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New Commissioner

Mrs. Charlene Dixon is shown as she administers the oath of office to Paul Dennis, who was appointed Monday to fill the unexpired term of D. B. Frink as a member of the Board of Commissioners for Brunswick County. Commissioner Frink resigned because of his health. (Photo by Spencer)

Williams Is Relected As School Head

George Williams was relected superintendent and Ralph King was relected associate superintendent of Brunswick County schools at a call meeting of the board of education held Monday night.

Mrs. Jean Fullwood administered the oath of office to Board Members Delmas Babson and Joe N. Gainey.

Babson nominated Norman Bellamy for chairman. On a motion by Arthur J. Doshier and a second by Hainer Holden nominations were closed and Bellamy was elected by acclamation.

Chairman Bellamy opened the floor for nominations for vice-chairman. Doshier nominated Holden. On a motion by Gainey and a second by Babson the nominations were closed and Holden was elected by acclamation.

The board approved an insurance settlement with the Division of Insurance for the Southport School property which was destroyed by fire on January 19. The claim includes the following: Loss of building, \$140,000.00; contents of building, \$25,429.96; total, \$165,429.96.

Board members discussed the up-coming school bond issue and various efforts being made to promote approval by the voters.

On a motion by Babson, seconded by Doshier, the local school committee for the Waccamaw High School for a two year term was appointed: D.W. Long, Freeland; Earlie Smith, Ash; and Pearlre Vereen, Freeland.

Bowman Home Is Set Afire

When workmen reported on the job Tuesday morning at the new residence of Judge and Mrs. James C. Bowman, which is under construction on Cape Fear River Drive, they found that apparently an arsonist had visited the premises overnight and had failed in an attempt to set fire to the structure.

The fire had been started in the basement area and 2 x 4 studs were charred by flames which had been set at their base. A saw horse had been burned almost completely in two by the heat of the blaze, which charred and smoked a small area and never caught enough to reach the sub-floor of the first story.

"The Lord must have been looking out for us", Judge Bowman said today. "Either that or the lumber was too green to burn".

Judge Bowman was in Greensboro where he was scheduled to hold court this week. He adjourned the session and returned home Tuesday afternoon. The SBI was called, and an arson expert from the State Insurance Department entered the investigation, along with local law enforcement officers.

Beer Election Set At Beach

Long Beach Board of Commissioners in session Saturday called for a Beer Election to be held July 8 for "off premises" sale only. The board received a petition filed with Town Manager Carol S. Willis April 17 calling for such an election. It was signed by 38 percent of the voters in the last City Election. In 1964 an election was held for "on premises sale only" and was heavily defeated.

In other action by the board, Hannon A. Templeton, Jr., Director of National Development Corporation, was appointed to the Long Beach Board of Alcoholic Control replacing A.K. McCallum recently appointed to the Town Board. Templeton will serve until January 1972.



Receives Copy Of Study

Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr. is shown accepting a copy of the planning study report which recently was completed in cooperation with the Division of Community Planning in Raleigh. Members of the Zoning Commission for the City of Southport will use this data to guide their actions for future development of Southport. (Photo by Spencer)

Planning Is Discussed By Local Board

The first of a series of planning and development studies being prepared by the Southport Planning and Zoning Commission has been presented to Mayor E. B. Tomlinson and the Board of Aldermen for review, it was announced recently by C. D. Pickerrell, City Manager.

The study, entitled "Phase I: Population and Economy; Phase II: Land Use Survey and Analysis" is part of an overall planning program being conducted by the Commission with the technical assistance of the Division of the Community Planning in Raleigh, and is designed to guide future growth of Southport in an orderly and efficient pattern during the next twenty years.

Other studies to follow in this series include "Land Development Plan", "Zoning Ordinance", and "Subdivision Regulations".

The first two elements of the program are used to develop a physical Land Development Plan. The Subdivision Regulations and Zoning Ordinance will then be prepared for use in implementing the Land Development Plan.

The first part of the present study (Phase I: Population and Economy) contains detailed information on population changes and trends as well as projections for the future. Discussion is primarily on a county-wide basis due to shortage of data on a small area basis.

The economic side tells of local and regional potential for agricultural, commercial and industrial development, payroll distribution and labor force.

Mr. Pickerrell stressed the importance of a program for future economic development. "The growth of any community is influenced by its citizens", he said. "The economic well-being of Southport and Brunswick County will have bearing on the future population and could shape the destiny of the entire county."

Several recommendations are made at the conclusion of this report.

The Land Use Survey and Analysis (Phase II) is actually a preparation for the Land Development Plan, Mr. Pickerrell explained. The report takes stock of the town as it exists today. It documents previous physical growth and attempts to show how this prior development serves the present day needs. Through analysis, the good points of Southport are outlined as well as mistakes which should be corrected.

"The Land Use and Analysis report provides valuable information for planning for the future of Southport", Mr. Pickerrell stated.

He urged all persons interested (Continued On Page Four)



Awards For Essay Winners

Prizes in the Library Essay Contest were awarded Sunday afternoon by Mrs. Sue King, left librarian for the Southport Brunswick County Library. Left to right, the winners were Patti Smith, High School Division; Rose Henry, Elementary Division; and Cynthia Erlene Jenerette, Primary Division. Sammy Bellamy, winner in the Junior High Division, is shown in a separate picture. On the right is Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr., Brunswick County Chairman for National Library Week. (Photo by Spencer)



Students Push Bond Election

Students from several of the schools in Brunswick county attended a meeting Tuesday at the Board of Education office to discuss plans for enlisting full support for the School Bond Election this Saturday. Shown at the right as she participated in a question and answer period is Leslie Zachary, Southport High School student. Ralph King and Principal Crowe of Bolivia were adult advisors for this meeting. (Photo by Spencer)

Bomb Threat Upsets School Program Here

What appears to have been a bomb hoax disrupted school activities at Southport Baptist Church Tuesday when two high school boys discovered a crude, home-made contraption in the furnace room before classes convened.

Johnnie Vereen found what appeared to be an explosive device and called his buddy, Eugene Tomlinson. They gave the alarm, and within a short time law enforcement officers (Continued On Page Four)

Special Election Set For Saturday

Brunswick county citizens will vote Saturday upon two bond proposals.

One will be to authorize the sale of \$2.85-million to finance the construction of three consolidated high schools in Brunswick county.

The second issue will be to authorize the sale of \$100,000 worth of bonds for construction of a new jail.

During the past week there has been a noticeable increase in interest in the school bond issue, and some people who had been pessimistic about its passage now believe that it has a good chance.

A special meeting has been called for the courthouse in Southport Friday night at 8 o'clock for the purpose of making final plans to get out the vote.

Voting will take place at the regular voting places, with registrars, judges and clerks who served at the General Election to be on duty.

Many of the citizens of Brunswick county are asking, "If the School Bond Issue is approved on April 26, how much will this increase my taxes?" In an effort to answer this question by the Board of Education was furnished the following information by the Tax Department of Brunswick county:

"It should be noted that the average tax bill in Brunswick county is approximately \$55. Therefore, if the School Bond Issue is approved, it will mean a

tax increase of approximately \$8.85 to the average taxpayer."

Should the \$2,585,000 proposed school bond issue be approved by the citizens of Brunswick county on April 26 (Continued On Page Four)

Paul Dennis Now On Board

Members of the Board of County Commissioners in regular session here Monday accepted with regret the resignation of D. B. Frink as a member of that board and appointed Paul Dennis, Grissetown farmer and business man, to fill his unexpired term.

Commissioner Frink, who was serving his fifth term as a member of the board, recently suffered a heart attack. He now is a patient in a Wilmington hospital.

Dennis is a son-in-law of the resigned member of the board, and his appointment is taken to be a reflection of the respect his fellow board members felt for Commissioner Frink.

In his letter of resignation, Commissioner Frink made the following statement: "I have thoroughly enjoyed serving the people of Brunswick County in this capacity and in working with the Board and the other County officials. My association with all of them has been most pleasant."

Brief Bits Of NEWS

BENEFIT FISH FRY
The Annual Shriners Herring Fry will be held Saturday at Snowfield Landing on Town Creek. Advance sale tickets are available from Shrine members throughout the county.

THURSDAY MEETING
The Southport Parent Teacher Organization will meet Thursday, at 7:30 p.m. at the Amuzu Theater for the purpose of electing officers and adopting new by-laws. All members are urged to be present.

CANCER SUNDAY
Sunday has been designated as Cancer Sunday and volunteers will be conducting a door-to-door campaign to ask for donations to this cause. Cancer crusade leaders urge citizens to welcome them and to give generous support.

MUSIC FESTIVAL
The Brunswick County Music Festival will be held at Brunswick County High School, Southport, Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. All schools in the county have been invited to participate. There will be music from the Elementary Departments, Junior High, and High School.

Library Week Observed Here

Representative R. C. Soles was the principal speaker Sunday afternoon at a program held in Southport as a local observance for National Library Week. Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr., who is chairman for this event in Brunswick county, made the arrangements, which included an essay contest that drew participation from all schools in Brunswick county.

Judge Ray H. Walton served as master of ceremonies and took over after the Rev. William Davenport had led the invocation and Mrs. Henry had extended a welcome. Two choral numbers were sung by the Southport Junior High School Glee Club, under the direction of James Frink, with Mrs. Annie Francis accompanist.

The speaker was introduced by Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., State chairman for National Library Week. Prizes for the essay contest winners were awarded by Mrs. Sue King, librarian.

In his talk, Representative Soles spoke of "Functional Illiteracy." He said that the key to elimination of this problem is reading, and showed that this is an ever-important requirement in this world where demands are

increasing upon improved skills. "A man must be able to read, and must have access to good books, so he may acquire (Continued On Page Four)

Time And Tide

It was April 14, 1939, and Capt. John Ericksen had once again been nominated for the office of Mayor of Southport. There was much interest in the Long Beach development, and reports had it that a large pavilion would soon be constructed. Southport had shifted entirely to dial telephone service; once again flowers were falling before the onslaught of the local flower show; and some visiting dignitary had announced that "No war is going to come across the ocean to us."

The latest installment in the Bald Head ghost series was provided by Robert Marlowe and seconded by Victor Bartels. A mysterious tapping had led them on a somewhat futile treasure hunt, i.e. they had found the treasure chest, but not its contents. The yacht basin at Fort Caswell had been dredged, and slips constructed for yacht moorings; and Capt. J.B. Church of the "John M. Morehead" had brought in the season's first menhaden.

It was April 19, 1944 and "they" were running again. More explicitly, red drum were being taken off Cape Fear in large numbers. Pictured that week with several of these fish were sportswriters from the north who had come to see if what they said about Divie fishing was really true. It's a shame they couldn't have seen the whale off the Cape Fear bar on the preceding Saturday. Merle Hood, Harry Weeks and Raymond Mech had, though, and (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 Pilots Association.

Thursday, April 24	
0:45 AM	7:28 AM
1:15 PM	7:34 PM
Friday, April 25	
1:39 AM	8:22 AM
2:15 PM	8:40 PM
Saturday, April 26	
2:39 AM	9:22 AM
3:15 PM	9:40 PM
Sunday, April 27	
3:33 AM	10:10 AM
4:00 PM	10:40 PM
Monday, April 28	
4:21 AM	10:58 AM
5:03 PM	11:34 PM
Tuesday, April 29	
5:15 AM	11:46 AM
5:52 PM	
Wednesday, April 30	
6:03 AM	0:22 AM
6:39 PM	12:28 PM