

High And Dry

The boat on the left is the Silver Bell which has been sitting high and dry in the marsh between Southport and the bridge since the pleasure craft ran aground Saturday. The Idle On has a line to the grounded craft, but is not attempting to haul her off. Her mission was to churn the water near the bank of the Intra-coastal Waterway in order to make it deep enough for a larger vessel to operate at high tide. Efforts to float the southbound pleasure craft had failed up to Tuesday night despite some powerful tows that had given it a try. Fred Silver is owner of the Silver Bell and his only passenger was Kenneth Wallenstein. (Photo by Spencer)

Tobacco Quota Promises To Be About The Same

Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman on November 25 announced a 1969 flue-cured tobacco quota of 1,127 million pounds, about the same as the poundage quota in effect the past four years. The National average yield goal for 1969 remains unchanged at 1,854 pounds per acre, and the National acreage allotment of 607,929 acres for 1969 is about the same as in prior years.

Acreage allotments and poundage quotas for individual farms will be about the same in 1969 as in prior years except for quota adjustments reflecting overmarketings and undermarketings of poundage quotas in prior years, under acreage-poundage marketing quotas, if the marketings from a farm in any year are less than the poundage quota for the farm, the difference is added to the farm's quotas (both acres and pounds) for the following year. Likewise, any marketings in excess of a farm's poundage quota are deducted from the farm's quota (both acres and pounds) for the following year. As in the past, a small acreage will be reserved in 1969 for establishing allotments for farms having no flue-cured tobacco acreage history during the past 5 years, for correcting errors, and for adjusting inequities.



Swearing In Officials

Judge Edward B. Clark of Elizabethtown is shown here as he talks to Brunswick county officials after they had been administered the oath of office in the courtroom in Southport Monday morning. Left to right, they are Roney Creers and E. F. Gore, magistrates; D. B. Frink, commissioner; Mrs. Leila Osborne, magistrate; Ray H. Walton, district judge; V. A. Creech, Jr., commissioner; Arthur Sue, magistrate; Giles R. Clark, district judge; Clemit Holden, commissioner; Durwood Clark, Register of Deeds; and Willie Ward, commissioner. (Photo by Spencer)

Final Payment On New Library Building Made

When word came through Monday morning that the audit of funds for the construction of the Southport-Brunswick County Library showed that only \$92.90 was needed to pay all the bills and bring to a successful conclusion the drive for funds for the library, it was only a matter of a few hours before citizens had wined out this last remaining obligation.

L. J. Hardee, chairman of the Building Committee, secured from Walter Aldridge, treasurer of the project, the information that final figures showed that less than one hundred dollars was needed and he went to the chairman of the board, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr. The two agreed that it should be raised immediately, and before noon it had been raised.

Several persons were contacted during the swearing-in ceremonies at the Court House and on the street. One contributor, L. T. Yaskell, not only gave but in his enthusiasm solicited from several persons of his acquaintance.

"On a project as large as this, one of almost \$100,000., it would be impossible to come out to the penny with contributions," said Mrs. Harper. "The Board of Trustees has been awaiting with fear and trembling the auditor's report, knowing that the difference could have been considerably more because of several changes which were made after the contract was signed. We are grateful that the difference was this small and we appreciate the contributions of the fine citizens who helped in this last roundup."

Those who contributed are L. J. Hardee, Hanan Templeton, J. F. Howard, Norris Long, L. T. Yaskell, Durwood Clark, Clemit Holden, V. A. Creech, Bert Frink, Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr., Grover Gore, Cash Caroon and Herring, Parker and Powell, Atty.



Unveil New Marker

This is the new historic marker at Brunswick Town for John La Pierre which was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies on November 24. The Rev. Fred Fordham, left, was the principal speaker; Harry L. Mintz, Jr., standing just to the right of the marker, was master of ceremonies; and Mrs. Elizabeth Wilborn, staff historian for the Department of Archives and History, who presented the marker, is on the right. The program was sponsored by the Brunswick County Historical Society. (Brunswick Town Photo)

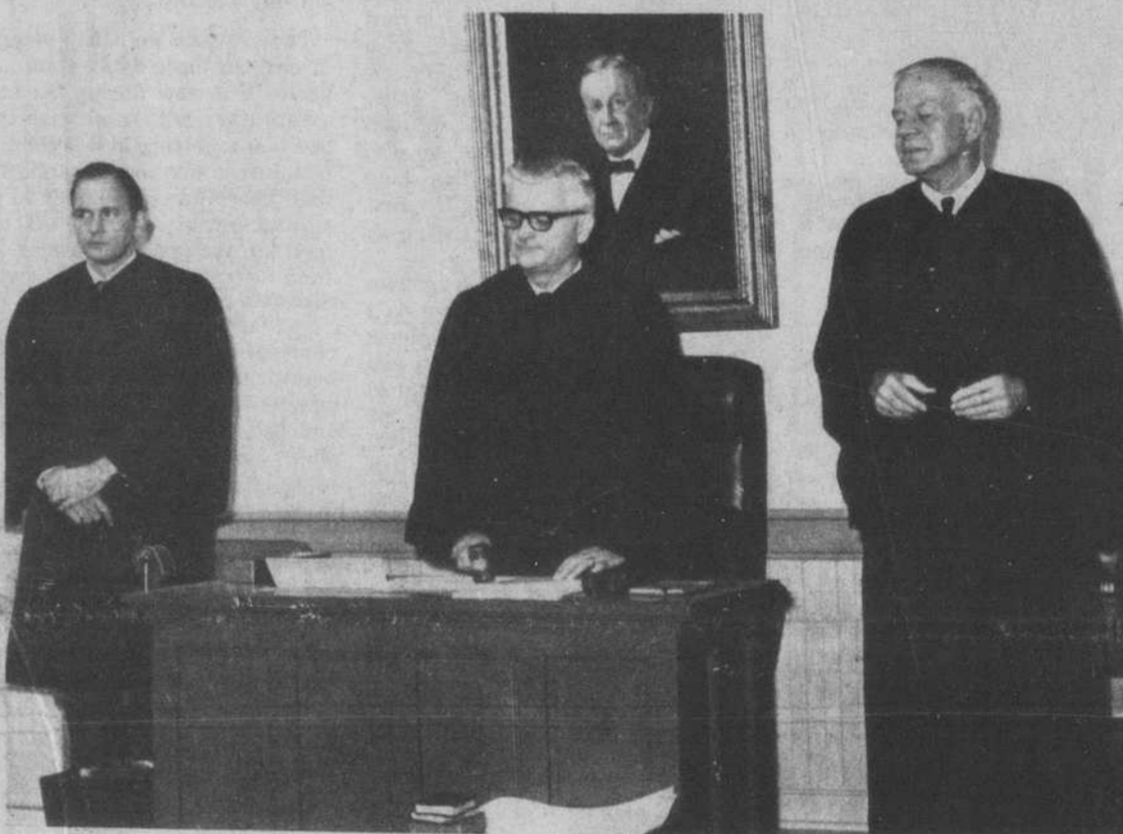
Cotton Vote Now Going On In Brunswick

Farm operators in Brunswick county were reminded today that applications for the transfer of cotton allotments for the 1969 crop should be filed no later than December 31.

Edgar L. Holden, chairman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee, explains that notices of the cotton allotment and the projected yield for individual farms have already been mailed to county farmers, so farm operators now are in position to make their production plans for next season.

In Brunswick county, growers voting in a special referendum earlier this year approved transfer of acreage allotments, by sale or lease, out of the county, so the transfer of allotments locally may be made from one farm to another within the State. In no case may allotments be transferred to another farm outside the State. Transfers of allotments between farms within the county and from a farm owned to a farm operated by the same individual are not subject to approval in a referendum. However, it is necessary that such transfers of allotments be filed with the county ASCS Office before the December 31 deadline.

The December 31, deadline, therefore, applies to all transfers of 1969 cotton allotments for Brunswick county farms—whether by sale, lease or the owner.



District Court Convenes

Judge Ray H. Walton, center, is shown here as he convened the first session of District Court in Brunswick county Monday morning. He is Chief District Judge. On the left is District Judge Giles R. Clark and on the right is Superior Court Judge Edward B. Clark, who earlier in the day had administered the oath of office to the two new judges. (Photo by John Henry)

Final Session Of Southport P.T.A. Is Held

The final meeting of the Southport Parent Teachers Association was held Thursday, November 21st at the high school auditorium. President Bill McDougle presided.

John Barbee gave an interesting and informative talk about the consolidated school situation and brought up-to-date information on the proposed School Bond issue.

At the previous meeting of the P.T.A. a committee was appointed to study the pros and cons of the bond issue. (Continued On Page Four)

Officials Sworn In Before Judge Clark

Oath-taking by officers, magistrates, and judges Monday morning inaugurated the new District Court and Magistrate Court System in Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick counties. The new courts will eliminate the recorder's courts and the mayor's court in the various towns, which have been in operation for almost a half century in this area.

It was a step up the judicial ladder for the office holders involved with the new court: —Attorney Ray H. Walton of Southport through successful election moved into one of the district's two judgeship slots, then was further elevated as chief District judge;

—Giles R. Clark of Elizabethtown, attorney and judge of the new defunct Recorder's court, was the other District judge-elect; —Lee J. Greer of Whiteville, veteran clerk of court, was appointed as District prosecutor; —Also taking office Monday was Mrs. Nancy Sigmon of Lake Waccamaw former secretary of a Whiteville law firm, who became District court reporter.

The ceremonies for administering oaths of office began in Elizabethtown at 9 a.m. where the Resident Superior court Judge Edward B. Clark swore to office the two District judges.

The three judges moved over to the Columbus County courthouse for 10:15 ceremonies. When the session was declared open, Judge Edward B. Clark advised those present that the new District court is the first major change made in the state's courts in more than 100 years. The new system, he said, would

bring uniformity in costs and procedures, would be more convenient for the people, and would be more efficient.

"There will be some kinks," he promised, "but let's don't lose our cool."

He said he is pleased with the two District judges, and with the District Prosecutor Lee J. Greer. The resident judge said he has already promised N.C. Chief Justice R. Hunt Parker that "our district is going to have the best court system in North Carolina."

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Young Pastor Is Ordained

The ordination of the Rev. Homer G. McKeithan, Jr., to the gospel ministry, took place at Bethel Baptist Church Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. The Rev. A. L. Brown, grandfather of Rev. Mr. McKeithan, delivered the ordination sermon.

The charge to the church was given by Rev. Albert S. Lamm, pastor of Southport Baptist Church. The Rev. Mark Owens, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Shallotte, and a former pastor of the Rev. Mr. McKeithan, delivered the charge to the candidate.

A Bible was presented to the candidate by Hugh Price, chairman of the Board of Deacons, on behalf of the church.

Special music was rendered by the Youth Choir, under the direction of Mrs. Homer McKeithan, Jr.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church following the service.

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, December 5,	
7:57 AM	1:46 AM
8:09 PM	2:28 PM
Friday, December 6,	
8:33 AM	2:22 AM
8:45 PM	3:04 PM
Saturday, December 7,	
9:09 AM	3:04 AM
9:21 PM	3:46 PM
Sunday, December 8,	
9:45 AM	3:40 AM
9:57 PM	4:22 PM
Monday, December 9,	
10:21 AM	4:16 AM
10:39 PM	5:04 PM
Tuesday, December 10,	
11:03 AM	5:04 AM
11:27 PM	5:46 PM
Wednesday, December 11,	
11:45 AM	5:52 AM
	6:28 PM

Death Ruled As Accident

The body of Melvin R. Godwin, 49 year old resident of Shallotte, was found Monday in an automobile partially submerged in the inland waterway near Cause Landing. Coroner L. B. Bennett, who investigated, pronounced that death was due to accidental drowning.

Mr. Godwin was a veteran of World War II.

Final services were held Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Powell Funeral Chapel by the Rev. Raymond Whitfield with burial in Bennett Cemetery at Hickman's Crossroads.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mable Stanaland Godwin; a stepson, George Edward Long, Tampa, Fla.; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Edith Long, Calabash, Mrs. Catherine Coleman, Tampa, Fla. and Mrs. Rebecca Hewett of Shallotte; a

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

LELAND P.T.A.

The Leland High School P.T.A. will meet Monday night at 7:45 o'clock. There will be a special Christmas program presented by various classes in the school. Please make plans to attend this annual event.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Southport Baptist Church will present a Christmas Cantata on the evening of December 22 at 7:30 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Annual Christmas parade will be held in Shallotte Saturday morning, starting at 10:30 o'clock, with television personality Capt'n Gene serving as parade marshal. As of this morning, more than 30 units have agreed to participate, including Pam Poindexter, Miss Brunswick County.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The annual Christmas bazaar and luncheon of St. Philip's Episcopal Church women will be held in the Parish House Friday, beginning at 10 a.m. Tickets for the luncheon should be purchased in advance. A wide variety of baked goods, knitted garments, sewing and surprises will be offered for sale.

Brunswick Town Sets New Record

The Ninety thousandth visitor for 1968 visited Brunswick Town during the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, according to Wm. G. Faulk, site superintendent this week. She was Miss Debbie O'Gorman of Hallsboro.

Annual visitation to Brunswick Town State Historic Site has been on the increase since 1964 when accurate records were begun to be kept. Actual visitation is slightly higher than recorded by staff personnel on duty at the sales counter as persons enter the building as many visitors return to enjoy the natural beauty of the 120 acre site and do not enter the building on subsequent visits.

The Nature Trail, Colonial foundations and Fort Anderson have their own special attraction as well as the exhibits in the museum. In 1964 visitation was 39,012, in 1965 it was 51,358; in 1966 it was 69,465; in 1967 it was 73,692 and for the eleven month period of 1968 it is 90,114.

Brunswick Town is not a one theme site. It is an archaeological site and visitors may see the actual unearthing of a Colonial foundation when work is being done. A Confederate Fort, Fort Anderson, is separate and apart

from the Colonial history. A Nature Trail, sponsored by the Garden Clubs of North Carolina, Inc., with plants native to Southeastern North Carolina being set out and identified for Nature lovers, is another attraction. The Visitor Center-Museum with artifacts on display and exhibits that tell the story of the first permanent settlement in the Cape Fear area compliments the setting.

Former Leland Citizen Killed

Ulusses Leob Rourk, native of Brunswick county and a long time resident of Leland, was killed in an automobile collision in Wilmington Sunday afternoon.

According to police reports, an automobile driven by the deceased was in collision with a pick-up truck operated by Emanuel E. Drakeford at the intersection of 17th and Chestnut streets. It appeared that each driver slowed down to permit the other to pass, then started again at the same time, resulting in the fatal accident.

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Time And Tide

It was November 30, 1938, and the Christmas lights were up along the streets of Southport. There had been no word of a lighting contest for the homes, but it was expected that an announcement would be forthcoming. Life saving classes were to be conducted in Southport the next summer under Red Cross supervision; new county officers were to be sworn in on the following Monday; and the Southport P.T.A. was sponsoring a Tag Day to raise funds for playground equipment.

The fame of the Rev. A. H. Marshall and his church-boat had spread, and a request had come from Newsweek magazine for pictures of the parson and some of his charges. On the front page that week The Pilot announced the arrival of a new batch of upstate fox hunters and the editorial column welcomed them; the editor of "Just Among the Fishermen" had observed that, though they sometimes are a bit irrational, fishermen couldn't hold a candle to the 52,000 fans who sat through the snow covered Duke-Pitt game on the preceding Saturday; and another item listed the Southporter residents who were crazy enough to do it.

It was December 8, 1943, and the front page pictures that week showed one of the men involved in the mechanics of putting out The Pilot each week. The man was the late Willie Hammonds, and the accompanying story was an interesting account of his thirty-three years as a linotype operator.

A noteworthy headline that week announced, "Southport Women (Continued On Page Four)