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New Club Officers

These are the new officers of the Southport Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Club of Southport who were inducted Tuesday night at a joint banquet to which husbands were invited. From left to right, the new officers are Mrs. L. G. Brown, chaplain, Mrs. James Melton, secretary, Mrs. C. E. Bellamy, second vice-pres-ident, Mrs. W. B. McDougle, first vice-president and Mrs. E. R. Perry, president, all from the Woman's Club; Mrs. C. R. Conrad, president, Mrs. Walton Willis, vice-president, and Mrs. Harry D. Sell, secretary, all from the Junior Woman's Club. (Photo by Spencer)

New Officers Installed For Woman's Clubs

The Southport Woman's Club and the Junior Woman's Club of Southport held their annual banquet together for the first time on Tuesday night in the Community Building with about one hundred members and husbands present.

The new officers of both clubs were installed by the two



Holiday House Presents Many Novel Ideas

Friends and kindred from far and near gathered on Saturday and Sunday afternoons for the Christmas House sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club and the Southport Garden Club. The Community Building was filled with holiday air and the aroma of hot spice tea and fruit cake. Before the log fire and wide hearth there was the warmth and cheer and beauty of "Home For Christmas", the theme of this year's Christmas House

Windows glowed with burning candles; tables were filled with Christmas arrangements suitable for the living room, dining room or kitchen; six festive dining tables were set in a variety of yuletide colors and themes.

Eight inviting doors were decorated throughout the building-from the traditional holly wreath to the 'lollypop tree', on the walls hung a large assortment of wreaths; unusual wall hangings were prevalent. One appealing Christmas theme was ''Twelve Days of Christmas"-from the partridge in the pear tree to the twelve drummers drumming.

Mantle arrangements are often the center of interest in the home. George Michael Swain had made a candlelight arrangement suitable for any family fireside. Christmas crafts are a never ending pleasure to make. Many ideas were displayed that would be a joy to make or to receive.

A' large cedar tree decorated with Christmas novelties and glittering lights stood tall in one corner of the Community Building. In the opposite corner was a "Friendship Tree" filled with small and cherished gifts received from friends over the

Christmas House had The appeal for all ages. The young ones especially like the cookie and candy displays-from the "Gum Drop Tree" to Jimmy Kenny's "Candy House". Two miniature churches became alive Mrs. and mi Minette Lingle and Col. Franck built their churches and furnished them from red carpet to stained glass windows. The churches, religious arrangements and the nativity scene made those who saw them realize this is the joyous season of the year. Mrs. H. S. Goodwin and Mrs. C. B. Steele had hot spice tea and fruit cake ready to be served by hostesses to guests who were present. Mrs. Lewis Hardee was general chairman of the Christmas House.

In Columbus County **Ammunition Truck Cracks Up**



Ammunition Truck In Trouble

An apparent structural failure to the above trailer loaded with ammunition and headed for Sunny Point created a dangerous situation on Highway 74-76 in Columbus county before day Monday morning. The skillful work of driver Don Jinkerson of St. Louis, Mo., helped prevent a major tragedy. (Photo by Spencer)



By WRAY THOMPSON

A cargo of bombs posed a dangerous situation for residents of eastern Columbus this morning as the ammunitioncarrying vehicle split and ground into the pavement before coming to a halt.

Fortunately the driver of commercial tractor-trailer was unhindered by oncoming traffic when the van bearing the deadly devices split and dropped to the hard surface causing sparks to illuminate the area.

The accident with great hazard potential occurred in the Byrdville community three miles west of Freeman and 22 miles east of Whiteville.

The van pulled by a big diesel

was headed east on US 74-76 when the rear portion of the van collapsed and fell to the highway inciting sparks sufficient to light up the surrounding area, the driver recalled.

Contents of the trailer seemed to shift but driver Don Jinkerson applied brakes and brought the rig to a halt within an area estimated at 35-40 feet, and approximately six feet from the canal on the right side of the

road. The trailer was loaded with 34,400 pounds of bombs, weighing 500 pounds each.

It was 12:35 a.m., but another truck soon arrived at the scene and Jinkerson asked that the state highway patrol be notified. The driver said he realized the deathly predicament he was in when the trailer split, but he stayed calm while bringing the

large vehicle to a halt. "I admit I was afraid a fire would start," Jinkerson said

Simultaneous with notification of the highway patrol, the Acme Delco Riegelwood Rescue Squad was summoned, and Rescue Chief Alton Edwards called the Sunny Point Army Terminal requesting a demolition expert be sent. Soon on the scene with the rescue squad were Trooper F. E. Duke, Deputies Kenneth Squires and Donald Hunt.

outgoing presidents, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr. and Mrs. Joe Young, who also shared the duty of presiding.

New officers for the Woman's Club are Mrs. E. R. Perry, president; Mrs. Bill McDougle, first vice-president; Mrs. Clinton Bellamy, second vice-president; Mrs. James Melton, secretary; Mrs. James Wolfe, treasurer; and Mrs. Landis Brown, chaplain.

New officers for the Junior Club are Mrs. Teresa Conrad, president; Mrs. Carol Willis, vice-president; Mrs. Beth Sell,

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTOR J. T. Clemmons of Shallotte was one of the electors participating in casting the North Carolina vote for President-elect Richard Nixon. This was done Monday in Raleigh.

NEW VET OFFICER

Wilfred F. Lanier of Boiling Spring Lakes has been appointed Veterans Service officer for Brunswick county. His salary will be \$100 per month, plus \$75 per month travel. His term of office is for one year.

EARLY NEXT WEEK

Next week's issue of The State Port Pilot will be published on Monday in order to steer clear of a printing commitment on Christmas Day. Any news or advertising material for use in next week's edition should be received not later than Saturday noon.

LIGHTING CONTEST

The Southport Garden Club will sponsor the Christmas lighting contest again this year. On the evening of December 23, judges will tour the town for inspection, beginning at 6 o'clock. Prizes will be given in each of 4 categories: Prettiest living tree; prettiest door; prettiest overall; most original. Residents remember to turn your lights on early.

MISS JEAN WARD

Waccamaw Grabs

in the opening basketball game and Dew's defending Lower

Cape Fear Conference champion

quint whipped the 2-A Hallsboro

halftime of the varsity battle.

She won the honor over nine

other WHS coeds. Miss Ward,

crowned by last year's Queen,

Miss Jeanette Mintz, with

Principal John Long assisting, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.

First runner-up in the Queen contest was Miss Myra Hewett, a

senior, the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Winfred Hewett of Ash and

Miss Sondra Inman, another

junior, the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Orbie Inman of Ash, was

second runner-up. Judges were

Miss Pam Poindexter of

Southport, the reigning Miss

Brunswick County; Miss Beth

Rabon of Chadbourn, a former

Miss Columbus County; Frank

Leggett of St. Pauls, K. D. Futch

of Wilmington and C. H. Smith

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Other Queen candidates were

of Myrtle Beach.

B. Ward, Jr. of Longwood.

the feature game.

Jean Ward Homecoming Queen

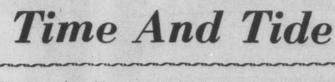
Runaway Auto Hits Station

Billy Gurganus was seriously injured about 10:30 o'clock Monday morning when a driverless car smashed into the service station where he was **Homecoming Wins** working and left him with a badly mangled leg. The automobile was owned by

Vester Williams of Shallotte, but it is reported that he was not the operator. Also in the car at the time of the strange collision was a child, Edward L. Hardy, of Shallotte.

varsity from the Waccamaw After the car hit the building, Athletic Association, 96-61 in it is reported that it burst into flames, causing extensive damage Miss Jean Ward, a junior to the building as well as to the brunette was crowned vehicle. Homecoming Queen at the

Patrolman Fulgraham in its commodity distribution conducted the investigation. (Continued On Page Four)



Our December 14, 1938, issue of The Pilot reported that Brunswick county farmers had joined with those in other parts of the nation in rejecting tobacco quotas. Cotton controls were to be continued, although here in this county the proposition failed to attain the necessary two-thirds majority . . . There was a front page picture showing Valle Fredere with his pack of fox hounds. As a matter of fact, their owner was shown feeding his dogs-possibly as a reward for having run to earth their 75th victim of the season.

The Brunswick county Recorder's court gave notice that henceforth the weekly sessions would be held on Monday instead of on Wednesday. Postmaster L. T. Yaskell was calling upon patrons of the local office for cooperation in dispatching holiday mail; semi-annual pension checks had arrived for pre-Christmas delivery to the 17 widows of Confederate veterans still living in Brunswick; and fireworks still were legal, as was attested by the nostalgic treatment

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during September.

Removing Ammunition

A work crew is shown here unloading aerial bombs from a disabled trailer early Monday morning for trans-shipment to Sunny Point Army Terminal. Safety experts from the nearby installation were at the scene to see that every possible safety precaution was taken, and the operation was completed without incident. (Photo by Spencer)

CP&L Approves **More Families Share Benefits Building Budget Of Food Plans**

U.S. Department of Agriculture food programs aided Directors of Carolina Power 178,055 needy North and Light Company last week Carolinians during October, approved a construction budget 13,538 persons more than the of \$449,536,000 elected President Shearon Harris to number that received food aid succeed Louis V. Sutton as chief USDA's Consumer and executive officer, and increased Marketing Service said 127,366

the quarterly dividend on persons in 65 counties took part common stock payable February 1 from an annual rate of \$1.38 to \$1.42.

> The construction budget includes \$287,000,000 for two 800,000 kilowatt nuclear-fired generating units scheduled for completion in 1973 and 1974 at Southport in Brunswick county. Construction expenditures approved for 1969 total \$114,580,000.

Harris says the construction budget reflects generally rising costs and the higher initial investment required generating plants. CP&L's first nuclear unit at Hartsville, S.C., is scheduled for operation in 1970.

SHEARON HARRIS

coal purchased by power

companies is not subject to the

A dividend of 351/2 cents per

state sales tax.

While the company's expected share was declared on common earnings growth for the year was stock, payable February 1, offset by the surtax, Harris says 1969, to shareholders of record CP&L shows an increase in January 10. Also declared were earnings, as the result of dividends of \$1.25 per share on unanticipated revenues during \$5 preferred; \$1.05 per share on the warmer-than-usual summer, the \$4.20 series of preferred; and a recent ruling by the North and \$1.36 per share on the Carolina Supreme Court that \$5.44 series of preferred.

All admitted that the appearance of the stalled wreckage did not accurately hint of the danger that might have developed.

Jinkerson, a 37-year-old resident of Bellville, Ill., said the bombs were consigned to the Sunny Point terminal. The army terminal on the Cape Fear River is a dispatch point for ammunition and machinery of war destined for overseas ports. The driver, who has been a truckman since 1951, said he has been hauling ammunition only for the past four to five months. He left St. Louis. Mo. with his cargo around 1 a.m. Saturday and was approximately 40 miles from the end of his trip.

"I almost finished up," he jokingly commented later, "or did I almost get finished?"

Jinkerson said that the tandom trailer was not built on a (Continued On Page Four)

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 Feat Pilot's Associatio

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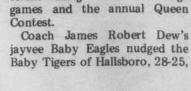
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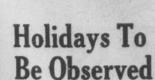
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ASH-Waccamaw's Eagle basketball teams and pretty Miss Jean Ward were winners here, Tuesday night, as the local high school celebrated its Homecoming with the cage Contest.

Coach James Robert Dew's jayvee Baby Eagles nudged the

By JIGGS POWERS





Brunswick county schools will close at the end of the day Friday for the Christmas vacation, which will extend to

the morning of January 2. All county offices will work through next Tuesday, and at the end of the day's schedule they will be closed until the following Monday.

This same schedule will be observed by employees of the City of Southport.

Private business, including the banks and savings and loan, will announce their own holiday schedule.