deland, Florida and soloists Marilyn Burris, soprano; Judi Pinnix, alto; Paul McCommon, tenor; and Eldon Moen, bass.

All concerts will be at 8 o'clock in the evening in the new, air-conditioned Rachel Hatch Memorial Auditorium.

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, July 25,	
8:39 AM	2:58 AM
8:57 PM	2:52 PM
Friday, July 26,	
9:15 AM	3:34 AM
9:39 PM	3:34 PM
Saturday, July 27,	
9:57 AM	4:10 AM
10:15 PM	4:16 PM
Sunday, July 28,	
10:33 AM	4:52 AM
10:51 PM	4:58 PM
Monday, July 29,	
11:21 AM	5:28 AM
11:33 PM	5:46 PM
Tuesday, July 30,	
12:09 AM	6:10 AM
12:21 PM	6:34 PM
Wednesday, July 31,	
1:03 AM	6:52 AM
	6:34 PM

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

TALENT CONTEST

The Shallotte Jayettes are sponsoring a talent contest. Try-outs will be held August 14 at the Shallotte High School Auditorium at 3 p.m. For more information, call 4-6965. Prizes will be awarded.

TO HONOR PASTOR

There will be a reception for Rev. and Mrs. Jackie B. Cooper at the Oak Island Baptist Church Long Beach from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday. All friends are invited to come by. Rev. and Mrs. Cooper have been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve in Argentina.

RECEPTION SUNDAY

On Sunday afternoon between the hours of 3 and 5, there will be a reception at Elah Baptist Church in honor of their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Linwood Todd. All members and friends are invited.