



Change Of Command

This was the scene at the Southport Boat Harbor recently during a change of command ceremony for the Cape Upright, 95-foot Coast Guard Patrol Boat. Lt. (jg) Leslie M. Meekins, left, is shown relinquishing command of the vessel to Ens. W. H. Nock, standing at attention as Chief Carlton Shannon, BMI A. C. Skipper, EN2 W. C. Wells, EM2 James Mills and GM3 Wayne Varney. Ens. Nock is a graduate of the U. S. Coast Guard Academy, class of '67, and for the past year has served aboard the U. S. Coast Guard Cutter Chincoteague.

Southport Man To Be Inducted Here Saturday

The Southport Lions Club will serve as hosts Saturday for the induction of Kirby Sullivan as District Governor of District 31-H. Dr. M. H. Rourk past International Director, will serve as installing officer.

His district includes a total of 40 clubs, and most of them will have representation at the meeting for formal induction of District Governor Sullivan. He already has been performing the duties of this office, having made numerous personal appearances throughout southeastern North Carolina. Sullivan is a Southport attorney who holds the distinction of being the only man ever to be elected to two terms as president of Southport Lions Club. Prior to being elevated to his new position he had served as Deputy District Governor and as zone chairman.

The new district governor is a native of Brunswick County, is a graduate of Leland High School and the University of North Carolina where he was Phi Beta Kappa and where he also received his law degree. During the Korean conflict he served as a member of the Judge Advocate General's Staff as Lieutenant. He also has served one term in the North Carolina General Assembly as Representative from Brunswick County.

A fellowship hour honoring visitors will be held on the front porch of the Community Building overlooking the Cape Fear River starting at 6:30 o'clock. The dinner will begin at 7:30 o'clock, with induction ceremonies to follow.

Arrangements are being made to entertain about 200 persons, with many of the Lions expected to bring their wives to this event.



Community Building Gets Paint Job

Members of the Southport Lions Club decided at their meeting Thursday night that the Community Building needed a paint job before Lions Club members from all over District 31-H convene here Saturday for the formal induction of Kirby Sullivan as District Governor. On Saturday some high priced amateur labor spent the day scraping and painting. They are shown above in action. (Photo by Spencer)

David Adams Resigns Post With Fisheries

Dr. David A. Adams, Commissioner of Commercial and Sports Fisheries, has resigned his post with the State of North Carolina to accept a senior staff position with the National Council on Marine Resources and Engineering Development in the Executive Office of the President.

Dan E. Stewart, Director of the Department of Conservation and Development, announced Dr. Adams' resignation, effective September 1, at the Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Conservation and Development at Wrightsville Beach Monday.

"It has been a source of great satisfaction to me to work with Dr. Adams as Commissioner of Commercial and Sports Fisheries," said Stewart. "His expertise, loyalty, integrity and proficiency in operating the Division of Commercial and Sports Fisheries are most sincerely appreciated."

In his letter of resignation to Stewart, Dr. Adams said, "The thought of leaving North Carolina distresses me greatly, for I have a sincere love for this great State and the opportunities it provides. At the same time, I recognize the seriousness of the estuarine problems facing the nation as a whole and feel an obligation to make what contribution I can toward the solution of these problems." Dr. Adams added, "I leave behind a Division of 64 dedicated employees whose loyalty and devotion to duty are unquestionable. I am sure you can count on them to continue to work diligently for you and for my successor in serving this State."

In his new position, Dr. Adams will be responsible for planning and coordination of Federal policies and programs concerning the coastal pollution, port harbor and waterways development, conservation, water-related recreation, and land management. Dr. Adams will be the Marine Science Council's liaison officer with the Federal agencies or bureaus involved, with State and local (Continued On Page Four)

Border Belt Prices High For Opening

Warehousemen in Columbus County kicked off their tobacco sales season last week by handling all the law allowed. Blocked sales persisted for most houses during the Wednesday-Friday period.

Markets in the county got off to a strong start—especially for nondescript and primings—but the succeeding two days found averages sliding downward while quality showed improvement, according to the Marketing News Service, a function of USDA.

Stabilization Corporation showed a sizeable gain in poundage taken during the first three days of the 1968 season, as compared to the first three days of 1967.

Whiteville markets, for instance, saw Stabilization taking 172,878 pounds of tobacco last week, compared to just 43,790 pounds last year during the first three days of sales.

Improved quality of the grades being sought by buying companies showed an improved average Friday in Whiteville over the opening day average.

A look at the entire N. C.—S. C. Border Belt indicates that this year's initial three-day average was 89 cents under the comparable period a year ago.

Last week the practical top price paid by the companies was \$76 per hundred.

Chadbourne was the only market in Columbus which sold any tied leaf. The 394 pounds of tied leaf brought the producer \$307, for an average of \$77.92.

Marketing thus far in the county produced the following statistics: Whiteville—2,758,422 pounds; (Continued On Page Two)



DR. LELA R. HANKINS

Bolivia Woman Has Doctor's Degree

Dr. Lela R. Hankins of Bolivia recently received a degree from Oregon State University. She was awarded the Doctor of Philosophy Degree with a major in biological science and double minors in the History and Philosophy of Science (minor 1) and College and University Teaching (minor 2). Dr. Hankins has been appointed Chairman of the Department of Biology at Bennett College, Greensboro.

A 1951 honor graduate of Brunswick County High School, she obtained the Bachelor of Science degree in biology from Shaw University in 1955, and the Master of Science Degree in the same field from Oregon State University 1960-61, all supported by the National Science Foundation; recipient of U.S. Public Health Trainee Grant, University of Michigan in the fall of 1964, and the IBM Doctoral Research Fellowship 1967-68 at Oregon State University.

During the past two academic years, while pursuing doctoral studies, she was elected to membership in Phi Sigma National Honorary Society in biology and Sigma Xi, national honorary in science research.

Prior to entering college teaching in 1961, Dr. Hankins served as a science and mathematics teacher in the public school systems of both North and South Carolina, including Lincoln High School at Leland, where the Clemmons-Hankins chapter of the National Honor Society for Secondary Students was jointly named in her honor and that of its principal, James F. Clemmons.

Dr. Hankins is the author of "Providing for Individual Difference in Science Instruction," cited in the North Carolina Teachers Record, May 1965, and "Biology for the Non-Scientist." An abstract of this copyrighted work will

appear in the December 1968 edition of Dissertation Abstracts, published by University of Michigan Microfilm, Inc. The latter is an outgrowth of the author's doctoral dissertation.

The Brunswick resident is the daughter of the late Marslin Hankins, Sr., and Mrs. Lela Hankins Williams of Bolivia, and is the step-daughter of B.F. Williams of Bolivia.

Former Hospital Orderly Writes

Last week, W.F. Cupit, administrator at Doshier Memorial Hospital received this letter from Charles L. Moore, who is now in Vietnam. Formerly he was an orderly at the hospital for approximately 3 years before going into the Army. Cupit says "he speaks, I believe truly and sincerely and I personally feel that the community should feel proud of his attitude, because he certainly has no regret being there." I had written Charles about a month ago, and this is his answer: "Dear Mr. Cupit,

Just a few lines to let you know I received your letter and was glad to hear from you. The reason it took so long in answering is because we have been on the move all the time. I know that you all had a nice time back there on the 4th, and my only regret is that I wasn't there, but the way things are over here, I suppose that I am right where I'm needed the most.

It is very hot over here at this time. It gets so hot sometime that I feel that I can't make it, but I am still holding on to my faith in God and my Country, and that's what keeps me going.

In a way I am glad that I can (Continued On Page Four)

Willis Named Police Chief

James Walton Willis, member of the Southport Police force since February, 1966, has been named by City Manager C.D. Picklerrell as Chief of Police. He has been given authority to hire two additional policemen.

Chief Willis succeeds Louis Clark, who resigned the post 10 days ago. The new police chief is a native of Southport, graduated from Southport High School and served for three years as a Military Policeman while in the U.S. Army. Since becoming a member of the local law enforcement agency Chief Willis has attended the Community Relations School and the ABC Control School put on by the Institute of Government in Chapel Hill.

He is married to the former Carol Stanley of Southport who is clerk for the Town of Long Beach and who for the past several months has held the position of acting city manager. The couple has two children.

Board Fails To Call Date For Election

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, meeting in special session Tuesday night, voted not to call a Special School Bond Election in September, but decided to submit the issue at the General Election in November if members of the Board of Education agree.

County Attorney E. J. Prevatte presented a ruling from the Brunswick County Board of Elections, based upon a ruling from the State Board of Elections, that the School Bond Election cannot be held on September 14 because of the time element involved. It also was felt that it would be impractical to hold the election on September 21 because of the overlapping of absentee voting with the General Election and would present a serious conflict with the new voter registration. The Board of Elections recommended that the school bond issue be submitted with the General Election because of the expense involved in a special election and in order to make it more convenient for election officials and the voters.

The commissioners there upon decided to submit the school bond issue to the voters at the General Election in November, subject to the approval of the Brunswick County Board of Education.

The proposed budget was approved with one dissenting vote. Commissioner John L. Barbee stated that he was voting against adoption "because of the low standard of our schools, the erosion of our beaches, the needs of health and welfare and (Continued On Page Two)

Friday Noon

Leland Bank Is Robbed By Woman



2ND LT. PAUL A. MANGO

New Officer For Terminal

Second Lieutenant Paul A. Mango of Brooklyn, New York has recently reported for assignment and duty at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point. Lt. Mango was born in Brooklyn and attended St. John's Preparatory School. He then attended St. John's University in Queens, N.Y., and received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Social Sciences.

Lt. Mango enlisted in the service and attended Officer Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, Va. He was commissioned 2Lt. U.S. Army in March 1968.

Lt. Mango is unmarried. He will reside in Long Beach during his tour of duty at Sunny Point.

Unit Praises Local Training

Col. Carey A. Kennedy, Jr., commanding officer at Sunny Point Army Terminal, recently received a letter from Col. Jess M. Hughes, Jr., of U. S. Army Terminal Unit (1181), Meridian, Miss., expressing appreciation for the successful training period spent here earlier this summer.

Text of the letter follows: "Our recent Annual Active Duty for Training at MOT Sunny Point was most successful, and from every standpoint, the best period of training experienced by this unit.

"This successful training was the result of superior support and cooperation extended by the personnel of Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point.

"We wish to express to you, and to your command, our most sincere thanks for your support and hospitality. We extend to you, our best wishes for many additional years of successful operation and service."

A brazen noontime robbery Friday at a Leland branch bank is receiving concerted attention of FBI agents.

The hoist of approximately \$4,500 by a suave gun-wielding blonde at 12:50 p.m. was perpetrated after the woman with a foreign accent was denied a loan at the bank. The woman made her departure with a male bank employee as hostage, with him driving his car for the getaway.

The branch bank of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. recently opened for business in Leland which is across the eastern border of Columbus County.

The FBI investigation has produced no new developments for release to news media, a Brunswick County source reported this morning.

The woman was apparently working alone when she entered the bank, according to branch's assistant manager J. H. Smith Jr. "I'd say she was German," stated Smith. "Her English was broken and her accent was thick. Several times I had to ask her to repeat what she was saying since it was so difficult to understand her."

The branch bank closed its doors to customers for about an hour and a half in the wake of extensive investigation procedures to recover the \$4,500 and the woman.

Approximately 12:50 p.m. Friday the woman, wearing a white blouse, green slacks, a pink scarf bound around her hair and gloves, which might hinder investigation somewhat, entered the front door of the bank, approached a teller cage and asked to speak to someone about a loan.

Smith, who ordinarily handles loan transactions was busy at the time and the teller directed the woman into the office of Vice President William R. Cross.

"She followed the normal procedure of requesting a personal loan," said Cross. "After learning a few facts about the woman I realized that I could not grant her the type of loan she requested when I informed her of this she said she guessed she would get the money anyway."

"I didn't understand what she meant for the split second before she reached into her purse, which she held pitted in her lap with her hand slightly (Continued On Page Two)

Saturday Mail Schedule Same

Postmaster Norris Long said today that all impending restrictions on Saturday mail service have been lifted, at least for the time being. In fact, according to Postmaster Long, there never was any interruption in this service. "We got the countermending order in time," he said.

Shalotte Boy At Cullowhee

Roger Gause, son of Mrs. Carrie G. Stanley of Shallotte, a student at Union High School, is enrolled in the Western Carolina University Summer Demonstration School for superior and gifted high school students.

The program, one of the most unusual in the United States for the exceptionally gifted student, has received national acclaim from American educators. Similar programs in numerous other states have been patterned after the pioneering program at Western Carolina.

Roger is enrolled in a college level course in Biology.

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 Pilots' Association.

| HIGH | LOW |
|-----------------------|---------|
| Thursday, August 8, | |
| 8:33 AM | 2:40 AM |
| 9:09 PM | 2:46 PM |
| Friday, August 9, | |
| 9:27 AM | 3:28 AM |
| 9:51 PM | 3:34 PM |
| Saturday, August 10, | |
| 10:09 AM | 4:10 AM |
| 10:39 PM | 4:22 PM |
| Sunday, August 11, | |
| 10:57 AM | 4:52 AM |
| 11:15 PM | 5:10 PM |
| Monday, August 12, | |
| 11:39 AM | 5:34 AM |
| 11:57 PM | 5:52 PM |
| Tuesday, August 13, | |
| 12:21 AM | 6:16 AM |
| 12:39 PM | 6:40 PM |
| Wednesday, August 14, | |
| 1:09 AM | 6:58 AM |
| 1:00 PM | 7:28 PM |

Brief Bits Of NEWS

HONOR ROLL
Karen I. Nielsen of Shallotte was one of 210 students at East Carolina University who made all A's during the spring quarter.

NEW POST OFFICE
The Shallotte Post Office moved Saturday into new quarters that have been constructed across from the radio station.

SOCIETY TO MEET
The Brunswick County Historical Society will meet on Monday night at 8 o'clock at the Sacred Heart Catholic Hall. The public is invited.

NAMED TRUSTEE
Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., of Southport has recently been named to the North Carolina Wesleyan College Board of Trustees. She will be a trustee of the Rocky Mount school until 1971.

Time And Tide

There was a tale of tragedy in our issue of August 3, 1938, for Dr. F.B. Bond of Southport had sustained fatal injuries in an automobile accident in Onslow county. His wife and daughter had also been

seriously injured. The Southport harbor became a haven for dredge boats during the week-end as the Comstock, Henry Bacon and a pipeline dredge of the Merritt Dredging Co. all were moored in local waters. There was good news for folks who liked to visit the nearby beach that would be Caswell Beach—they were going to pave the road.

Representative R. E. Sentelle was preparing to go to Raleigh for a special session of the State Legislature. The Amuzu was to be closed for two days while completely new sound equipment was installed; C.C. Cannon had arrived here as U.S. Public Health pharmacist; and

Border Belt Tobacco Markets were ready for their opening the following week.

Early in August 1943, preparations were being made for a Red Cross First Aid Instructor's course. Tobacco Markets had opened the

previous week, with only light sales. The War Department was placing great emphasis upon the importance of producing pulpwood, and this was the subject of our front page picture of that week.

Another sign of the times: The Want Ad column was filled with advertisements for lost ration books. Preliminary preparations were

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