



### Santa Comes To Shallotte

This was the scene in Shallotte Saturday morning as Santa Claus was the feature attraction in the annual Christmas Parade sponsored by merchants and business people of that town. The parade had more than thirty units and drew a crowd of several hundred spectators. (Beacon Photo)

### Rescue Squad At Winnabow Seeking Funds

The Town Creek Rescue Squad is engaged this week in a drive for funds with the drive scheduled to come to a close on Sunday.

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Rescue Squad may do so by calling the M and H Restaurant at Winnabow, and donations will be picked up. Schools and churches in the drive.

The week will conclude with a door to door solicitation all day Saturday by representatives of the Rescue Squad.

All proceeds will go toward completing the squad's building, now 75 per cent finished, paying for their ambulance and equipment for a trash truck which is required before the Rescue Squad can come under the guidelines of the state organization.

The Town Creek Township Rescue Squad was organized last March and went into operation in July. It has 45 members, with 27 qualified for ambulance duty, having taken the 33 hours of first aid instruction required to qualify.

The only support a Volunteer Rescue Squad has is from the community. The Town Creek Squad serves all of Brunswick county in conjunction with the Shallotte and Leland squads. No payment is required for their services.

### Stevens Makes Trip To Coast

The Division of Commerce and Industry headed an Industrial Development Mission to California last week composed of representatives of 17 of the State's rural counties, and Duke Power Company, Carolina Power and Light Company and Virginia Electric and Power Company.

Roy Stevens, Director of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick county, was a member of this group.

Three staff members of the Commerce and Industry Division accompanied the group to handle arrangements and to make calls on food processing companies in Los Angeles and San Francisco. Two members of the Economic Development Committee of the Board of Conservation and Development, Jim Cheatham of Greenville and Koy Dawkins of Monroe, also accompanied the group at the direction of the board and shared in the duties of the mission.

The group was in the Los Angeles area November 30 to December 4, and the San Francisco area December 5-7. More than 145 manufacturing firms were visited by teams of two men. Up-to-date information on Brunswick county was left with the executive officers of each company visited by Stevens. The companies to be contacted were carefully selected, based on their potential to establish branch manufacturing facilities in North Carolina to serve Eastern U.S. markets. Hopefully, the mission will change this potential into an active interest in a North Carolina location, particularly a rural location.



### Singers Visit Rest Home

Several well known groups of gospel singers participated in a special program Sunday afternoon at Ocean Trail Rest Home. The arrangements for the program were made by Mrs. William A. Spencer, who expressed appreciation to everyone who helped make the occasion a success. Among the singers participating were the Red White group, the Southern Harmonizers, the Hickman Family, the Richardson Family, Jennings Chestnutt and Mrs. Ernie Varnum. (Photo by Spencer)

### Rourk Again Chairman Of County Board

An organizational meeting of the new board of county commissioners was held here Monday at which time George T. Rourk was reelected chairman.

By unanimous action the board reelected D. T. Clark as clerk to the board and took similar action in reappointing E. J. Prevatte to the post of county attorney. The Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. was approved as the depository for county funds.

Another action of the board was to appoint tax listers for each of the six townships, with their duties to begin on January 1. Named to these positions this year are Graham Hammonds, Northwest; Dan Caison, Town Creek; Miss Carrie Harker, Mrs. Mary Dilsaver and Mrs. Lulu Brown, Smithville; Murphy Hewett, Lockwoods Folly; Cecil Hewett, Shallotte; and Mrs. Jacqueline B. Smith, Waccamaw.

E. B. Underwood, representing the auditing firm which handles the annual audit for Brunswick county, appeared before the board and reported the records for all departments were found to be in good shape and that "it appears that Brunswick county is in a healthy financial condition."

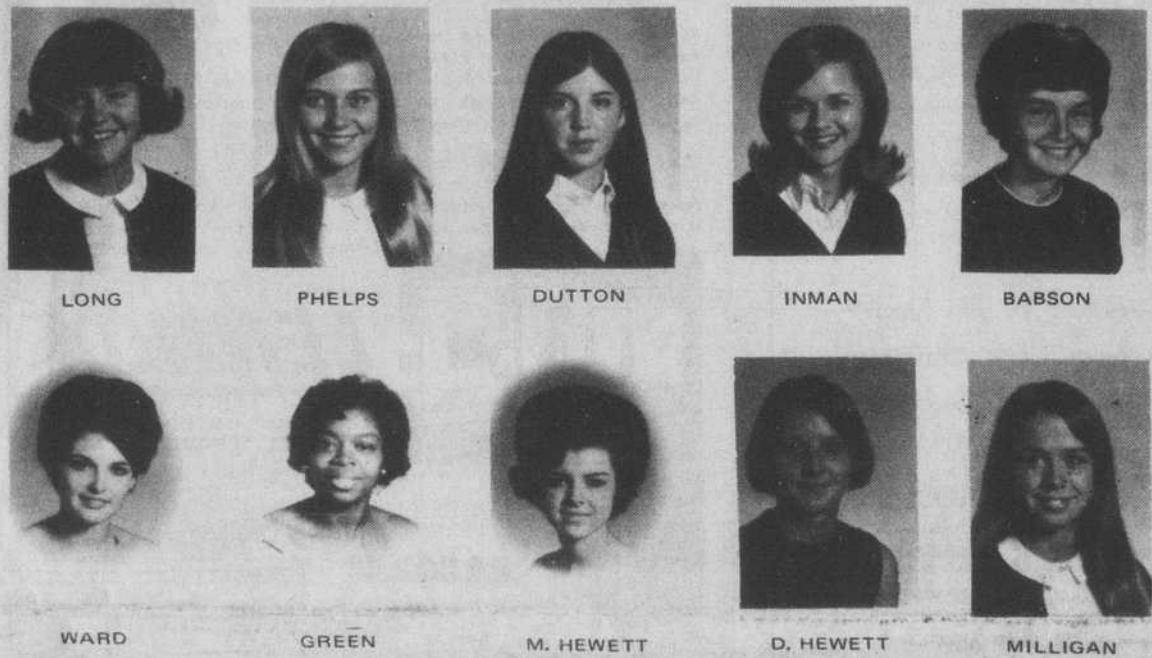
Holiday schedule for the county calls for work to continue until 5 o'clock on December 24, with all offices to be closed until the following Monday morning, December 30.

### No Change In Pollution Law

Walter Johnson, supervisor for the Fisheries Commission, was disturbed Tuesday over a news release that gave the false impression that all restrictions over polluted areas had been relaxed.

"This is not the case," he said. "The article was a report that North Carolina seafood products enjoy a high degree of purity because we do have laws which prohibit taking seafood from polluted areas. There has been no change regarding areas in Brunswick county that have been classified as polluted."

In Brunswick County there are three areas of pollution. One starts at Snow's Cut and includes all of the water on both sides of the Cape Fear River and the intracoastal waterway from that point to Beacon No. 22 at Tranquil Harbour Marina. Second is in Lockwoods Folly, beginning at Beach No. 9 and including all waters lying north on both sides of the channel to Coxes Landing. The third begins at Sunset Beach Bridge on the southern shore of the intracoastal waterway and runs to the South Carolina State line, including all waters on the north side of the intracoastal waterway, and all of the waters of Calabash River lying within North Carolina.



LONG PHELPS DUTTON INMAN BABSON  
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### Sudden Winter Storm

## Boat And Crew Survive



### Landmark Goes Down

This is the former Camellia Inn at the corner of Moore Street and Atlantic Avenue in Southport which now is being demolished by workmen. The house, which was then the residence of Dr. and Mrs. N. M. Hornstein, was razed by fire about a year and one-half ago. (Photo by Spencer)

A sudden change in the weather in this area about 8 o'clock Saturday night brought on gale force winds which placed small craft in great jeopardy and brought on a night of hard work and heroic effort by the U.S. Coast Guard.

Among the boats in distress was the Nola Dare of Capt. Frank Hutton, which was making its way into port with a damaged steering device when the storm struck. He soon realized he was in deep trouble, and his May Day message set rescue operations in motion.

Those with marine band radios tuned in on the Coast Guard program heard a play by play of one of the most dramatic rescue efforts that ever had a happy ending.

Hutton had a ship to shore set aboard the Nola Dare, but was only able to send. Word that he was having trouble with the steering apparatus came to the radio operator on duty at Oak Island Coast Guard Station, but the skipper of the distressed craft reported that he was able to steer with some difficulty by use of his stern controls. A short time later he reported that a following sea had partially filled the cockpit of his vessel, and soon thereafter he gave the alarm that his engines had knocked off.

This left the 40-foot vessel adrift in a stormy sea, and the Nola Dare became the No. 1 object for rescue by local Coast Guard personnel. A patrol craft had her on the radio, but was afraid to move for fear of losing contact. And it was at this point that a hovering angel of mercy appeared upon the scene, a helicopter from the Elizabeth City Air Base. When this craft arrived in the area, it's first mission was to locate the foundering boat. Once more radio signals were brought into play, and by beaming in on the direction from which the strongest signal was heard, the pilot was able to locate the Nola Dare and her troubled crew, who by this time were bailing water with buckets.

The helicopter pilot was in two-way radio communications with Hutton, whom he coached into giving calm, clear signals, and within a few minutes he had reached a point directly above the disabled fishing vessel. He gave assurance that he would remain above as a marker while the nearest Coast Guard surface (Continued On Page Four)

### New Deputy Commander At Sunny Point

Lieut. Col. John P. Santry of Philadelphia, Pa., has reported for duty at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, and has been assigned to the position of Deputy Commander.

The new Sunny Point officer graduated from Temple University in 1950 with a degree in journalism and a Regular Army commission in the United States Army.

His overseas assignments include service in Europe, Far East, Ethiopia and Vietnam. For his service in Vietnam during the period October 1967 through October 1968 he has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal, the citation in part reading, "For meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam."

The Colonel and his wife, Mary Jean, have three children, Suzanne, Laurie, and John, Jr. They will reside in Wilmington during his tour of duty at Sunny Point.

## Homecoming To Be Held At Waccamaw

By JIGGS POWERS  
ASH—Tuesday, December 17 will have a double-meaning of importance in the lives of Waccamaw School, its student-body, faculty and its patrons.

For that day (and night) will see the entire school involved in its Homecoming and Parents' Visitation Day programs.

Ten pretty WHS girls will vie for honors as Homecoming Queen at the annual Homecoming Basketball Games, in which the Waccamaw Eagles will vie with Hallsboro's 2-A Tigers in the local gym; the twin-bill beginning at 7 p.m., Tuesday.

The Queen candidates include Misses Donita Hewett, Debbie Long, Sondra Inman, Myra Hewett, Jean Ward, Vicki Babson, Hedy Milligan, Donna Dutton, Iona Green and Brenda Phelps. The winner will be crowned by the 1968 Homecoming Queen, Miss Jeannette Mintz of Freeland.

The day's activities will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, when Parents' Visitation Day opens with a welcome address by Waccamaw Principal John G. Long. On this day, adults, former students at Waccamaw and parents are invited to visit their school and to participate in one of the school tours which will be conducted by members of the Student Government. This first tour will begin with Principal Long's talk at 9:30. Other tours will be conducted at 10:40 a.m. and 1:20 p.m.

School classes will be conducted as usual and it is desired that parents and others have the opportunity to observe their school as it operates during a normal school day. Teachers will remain after school for an additional hour, or as long as necessary to greet former students and to confer with parents.

The 10 co-ed Homecoming Queen candidates will go to the school's home economics department at 6:30 p.m. for refreshments and an interview by the judges. Social graces, personality and appearance will be observed at this meeting, also. (Continued On Page Four)



LIEUT. COL. SANTRY

### Brunswick Man Receives PhD

Wilbur L. Smith of Thomasboro and a 1959 graduate of Union High School, received a Dr. of Philosophy Degree in Mathematics from Pennsylvania State University on December 6.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics, and graduated Cum Laude from the Agricultural and Technical University of Greensboro in December, 1963. From December 1963 to June 1964 he was a graduate student at the Agricultural and Technical University of North Carolina, and during that time he worked as a graduate assistant. He was an instructor of mathematics at Compact High School in Kings Mountain, North Carolina during the 1964-65 academic year.

In September 1965, Smith continued his graduate work at Pennsylvania State University from which he received his master of arts degree in September, 1966. He remained at that university in order to continue his graduate work. He was a National Science Foundation Graduate Trainee during the time that he matriculated at Pennsylvania (Continued On Page Four)

## Christmas House Two-Day Affair

A vast array of Yuletide decorations will grace the Southport Community Building on December 14 and 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. when the Southport Woman's Club and the Southport Garden Club sponsor their Christmas House.

According to Mrs. L. H. Hardee, the theme for the Christmas House will be "Home For Christmas." She explained that anyone may enter arrangements or decorative ideas. Those wishing to enter should bring their arrangements or ideas before noon on Saturday.

There are 15 separate categories in the Christmas House. These categories and the category chairmen are as follows: Doors, Mrs. D. C. Pigott; Windows, Mrs. E. A. Huntley;

Trees and Gift Wrappings, Mrs. J. D. Loughlin; Fireplace and Mantle Arrangements, Mrs. D. C. Herring and Mrs. M. M. McHose.

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ANNE POTTER

### Southport Girl Is Attendant

Anne Potter, daughter of Mrs. Bryant Potter of Southport, recently was chosen as Junior attendant at the N.C. School for the Deaf homecoming game. Anne was escorted by Dickie Glover of Margaretsville, a classmate.

Anne has been a student at N.C.S.D. since she was 5 years old. In the last 3 years she has been on the honor list and was recently honored at a dinner, given by the Morganton Pilot Club, as one of N.C.S.D.'s two outstanding students.

After graduation in 1970, Anne plans to attend Galludet College in Washington, D.C.

## Time And Tide

It was December 7, 1938, and the local shrimping industry had been jeopardized by a governmental regulation requiring four licensed men aboard every commercial fishing craft over forty feet in length. While some fishermen were worrying, others were making proverbial hay. The fishing boat Mary and Mable had made a trip to the inner reaches of the Gulf Stream and had brought back 2500 pounds of large blackfish and red snapper. Clarence Spencer and Clarence Osborne had encountered big game while duck hunting; Mrs. L. C. Fergus was director of the County Christmas Seal campaign; and Banker Prince O'Brian had killed his first deer—on his first deer drive.

November had been unpredictable, weatherwise, for in one five-day period the temperature dropped from 77 to 20 degrees. A group of Southport school teachers were scheduled to spend the weekend on Bald Head Island; and Ray Walton and J. B. Ward, Jr., had been in Chapel Hill to hear an address by President Roosevelt.

It was December 15, 1943, and Dr. M. M. Rosenbaum had (Continued on Page 4)

### 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 12,	
0:21 AM	6:46 AM
12:39 PM	7:16 PM
Friday, December 13,	
1:15 AM	7:46 AM
1:33 PM	8:16 PM
Saturday, December 14,	
2:21 AM	8:52 AM
2:33 PM	9:16 PM
Sunday, December 15,	
3:21 AM	9:58 AM
3:33 PM	10:10 PM
Monday, December 16,	
4:21 AM	10:58 AM
4:33 PM	11:10 PM
Tuesday, December 17,	
5:21 AM	11:58 AM
5:33 PM	12:04 PM
Wednesday, December 18,	
6:21 AM	12:58 AM
6:33 PM	

### Brief Bits Of NEWS

**LELAND LIONS CLUB**  
The Leland Lions Club will meet Monday at the Brunswick House. Regular meetings are held at this location each first and third Monday night.

**CONGRESSMAN HERE**  
Congressman Alton Lennon is spending today (Wednesday) visiting various points of interest in Brunswick county and tomorrow (Thursday) he will be at the courthouse in Southport from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**SUCCESSFUL BENEFIT**  
Sponsors report that the annual Christmas Ball was again a success. This year the dance was held at the Oak Island Golf Club, and music was presented by the Continentals. The proceeds will go to the Doshier Memorial Hospital.