



Rushing Work On Courthouse

This is the rear of the Brunswick county courthouse in Southport where extensive renovations and additions are being made in order to comply with requirements for the new court system which goes into operation December 1. A two story addition is being added on the east and west sides of the existing building and all of the remaining exposed exterior surface is being given a waterproof coating of stucco. The cost of the project, exclusive of architects fees, comes to \$70,332 and will be paid without the necessity of having the county go into debt. (Photo by Spencer)

New Regulation Makes Payment A Possibility

Mrs. Georgia Smith Babson, widowed mother of 8 children and grandmother of 40, received her first social security check in March of this year. She became eligible for these payments based on a change in the Social Security Law which came into effect back in October 1966. Mrs. Babson was a "little late" in signing up, because she had never heard of this change in the law. Her son and daughter-in-law had read in the paper that some persons age 72 or over could qualify for a "special age 72" benefit, so they contacted Mrs. Doris Moss, Social Security Field Representative, for more information. Mrs. Moss helped Mrs. Babson sign up and now she is getting a social security check of \$40 each month. Mrs. Babson also qualified for Medicare based on the same application.



Receives Check

Mrs. Georgia Babson, seated, is shown here receiving her first Social Security Check from Mrs. Doris H. Moss, Field Representative for the Social Security Administration.

"The money surely comes in good to help with my medicine and other needs," said Mrs. Babson. She added that this income of her own helps relieve her son of some of her bills. Mrs. Babson makes her home with her son, daughter-in-law and their four school age children. This is the happy part of Mrs. Babson's story, but there is a sad part. Mrs. Babson could have been getting payments as early as October 1966 had she been

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Courthouse Gets New Treatment

The Brunswick county courthouse is undergoing a complete renovation job that includes important additions designed to provide added space which will be required when the new court system comes into effect in December.

The work includes the addition of two wings, each 45-ft. x 13-ft. and two stories, which will almost double the size of the offices of Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court. The second floor rooms will be used for judge's chamber, counsel room library and grand jury room.

The additions are of masonry construction and are of buff colored brick. Other exterior portions of the courthouse building are receiving a waterproofed coat of stucco which is tinted tan to blend with the new brick. When it is completed the building will make an attractive appearance.

Contracts for this work come to \$70,332 and are being financed by the Board of County Commissioners from funds that have been saved to do this work. It will not be necessary to sell any bonds nor for the county to go into debt to complete the job.

Miller Building Corporation of Wilmington has the general contract at \$55,538. The electrical contractor is Turner Electrical Co. of Wilmington for \$7,970. Goodyear Plumbing Co. of Wilmington has the plumbing contract for \$2,674. The heating and air conditioning is being done by Temperature Control of Wilmington at a cost of \$4,150. A standard architect fee to the firm of Ballard, McKim and Sawyer is in addition to the

\$70,332 total of these contracts. It is expected that all work will be completed in time for use by December 1.

Bolivia Offers Adult Classes

Cape Fear Technical Institute, in cooperation with the Bolivia High School officials and local school committee, will again provide an adult education program for the benefit of residents of this area.

On the basis of interest already evident, the following courses will be included in the initial offering: Basic Adult Education—for those who dropped out of school before completing the eighth grade and who wish to work toward High School Equivalency. (No cost).

Secondary Education—for those who dropped out of high school and wish to work toward High School Equivalency. (Cost not to exceed \$5.00 for textbooks).

Business Education—either typing, shorthand, or bookkeeping, depending on which is in greater demand.

Modern Math for Adults—a basic course designed to help adults better understand the new methods of teaching mathematics in the public schools.

Creative Art—for adults who wish to examine and develop abilities in the arts. An organizational meeting for this program has been scheduled for Monday evening, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium.

Tobacco Sales Season Ends On Sour Note

The 1968 tobacco auctions were concluded Thursday in Columbus County.

A summary of the year shows a sizeable drop in pounds marketed, however most farmers contacted say the prices paid were satisfactory.

Authorities responsible for regulating the sales schedules received the blame for great suffered by warehousemen and farmers this year. Daily sales time was as little as two hours per day, and many producers saw the delay in sale of their tobacco by more than a week, even though it was ready on the warehouse floor.

Whiteville's market led the four in Columbus County in highest average price.

Season's average in Whiteville was \$68.37, according to the unofficial tally by the Federal-State Marketing News Service. Season's averages for the other Columbus markets were: Chadbourne \$67.76; Fair Bluff \$66.44; and Tabor City \$66.59.

During the final week of tobacco sales on the N.C.-S.C. Border markets, both grade prices and quality of offerings declined.

Jimmy Green, Chadbourne warehouseman, said last Wednesday was the first day since the market opened that he was able to sell out of the block.

Final weeks of sale on the Border Belt was limited to two hours per day. During an earlier period markets were restricted to three-hour sales each day.

"A hopeless situation" was the way Green described the extreme curtailment of sales.

To add insult to injury, while the Border Belt markets were allowed to sell only two hours per day, the Old Belt was given permission to sell five hours each day, Green explained.

"I have had some tobacco on (Continued On Page Four)

Hospital Vote Not On Ticket

There will be no vote held during the General Election this year on the proposition of levying a special hospital tax in Brunswick county. There had been serious discussion of such a plan, but since some absentee ballots already had been mailed out and since so little time remained before the election, members of the Board of Elections and the Board of County Commissioners agreed that it would be unwise to vote on this issue at this time.

At their last meeting members of the Board of Commissioners issued an invitation to the Human Relations Committees of Southport to meet with them on October 21 to discuss the organization of a similar county wide organization.

Time And Tide

It was October 12, 1938, and it was announced that week that a Southport-Wilmington outboard motorboat marathon was in prospect. The cover picture showed some of the participating craft warming up in the local harbor. There was a faint movement underway to create a state or National park at Bald Head Island; our "Just Among the Fishermen" editor had given a rundown of his freshwater fishing companions, along with several short character sketches; and journalistic license permits us to mention the birth of a son to Mr. and Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., during the past week.

A Play, "Twelve Old Maids," was to be presented on the following Friday evening by some worthy Southport organization, and we quote from the news item concerning the cast and characters: "... Liza Pearl, a hired girl, and not so slow, Mrs. Mary Mintz... Madam Zikeller, a fortune teller after the coin, Mrs. Eva Ruark... Lucindy Toots, who ecleutes, Mrs. Irma Carr... and Music by Mrs. Mary Bussells..."

It was October 20, 1943, and another newspaper had come to the county in competition with The Pilot. The sixth grade at Leland High School was publishing the Leland News monthly, and it was reported that the news sheet had some excellent scoop on the upcoming Leland Halloween play. The coming of an early frost had set the county farmers scurrying; E. J. Prevatt had downed his first deer, an 8-pointer; and five of six classifieds that week concerned lost ration books.

No less than three stories in The Pilot that week were written about farm youths who had stepped into their fathers' shoes when the parents had left to join the war effort, and all reports indicated that each was doing a top job. County Forest Warden Dorman Mercer had reported two small forest fires during the past week; a traveling landscape engineer had visited Orton and had pronounced the gardens in fine shape in spite of the labor shortage; and our

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Dedication Of Postoffice

This is the new U. S. Post Office building at Shallotte which will be dedicated with appropriate ceremonies Sunday afternoon, beginning at 2:30 o'clock. Congressman Alton Lennon will be the principal speaker. (Photo by Spencer)

Democrats In Brunswick To Get Out Votes

Clinton Bellamy, chairman of the Democrat Executive Committee for Brunswick County, is emphasizing the importance of registration at a series of precinct meetings that are being held throughout the county.

"There is some confusion about the registration," he pointed out, "and we want to be sure that the name of every eligible voter is on the new registration books. The registration books were open for the first time prior to the General Election this past Saturday and they will be open this Saturday and one week from Saturday. Most of the registrars will register people at their homes between times as a convenience."

Bellamy pointed out that some confusion may exist as a result of the fact that for the Primary Election both the old registration books and the new registration books were used. He stressed the fact that in the General Election only the new books will be used.

Chairman Bellamy attended the Vance-Aycock Dinner in Asheville Saturday and heard Vice Presidential candidate Edmund Muskie speak. "I was very much impressed with him," he said. "I think his appearance in North Carolina was a good tonic for our Democratic blood."

Chairman Bellamy attended a luncheon meeting for county chairmen at which time party finances were discussed.

Others from Brunswick attending the session were Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., Ray H. Walton and his daughter, Libby.

Post Office To Be Dedicated Sunday



Shallotte's new post office will be dedicated at 2:30 on Sunday October 20, Postmaster E. E. Ludlum announced today.

The new facility, located at Main and Pine Street, is part of the Post Office Department's lease construction program, the local postmaster explained.

Under this program, investment financing is used to obtain needed facilities which remain under private ownership, pay local taxes to this community, and are leased to the Federal Government.

"The fact that Shallotte has been chosen for a new post office," Postmaster Ludlum said, "reflects credit on our growing contribution to the economy and life of the nation."

Congressman Alton Lennon and A. D. Waters, Postal Service Officer, Fayetteville, will be the speakers for this occasion.

"Mail business in this area has gone up," the Postmaster noted. "For example, 10 years ago revenue was \$21,000.00 compared with \$59,000.00 today."

Brunswick Has ECC Students

East Carolina University this fall has students from 97 of North Carolina's 100 counties, including 14 from Brunswick.

The county totals range from 878 students listed as residents of Pitt county to one each from the western counties of Cherokee, Clay, Jackson, Madison, Mitchell, Swain and Yadkin.

There are 22 counties of the state with 100 or more on the ECU campus. Eleven of these have 200 or more.

Of the students from this county, Ramona Frink King is in graduate school.

Others include: Sharon Kaye Bradsher, Linda Susan Cheers, Kenneth R. Galloway, Paul Hiram Ganey, Charles G. Holden, Stephen Dale Holden, Henry R. Mangum, James A. Marshall, Karen I. Nielsen, Edward D. Redwine, Alan Henderson Russ, Harriet Jean White, Sarah Claire White.

Brunswick Man Heads Meeting

A delegation of members of the Ocean Hiway Association from North Carolina will join members from two other states in Nags Head October 20-21 to develop winter and spring travel promotion programs for U.S. Highway 17.

The delegation will be led by State Vice President Roy Stevens. Joining him will be state directors Mrs. W. L. Boswell, Edenton; H. F. Brett, Windsor; Edwin J. Cella and Olin A. Wright, New Bern; Mayor V. N. Darden, Hertford; John Derrickson and R. O. Givins, Elizabeth City; Wm. Abeyounis and W. H. Page, Washington; John W. Fox, Manteo; Burks L. Hamner, Wrightsville Beach; Bill Howard and Walter Morgan, Jacksonville; H. Van Reid, Kenneth Sprunt and J. E. L. Wade, Wilmington; Mrs. W. T. Ross, Williamston, as well as

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Inauguration Is Held For New College Head

The burgeoning and broadening role of the community college system was emphasized at special ceremonies Sunday of the inauguration of E. Philip Comer as president of Southeastern Community College, and at dedicatory ceremonies of the new campus.

Comer told an audience of visiting representatives from a number of colleges and universities, and several hundred visitors, "This college and this system of colleges in North Carolina represent a significant advance in higher education, in that we are organized to provide curriculum programs covering a wide range of subjects and educational needs."

Archie K. Davis of Winston-Salem, chairman of the board of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., described the community college system as "absolutely indispensable."

Davis was the principal speaker at the program, which also included a tour of the new, four-building campus and a reception after the ceremonies.

He traced a brief history of the rich heritage and culture of the Southeastern area of North Carolina, explaining specifically the five-county service area of Southeastern Community College, which includes Columbus, Robeson, Bladen, Pender, and Brunswick counties.

Davis called Comer a "highly versatile and richly endowed man," and described the college service area as a "land rich in history, natural resources, and an enlightened citizenry."

He said, "Southeastern Community College has made a remarkable beginning, and it will continue to succeed. It faces many challenges, as does all of education. The pressures are inordinate," he said, "but with vision and determination under the leadership of your new

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Williams Gets District Post

George F. Williams, Superintendent, Brunswick County Schools was elected president of the Southeastern District Superintendent Division of the North Carolina Educational Association at the annual District Meeting held in Wilmington on Friday. Williams had served as secretary and vice-president for the group previously.

The Southeastern District of the North Carolina Educational Association consists of ten southeastern counties. These include Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Hoke, New Hanover, Pender, Robeson, Sampson and Scotland.

The program for the district meeting included a general session for all members followed by meetings of the various divisions of the association.

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, October 17,	
4:39 A M	11:04 A M
5:08 P M	11:40 P M
Friday, October 18,	
5:33 A M	11:58 A M
5:51 P M	12:28 P M
Saturday, October 19,	
6:21 A M	12:32 A M
6:39 P M	1:00 P M
Sunday, October 20,	
7:09 A M	1:16 A M
7:27 P M	1:40 P M
Monday, October 21,	
7:57 A M	1:58 A M
8:15 P M	1:28 P M
Tuesday, October 22,	
8:45 A M	2:40 A M
9:03 P M	3:22 P M
Wednesday, October 23,	
9:39 A M	3:28 A M
9:51 P M	4:10 P M

Attend State Library Meet

The Brunswick County School Librarians were participants at the North Carolina Librarians' Convention October 5 at the Jack Tar Hotel in Durham. The convention theme this year was, "The School Library and Independent Study."

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