



Disarm Civil War Shell

A. C. Haney of Greenville Sound Road, Wilmington, and companion, Alfred Evans, Gehrig Spencer, Historic Site Assistant at Fort Fisher, watch preservationist for the Department of Archives & History, Leslie Bright, disarm a twenty pounder parrott shell found last week in the Masonboro Inlet area. Inset shows the detonator (Encircled), black powder in foreground and the shell.—Brunswick Town photo



Now In Chicago

Lynn and Kenneth Hewett, members of the Busy Bees 4-H Club of Supply, are now in Chicago at the National Youthpower Conference with teens from the other 49 states. They are two of the six North Carolina delegates. Kenneth was top teen boy in the state and Lynn was tied for top honors in the girl's division. They are being accompanied by Milton Coleman, 4-H agent, on a trip received because Kenneth was top boy. The trip is sponsored by the Farm Bureau, Food and Science of N.C. State and other agencies promoting foods and nutrition among teenagers.

Civil War Relic Found To Be Live

Friday morning A. C. Haney of Greenville Sound Road, Wilmington, and a companion, Alfred Evans, were using a metal detector in the Masonboro Sound area when they discovered a Civil War projectile. Haney called Bill Faulk at Brunswick Town to inquire what should be done with it as it appeared to still be live. Faulk contacted preservationist Leslie Bright of the Department of Archives and History at Fort Fisher and Bright and Gehrig Spencer, Historic Site Assistant and the three men met Haney where the shell was located.

The shell indeed was live and Bright disarmed it by removing the percussion cap portion of the fuze and the black powder from the projectile.

He relates the following information relative to the shell: "This shell or projectile is a twenty pound Parrott projectile, measuring four inches in diameter and twelve inches in length and it had a bursting charge in it. The Parrott shells were one of the most popular

Purchase Of Marshland Is One Solution

Brunswick county citizens met with Gilliam Horton, Chairman of the Department of Conservation and Development, Dr. Tom Linton, Director of the Division of Commercial Fisheries, and three members of the General Assembly from this district Saturday to discuss possible solutions to ownership of marshlands bordering Brunswick county.

The meeting was held at Ebb-Tide Restaurant at Holden Beach and the legislators were Senator Sankev Robinson and Representatives Arthur Williamson and R. C. Soles.

Odell Williamson, a former member of the House of Representatives, suggested that now possible answer would be to have the State purchase certain marshland areas deemed to be critical to the oyster rehabilitation program. Dr. Linton agreed that this would be helpful and suggested that it would be well to exercise the foresight to make this land purchase. Williamson warned that quick action is important since land values continue to advance.

According to comments from Soles and fisheries officials, much of the marshland now sought by the state was sold by the State Board of Education in the 1920's.

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Arts Festival Plans Begin

"By the sea, by the beautiful sea," will be the theme for the Ninth Annual Arts Festival in picturesque Southport this year. The festival, sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport, will be held July 3-5 and is part of an old fashioned 4th of July celebration held by the city each year.

Four hundred dollars in purchase awards, silver cups and ribbons will be offered to artists both professional and amateur in five categories, oils, water colors, graphics and crafts in the Adult Division and a Junior Division. The purchase awards will be chosen from the ribbon winners in oils, water colors, and graphics. These will be added to the City's Municipal Art Collection now hanging in the new Southport-Brunswick County Library.

Twenty thousand visitors are expected in Southport for the gala events of the Fourth of July Festival. Artists should plan now to register their work on Tuesday, July 1, for the Arts Festival. An entry fee of \$2.00 will be charged in the Adult Division and will allow a maximum of six works to be submitted (two in each category). In the Junior Division (under 18 years of age) the entry fee is 50-cents. All work must be ready to hang.

A letter is being sent now to interested persons telling of the festival particulars with a follow-up letter to go out in May. Those who wish this information to be sent to a friend or acquaintance should send the address to Arts Festival Chairman, Mrs. D. G. McHose or Mrs. J. S. Sherrod, Southport.

Time And Tide

It was March 22, 1939, and historic Prices Creek lighthouse was to be sold by the government. The structure had stood since Civil War times, and had guided Confederate blockade runners through Cornsack Inlet. The hulk of a barge sunk off Battery Island, directly opposite Southport, had been ruled by the Corps of Engineers as a non-menace to navigation and would remain where it was, barely peeping out of the water. Brunswick county would be well represented in the upcoming C&D booklet "Variety Vacationland"; a group of artists from the Wilmington colony had been canvassing Bald Head Island; and the Rev. Paul Fields of Rose Hill was to preach a revival series at Trinity Methodist Church.

Another cut on page one that week showed a before and after woodland scene in which the rapid growth of pines was the central figure. Southport grammar grades were to appear on WMFD on the following Saturday; all county school children had been invited to enter the upcoming Southport Woman's Club Flower Show; and a Southport dry cleaner had adopted the slogan "We Clean Everything Expect Fish."

It was March 22, 1944, and Willie Potter of Bolivia had a Russian Wolfhound. Capt. J. M. Parker had a hen that worked overtime: She produced normally during the week, laid one large and one small egg on Saturday, and observed the Sabbath with a double yolk. This is necessarily undocumented. The County Red Cross was selling Orton

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Receive Scholarship Aid

The Brunswick County Cancer Society has given a \$200 scholarship to two girls in the nursing field to help further their education. They are Patricia Faye Brown left, a student at A & T State University, the daughter of Mrs. Janie Smith of Leland; and Marilyn Kay Russ, center, a student at N.C. Baptist Hospital, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Russ of Leland. Making the presentation is Mrs. Jim Kirby, right, president of the Brunswick County Cancer Society.

Missing Men Alarm Proves To Be False

Last Thursday four leaders of Scout Troop No. 590 of Jacksonville were reported missing or overdue on a trip from near Burgaw down the Northeast Cape Fear River to Anderson's Landing located at Brunswick Town State Historic Site.

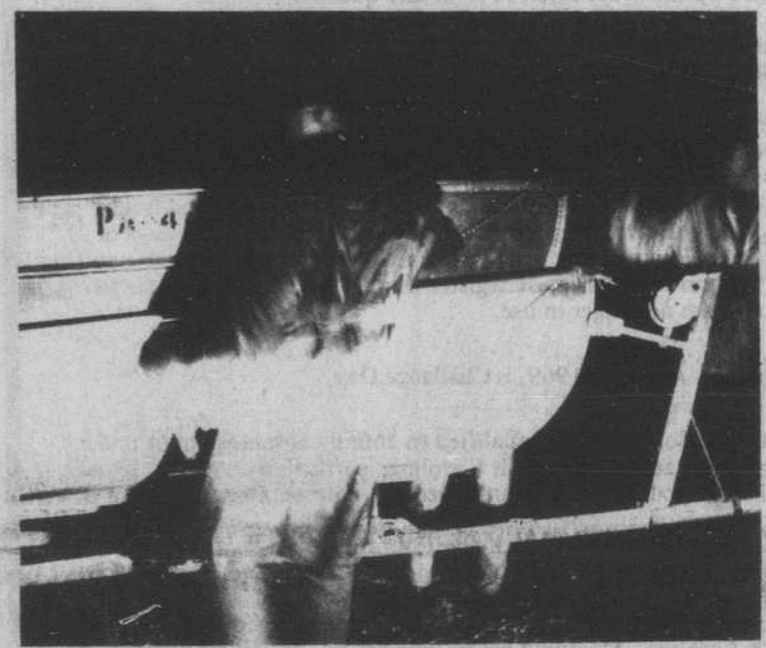
The four men left a point near Burgaw around 9 a.m. in two aluminum 12-foot boats and their estimated time of arrival at Anderson's Landing was between two and four p.m.

The object of the trip was to locate likely camping places for a canoe trip down the same route by some 40 Boy Scouts of the Jacksonville area as part of an achievement badge requirement. They were using a 1958 chart that showed Anderson's Landing and ruins but did not recognize the place on the river bank as such and ended up below Brunswick at the north wharf at Sunny Point. When they failed to arrive by 6 o'clock the leader that was to have picked them up reported them missing or overdue on the river to the U.S. Coast Guard at Oak Island. Bill Faulk was working late at Brunswick Town and saw the men walking down the Fort Anderson mounds near the museum. They told them about their trouble and he called the Coast Guard to see if they had been reported missing and if so to see if the whereabouts of the person that reported them was known. They had been reported and the person expected to pick them up had returned to Jacksonville. They called their wives and had them contact the pickup driver, who returned to Brunswick Town to get them.

The boats were loaded and they departed for the return trip to Jacksonville around 9:30 p.m.

This week Faulk received a letter of appreciation from L. S. Johnson, one of the men involved in the scout exploration

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Load For Return Trip

Boats are shown here being loaded at Brunswick Town after search had been called off for four men overdue on river trip from Burgaw to Anderson's Landing, Brunswick Town, Thursday night.—Brunswick Town photo.

Board Members To Lead Bond Drive

The Brunswick County Board of Education met Monday night in Bolivia High School with the Local School Committees and several interested citizens from each school district. The purpose of the meeting was to establish a steering committee to actively conduct the campaign for three consolidated high schools.

Chairman Norman Bellamy announced the site for Shallotte school had been chosen, pending approval of the state. It is on Highway 130 about 1 mile out from Shallotte just north of the International Paper Co. station.

A possible site for the Leland School is on the Fayetteville Road in the Lanvale area. The site for the Southport-Bolivia School is less definite, being a possible choice between a site east of Midway on Highway 211 or east of Allens Creek at Boiling Spring Lakes.

All of these sites must be tested by the state committees as to foundation, drainage, sewage, soil, etc. All sites will be 50 acres or more in area.

The Shallotte school will cost approximately \$1.3 million and accommodate 950 students. The other two schools will cost \$1.1-million and provide for 750 to 800 students.

Chairman Bellamy reiterated the board's policy to phase out only the oldest sections of present schools and discussed that there would be an even greater need for teachers and that present faculty members will not be without jobs.

Kirby Sullivan, attorney for the Board of Education, reported that the tax increase could not be specified at this time. However, he has been in contact with the Local Government Commission and will have the figures on the repayment program by next week. The tax valuation for the

forthcoming year will have been estimated and a figure of possible tax increase will be available prior to the election on April 26.

Steering Committee Co-Chairman were elected. They are Johnny Vereen, Southport, Dr. John Madison, Shallotte, and William Paris, Leland. Local School Board Chairmen make up the committee along with members from their respective communities whom they choose to serve.

A meeting of this committee was set for next Wednesday night at Bolivia High School. Meanwhile community meetings will be held in each school district to make plans.

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Board Visits School Sites

Following an on-site inspection tour of possible school sites in the Southern area of the county, the Board met in a called session on Thursday, in the Board of Education Office. J. J. Croft, Jr., and Ronald Biddle, architects, appeared before the board and discussed various modern school building designs and systems. Croft indicated his interest in doing the architectural work for the Board of Education should the proposed bond issue be approved.

Superintendent Cooper Williams read a proposed policy statement which would govern the administering of free and reduced lunches in the county schools.

The Board made plans to visit other possible school sites in the western and northern sections of the county for this week.

Shrimpers Ask That Shrimping At Night Stop

At a meeting of Brunswick county shrimpers with State officials here Saturday afternoon in the Brunswick county courthouse a unanimous request was made that waters from Topsail Beach to the South Carolina line be closed to night shrimping.

In attendance were Chairman Gilliam Horton of the Department of Conservation and Development, Dr. Tom Linton, Director of the Division of Commercial Fisheries, and the three legislators from this district, Senator Sankev Robinson and Representatives R. C. Soles and Arthur Williamson.

The letter from the shrimpers was presented by Jimmie Moore, Southport man, and when a vote

was taken he had the solid support of all the shrimp producers in attendance.

Following is the text of the letter:

"We the undersigned fishermen of the coastal waters between Topsail Inlet and the South Carolina line, had, on August 3, 1968, hoped to initiate proceedings for the enactment of a new regulation, or perhaps in due time—a general statute, which we feel will not only protect our limited shrimping grounds but also be beneficial to our personal welfare as family men of limited physical endurance. As long as it remains legal to shrimp at night, there will always be some persons who will trawl around the clock so long as they manage to show even marginal profit. For this reason, those of us who would, of our own volition, allow both ourselves and our shrimping grounds to rest at night must set our trawls beside those of the goldiggers in order to stay in the race.

"On the above mentioned date, we undertook to bring

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Pageant Will Be Saturday

The Miss Brunswick County Pageant, sponsored by the Shallotte Jaycees, will be held Saturday night at Shallotte High School auditorium when a successor will be named for Miss Pam Poindexter, reigning queen of this event. She will crown the new Miss Brunswick.

Directing the event again this year will be Mrs. Shirley Ward, who will be assisted by Miss Sharon Bradsher.

In all there will be nine contestants competing for this coveted crown, with a college scholarship and many other prizes going to the winner who also will represent Brunswick county in the Miss North Carolina pageant next summer. Bill Rogers, television personality from Wilmington, will serve as master of ceremonies.

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, March 27		
2:27 AM		9:10 AM
3:03 PM		9:22 PM
Friday, March 28		
3:27 AM		10:10 AM
3:57 PM		10:22 PM
Saturday, March 29		
4:21 AM		10:58 AM
4:51 PM		11:16 PM
Sunday, March 30		
5:15 AM		11:46 AM
5:39 PM		12:04 PM
Monday, March 31		
5:57 AM		12:28 AM
6:27 PM		
Tuesday, April 1		
6:39 AM		0:52 AM
7:03 PM		1:04 PM
Wednesday, April 2		
7:21 AM		1:34 AM
7:51 PM		1:46 PM