

USS Josephus Daniels

This is the USS Josephus Daniels (DLG 27), a Guided Missile Destroyer, which has Capt. William R. St. George, Southport native, as commanding officer. The change of command ceremony took place aboard ship Friday.

Former Student Nominates His Old Principal

A. C. Caviness, principal at Brunswick County High School (formerly Brunswick County Training School) received this week a letter from Dr. David L. Stratmon, Public Affairs Officer and First Secretary, American Embassy, Amman, Jordan. As a former student, he had some nice things to say about his old teacher and principal.

Following is the text of his letter:

"I am happy to send the attached data sheets and my modest donation to help defray the cost of this year's annual Homecoming. Though I cannot be present in person, I shall be with you on Homecoming Day in spirit.

"I was looking at some of my old BCT report cards the other day which covered the years of 1936-37, when I was grade 7; 1937-38, when I had moved on to grade 8; and 1940-41 when I was in my final year and was lucky enough to earn mostly A's. On all of those report cards, the name of the school's principal was listed as "Alvin C. Caviness." And as I recall, you started your career in Southport even earlier than the above dates.

"All of this is my way of recalling that your long tenure at the helm of our school in Southport stretches back over a lot of years, and Southport, and Brunswick County, and North

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

LIONS TO MEET
The Southport Lions Club will meet tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:30 o'clock at Lorraine Restaurant at Long Beach.

LIBRARY HOURS
In response to a number of requests, the Southport-Brunswick County Library will remain open each Wednesday until 6 p.m., effective Wednesday, February 26.

MAIL EMBARGO LIFTED
The embargo on surface mail imposed because of the shipping strike has been lifted, said Southport Postmaster Norris Long this week. Mail of all classes is accepted for anywhere on this side of the iron curtain.

BLOOD BANK ACTIVE
Volunteers for the Blood Bank at Dasher Memorial Hospital still are needed and persons between the ages of 21 and 60 are requested to register. They must be in good health, free of asthma, hepatitis and malaria. No one will be called more often than once per year unless some unusual emergency arises.

Southport Native New Commander

Friday morning at 10 o'clock, Captain William R. St. George relieved Captain Edward L. Cochran, Jr., as Commanding Officer of USS Josephus Daniels (DLG 27). The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition which formally restates to the officers and men of the command the continuity of the authority of command. It is a formal ritual conducted before the assembled company. The change of command of a Naval ship is nearly unique in the world today; it is a transfer of total responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another individual.

Captain St. George assumes command after serving as assistant Chief of Staff for Operations and Readiness on the Staff of Commander, Second Fleet. He was born in Southport, in 1924 and is married to the former Louise Bridger of Bladenboro. They have three children, Vicki, Ross and Susan. North Carolina was the home State of the late Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, after whom the ship is named.

The ceremony took place on board the ship in dry dock in the Norfolk Naval Shipyard, where the ship is undergoing her first overhaul. Josephus Daniels recently returned from deployment on UNITAS IX during which she circumnavigated South American Navies.

Captain St. George is the son of Mrs. William B. St. George and the late William B. St. George of Annapolis, Maryland. He was graduated from the United States Naval Academy and commissioned Ensign in June, 1946.

His duty at sea since graduation has included service on various destroyers in the

Barbecue For Festival Fund

The Fourth of July Festival Committee will hold the second barbecue of the year Saturday to raise funds to help defray expenses of this year's celebration. Appropriately enough the barbecue will fall on George Washington's birthday and, of course, the "Father of our Country" started the whole thing in the first place.

If the cold weather holds out the barbecue will be at its best. There will be take-out plates, and the usual large serving of freshly cooked barbecue will be topped off with law, potato chips and apple sauce.

Edgar Finch will begin the cooking operations just before dark on Friday evening and should finish up just after dawn on Saturday morning. The plates will be ready for pick-up at the Fire Station by 11 o'clock and the sale will continue throughout the day.



CAPT. ST. GEORGE

Atlantic and Pacific Fleets in Operations, Engineering, Gunnery, and Executive billets. He also served on board the USS Rochester (CA-124). His destroyer command experience includes duty as Commanding Officer USS Van Voorhis (DE 1026), from April 1961 to July 1963, and Commanding Officer USS Richard E. Byrd (DDG-23) from July 1965 to June 1966.

His duty ashore includes a tour of duty at the United States Naval Academy as an instructor in Seamanship and Navigation. He attended the George Washington University Law School under the Navy post-graduate program, and graduated in 1953 with the degree of Juris Doctor. He has served in the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Navy as an Admiralty Counsel, and was an active participant in United States preparations for the 1960 Safety of Life at Sea Conference, particularly in relation to the revision of the International Rules of the Road. He attended the Naval War College and graduated from the Naval Warfare Course in June 1963. Prior to commanding the USS Richard E. Byrd, he was assigned to the Politico-Military Division of the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, dealing with matters relating to Arms Control and the United Nations.

He has been admitted to the practice of law before the District of Columbia, the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, the Court of Military Appeals and the Supreme Court of the United States. He is a member of the Order of the Coif.

USS JOSEPHUS DANIELS (DLG 27)

USS Josephus Daniels (DLG 27) is the second of the Belknap class Guided Missile Destroyer Leaders and the first ship in the Navy to bear the name of the late Secretary of the Navy. She was built by the Bath Iron Works, Bath, Maine, launched 2 December 1963, and commissioned 8 May 1965 at

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Beach Board Hears Report About Bridge

Long Beach Town Commissioners were urged Saturday to press forward with efforts to begin construction on a high level bridge across the inland waterway at the Yellow Banks. A letter was read from former Highway Commission Chairman Joe Hunt who said the commission directed by him had "set up" for construction of the bridge, but "would be built by the new commission." This project has been pushed by members of the Long Beach Town Government for several years. The bridge not only would shorten the travel time of visitors to the area but would provide much needed evacuation route in times of emergency. Long Beach is located on Oak Island, accessible only by a small drawbridge and very low causeway. The local police departments and Rescue Squad and Fire Department are apprehensive of the threat of delay to reach medical facilities because of the slow draw. The bridge would provide additional access and egress to Oak Island.

In other action the board voted unanimously on a small salary to be paid the Mayor and board of commissioners who will be elected in May. This will not effect the present members.

The gift of a small tract of land to the Rescue Squad was announced and the acceptance approved. The town expressed their appreciation to G. W. Bell of Fayetteville for his concern.

The water system for the town, formerly the Long Beach Mutual Water System, paid off its outstanding debt to Small Business Administration. The system had been destroyed by Hurricane Hazel and rebuilt with funds from SBA. Since that time

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Leland Lions Get Charter

Dr. M. H. Rourk, former member of the board of directors for Lions International, was the principal speaker Monday night when the Leland Lions Club received their charter. The sponsoring club was Southport.

To open the meeting, which was held at Brunswick House, Joe N. Gainey, president of the new club, extended the welcome. District Governor Kirby Sullivan spoke of Lionism in North Carolina and later presented the charter to the new club. Greetings from Lions International were brought by Lion Wallace West, a former director of Lions International. Club introductions were handled by John W. King, Deputy District Governor H. L. Beckham introduced Dr. Rourk.

A special presentation was made by Lion C. D. Pickrell, president of the sponsoring Southport Lions Club and the benediction was said by the Rev. D. G. Thomas, pastor of Leland Baptist Church.

In addition to President Gainey, other officers of the new club include V. A. Creech, Jr., first vice president; Herbert Long, Jr., secretary-treasurer; Joe E. Keiser, Lion Tamer; Leo Johnson, Tail Twister; Elmer Aycock, Elmer D. Ganey, D. T. Clark and George T. Rourk, directors.

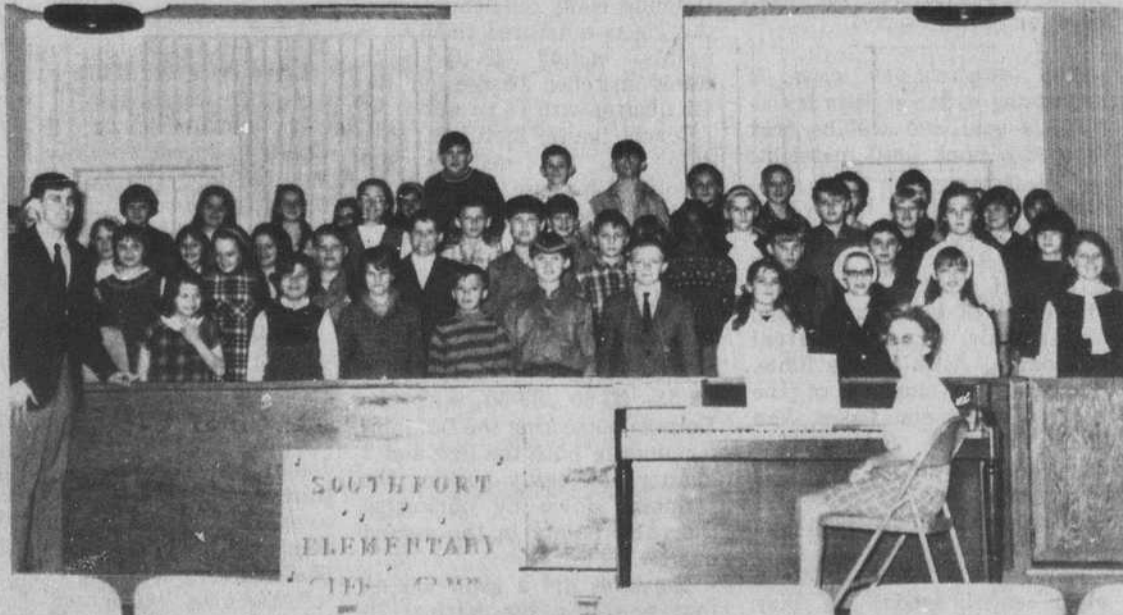
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Elementary Glee Club

An elementary school glee club has been organized in Southport with Kelly Reynolds, left, director, and Mrs. Frances Cumbee, right, accompanist. Members of the glee club shown above are fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. They will present an Easter concert at Southport Baptist Church and will participate in the Brunswick County Song Festival in April. (Photo by Spencer)

County Board Fills Vacancies By Appointment

Members of the Board of County Commissioners met Monday and filled two sets of vacancies on existing boards.

As the county's representatives on the board of trustees for Dasher Memorial Hospital they named A. H. Gainey, Jr., Fred Mintz, G. T. Reid, D. L. Ganey, Sr., and Pawnee FormyDaval.

Three appointments were made to the board of directors for the Brunswick County Resources Development Commission. They were H. V. Thompson and J. A. Francis, who were reappointed, and Jerry A. Moore, who was named to replace J. T. Clemmons on the board.

The board approved a rental of \$75 per month for a furnished, heated office for the magistrate at Leland.

County Attorney E. J. Prevatte was directed to work out details for a feeding arrangement for jail inmates with the operators of The Pines Restaurant in Southport.

Paul Butler and Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr., representing the Southeastern Economic Development Commission, appeared before the board to explain a plan for four counties to go together to form a Southeastern Law Enforcement Council. The counties involved would be Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen and Sampson.

Butler explained that each agency which hopes to participate in the federal program for the improvement of law enforcement. He reported that one planning meeting had been held in Sampson County and that the response had been very enthusiastic. He also explained some of the possible benefits which may come from participation in this program, but suggested that quick action is important.

The commissioners executed a resolution showing their intent to become a part of this organization and appointed Commissioner V. A. Creech, Jr., to represent Brunswick County.

Butler also reported to the commissioners that three townships in Brunswick county, Northwest, Town Creek and Smithville, have been designated as parts of a Growth Area. These are the three townships which border on the Cape Fear River.

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Rotation Plan Is Important For Tobacco

Brunswick County tobacco growers will be starting the 1969 season with one strike against them if they make the mistake of planting in the same field where tobacco grew last year.

This is the observation of Archie F. Martin, County Extension Chairman. "One of the most costly mistakes some growers make is planting tobacco behind tobacco year after year," Martin said. "Tests conducted by North Carolina State University, some of them here in our own county, have shown clearly that diseases build up and cause increasing amounts of damage when tobacco is grown in the same field each year."

Martin cited results from 1968 tests which indicated flue-cured growers can expect a well planned system of rotating tobacco with disease resistant crops to increase the performance of the tobacco by \$200 to \$600 per acre.

"These are potential savings our growers can't afford to ignore," the agent said.

He called the job of planning a rotation system to reduce loss to black shank, brown spot and mosaic as a simple one. All crops grown in North Carolina are resistant to black shank and brown spot except tobacco. Most crops are resistant to

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First Entries For Pageant

The first two entries were received this week for the Miss Brunswick County Pageant which will be sponsored again this year by the Shallotte Jaycees.

They are Myra Lynn Hewett of Ash and Jean Iris Ward of Longwood.

Miss Hewett is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winfred Hewett and is a senior at Waccamaw High School. She is 5-5, weighs 124-lbs. and has brown hair and green eyes. She is captain of the Varsity Cheerleaders, a member of the student council and was voted the most talented among senior superlatives. She was first runner-up in the Homecoming Pageant at her school. She is 17 years of age.

Miss Ward is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ward and also is 17 years old. She is a high school senior, is 5-6 1/2, weighs 118 lbs., has black hair and blue eyes. She is the current Homecoming Queen at Waccamaw High School, is a member of National Beta Club, plays basketball and is a scorekeeper for her school. She has been voted best looking senior among superlatives. Reading and music are her hobbies.

The pageant will be held at Shallotte High School auditorium on March 29 under the direction of Mrs. Shirley Ward. The theme will be "Flight To The Moon."

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, February 20	
10:39 AM	4:34 AM
10:57 PM	4:52 PM
Friday, February 21	
11:21 AM	5:22 AM
11:45 PM	5:34 PM
Saturday, February 22	
12:03 AM	6:10 AM
	6:16 PM
Sunday, February 23	
0:27 AM	6:58 AM
12:51 PM	7:04 PM
Monday, February 24	
1:21 AM	7:52 AM
1:45 PM	8:04 PM
Tuesday, February 25	
2:15 AM	8:52 AM
2:45 PM	9:04 PM
Wednesday, February 26	
3:15 AM	9:52 AM
3:39 PM	9:58 PM

Brunswick Man Now Retiring

Colin S. Mintz, chairman of the Northwestern Extension District of North Carolina, is retiring February 28 from North Carolina State University after 34 years of service.

Mintz, a native of Shallotte, has spent his entire professional career as an extension educator and supervisor. He joined the Agricultural Extension Service as an assistant county agent in Nash County in 1934 following his graduation from North Carolina State University.

He moved to Wayne county as county agent in 1935 and served there with distinction for 14 years. Mintz was promoted to the state staff as chairman of the Eastern District in 1949. He became chairman of the Southeastern District in 1956

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Six Weeks Delay In Ferry Service

Farmers Co-Op Is Progressing

Farmers in Bladen and Brunswick Counties are expected to follow the lead of Columbus County farmers and turn out in substantial numbers at meetings Monday and Tuesday nights to join a vegetable cooperative.

The meetings have been set to allow farmers of the counties to join the newly-organized Tri-County Farmers Association, a cooperative sponsored by Sencland Community Action, Inc., in an effort to raise farm income in the three counties.

Membership books of the cooperative will be open tonight (Monday) at a meeting in the Shallotte National Guard Armory at 7:30, and Tuesday night in the basement of the Bladen County Courthouse in Elizabethtown at 7:30. Members of the Sencland staff will be on hand to answer any questions and to explain the purposes and workings of the cooperative.

Over 100 farmers have already signed up for the Tri-County Farmers Association as a result of a meeting Monday night in Whiteville and follow-up work on the part of Sencland staff members.

Proposed by-laws of the association will be read at the Bladen County meeting by Attorney Worth Hester of Elizabethtown, and in Shallotte by A. H. Gainey, attorney and member of the board of directors of Sencland Community Action.

Director of the vegetable cooperative project is G. Lamont Hinson, a member of the Sencland staff. Numerous meetings have been held in

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