



Some Pumpkin

A major operation was performed at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport Monday, but it was performed in the kitchen, not the operating room. And it wasn't the surgeons who wielded the knife, but the cooks. The cause of this unusual situation was delivery of a prize-winning 142-lb pumpkin, presented to the hospital as ingredient for pumpkin pie to go on the holiday menu. Shown here, left to right, are Hugh Vance, the man with the hack-saw, representing the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation; Lillian King, who holds a cleaver; Maggie Burney, who is about to make the incision, and David Batton, agriculture engineer. This pumpkin was grown by O. G. Ward of Nakina and won first place in this year's pumpkin contest sponsored annually by the BEMC. (Photo by Spencer)

## Farm Meetings Scheduled For This County

Winter schools for farmers will begin next week for Brunswick growers with a swine meeting on Wednesday, December 4, and a tobacco meeting on December 5.

Dr. Robert Behlow, extension veterinarian, will be in the county visiting and to present a program that night. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., at the Extension Service Building in Supply. Dr. Behlow will be discussing several topics that are causing problems for Brunswick swine producers. These include Mastitis-Metritis Complex, reproductive problems, TGE, the use of antibiotics and he will bring farmers up-to-date on the hog cholera eradication program. Producers are urged to be present for this meeting.

Dr. W. K. Collins, tobacco specialist, and Furney Todd, plant pathology specialist, will be present for a tobacco meeting on Thursday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m., in the extension office. Dr. Collins will discuss production methods with special emphasis on fertilization and performance of varieties in the demonstrations held over the state this year. Todd will discuss tobacco diseases and how the grower can reduce losses from disease. Farmers who had a problem with their tobacco this year, should bring their questions to the meeting.

Farmers are urged to notice their newspapers for future meetings that will benefit them in their farming program this coming year.



Volunteers Complete Training

Members of the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department and the Long Beach Rescue Squad have completed a 16-hour course in First Aid for Radiation and certificates were awarded Friday night by Major Frank Moffitt, Director of Civil Defense for Brunswick County. Shown here accepting his certificate is L. D. Jones, Civil Defense Director for Long Beach. (Photo by Spencer)

## Brunswick Has 4-H Winners In Wilmington

Approximately 700 4-H members, parents, leaders and friends of 4-H were present as outstanding 4-H'ers were recognized Saturday at the Star-News 4-H Honor Program held in Brogden Hall. Activities began Friday as exhibits were placed on display to be judged and viewed by the public.

Dione Potter, eleven year old 4-H member, was recognized as the Most Outstanding Junior Boy in the area program that includes ten counties. He is a member of the Busy Bees 4-H Club. This is the second year of this award and Brunswick County has had the recipient both years. Reggie Hewett was the winner last year.

Lynn Hewett was runner-up for the Most Representative Senior Girl and in Girls Public Speaking. She also won a blue award in Senior Teen Clothing. Kenneth Hewett was runner-up for the Most Representative Senior Boy award. He won a blue award on his cake for special occasions. Lisa Hewett was runner-up for the Most Representative Junior Girl Award.

Other awards were as follows: Elneta Hewett, blue award for pre-teen clothing; Rachel Jones, blue award early teen clothing; Lori Hewett, red award, cake; Lisa Hewett, white award, pillow case; Reggie Hewett, white award, early teen record; and Lynn Hewett, white award, senior teen record.

Over 900 exhibits were made by 4-H'ers of the ten counties. This was up from last year.

Mrs. Evelyn Bell of Bolivia was recognized during the program for being elected as a State Director of the 4-H Foundation.

## Low Interest To Help Loans

Brunswick county's low-income rural families have a greater chance now than ever before to become homeowners as a result of the new federal interest supplement plan on home loans, according to local representative of the Farmers Home Administration, Parks C. Fields.

Fields said the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 makes it possible for the federal government to apply an interest supplement payment to rural housing loans made to low-income rural families that will lower the cost of buying a house.

The interest supplement plan on rural housing loans will be administered through the Farmers Home Administration, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's credit agency.

Under the interest supplement plan Fields said that families earning as little as \$3,000 annually could possibly qualify for as much as an \$8,000 loan to buy a site and construct a house.

The new plan allows for

## 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, November 28,	
2:39 AM	8:58 AM
3:06 PM	9:28 PM
Friday, November 29,	
3:39 AM	9:58 AM
3:57 PM	10:16 PM
Saturday, November 30,	
4:27 AM	10:52 AM
4:51 PM	11:04 PM
Sunday, December 1,	
5:15 AM	11:40 AM
5:33 PM	11:46 PM
Monday, December 2,	
3:59 AM	12:28 AM
6:15 PM	
Tuesday, December 3,	
6:39 AM	0:28 AM
6:57 PM	1:10 PM
Wednesday, December 4,	
7:21 AM	1:10 AM
7:33 PM	1:46 PM

## Festival Has First Project To Raise Funds

To most people the Fourth of July is a holiday that comes some six months after Christmas, but to a large number of people in Southport the Fourth of July started more than a month ago when the finance committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Roma Clement held its first meeting to begin plans for financing the Southport Fourth of July festival for 1969.

A lot of money has to be raised to pay the expenses of feeding and lodging the hundreds of guests and participants of the largest and oldest celebration in the country of the day our nation was born. The first fund raising event for this year's festival will be a barbecue dinner to be held on Saturday, December 7. This day will be particularly significant as that date will be the 27th anniversary of Pearl Harbor—held by many historians to be the biggest threat ever made against the existence of our country.

The barbecue will actually begin on the afternoon of December 6 when Edgar Finch and his aides will start the hickory wood fire in a large pit behind the fire station. The cooking will take all night and, if past experience is any indication, Edgar will not spend a lonely night as a hundred or more barbecue chefs and experts will drop by at all hours to inspect the operation and to offer their advice on how to prepare the meat. Edgar will listen politely to all suggestions, and then go right ahead and prepare it the way he always has. The meat will finish cooking just after daylight on Saturday and then Jack Worley and his helpers will move in to chop it just right, mix in the seasoning and begin the preparations for the slaw. At about 9 o'clock on the morning of December 7 the other twenty some odd members of the finance committee will show up to begin helping the plates with barbecue, slaw, potato chips,

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Southport Man Decorated

Technical Sergeant Leon Fullwood (left), son of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis O. Fullwood of Southport, receives the U. S. Air Force Commendation Medal at Udorn Royal Thia AFB, Thailand, from Brigadier General Allison C. Brooks, Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service commander. Sergeant Fullwood, a para-rescue recovery technician, was decorated for meritorious service at Hamilton AFB, Calif. The sergeant is a 1957 graduate of Southport High School. His wife is the former Edith M. Arnone.

## District Court Begins Operation

On Monday, December 2, Judge Edward B. Clark, Resident Judge of the 13th Judicial District, will give the oath of office to Ray H. Walton, Chief District Judge, Giles R. Clark, District Judge, and Lee J. Greer, District Court Prosecutor.

The judges will take their oaths of office at the courthouse in Elizabethtown at 9 a.m., after which the District Court will be formally convened. Thereafter all other Bladen county officials who were elected on November 5 will take their respective oaths of office.

At 10 a.m. the District Court will be formally convened in the District Court Room of the Columbus County Courthouse in Whiteville. Judge Clark will give the oath of office to Lee J. Greer, the prosecutor, and all Columbus county officials who were elected on November 5.

At 11:30 a.m. the District Court will be formally convened in the court room of the Brunswick County Courthouse in Southport and Judge Clark will give the oath of office to all Brunswick county officials who were elected on November 5.

Following these ceremonies which will include the formal organization of the court, the District Court will begin its actual work on Tuesday, December 3. During the first week of its operation, Judge Walton will hold a two-day session of criminal court in Southport on Tuesday and Wednesday and a two-day

## Ceremony For New Marker

A Highway Historic Marker was unveiled Sunday afternoon with appropriate ceremonies honoring the memory of John La Pierre, one of the early circuit-riding preachers to serve this area of the Carolinas.

Presiding at this ceremony was Harry L. Mintz, Jr., who introduced the Rev. Robert R. Childs for the invocation, which was followed by music from the combined church choirs of Southport, under the direction of Mrs. Dallas Pigott.

A welcome was extended by William G. Faulk, Jr., site superintendent and recognition of guests and descendants of the honoree was made by Mr. Mintz and by Mrs. M. B. Koonce.

Following another musical selection by the choir, Mrs. S. C. Kellam introduced the speaker, the Rev. J. Fred Fordham, who is a descendant of the man being honored. He also has played a part in the religious life of the area, having served Episcopal congregations three points in Brunswick county, including St. Phillips at Southport.

The speaker used authentic references to paint in the background of some of the achievements of his illustrious ancestor.

The marker was unveiled by Miss Mary Grady Koonce, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Battle Koonce, and an eleventh generation descendant.

The benediction was by the Rev. Chan Chase.

## Time And Tide

It was November 23, 1938, and Southport had been mentioned in a recent issue of the New York Times. Leonard Cox, a feature writer for that newspaper, had included Southport in a story concerning the explorer Lucas Varquez de Ayllon and his early shipbuilding efforts in the Cape Fear area. Lighthouse keepers on Bald Head Island had a year-round garden project going; the Southport school had attained 100 percent membership in the County Red Cross drive; and our "Fourth Estate" editor had congratulated the Charlotte Observer on its Golden Birthday Anniversary.

Lewis Hardee had just completed building a new shrimp house on the local waterfront; the R. F. Plaxco family had moved into a new home on Moore Street; and a group at Shallotte had organized the Girls Service Club.

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## Southport Woman Is State Chairman

Mrs. James M. Harper Jr., of Southport has been appointed chairman of the North Carolina

Committee for National Library Week in 1969 by the National Book Committee, it was announced recently.

The appointment was announced in a recent preliminary session of the National Library Week Committee at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Purpose of the meeting was to lay the groundwork for the observance.

Serving with Mrs. Harper will be Charles M. Adams, UNC-G librarian, who was named executive director for the week by the North Carolina Library Association.

National Library Week will be April 20-26.

Mrs. Harper polled over 148,000 votes as she finished second during the Democratic primary last spring in the race for the party's nomination for lieutenant governor. She is a past president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs, the North Carolina Council of

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## Holden Beach May Wind Up Being A Town

A hearing on a petition to incorporate the "Town of Holden Beach" in Brunswick county was set Monday by the Municipal Board of Control, a State agency.

The hearing was scheduled for January 10 in the office of the State attorney general, who serves as chairman of the board. It will be the first such meeting for Bob Morgan of Lillington, who becomes attorney general January 3.

The Town of Holden Beach would include all of the area bounded by Shallotte Inlet, Lockwoods Folly Inlet, the Atlantic Ocean and the mainland of North Carolina. The assessed value of the property within the proposed town was listed at \$2 million.

The Municipal Board of Control is made up of the attorney general, the secretary of state and the chairman of the State Utilities Commission. The board passes on petitions for incorporation or name changes of towns.

## Brief Bits Of NEWS

**ANNUAL TURKEY SHOOT**  
The Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., of Winnabow will hold its annual turkey shoot at the Fire House on Thanksgiving Day, beginning at 1 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited to participate in this event. The proceeds will go into the general fund.

## An Invitation

The pleasure of your company is requested at the Annual Christmas Ball on Friday evening, the sixth of December from nine until one o'clock at Oak Island Club House. Sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport. To benefit Doshier Memorial Hospital Music by the Continentals Attire, Formal or Semi-Formal Tickets, \$10 per couple