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Costumed Guides At Brunswick Town

Visitors to Brunswick Town during the Easter weekend saw ladies costumed in period dresses serving as guides at this historic site. This is a project of the Southport Junior Woman's Club. Over 3,000 persons visited this place during the three-day period. Shown above, left to right, are Mrs. Beth Sell, Mrs. Ellen Sherrod, Mrs. Connie Young and Mrs. Mary McHose. (Brunswick Town photo)

Letter Tells Of Plans To Move Vessel

An exchange of letters between Congressman Alton Lennon and Admiral W. J. Smith, Commandant of the Coast Guard, indicates there is a serious plan in the making to transfer the Cape Upright, 59-foot Patrol Boat, from Southport to Wrightsville Beach, with this change slated to take place this fall.

Following is a copy of Congressman Lennon's letter of January 22, 1969:

"I have been informed that the Coast Guard plans to move the '95 footer', Cape Upright, from Southport to Wrightsville Beach when the new Coast Guard facility is completed there.

"As you know, if the Coast Guard does not have an ocean rescue capability at Southport, it will mean a run of over thirty miles to reach a craft in distress west of the treacherous Frying Pan Shoals. Coupled with this fact is the rapidly increasing number of commercial and pleasure craft operating in an area subject to unpredictable southwesterly winds.

"There may be very good reason for moving the Cape Upright, but the distances involved from Wrightsville Beach to the area west of Frying Pan Shoals would seem to justify the retention of this rescue capability at Southport.

"Please give this question your consideration and advise me of your plans regarding maintain an ocean rescue capability at Southport."

Following is a copy of Admiral Smith's letter of reply, dated February 3, 1969:

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Magistrate Pay Bill Introduced

Township constables of Columbus and Brunswick soon may be on the payrolls of their counties.

Although the constables were elected in 1968, the reformed court system failed to specify any means of compensating them.

Rep. R. C. Soles Jr. and Rep. Arthur W. Williamson introduced a bill Thursday which, if enacted into law, would give the commissioners of Columbus and Brunswick authority to set the amount of compensation for the constables, and to pay them for performance of their duties.

Rep. Soles of Tabor City explained, "At the present time, constables are elected and given authority to arrest and serve certain documents, however,

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Reach Decision

CP&L Canal To Empty In Ocean



Airstream Caravan Rally

The Long Beach Campground looked like it had been descended upon by visitors from outer space during the Easter weekend when over one hundred of these luxury camping trailer units took part in the Wally Bryan Airstream Caravan. This added more than 300 hundred visitors to the weekend population at Long Beach, the largest pre-season crowd in history.

Carolina Power and Light Co. plans to discharge cooling water from its proposed Brunswick Nuclear Electric Power Plant into the ocean.

Paul S. Colby, senior vice president of CP&L, says the company has determined that the ocean discharge is advisable and desirable and that required approvals for it will be sought from governmental authorities.

Since plans for the Brunswick plant were announced early last year studies have been underway to determine whether the cooling water would be discharged into the Cape Fear river or the ocean.

To get the water to the ocean will require five or six miles of canal, Colby pointed out. He said the water will be piped 2,000 feet off shore and discharged beneath the surface. The anticipated discharge point will be about 1.5-miles west of Fort Caswell.

Colby estimated that the canal and discharge facilities will cost more than \$10-million. When the second generating unit is completed in 1974 the Brunswick plant is expected to represent an investment of nearly \$300-million. It will have generating capacity of more than 1.6-million kilowatts.

Colby also said that sand removed in construction of the canal and not required for the project will be made available for restoration of eroded beaches in the area.

Through George Pickett, director of the State Department of Water and Air Resources, CP&L already has received a request from Mayor C. E. Murphy of Yaupon Beach for sand for use in erosion control on that beach.

Final Rites For Soldier

Pfc. Ronnie R. White, 20, of Ash, died March 21 while serving on active duty in South Vietnam. Pfc. White was a machine gunner.

Born in Ash December 1949,

he was the son of Pink and Lennie White, who survive. He attended Waccamaw High School and was graduated with the class of 1967.

He was inducted in the Army June 13, completed his basic training and left for Vietnam on November 21, 1968. He had been in South Vietnam exactly four months.

He was a member of the Mill Branch Freewill Baptist Sunday School.

Other survivors are a sister, Mrs. Leona Fenside of Richlands; and one brother, Major White of Ash; and several

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Board Sets DuPont Valuation

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners reached an agreement Tuesday to list the DuPont plant in Northwest township at \$6,103,910, which is the amount on which this company will pay ad valorem taxes. This valuation will be effective for this year's taxes.

This is a non-depreciation base, which means that it is a figure below which the valuation will not go barring unusual and unforeseen circumstances.

Members of the board passed a resolution recommending that the membership of this body be increased to six members with the next election. No provision was made for staggered terms.

L. T. Yaskell was reappointed a member of the Southport Harbor Commission.

Gene Watts, proprietor of Ocean Trail Rest Home appeared before the board and asked for their decision on his request for an additional allowance of 88-cents per day for inmates who are recipients of public welfare assistance. This would bring them up from \$5.60 per day at present to \$6.48 per day, and Watts explained that this compares to the \$8.20 charge per day for private patients. He said that this additional charge must be made to provide services for which there has been a steadily advance in cost.

After deliberation and discussion, Chairman Rourk said that the board does not have the necessary authority to go beyond the present payment for welfare cases. Watts then asked that arrangements be made as quickly as possible to move these patients into other rest homes and declared that he and his family cannot continue to care for them at a daily loss in operating expenses. Watts said that this is a decision he hates to make since he and members of his family have been engaged in caring for some of these patients for more than twenty years.



In Festival Parade

Southport's Miss Fourth of July, Helen Faulk, will be seen in the Celebrations Division of the Azalea Festival Parade Saturday, in Wilmington. The car, driven by Harold Aldridge, is provided by Frank Hardy through the courtesy of Elmore Motors.

Calabash Is Mecca For Seafood Eaters

By ARNOLD KIRK
State Travel Editor

It's one of those places people talk about when they say, "Don't blink your eyes or you'll miss it."

You could, very easily. Its few dozen frame houses, its one beauty parlor and combination mercantile store-filling station give little hint that Calabash, Unincorporated, population 160, is one of the most famous and unique centers of seafood dining on the Atlantic coast.

For along the quarter-mile road which leads through the town proper, if it can be called that, down to the rickety fishing docks along Calabash Creek, are no less than a dozen seafood restaurants which serve more than a quarter million people during the peak travel months of summer.

Except for the fact that its restaurants serve incredibly delicious seafood dinners, Calabash's growing prominence as a mecca for seafood connoisseurs is something of a phenomenon. At best, its location in lower Brunswick County—its nearest neighbor a small farming community named Grissetown—could be described as remote. None of the restaurants advertise to any great extent, and there are no billboards or other such signs to capture the attention of

motorists on nearby U.S. Highway 17.

Its restaurants are not owned by a syndicate, but rather individually by local residents, mostly descendants of seafaring men who settled there in the mid-19th Century.

But there is a certain quality about the place—perhaps it's the very nearness of the sea—that gives most travelers cause to rejoice. There are no crowded streets here, no policeman's whistle shrilling above the din of the rush-hour. In fact, the town has only one stop sign (no light) and even the names of the streets are unknown except to those who live there.

In late afternoon, when ocean breezes always seem to calm, cooking smells from a dozen kitchens cling to the stillness and stir the appetite. It is then that the invasion of Calabash begins.

They come dressed in business suits and blue jeans, driving pickup trucks and Cadillacs. They come from as nearby as Southport and Myrtle Beach, just across the state line in South Carolina, to as far away as Maine and California.

They sit in ladder-back chairs and rest their elbows on vinyl tablecloths while devouring mounds of crisp, succulent shrimp, oysters, fish, clams, crabs and french-fried potatoes. They munch on hush-puppies (Continued On Page Four)

Women Guides Aid Tourists

The Junior Woman's Club of Southport has adopted, for the second year, the "Hostess" project at Brunswick Town State Historic Site.

Arrangements and details for the project, which was very successful last year, are under the direction of the Fine Arts Committee, Mrs. Connie Young, chairman, and the Conservation Committee, Mrs. Jean Kenney, chairman.

Each Sunday afternoon and on certain special days some of the members attired in colonial costumes, some of which were made especially for the project by the ladies, visit the site and circulate around the grounds talking with visitors, answering questions, passing out guide maps and generally promoting good will and public relations for the site, the club, and the area in general.

Quite often they are photographed by visitors along the scenic Nature Trail or with the historic excavated foundations of this once prominent seaport in the background.

Prior to the beginning of the project this year many visitors have inquired when the pretty costumed ladies would be at the site and commented how much they enjoyed seeing them last year.

Time And Tide

It was April 5, 1939, and The Leland High School debating team was to represent this section in the annual state competition in Chapel Hill. The Southport boxing commission had announced a return bout featuring all the community's pugilists, and this time the program was to include four wrestling matches and one "battle royal". A Southport man, inspired by stories of Theodosia Burr and her mysterious appearance, had planned a film play centered around Bald Head Island, and had already sent rough drafts of the work to Hollywood. A group of students from Marietta College in Ohio were planning a trip to Bald Head, ghost or no; Frank Sherrill had plans of making the island into a summer-winter resort; and Southport men were off for the Southern menhaden season.

This was the time of the pre-war price, and a Wilmington concern was selling men's dress shoes for \$2.95, Easter dresses for \$1.95-up. A new exhibit—shadow boxes—was to be added to the Southport Flower Show this year; up-state fishermen were booking dates on the local charter boats; and our editorial writer had joined with the community in calling for pavement on the River Road.

It was April 5, 1944, and the rabies situation was, if nothing else, getting serious. The Pilot that week announced that all dog owners whose animals had not been recently inoculated were subject to arrest. Lt. J. Lawrence Sprunt, USNR, was serving as commanding officer of a Naval Minesweeper in Italian waters, and had received a citation for a recent action in the Salerno invasion. And the flowers of Orton were once again displaying their seasonal beauty.

Miss Josephine Moore had graduated from the University of North Carolina; there was a new baseball diamond being constructed near the yacht basin; and the WAVES were asking for volunteer machine gun instructors.

It was April 6, 1949, and the front page of The Pilot that week carried a picture of the new Girl Scout camp site at the Pretty Pond. REA power had been extended there, and work on the buildings was (Continued On Page Four)

Pageant Winner

Jean Ward, right, is the new Miss Brunswick County. She was crowned by Pam Poindexter, left, last year's queen, after she was voted the winner in this year's pageant, held last Saturday night at Shallotte. First runner-up was Dianne King; second runnerup was Elizabeth Ann Baxley; Miss Congeniality was Myra Lynn Hewett; and winner of the title of most talented non-finalist was Mary Sue Everett. (Beacon photo)

Board Unable To Organize Tuesday

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Education was unable to organize at its first meeting in April session here Tuesday night because Joe Gainey and Delmas Babson, who were elected to the board, have not been certified as members by the omnibus bill in the State Legislature.

This means that no action was taken in the matter of hiring a Superintendent of Schools and his assistant to serve during the next two years. Presumably George Williams and Ralph King will continue in these positions until they are reappointed or until their positions have been declared vacant. Also it is assumed that James Thompson will continue to serve as a member of the Board of Education until Gainey has qualified as his replacement. Babson already is a member of the board.

Superintendent Williams and Kirby Sullivan, attorney for the board, are in Raleigh today (Wednesday) to confer with the Attorney General about the prospects for obtaining a delay (Continued On Page Four)



REV. TOM JONES

Baptists Plan Revival Here

The Southport Baptist Church will be engaged in a revival meeting from April 13-20, with the Rev. Tom M. Jones as guest evangelist. (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 Fear Pilot's Association.

HIGH	LOW
Thursday, April 10	
2:15 AM	8:46 AM
2:39 PM	9:04 PM
Friday, April 11	
3:21 AM	9:52 AM
3:51 PM	10:10 PM
Saturday, April 12	
4:21 AM	10:46 AM
4:45 PM	11:10 PM
Sunday, April 13	
5:15 AM	11:30 AM
5:39 PM	12:00 PM
Monday, April 14	
6:09 AM	12:30 PM
6:27 PM	1:00 PM
Tuesday, April 15	
6:51 AM	1:15 PM
7:15 PM	1:30 PM
Wednesday, April 16	
7:39 AM	1:45 PM
8:07 PM	2:00 PM

Brief Bits Of NEWS

COMMISSIONER ILL

D. B. Frink, member of the board of county commissioners, has suffered a heart attack and is a patient at his home.

FLAG PROJECT

Mrs. Irma Caroon is heading a project for the Southport Woman's Club for the sale of U.S. Flag decals, which are suitable for display on store windows, automobile windows or doors at home. Sales will begin this week.

MUST REGISTER

Voting in the Special School Bond Election on April 26 will be done on the basis of the new loose leaf registration, according to H. Foster Mintz, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections, and Saturday is the last day to register.