



Search For Spanish Ship

Spectators watch as skin divers search areas of Cape Fear River before Brunswick Town for Spanish Privateer "Fortuna". Here a diver examines a bottle he removed from the silt on the bottom of the river. Brunswick Town Photo.

Divers Fail In Sunday Search For Old Ship

Last Sunday the third attempt to locate the Spanish Privateer FORTUNA, sunk during "The War of Jenkin's Ear" in 1748 was as unsuccessful as the two previous attempts and yielded less artifacts.

The ship was one of the three that captured Brunswick Town and held it for four days. As the colonists were driving the Spanish from the town this ship exploded and killed 90 men. Most of the goods that the Spanish had taken that belonged to the townspeople were recovered and tradition has it that the painting of Christ, "Ecce Homo", presented to the St. James Parish by the Colonial Assembly in 1760, was taken from the Captain's cabin.

The North Carolina State Department of Archives and History, the agency under whose administration the wrecks of ships along the coast and rivers has been placed, co-sponsored the diving with the North Carolina Skin Diving Council.

About 15 members of the Council along with their families began to arrive at Brunswick Town shortly prior to nine o'clock on Sunday morning. After permits had been issued they assembled in the theatre in the visitor center-museum and a welcome was extended by Wm. G. Faulk, Jr., Historic Site manager. Faulk briefed the divers on the history of the FORTUNA and two other wrecks near Brunswick Town. The LIBERTY was burned and sunk off Brunswick in 1804 and an unidentified wreck is shown just north of the north wharf at

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New Covered Slips

Now nearing completion at the Southport Boat Harbor is a new section of covered slips which will give protection for yachts in all kinds of weather. The barge in the foreground is loaded with concrete slabs which are lifted into place by the crane at the left to ford the roof of this new facility. (Photo by Spencer)

Group Protests Election Count At Long Beach

A group of citizens has entered a protest regarding the municipal election held at Long Beach on May 6 and a public hearing has been called for the City Hall at Long Beach Thursday evening at 8 o'clock.

This was a part of the business before members of the Town Board at their regular meeting Saturday. The newly elected board was not organized, pending the outcome of the pending investigation.

City Attorney Grover Gore read a letter signed by nine citizens with complaints about the conduct of the elections held on May 6. He had called the Chairman of Elections Boards, North Carolina, and the attorney for the League of Municipalities, concerning elections and discussed the matter. Among the complaints of the citizens was one that the election board refused citizens the right to witness the counting of votes. Another complaint cited was the refusal of the election board to honor a request by a citizen for a list of the registered voters. It was agreed that the registrar need not make a list, but was required by law to allow a list to be made.

Mr. Gore suggested the board call for a recount of the votes, and the mayor appoint a three-man board to conduct the recount, in front of, but not with the assistance of the Registrar and Judges.

Commissioner Jones asked the board to also consider the need to call a meeting of the complaining citizens, so that the entire matter could be explored. The board agreed and a three-member board was set up to meet on May 19 at Town Hall. The board to hear the complaints is to be presided over by Mr. Gore at 8 o'clock Thursday evening.

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Southport Boy Earns Praise At Navy Yard

A Southport man, J.A. McNeil, Jr., recently was honored with a Superior Accomplishment Award for Sustained Superior Performance at Charleston Navy Yard, where he is a Nuclear Engineer. For this outstanding performance he received a cash award of \$250.

Following is the text of his commendation received from the Commanding officer:

"During the above period Mr. McNeil was employed in the Nuclear Power Division as a Nuclear Engineer performing numerous engineering assignments in the preparation of engineering documents required for the overhaul and refueling of the SSBN622 and 625. Mr. McNeil also performed the duties of Refueling Director and General Superintendent of Refueling for the SSBN622 and assisted in training the production shops in refueling operations for this ship. He has also served as a member and has acted as Chairman of the Joint Refueling Group for the SSBN625 Refueling. Mr. McNeil has constantly demonstrated a high degree of initiative, knowledge and an attitude of willingness to perform any task assigned to him.

Mr. McNeil's attention to detail, expeditious execution of his job, and his overall ability and willingness to accept



CAPT. J. WOOLSTON AND J. A. McNEIL, Jr.

Youth Is Freed By Grand Jury

The Brunswick county grand jury in session here last week found the indictment for murder against Albert Lee Soles, 14-year-old Northwest township youth, not a true bill. He had been charged with shooting and fatality injuring Sylvanus McAllister on March 21.

The report of the jury indicated that it had heard the testimony of each of the eight persons who had been summoned to appear as witnesses.

At a preliminary hearing following the fatal shooting Soles was ordered held without bond for trial for the murder of McAllister. Later a habeas corpus hearing was held in Whiteville before Judge Maurice Braswell, who refused to allow bail for the defendant.

Judge Braswell presided at last

Camp Program Is Explained

By MILTON COLEMAN
Brunswick County 4-H member will have an opportunity to attend 4-H Camp this summer at Millstone 4-H Camp, Elerbe. The date is August 11-16.

Camp personnel will include a director, dietitian, cooks, dishwashers, and instructors in swimming, wildlife, handicraft, recreation and electricity. They are representatives of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service and are prepared to assist in conducting the camp program.

The camp will furnish athletic equipment, a piano, record player and records, first aid supplies, and some banquet decorations. Printed weekly camp programs will be available. Services of a doctor is nearby when needed. Additional information will be sent to those members indicating an interest to attend at a later date.

The fee is \$18 for each camper
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week's term of court here. The report of the grand jury was unusually brief. It stated that it had remained in session for three days and had examined 20 bills. Of this number 17 were returned as true bills.

The case charging Hubert Hewett with assault with intent to commit rape was continued. In a series of cases involving

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Board Meeting Here Monday

The board of county commissioners met in regular session on May 19, 1969.

Resources Development Commission Director Roy Stevens and Secretary H. V. Thompson came before the board and presented the Commissioner requested budget for the coming fiscal year.

Southeastern Economic Development Commission Board members Mrs. Naomi Henry, T. S. Bowmer, John Barbee and Oree Gore and Paul Butler, coordinator for this commission, came before the board and presented the Commissions requested budget for this fiscal year.

Home: McKeithan was appointed prepayment tax collector upon motion of A. C. Holden, seconded by W. D. Ward, and duly carried.

A motion was made by V. A. Creech, Jr., seconded by W. D. Ward that the tentative tax rate be set each \$1.80 per hundred valuation. This was unanimously carried.

James C. Cox, executive director, SENClad Community Action, came before the board for a general discussion of the work of this Department.

Mayor Beamon Hewett of Shallotte came before the board and requested financial assistance in the operation of the Shallotte Jail. The board was sympathetic with Mayor Hewett in his request and promised to

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Permit To Build Pier Approved

A public hearing was held January 14, for W. L. Galloway of Hamlet for a permit to construct a fishing pier in the Atlantic Ocean at Long Beach.

It is the decision of the Wilmington's Engineer's Office that the proposed pier will not be an unreasonable obstruction to navigation nor be contrary to the general public interest, particularly since Federal, State, and local authorities have not objected. The Town of Long Beach has granted a building permit for the pier.

Col. Paul S. Denison, Corps of Engineers, District Engineer, has issued the following statement, "By authority of the Secretary of the Army I have been authorized to issue a Department of the Army permit for construction of the pier in the ocean; accordingly, I am issuing the permit today.

"The issuance of this permit signifies that the work is unobjectionable but does not relieve the permittee from liability for any resultant damage to property," he said.

Time And Tide

It was the week of May 17, 1939, and a fitting ceremony had been held at the local hospital as the name of that institution was formally changed to honor the man most responsible for its founding, the late Dr. J. Arthur Doshier. A bronze plaque in his memory had been unveiled as part of the program. Rural residents of Brunswick county were cheered with the news that an initial loan of \$171,000 had been approved for REA construction in Brunswick and Columbus counties. Announcement was made that Dr. James W. Hayes of Whiteville was going to locate at Shallotte to engage in the practice of medicine.

There was an item in the advertising section reporting that saddle horses were for rent at the modest fee of fifty-cents per hour. A letter had come to the Clerk of Court asking for information regarding ancestors of the writer, people by the name of Clemmons—and there was no doubt that the inquiry had come to a likely place. Alligator hunting had been introduced as a new thrill sport; and the mystery of the strange skull (reported last week) had been solved at the State Museum in Raleigh where the mermaid theory had been exploded in favor of the family of Devilfish.

It was the War Years, and one casualty must have been the metal shortage. At any rate for the second straight week the editor had dug up an old cut for the front page picture. This one was of a trio of bathing beauties, and caption read: "But They Are Married Now." It was May, and front page stories told of upcoming commencement exercises: There was a music recital at Bolivia; the Rev. Cecil Alligood had preached the baccalaureate sermon at Southport; and a Bladenboro store was advertising watches as graduation gifts.

Commander George T. Campbell had been transferred from Caswell Section Base, where he had served as commanding officer for the past year. A few political advertisements were beginning to appear; and Mrs. M.T. McRacken had entertained in honor of her daughter, Ann, on the occasion of her 15th birthday.

Spring is a time for the arrival of warm weather, good fishing and
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Program For Leland Finals Is Announced

Leland High School commencement exercises will begin on Sunday afternoon, June 1, at 3:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. Rev. Henry L. Register of Shallotte, retired minister and former Superintendent of Brunswick Association Missions, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Rev. Jerome C. Jones, pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Wilmington, will address the graduating class on Monday night, June 2, at 8 o'clock.

Music for both exercises will be furnished by the Leland High School Chorus under the direction of Mrs. Sylvia B. Moore.

Valedictorian of the graduating class is Miss Pamela Sue Corbett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T.M. Corbett, Leland. Salutatorian is Miss Rosetta Bryant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. Bryant of Leland.

Other members of the class are Elmer Delaney Aycock, James Gordon Bordeaux, Mary Alice Bowen, Cherry Flynn Clark, Gwendolyn Clark, Susie Darlene Clayton, Rickey Carl Costin, Judson Hulet Croom, Jr., Glatha Elizabeth Davis, Johnnie Wayne Flowers, Jo Ann Foy, Jean Ellen Garst, Helen Kaye Greene, Donald Claude Hall, Deborah Jane Harrison, Julia Bernice Hewett, Charles Floyd Hodge, Annie Lois Jenrette, Kathleen Mary Keiser, Deborah Lynn Kinston, Lawrence Edgar Larson, Barry Maynard Leigh, Debra Rose Lewis, Larry Allen McLawhorn, Susan Ellen Medlin, Daniel Junior Mintz, William Lacey Nelson, Patricia Elaine Phelps, Martha Elaine Potter, Shirley Diane Raynor, Barbara Moore Reeves, Darlene Thompson Rogers, Mary Kaye Shank, John Clifton Skipper, Linda Thompson Smith, Magdalene Smith, Harry Randall Thompson, Wilma Joyce Watson, Jonathan Wayne White, Phyllis Lorrian Williams, and Hortense Willis.

Class mascots are Denise Cosper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cosper, and Craig Coker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Coker, of Leland.



Talent Show Winner

Gloria Faley, Southport High School senior, recently was second place winner in the area talent show held at Thalian Hall in Wilmington, sponsored by Wilmington Youth Council. More recently she won honorable mention in the Drama Division of the Golden Star Awards program. (Photo by Spencer)

CP&L Attorneys Appeal Report

A majority report from commissioners appointed to hear the condemnation proceedings brought by Carolina Power and Light Company against James E. Johnson and others was filed last week with Clerk of Court J. E. Brown and amounted to \$1,701,140.

This was for the acquisition of 834-acres for a site for the nuclear power plant which CP&L proposes to construct on the Cape Fear river in the Southport area. This majority report represents payment for the land at the rate of over \$2,000 per acre. This report was signed by E. W. Morgan and Horace Duncan, Jr.

A minority report was made by T. S. Bowmer, whose figure was \$233,820, or almost \$1.5 million less than that of the other two commissioners. All three are realtors engaged in business in the Southport-Long Beach area.

These three men were appointed by the Clerk of Court to conduct a hearing on May 1 at which time they heard Johnson, principal owner of the property in question, estimate the present value of his property to be \$1,840,800, the value after taking to be \$8,600, with a total damage of \$1,832,200.

At the hearing he produced three witnesses, whose valuations were as follows: Gerrit Greer—President, value, \$1,386,054; value after taking, \$1,000; damage \$1,376,054.

J. B. Cochran—Present value, \$1,380,000; value after taking, \$8,600; damage, \$1,371,400.

F. Herbert Swain—Present value, \$1,380,000; value after taking, \$9,500; damage, \$1,370,000.

The amount allowed in the

commissioner's majority report is greater than the damage estimate of either of the above three witnesses for the plaintiff.

At the hearing, CP&L offered the testimony of three witnesses, whose valuations were as follows: Robert C. Cantwell, III, whose estimate of value of land being taken amounted to \$185,000; Murdoch M. Dunn, whose estimate of value of land being taken amounted to \$188,762; V. W. Herlvich, whose estimate of value of land being taken amounted to \$182,500.

Attorneys for the plaintiff have filed a motion to have this report set aside with the claim that amount allowed is excessive. The hearing on this motion will be held on June 5 before Clerk of Court J. E. Brown.

Auto Mechanics Class Offered

The Auto Mechanics Class gave their instructor, H. D. Parrish, of Holden Beach a surprise birthday party Thursday night in appreciation of his instruction and patience.

Refreshments were served and Instructor Parrish was presented a set of tools and a grease-smudged birthday card by the class.

Special guests were Mr. Futch and Mr. Kennedy, CFTI representatives and staff members.

Registration for the summer class in Automotive Mechanics will be held on June 2 at the Parrish Garage, Holden Beach.

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Murphy Named To Bank Board

L. V. Lowe, vice-president and managing officer of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company office in Southport, announced today the appointment of Clarence E. Murphy of Yaupon Beach to the Local Advisory Board of the bank.

"We are most fortunate to have a man of Mr. Murphy's ability to serve in this capacity," Lowe stated. "His interest and knowledge of the area will further help our bank fulfill its obligation to all our customers."

Lowe also announced the addition of Mr. Baxter Stirling to the staff of the local office, charged at present with duties in the Consumer Credit Department of the bank. Mr. Stirling is from Dunn, North Carolina and is married to the former Brookie O. Dunn of Benson. They are presently making their home in the Vereen Mobile Home Park on Howe Street.

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.

Thursday, May 22	
12:45 AM	6:58 AM
	7:04 PM
Friday, May 23	
1:09 AM	7:46 AM
1:39 PM	7:58 PM
Saturday, May 24	
1:51 AM	8:34 AM
2:33 PM	8:58 PM
Sunday, May 25	
2:45 AM	9:28 AM
3:33 PM	9:58 PM
Monday, May 26	
3:39 AM	10:22 AM
4:27 PM	11:04 PM
Tuesday, May 27	
4:33 AM	11:16 AM
5:21 PM	11:58 PM
Wednesday, May 28	
5:33 AM	12:04 AM
6:15 PM	12:58 PM

Brief Bits Of NEWS

RABIES CLINIC
Goley Lewis will be in Southport on Saturday between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m., at the Water Tank, to inoculate dogs for rabies. This will be the last time he will be here this year.

SPECIAL MEETING
A special session of the Brunswick County Board of Education will be held this (Wednesday) evening to discuss plans for school desegregation with representatives from the Shallotte School District.

PILOT MONDAY MEETING
The Home Health Service in Brunswick County will meet Monday night at 8 o'clock in the Agriculture Building in Supply. A film will be shown on "How Health Service Work". The public is invited to attend. Each Civic group is urged to send a representative.

NO BOARD CHANGES
All members of the Local Board for Southport High School have been reappointed by the Brunswick County Board of Education. These are Bobby Jones and Leon McKeithan, Southport; Johnnie Vereen, Long Beach; Hubert Brittain and Mrs. Jack Crouch, Bolivia RFD.