



Miss Fourth Of July

This is Helen Faulk, who has reigned for the past year as Fourth of July Festival Queen. She is shown displaying the Jaycee Boat which will be given away on the evening of July 4th this year. It is a 17-foot Grady White craft, equipped with a 55-hp electric starting Chrysler motor, complete with Cox trailer. (Photo by Spencer)

Finals Program Announced For Local School

The Commencement Exercises of the Brunswick County High School will begin Sunday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, when the baccalaureate exercises will be held. The sermon to the graduates will be given by the Rev. Clarence L. Thomas, interim-pastor of Gregory Congregational Church of Wilmington. Both vocal and instrumental music for his occasion will be furnished by the B.C.H.S. choral ensemble and band. Promptly at 3 o'clock the Band will strike up the Priest's March, beginning the procession of graduates.

The junior marshalls for the exercises are Halistine Evans and Linwood Davis.

On Monday night at 8 o'clock, the graduation exercises will be held, with six honor students developing the Graduation Theme: "Real Knowledge is not to be obtained easily, it must be Worked for, Studied for, Thought for, and most of all, it must Be Prayed for."

The Valedictorian of the class is Miss Valeria Mims, daughter of Mrs. Rosa Mims, Southport. The Salutatorian is Miss Joyce Bernard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Bernard, Bolivia. The other four honor students in order of their rank are: Miss (Continued On Page Four)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

OFFICE CLOSING

The Farmers Home Administration Office in Shallotte will be closed on Friday in observance of Memorial Day.

TO GRADUATE

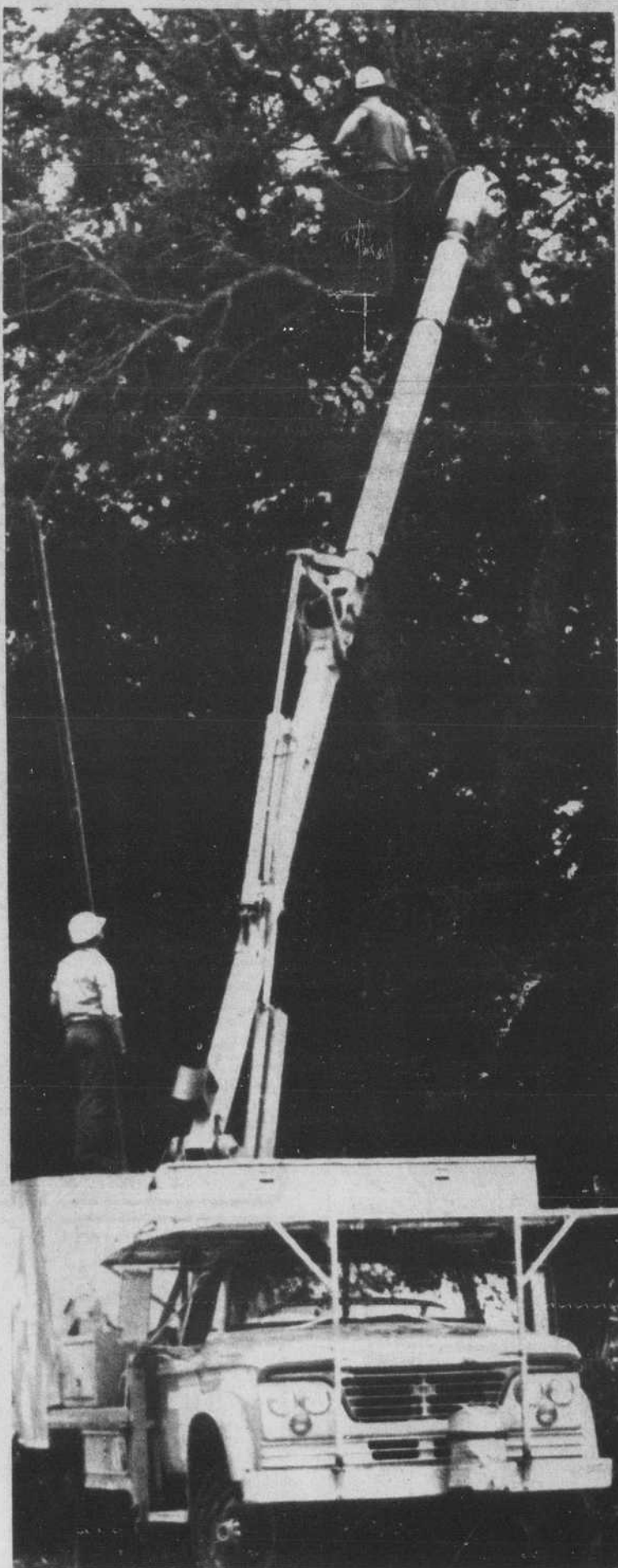
Floyd Jerry Dilsaver graduated on May 25 from Frederick Military Academy in Portsmouth, Va. He plans to enter the University of North Carolina this fall.

LIONS LADIES NIGHT

Members of Southport Lions Club will observe Ladies Night next Thursday evening at the regular meeting place in the Southport Community Building. A special program has been planned for this annual event.

DEMOCRATS TO MEET

Chairman Clinton Bellamy has called a meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee to be held Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock at Lorraine Restaurant at Long Beach. This will be a Dutch dinner, and it is urged that each member of the committee be present. Recommendations to members of the Legislature will be considered as well as a recommendation to fill an existing vacancy on the Brunswick County Board of Elections.



Trimming Trees

This specialized equipment has made it possible for men to trim branches from trees which interfere with the erection of new electric power lines in Southport. This was the scene Monday when the hydraulic boom was let out to its greatest reach. (Photo by Spencer)

Lighthouses Play Important Role

By Paul Phillips
Gale winds sang a song of impending disaster. Only a flicker of hope-beamed from one of North Carolina's lighthouses—lay in the darkness for the vessel tossing on a madman's sea. Decades have passed since the "wickies," men who manned the lonely outposts, fired the (Continued On Page Ten)

School Board Studies Plan Of Integration

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Education have met several times during the past week trying to come up with an integration plan to be submitted to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare in Washington prior to the June 4 deadline.

Several proposals have been under consideration, but no final decision has been announced by the board, whose last meeting was Tuesday night.

It is understood that no decision has been reached regarding selection of a successor to George Williams, who recently resigned as superintendent of schools.

On Wednesday night a group of citizens from the Leland and Shallotte areas appeared before the board to discuss recent action involving a proposed plan of school desegregation for the county schools for the 1969-70 and 1970-71 school years.

Several spokesmen from Leland and Shallotte areas voiced their opinion and dissatisfaction with a proposed plan of school desegregation being considered by the board.

The board discussed the proposed Leland School site. Superintendent George Williams read a letter from the advanced study division of the State Highway Commission in regard to the highway construction in this area. It was pointed out that no major problem existed as far as utilization of the proposed site.

A contract with Fred Turlington, auditor, was approved.

The board approved the teacher contract for Carolyn S. Seagraves, Bolivia. The board accepted resignations for Jean Redwine, Bolivia; Iris Smith, Southport; Lorraine Soles, Waccamaw.

The board approved the following maintenance and garage personnel for the 1969-70 school year: Ray Spencer, Willie Webster, Cecil Tripp, L. R. (Continued On Page Four)

Arrest Youth In Bomb Hoax

Investigation into the bomb scare which occurred at Southport Baptist Church on the morning of April 22 has been completed by the State Bureau of Investigation and local law enforcement officers and it has been reported that an arrest has been made in the case.

However, the suspect has been classified as a juvenile and his name has been withheld.

Discovery of what appeared to be an explosive device was reported shortly after 8 o'clock on the morning of April 22 as school was about to begin a day's session in the educational building. This has been used for classrooms since Southport High School was destroyed by fire in January.

The device was handled with extreme care and contents were sent to Raleigh for examination by demolition experts, who pronounced it to be harmless.

Investigation continued until this week.

Time And Tide

Back in 1939, Superior Court Judge Rudolph Mintz was serving as Register of Deeds of Brunswick county. In our May 24 publication for that year he was explaining that the new N.C. Marriage License Law was running prospective customers away in droves. It was the physical examination requirement that was doing it, that plus the waiting period. And the result was boom business for border towns in South Carolina. Another change was reported in the office, this one affecting pensions being paid widows of Confederate veterans. After June 1, checks were to be paid monthly rather than on a semi-annual basis.

A baby show was being planned, with a popularity contest already in progress. Heroic work on the part of John Lancaster and son, John Lancaster, Jr., prevented a drowning at Lockwoods Folly. Baseball prospects for the town team were expecting a boost with the return of David Watson and Lawrence Willing from Louisburg College. A Washington, D.C., party had returned home from a successful fishing trip to Southport, with Capt. H.T. Bowmer doing the honors; a coral snake, one of the rare poisonous varieties, had been killed at Orton; and Oscar Sellers had made the "Just Among The Fishermen" column with a 9 lb. flounder.

Judge John J. Burney had accepted an invitation to be the principal speaker at a special Memorial Day Service in Southport, (Continued On Page Four)



Banquet Speaker

One of the speakers at the dinner Monday night at the Marina Restaurant was Ashley Murphy, State Highway Commissioner, who welcomed Lackey Industries to this area. On the left is President E. G. Lackey and on the right is W. A. Powell.

Anniversary Of Local Church Is Observed

The 118th birthday of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Southport, was celebrated on Sunday with a special Service of Holy Communion held by the Rev. W. S. Taylor, rector. Following this service, luncheon was served in the Parish House to communicants, friends of St. Philip's and other guests.

St. Philip's was admitted into the Diocese of North Carolina on May 29, 1851, and the birthday observance is always held on the Sunday closest to that date. This "daughter" church of Old St. Philip's, Brunswick Town, was admitted under the name "Old St. Philip's of Smithville." Commenting on the event, the Rev. R. B. Windley wrote in the Kinston Messenger that "it was the intention of its members, as the name indicates, to perpetuate the memory of the old in the existence of that of the new parish."

The church building was not consecrated until April 22, 1860. It seems that the church had been built over a part of a city street, and it took some nine years to get an act through the State Legislature giving the church title to the property.

Band Concert On Thursday

The Music Department of Brunswick County High School of Southport will present the Brunswick County High School Band in concert Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

This program should prove to be very entertaining for all music lovers since it will include selections by the master composers as well as contemporary material.

The Brunswick County High School Band has brought enjoyment to many persons over the years.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program for which there will be no admission charge.



Site Ceremony

This was the scene at the site of Lackey Industries new warehouse in Northwest township Monday afternoon as President E. G. Lackey drove the first stake in the new construction. With him are shown V. A. Creech, Jr., member of the Board of County Commissioners, and W. A. Powell, chairman of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick county.

Lackey Industries Comes To County

Rain fell Monday afternoon during stake driving ceremonies for Lackey Industries, latest addition to the growing complex in Northwest township, but it failed to dampen the enthusiasm of the large crowd which had gathered at the site near Phoenix.

E. G. (Red) Lackey, president of Lackey Industries, did the honors as a departure was made from the traditional ground breaking ceremony. Roy Stevens, director of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick county, had conceived the idea that a sledge hammer and a stake more nearly represented the proposed construction, so when time came for the ceremonies W.A. Powell handed Lackey a gift wrapped box containing a red, white and blue stake and a heavy hammer with a red, white and blue handle.

Once this portion of the day's events were attended to, the meeting adjourned until the evening, when a dinner was held at the Marina Restaurant, attended by State and county officials and many dignitaries.

The Lackey building is termed a "total distribution center" and includes some five million cubic feet of space.

The facility is scheduled to be completed by late fall and will be built of reinforced concrete and steel.

The facility will be able to (Continued On Page Four)



SUSAN HARRELSON

Southport Girl Honor Graduate

Miss Susan White Harrelson has been awarded the President's Scholastic Award at Peace College in Raleigh. The award, an engraved silver tray, was presented by President S. David Frazier at the ninety-seventh Commencement Exercises Sunday, May 25. In the presentation Dr. Frazier said "... this young scholar compiled the nearest 'A' average of any student we have had at Peace College in recent years... In recognition of her (Continued On Page Four)

Making Plans To Hold Farm Survey Soon

Brunswick farmers will be asked to participate in a special crop and livestock survey to be conducted by the North Carolina Crop Reporting Service and the U.S. Department of Agriculture in late May and early June.

The survey is part of a nationwide effort to provide information needed to estimate planted acreage, crops, livestock numbers, and farm labor. The survey is conducted by USDA's Statistical Reporting Service at midyear, and on a smaller scale in December. In North Carolina, about 3,000 farms will be visited; across-the-country survey workers will conduct some 110,000 interviews.

State Agricultural Statistician Henry L. Rasor explained that the locally hired enumerators who will interview farmers are given several days training. He said, "Our people must know how to use an aerial photograph and county road map in order to find the scientifically selected farm units for the survey. The information collected from the farmers operating inside these segments is very important and each enumerator must do a thorough and accurate job."

All the data gathered in these personal interviews plus detailed reports sent to the State office by voluntary crop reporters will be summarized and forwarded to USDA in Washington. Information from each State is computer processed and analyzed by members of the Crop Reporting Board.

Expand Plans For New Pier

The Southport Board of Aldermen, in a special meeting called by Mayor E. B. Tomlinson on Friday, passed a resolution that may result in a Federal grant to the city to assist with the construction of the pier and a proposed waterfront park.

In answer to a question concerning the delay in starting the pier, Mayor Tomlinson explained that the bond issue voted on called for a straight pier of concrete piling, with a timber deck to be constructed by city workers. The bond issue of \$30,000, plus \$5,000 on deposit from damage payment on the old pier, is sufficient to build this type structure. Tomlinson added that if the Federal grant is obtained an all-concrete pier can be built at no additional cost to city taxpayers. The request for matching funds is being submitted now for approval after July 1.

The Board, after careful deliberation of the matter, decided that the delay is in the best interest of the city even though pier construction is being held up. If the grant is not approved soon after July 1, construction of the pier as originally planned will begin as soon as a pile-driving contract has been awarded.

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 29,	
8:27 AM	12:58 AM
7:09 PM	
Friday, May 30	
7:21 AM	1:52 AM
8:03 PM	1:46 PM
Saturday, May 31	
8:15 AM	2:40 AM
8:57 PM	2:40 PM
Sunday, June 1	
9:15 AM	3:34 AM
9:51 PM	3:28 PM
Monday, June 2	
10:09 AM	4:28 AM
10:45 PM	4:22 PM
Tuesday, June 3	
11:09 AM	5:22 AM
11:45 PM	5:22 PM
Wednesday, June 4	
12:09 AM	6:10 AM
12:39 PM	6:16 PM