



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-president, 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 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, secretary.

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

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

Jean Ward Homecoming Queen

Waccamaw Grabs Homecoming Wins

By JIGGS POWERS
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 games and the annual Queen Contest.

Coach James Robert Dew's jayvee Baby Eagles nudged the Baby Tigers of Hallsboro, 28-25,

in the opening basketball game and Dew's defending Lower Cape Fear Conference champion quint whipped the 2-A Hallsboro varsity from the Waccamaw Athletic Association, 96-61 in the feature game.

Miss Jean Ward, a junior brunette was crowned Homecoming Queen at the 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. B. Ward, Jr. of Longwood.

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 of Myrtle Beach.

Other Queen candidates were
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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 years.

The Christmas House had 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 with people and music. Mrs. 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.

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 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.

After the car hit the building, it is reported that it burst into flames, causing extensive damage to the building as well as to the vehicle.

Patrolman Fulgraham conducted the investigation.

Time And Tide

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 Frederer 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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In Columbus County

Ammunition Truck Cracks Up

By WRAY THOMPSON



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)



Removing Ammunition

A work crew is shown here unloading aerial bombs from a disabled trailer early Monday morning for transport 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)

More Families Share Benefits Of Food Plans

U.S. Department of Agriculture food programs aided 178,055 needy North Carolinians during October, 13,538 persons more than the number that received food aid during September.

USDA's Consumer and Marketing Service said 127,366 persons in 65 counties took part in its commodity distribution
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CP&L Approves Building Budget

Directors of Carolina Power and Light Company last week approved a construction budget of \$449,536,000 elected President Shearon Harris to succeed Louis V. Sutton as chief executive officer, and increased the quarterly dividend on 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.

While the company's expected earnings growth for the year was offset by the surtax, Harris says CP&L shows an increase in earnings, as the result of unanticipated revenues during the warmer-than-usual summer, and a recent ruling by the North Carolina Supreme Court that
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coal purchased by power companies is not subject to the state sales tax.

A dividend of 3 1/2 cents per share was declared on common stock, payable February 1, 1969, to shareholders of record January 10. Also declared were dividends of \$1.25 per share on \$5 preferred; \$1.05 per share on the \$4.20 series of preferred; and \$1.36 per share on the \$5.44 series of preferred.

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 19,	
7:15 AM	0:58 AM
7:27 PM	1:52 PM
Friday, December 20,	
8:09 AM	1:52 AM
8:27 PM	2:40 PM
Saturday, December 21,	
9:09 AM	2:46 AM
9:21 PM	3:34 PM
Sunday, December 22,	
10:08 AM	3:40 AM
10:21 PM	4:22 PM
Monday, December 23,	
10:51 AM	4:34 AM
11:15 PM	5:16 PM
Tuesday, December 24,	
11:45 AM	5:28 AM
	6:10 PM
Wednesday, December 25,	
0:09 AM	6:28 AM
12:39 PM	6:58 PM