



**Jungle Growth Saved His Life**

An Army Sergeant with 23 years experience owes his life to the dense, tropical growth on Bald Head Island. He is shown at the right, looking up at his parachute harness dangling from a tree. A few moments before he had scrambled out uninjured even though his chute had fouled and he had plummeted to earth much too fast for safety. With him on the left is Capt. Dennington, who also was involved in jump maneuvers. (Photo by Spencer)

## Brunswick To Be Represented At Conference

Some 1,400 Tar Heel 4-H members, their adult leaders and extension agents will gather in Raleigh July 28-Aug. 1, for the 1969 North Carolina 4-H Congress.

Brunswick will have 2 4-H members as delegates to the North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh this week, Lynn and Kenneth Hewett, members of the Busy Bees 4-H Club.

Kenneth already has been declared Public Speaking winner and will be awarded a plaque and a \$50 Savings Bond. He will participate in the State Health Pageant with high hopes of winning in this project. He is also a member of the 4-H Congress Newspaper Staff.

Lynn will be participating in several activities and among those to which she is looking forward is the Radio-Television programs for the congress.

Mrs. Mary L. Russ, home agent, will accompany them.

Delegates from the state's 100 counties will participate in activities on the North Carolina State University campus climaxing another year of project work for the 4-H'ers.

Dr. T.C. Blalock, state 4-H leader, said the delegates will throw their youthful enthusiasm into a tight schedule of classes, contests, recreation, fellowship,

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## Trees Cushion Parachute Fall

The tropical growth at Bald Head Island probably saved the life of an Army Sergeant Thursday when his parachute failed to open properly during jump exercises being carried out over the island and allowed him to plummet to earth much too fast for normal safety.

One observer described it: "He was the last man out and the first one down." He estimated that the faulty parachute opened to not more than two-thirds its normal size and shape.

This not only affected the rate of descent, it caused a landing in a dense, wooded area. This proved to be the life-saving factor.

As the spine tingling incident unfolded, a rescue team rushed through the jungle-like growth, expecting to find a dead body or a badly injured man. Instead they came upon the sergeant already free of his harness, standing on the ground uninjured and looking up into the tree from which his rigging still dangled. He was smoking a cigarette.

But as they gathered up his parachute and got aboard a Jeep to return to his outfit, the veteran of 23 years with the paratroopers seemed to relent a little. There seemed to be a possibility there would be other days and other jumps.

"That's it," he said. "That's my last jump. I'm through. I'm never going up again." These were the words that tumbled out as he evaluated his miraculous escape from death.

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## Brunswick Has First Segment Of 4-Lane Road

A section of U.S. 74-76 from Leland to the Columbus County line should be completed about August 29 with traffic allowed on the four-lane as early as August 18.

Jim Medlin, resident engineer of the N.C. Highway Department in Wilmington, said the two weeks from August 11 to August 29 will be used for planting of grass and general clean-up operations.

This particular section of road was scheduled to be completed on July 1. Bad weather, especially rain, could have been the cause of the delay in completion, Medlin speculated.

This link of the "Port to Piedmont" highway is 3.3 miles in length and when completed will be the first section of four-lane highway to be constructed in SENCLAND outside of New Hanover County.

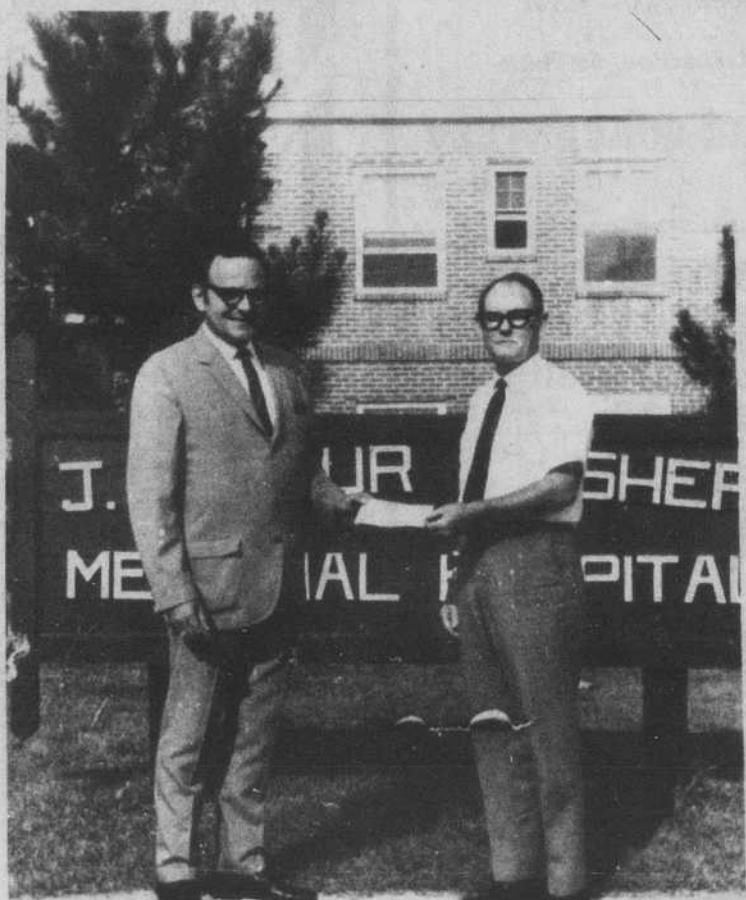
Presently, traffic is being carried on the old section of highway except for short temporary detours. A 45-mile-per-hour speed limit is being maintained throughout the construction area.

This is one of many projects designed to eventually link the area with the Piedmont section of the state.

A section of U.S. 74-76 from Bolton to Delco is also being shaped into a four-lane highway. Completion of this 9.9 mile section is scheduled for Dec. 1, 1970.

Construction is taking place on sections of N.C. 87 and U.S. 74-76 for 2.76 miles from Riegelwood to Maco. Traffic is maintained except for a short temporary detour at Riegelwood.

Other highway work reported by the N.C. Highway Commission includes work on U.S. 17 north of Jacksonville. Completion is slated for December 1, 1970.



**Check For Hospital**

William T. Watkins, right, is shown here as he presents a check for \$200 to W. F. Cupit, administrator at Doshier Memorial Hospital. The gift was made on behalf of Brunswick Coastal Properties, owners of Long Beach Fishing Pier, where Hospital Days were observed earlier this season. (Beacon Photo)

## Market Opening Is Called Off

Border Belt Tobacco Markets, plagued with a shortage of buyers on opening day Wednesday, have taken a sales recess until Monday, July 28.

At most of the towns in the Border Belt sales did not extend through the day. Only at Whiteville was a full sale's day completed, with a high

percentage of sales going to the Stabilization Corporation.

P.R. Floyd, president of the Border Belt Tobacco Marketing Association, announced plans for postponing sales until Monday and expressed the hope that all major buyers will be represented at warehouses for (Continued On Page Five)

## Time And Tide

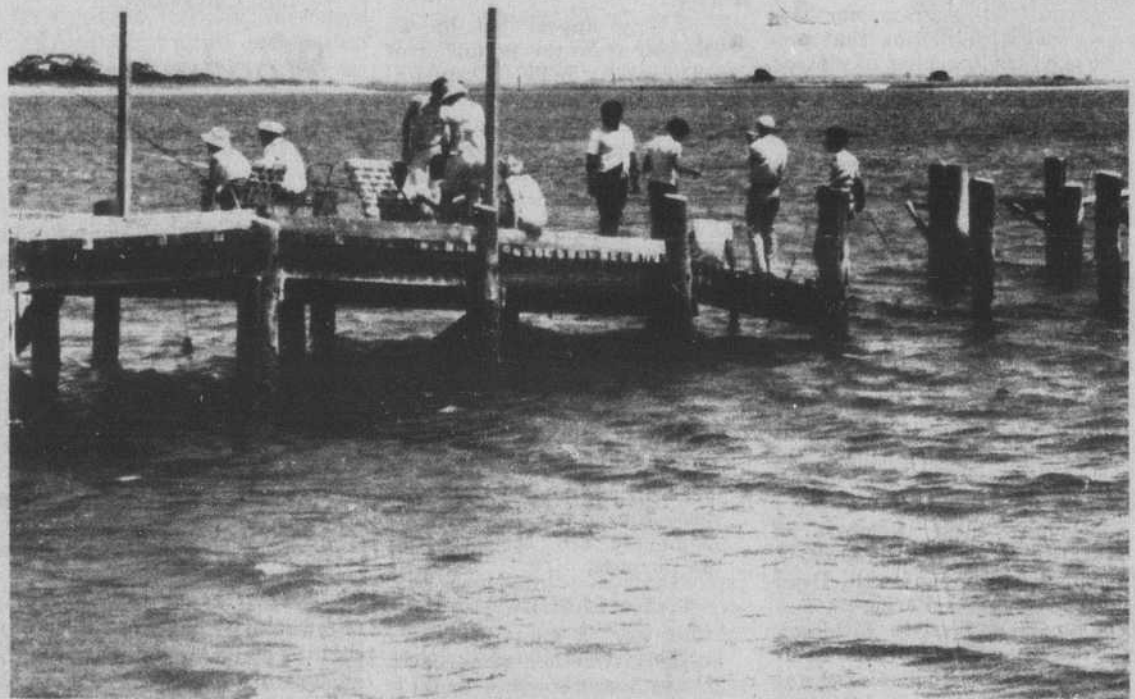
It was July 19, 1939 and the USS Anderson, a destroyer named after a Wilmington native, had spent the weekend in that river port. Her upriver pilot had been Capt. H.T. St. George. It was alligator season. This time a small one had been cornered and dispatched in a Southport garage. A Wilmington executive had been in Southport, discussing the possibilities of an airport to serve the community; it had been learned that there was an abundant supply of fresh water near Southport; and New Hope Presbyterian Church was to celebrate its 45th anniversary on the following Sunday.

Our Not Exactly newsman, back from a two-week vacation in New York, had written long on observation made on his trip and return; "A good two hours were spent in the Central Park Zoo visiting friends and relatives"... "Metropolitan movie patrons his lustily whenever a Nazi or Communist is mentioned or shown"... "John D. O'Daniel in Charlotte and Jack and Brother Christian in Georgia are having extended vacations"... "P.S. Arrived just in time to see Jesse James."

It was July 19, 1944, and Southport contractor Fred Spencer was soon to begin work on the new Antioch Baptist Church. The building was to be the most modern of its kind in the county.

Rice Gwyn, a person who should have known, had observed that the current tobacco crop was the county's best in ten years; Cornelius Thomas had recently purchased Clarendon Plantation; and our editorial writer had likened a tobacco barn fire to the war in Europe.

Shallotte servicemen had comprised a large part of the news that week. Harold M. Holmes had been a crew member on one of the (Continued On Page Four)



**Demonstrate Demand For Dock**

If there is any doubt about the need for a pier on the Southport waterfront it should have been dispelled Saturday when during the afternoon as many as 20 persons at a time crowded onto the stubby remains of the old launching ramp at the foot of Howe Street. This included several fishermen and some who merely were interested in trying to get cool. (Photo by Spencer)



**Sunday School In The Shade**

This was the scene last Sunday morning at the Southport Baptist Church while the electric power was off for a changeover to a higher voltage. The Beginner classroom is located in the basement of the Educational Building and with no electric power for lights and cooling the class was moved outside during Sunday School. Teachers are (L-R) Mrs. Becky Howard, Miss Helen Faulk and Mrs. Bernice Troll.

## September 2 Is First Day Of Fall Term

Brunswick County Schools will open for the fall term with Orientation Day on Tuesday, September 2, followed by a full schedule on the following day. The first group of principals report for work on August 7, with the second group to begin work on August 14.

Following is a complete schedule for the year: Principals' meeting, 10 a.m. August 26; janitors begin work, August 26; county-wide teachers meeting, Bolivia, 9:30 a.m. August 28; pick up buses, 9 a.m., Shallotte School Bus (Continued On Page Four)

## Name Ralph King As Superintendent



CAPT. ARNOLD

## Captain Arnold Is Decorated

U.S. Air Force Captain Wilson T. Arnold, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Arnold of Supply, has been decorated with the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) for his bold action in Southeast Asia.

Captain Arnold was cited for heroism as an HH-43 Huskie helicopter rescue crew commander at Udorn Royal Thai AFB, Thailand.

The veteran pilot braved the intense weapons fire of infiltrators attempting to sabotage a C-141 Starlifter and flew into the center of the action. By using his rotor's downwash, he aided in extinguishing the infiltrator's positions with his landing and flood lights. (Continued On Page Four)

At a meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education Thursday night Ralph King was elected Superintendent of Brunswick County Schools for a four year term. For the past four years he has served as Associate Superintendent of Schools and during one period as Acting Superintendent.

He is a native of Brunswick county, a graduate of Waccamaw High School and of N.C. State College and formerly was a Vocational Agriculture Teacher. He has completed graduate work during the past four years.

Named to serve with King as Associate Superintendent is Robert Elkins, who also was employed for a four year term.

In another matter of important business William Nelson Best was elected principal of Leland High School. He is a former successful athletic coach at that school.

The contract for LaVerna Joyner as a member of the faculty at Shallotte High School was approved. The resignation of Betty L. Atkinson as a member of the faculty at Union High School was accepted.

The board discussed the personnel and teacher allocation for the 1969-70 school year.

The employment of a speech therapist as a special education position and travel for same was given approval.

A salary subsidy for two principals for two weeks of employment lost due to school reorganization was granted.

The board discussed the current status of Title I, E.S.E.A. as presented in a memo from Mrs. Frances Stone, Federal Projects Director.

Board members discussed at (Continued On Page Five)

## Workshop For Choral Music All Next Week

A choral workshop for youth and adults will begin Monday at Fort Caswell Baptist Assembly, according to Fred Smith, assembly superintendent.

This is the fourteenth year this workshop has been held at Fort Caswell.

Joseph O. Stroud is director of the program, which will continue until Saturday. Charles Gatwood is his associate and Joan Bullard is the secretary. All are from Raleigh.

George Dowdy of Jacksonville is chief counselor and bugler. Mrs. J.F. Thompson of the First Baptist Church in Graham is the girls counselor, and the boys counselors are Avery Lumsden of the Ogdan Baptist Church, Wilmington, and Albert Leath of the First Baptist Church in Graham.

The choirs are divided into five sections: Junior High I, Junior High II, Senior High I, Senior High II and Adult.

Director of the Junior High I section is Mrs. Gerald Helms of McClintock Junior High School in Charlotte, and the assistant director is Walter Jessup of the First Baptist Church in Waynesville. The accompanist is James Reich of the First Baptist Church, Monroe, and his assistant is Mrs. Jessup.

The Junior High II group is under the direction of C.L. Huling of the Central Baptist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee. His assistant is Charles Storey of the First Baptist Church in Kannapolis and the accompanist is Mrs. James Clyburn of Meredith College, Raleigh. Mrs. Clyburn's assistant is Mrs. Phillip Young of Henderson.

The Senior High I choir is directed by Dr. Milburn Price of (Continued On Page Five)

## Case Against Schools Off

The Brunswick County Board of Education has been advised by the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare that the case against this school district has been dismissed.

Following is the text of the Motion to Dismiss:

"The General Counsel, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, respectfully moves the Hearing Examiner to dismiss the above styled caused for the reason that the Respondent School District has submitted a desegregation plan which the responsible Department Official has deemed adequate to accomplish the purposes of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

"Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a copy of the submitted plan, a copy of the letter from Leon E. Panetta, Director of the Office for Civil Rights, to the Superintendent of the Brunswick County Schools, and a copy of the letter from Mr. Panetta to the State Superintendent of Schools, upon which this Motion is predicated."

## 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, July 24	
3:21 AM	10:04 AM
4:27 PM	11:30 PM
Friday, July 25	
4:33 AM	11:10 AM
5:33 PM	12:16 PM
Saturday, July 26	
6:39 AM	12:10 AM
6:39 PM	
Sunday, July 27	
6:45 AM	1:16 AM
7:33 PM	1:10 PM
Monday, July 28	
7:51 AM	2:10 AM
8:33 PM	2:10 PM
Tuesday, July 29	
8:45 AM	2:58 AM
9:21 PM	3:04 PM
Wednesday, July 30	
9:39 AM	3:46 AM
10:15 PM	3:56 PM