



Queen Invites Governor

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Fire Damages WWAY Tower Near Southport

A late-morning blaze gutted the transmitter of Wilmington television station WWAY Friday forcing the station off the air. The transmitter is located at Bolling Spring Lakes, about 10 miles from Southport.

General manager Paul A. Brissette, Jr., said that damage to the transmitter would probably be between "\$200,000 to \$300,000 and possibly more."

"An RCA expert from New York is flying here to check the damage and make a more definite estimate," Brissette added.

The blaze, which began at 11:45 a.m., was started when electrical circuits running into the building malfunctioned and overheated. The insulation on the wires caught fire and flames spread to a wooden wall panel, according to WWAY's chief engineer, Art Madeley.

Company officials were unable to get into the control room of the transmitter late Friday to check the damage there.

Three fire fighting units were called to battle the blaze, but firemen had to wait an hour and a half until a crew from Carolina Power and Light Company could turn off the power to the tower.

Festival Queen Invites Governor

Last Thursday Miss Helen Faulk, Southport's reigning Miss Fourth of July, visited Governor Robert W. Scott in his office at the Capitol to officially invite him to attend the 1969 Southport Fourth of July Festival, to be held on July 2-4. Miss Faulk also presented Governor Scott with an original woodcut painting of the famous Indian Trail Tree, located in the sideyard of the Cranmer House at Southport. The woodcut was carved by Mrs. Thelma Bennett

of Winston-Salem and Southport. Governor Scott will not be able to attend the Festival, however, because of a prior commitment.

The Southport Fourth of July Festival will officially open on the morning of July 2 when the Sidewalk Art Show on Moore Street and the Southport Art Show in the City Hall get underway. Other events beginning on July 2 will include the Heritage House, located in the Community Building; the Cape Fear Technical Institute's CHAR (Cultural-Historic-Artistic-Recreational) Trail exhibit, a color-slide presentation to be shown at thirty minute intervals in the Southport-Brunswick County Public Library; the U.S. Air Force MARS unit will again be on hand to send radio messages to service men on duty overseas for friends and relatives; Naval ships and Army helicopters will be present for public inspection and other exhibits will include a boat show at the Southport Small Boat Harbor and several mobile museums.

A donkey baseball game will be played on July 3 at Taylor Athletic Field, and the world-famous Aquanaut Exhibit will arrive in Southport after being flown direct from the Paris Air Show with Aquanaut Richard Waller, who recently lived in the diving bell for 60 days beneath the Atlantic Ocean, on hand to explain the scientific advances made possible.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

DONATIONS FOR FESTIVAL
Donations for defraying the expenses of the Fourth of July Festival are needed and are now being accepted by Robert Howard at the Waccamaw Bank.

ATTENDS MEETING
James Wolfe will attend the NCAR Board of Directors meeting today (Wednesday) in Chapel Hill. Wolfe is the State Director for the Brunswick County realtors.

UNCG GRADUATE
Miss Sandra Narine Russ, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Russ of Leland, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree during Commencement exercises at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro last week.

Meow...

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals would have been proud.

One day last week a friend of ours was walking across the street from the post office and heard a very definite "meow," origin unknown. There was no cat to be seen, no trees nor bushes in which a cat could hide and the only telephone pole nearby had no cat atop it. Logically the sound would come from the inside of a parked automobile, but closer inspection rendered this assumption untrue. Another person came by about the time of the next "meow," and he, too, was puzzled. The sound seemed to be coming from within the engine compartment, and the area was searched thoroughly. Meanwhile another bystander found the driver of the car in a beauty parlor, her hair wet and she unable to do anything about the noise in her engine. Anyway, she didn't even own a cat.

The Lady couldn't have left even if she had wanted to. By this time a sizeable group had gathered about the car, a group consisting mostly of young girls who have this sentimental thing for cats. Even a policeman had been summoned to the scene.

The rescuers "meowed," and the "meows" they got in response led to the determination that the cat was caught in the chassis itself. It seemed as though a complete body job on the automobile would be necessary to free the cat—certainly the spectators were all for it!—but about that time the cat—kitten, rather—was spotted in another, less dangerous part of the engine compartment. The kitten was pulled from behind the battery still frightened, but much safer than it had been on its trip from Yaupon Beach.

Jonas Speaks To Republicans

A state Republican leader warned the Democratic leadership Saturday night at the Brunswick House in Leland to wake up to the realities of politics in North Carolina today or face the consequences in the future.

Charles R. Jonas Jr. told a group at a Brunswick County Republican rally that the Democratic party still tries to run state government as though North Carolina were a one-party state.

"They treat our state agencies, commissions and boards as though they were a private club for members of the Democratic Party," said Jonas.

Jonas told Eastern Republicans that the GOP would control the 1971 congressional delegation. But he said the highest priority for the GOP was the governor's chair in 1972.

"I know what it takes to win a state level race in North Carolina," said Jonas, son of the Republican Congressman, Charles R. Jonas, Sr. "I have been studying last fall's election results for some months now, and I know what it takes to win a state level race in North Carolina," said Jonas.

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380-Pound Marlin At Southport

A 380-pound Blue Marlin, the first landed by a Southport charter boat this season, was caught Monday by Ralph Pitts of Newton, N. C. He was fishing aboard Capt. Rob Austin's Douglas. The gaint game fish, which measured eleven and one half feet in length, was hooked about 80 miles offshore near the Continental Shelf and was boated two hours and 45 minutes later. The fishing party, from Left to Right, included: Jim Newsome, Dudley Locke, Hugh Bumgardner, Pitts, Capt. Austin (kneeling), J. D. Earnhardt and Joe Sigmon—all of Newton. (Photo by Spencer)

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Appeal Expected

New Price Set For CP&L Land

Clerk of Court J. E. Brown this week reported the amount he considered fair for Carolina Power and Light Company to pay for the land on which the company proposes to build a nuclear power plant. Brown, after conferring with representatives of CP&L and landowner James E. Johnson, Jr., of Lumberton, set the value of the 842-acre tract at \$542,100, over one million dollars less than the majority report submitted by commissioners in May. Attorneys for Johnson have given notice of appeal in Superior Court.

The majority report submitted in May amounted to \$1,701,100. This report represents payment for the land at the rate of over \$2,000 an acre. This report was signed by E. W. Morgan and Horace Duncan, Jr.

Brown's report represents

payment for the land at the rate of \$650 an acre.

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 Clerk of Court Brown 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—present value, \$1,386,054; value after taking, \$10,000; 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, \$1,370,500.

County Farmers Slow To Report

With only 6 more work days at the ASCS Office before the June 20 deadline for farmers to certify to their 1969 crop and land use acreage, there are still 1100 farmers who have not certified. This means that there will be waiting lines of farmers at the office each of the remaining days with the lines getting longer after each day.

All farmers who have an allotment crop or are participating in the feed grain, wheat or cotton programs are required to certify to their acreage. They are also required to furnish other information such as: (1) other farms in which they have an interest, (2) other producers on the farm and the farms in which they have an interest, (3) whether or not a discount variety of tobacco is planted, (4) how many tobacco marketing cards will be needed for the farm and the amount of pounds to go on each one if more than one is requested.

Failure to certify will result in loss of history credit and all price support eligibility. Also, for those farmers participating in the feed grain, wheat or cotton program, it will result in a loss of all payment including a refund of the payment already received, plus interest. This is a very high price to pay for a little carelessness.

It is very important that farm operators visit the County Office to file these reports. A LETTER

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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. Herlich, whose estimate of value of land being taken amounted to \$182,500.

Education Board In Two Sessions

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in a special called meeting last Wednesday.

Mrs. Frances Stone, E.S.E.A. Director, met with the board and discussed the proposed budget for the Federal Program for the 1969-70 school year. The board approved the proposed budget.

The board interviewed the following applicants for the position of Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools: Kenneth Brinson of Sanford and Ernest Sutton of Raeford.

The board discussed the projected Leland School site and recent developments involving the exact location of the site.

The board accepted the following teacher resignations: from Shallotte, Betty N. Hewett and Gay B. White; from Waccamaw, John G. Long, Hobson Bennett and Gerald Ellen.

The board approved the following teacher contract: for Waccamaw, Diana Ward Hughes.

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Fred M. Burdette, Jr.

51,000 Visitors At Brunswick Town

More than 51,000 persons visited Brunswick Town State Historic Site between January 1 and May 31, an average of slightly more than 10,000 a month. If visitation continues at the present rate, the total for the year will be 120,000, compared to 93,000 in 1968. During April and May over 100 school groups visited the site.

Time And Tide

It was June 7, 1939, and the front page of The Pilot that week carried an interesting account of the long history of the St. Phillips Church at Old Brunswick. Another news item announced that the Gr. en Swamp was being "whittled down to size" by a Riegel Paper Company dragnet. Bill Sharpe, North Carolina's chief tub-thumper of the time had made the prediction that the State's biggest treasure find would be made someday on Bald Head Island. (He has not yet been proved wrong). Capt. Robert Thompson had piloted the tanker Pan Massachusetts up-river to Wilmington for a new draft record of 31 feet, 5 inches; our Not Exactly Newsman noted that both Calendar Newton and M. R. Sanders held unlimited licenses for marine engineering; and while this column missed the item, a front page story mentioned that a 26-foot python had escaped from the New York World's Fairgrounds.

Tom Gilbert, John D. O'Daniel, and Buster Northrop had figured heroically in a near-tragedy on the Oak Island beach; the menhaden fisherman Alert had lived up to her name, catching some 200 thousand fish between Ft. Caswell and Bald Head Island; and Ramona and Her Men of Music were playing at the Whiteville armory.

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Southport Man Gets MD Degree

Fred McP. Burdette of Southport has received the Doctor of Medicine degree from the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

He was one of 54 members of the senior class graduated June 9 in ceremonies on the campus of Wake Forest University.

Burdette is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Fred M. Burdette of Southport. He attended The Citadel and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

He will take internship training in surgery at Roosevelt Hospital in New York City. The appointment is effective July 1. Burdette is married to the former Patricia Bryant of Wilmington.

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, June 12,	
6:51 A M	1:04 A M
7:21 P M	
Friday, June 13,	
7:39 A M	1:52 A M
8:03 P M	1:46 P M
Saturday, June 14,	
8:21 A M	2:34 A M
8:39 P M	2:28 P M
Sunday, June 15,	
9:03 A M	3:16 A M
9:21 P M	3:10 P M
Monday, June 16,	
9:39 A M	3:52 A M
9:57 P M	3:46 P M
Tuesday, June 17,	
10:15 A M	4:34 A M
10:33 P M	4:22 P M
Wednesday, June 18,	
10:51 A M	5:10 A M
11:03 P M	5:04 P M