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**Bureau Head** 

**Talks About** 

**New Farm Bill** 

"Recently we had numerous

bills and pieces of egislation that

relates to agriculture and people

of our area here in Brunswick,'

said Ira L. Chadwick, president

of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau this week. We have

compiled a report which we

hope will help farmers in our county to understand the

"Cotton defoliants, plant growth inhibitors, regulators and

stimulators, sucker control

agents, such as MH-30 and Penar

were exempted from 3 percent

sales tax. However, this will not

be effective until January 1, 1970. This will amount to

approximately \$150,00 per year

"A tax of 2 cents per pack on cigarettes was levied by this

Legislature. It was a part of the

Governor's tax package, which

also included a 1 cent tax on

The effort to have farmland

classified on the basis on its use

for ad alorem tax purposes was

unsuccessful. The bill died in the

Senate Finance Committee after

receiving a favorable votes to

bring it out of the Finance

Committee or to pass it on the

The citizens of each county in the state will vote this fall FOR

or AGAINST a 1 percent local

sales and use tax which would be

levied against those items now

taxed at 3 percent and would be

returned to local governments.

The revenue collected from

those counties that vote FOR

the 1 percent local sales and use

tax will go into a state pool. The

money will be distributed to the

taxing counties and

municipalities therein on the

following basis: one-half on per

capita and one-half in

in savings to farmers.

soft drinks.

floor.



#### **Horseless Carriage Visitors**

About forty members of the N. C. Regional Group of Horseless Carriage Club of America were in Southport Thursday following a ferry crossing of the Cape Fear river. The visitors had lunch at Yaupon Beach. Several cars in their calvacade are shown parked on Howe Street. (Photo by Spencer)

#### **Antique Cars Visitors Here** While On Tour

Approximately 40 antique automobiles stopped in Southport Thursday as the Horseless Carriage Club of North Carolina made its 18th annual tour of EAstern North Carolina. The weeklong tour began last Monday with registration in Dunn. The tour spent all day Tuesday traveling eastward towards Washington, stopping along the route in such town as Pinetops and Chocowinity and touring the campus of East Carolina University in Greenville.

Wednesday the group traveled southward along highway 17 and spent that evening in Wilmington.

Next morning the club cars went to Fort Fisher, from where they crossed the Cape Fear River, in two groups aboard the Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry, to Southport.

Once in Brunswick County, the tour went to Long Beach to eat at Jones Tranquil Harbour Restaurant. After lunch the up-state car buffs visited Orton Plantation and Brunswick Town, before returning to the



#### Serving In War Zone

Two Southport men serving aboard the US Coast Guard Cutter Mendota off the coast of Viet Nam are Lt. Commander J. J. Wicks, left, and David O'Neal, right. This picture was taken aboard ship while the vessel was at sea.



#### **Harrells Man Heading FHA** In The State

The appointment of James T. Johnson of Harrells, as State Director of the Farmers Home Administration has been announced by Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin. The appointment was effective July 1. Johnson succeeded Melvin H. Hearn.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Eugene Johnson of Sampson County and has made farming his career. He was graduated from Wake Forest University in 1955 with a bachelor's degree in General Science and has done graduate work at North Carolina State University and East Carolina University. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in 1956-58, then entered farming in Sampson County. He has operated a 762-acre establishment near Harrells, raising tobacco, row crops, and livestock on some 300 acres and cultivating timber on 450 acres. He was honored as the Outstanding Young Farmer in Sampson County in 1965, is a past president of the Sampson County Grange and a member of the Farm Bureau. He also has served as a member of the Sampson County ASCS Committee.

In community affairs, Johnson has been active as a member of the Clinton Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Harrells Planning and Development Committee, and executive committees of the Boy Scouts of America and Sampson County Red Cross. He will administer statewide

the Department of Agriculture agency's credit programs in support of family farm ownership and operation, and the improvement of housing and community facilities in rural areas. The Farmers Home Administration has State headquarters in Raleigh and its county office serving Brunswick is located in Shallotte. Parks C. Fields is the county supervisor. Johnson's wife is the former Sue Oswald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Oswald. Mr. Oswald is Editor of THE



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#### New Officer Of Press Association

J. D. Fitz, publisher of the Morganton News-Herald and retiring secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association, gives some pointers on the job to the new secretary-treasurer, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., of Southport during a recess in convention activities Friday at Grove Park Inn in Asheville. Fitz was honored by the association for his 10 year service in this office. With Fitz and Mrs. Harper are Brodie Griffith, publisher of The Charlotte Observer, retiring president of NCPA; David Whichard II, editor of the Greenville Daily Reflector, the new president; and Howard White, editor of the Burlington Times-News, the new president of the Associated Dailies.

# Southport Lady Is Elected New **Press Officer**

David J. Whichard II, president and editor of The Greenville Daily Reflector, was elected president of the North Carolina Press Association at the group's annual business session Friday morning in Grove Park Inn at Asheville. Whichard succeeds Brodie

Griffith, associate publisher of The Charlotte Observer and The Charlotte News.

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., of the State Port Pilot, was elected executive secretary to replace J.D. Fitz, publisher of the Morganton News-Herald. Fitz resigned this year after 10 years of service as secretary-treasurer and was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors. New vice president of the organization is Wallace Carroll, editor and publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal and the Twin City Sentinel. Carroll



The prospective buyer of Baldhead Island wants the state to erect a two-lane causeway and bridge along the eastern shore of the sub-tropical island n e a r Southport. Developer Charles Fraser has also proposed that the sandy bottoms of the mar-shlands around the island be dredged to build a 14-foot high protective sand dune east of a

state-built tollway.

Fraser, developer of the

plush Hilton Head Island, S.C.

proportion to total ad valorem taxes levied by each. Counties not voting for the increase would not share in the revenue pool. Legislation requiring slow moving vehicle signs (24 hours a day or only at night) on farm tractors and machinery and

Wilmington area to visit the battleship.

Friday, the clubmembers returned to Dunn.

The automobiles on the tour were of many colors and shapes, but as old cars are, of many personalities as well. There were old-timey Rolls-Royces, Buicks and Fords, to be sure, but there were antique Franklins, Stanley and Overlands.

Oldest car was a 1907 Buick. while most of the cars were of 1910's and 1920's vintage. One hot-rodding 1922 T-model Ford cruises at 45 miles per hour.

Organizers of the Horseless Carriage Tour say the group will continue coming to Southport as

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#### Holden Beach **Adopts Budget**

The newly incorporated town of Holden Beach has adopted a budget in excess of \$15,000 for its first physical year of operation and established a tentative tax rate of seventy-five cents per one hundred dollar valuation.

The governing body, a mayor and five commissioners, recently sworn into office by Foster Mintz, chairman of the County Board of Elections, has already adopted some town ordinances and are considering others at this time, according to the mayor, John Holden.

beach. He said that over the past few years a serious problem had arisen because of horseback owners had complained to the extent that it became necessary to outlaw horses in the town

Another ordinance under consideration would deal with traffic on the strand during vacation season. No plan has been adopted, however, one is being considered by the commissioners, the mayor said. The tentative budget, if approved, will provide for police protection, garbage pickup and other such benefits as residents of any town would receive, Holden said.

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A good beginning was seen on the initial sales of the "official" tobacco sales in Columbus County Monday morning with auctions marked by complete representation of buying

companies and little of the leaf going under federal loan. A lack of buying power and exceedingly high diversion to government loan force

Whiteville's three-sets-of-buyers market to close down Wednesday after token full sales; other markets of the Border Belt opened their auctions but quit after a few minutes, apparently frustrated that buying companies were not interested in

starting the season until today. Sales Monday morning in Whiteville started exceedingly strong. A view of the first two rows bought in one warehouse showed by a single pile going to Stabilization got 120 piles of the first 128 sold.

## Savings Bond **Sales Improve**

dollar quota for 1969.

Holden said that one ordinance adopted pertained to W. limits, Holden indicated.

\$59,600,000."

# support level.

Savings Bonds sales in North Carolina for January-June amounted to \$32,259,962. This is 54.1 percent of the state's

Because of the exceptional sales recorded in North Carolina, the state now ranks 6th in the nation in percent quota reached.

In making this release, Bland Worley, state volunteer the keeping of animals on the chairman, stated: "We are exceedingly proud of the record established by North Carolina in U.S. savings bonds sales for the riding on the beach. Property first six months of 1969. Much credit for this record is due to volunteers, advertising media, banks, industries, and others who have assisted in the promotion of this great thrift program. With their continued support North Carolina will surpass its 1969 quota of

Sales in Brunswick County for January-June amounted to \$29,920 which is 88.1 percent of the county's 1969 dollar quota, according to Lester V. Lowe volunteer chairman of the Savings Bonds program in Brunswick county.

Average price being paid during the early part of the morning appeared to be around 72-cents per 100, and generally the range was between 65 and 77 cents.

'We have no reason to believe sales will be anything but normal Monday, Whiteville tobaccomen agreed Sunday.

Offerings on the warehouse floors are mostly lugs and primings, of the low and fair qualities, the tobacco that has been bringing mostly \$6 to \$7 per hundredweight more than the support price level in Georgia and South Carolina sales

In South Carolina sales Friday, low orange primings averaged \$67 per hundredweight compared with a support level of \$60. Low lemon primings averaged \$69 per cwt. compared with a \$63 support level. Low green primings averaged \$64 per cwt., compared with a \$48

Best thin nondescript averaged \$63 compared with a \$49 support mark and best lug side nondescript averaged \$57 per cwt. compared with a \$54

support level. Unsupported poor nondescript (N2) averaged \$55 per cwt.

Thus, optimism has replaced the loom of the aborted Wednesday opening when farmers saw what few buyers they would simply walk by most of the tobacco before the sales were halted.

Warehousemen and growers have commented that they do not think the tobacco will be as finely graded as it was Wednesday. Much comment has centered on the fact tobacco grades were higher than usual for an opening day offering.

In part, this bears out earlier predictions of a better than average quality crop of the kind buying companies liked last year.

Warehouses were filled by midday Saturday with many having enough on their floors for Tuesday and Wednesday as well. Because of the late actual opening in comparison with the stage of the crop, it is feared farmers will create a congested situation at the warehouses as

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WALLACE ENTERPRISE, Wallace. The Johnsons have two daughters, Margaret, 9, and Lee, 6. For the present, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson will maintain a residence at both Harrells and Raleigh.

**Conducts Art Classes Here** 

Mrs. Esther Welles Cotton, a new resident of Southport, is teaching art classes two afternoons each week at the recreation hall of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. On Tuesdays from 2 to 4 o'clock she has a class for advanced students and on Thursdays from 2 to 4 she has a class for beginners.

At the time of her graduation from the University of Hartford Art School in Connecticut, Mrs. Cotton received special recognition and many awards for work at the school which she attended as a scholarship pupil. Since that time she has taken evening courses at the art school with Hendrick Hynd, and also studied with William Cowing at the West Hartford Art League.

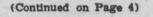
Mrs. Cotton has been an instructor at Foxwood Farm Summer Art School in Tolland,

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replaces Tom Boney of the Alamance News, Graham. Miss Elizabeth Huckle of the Concord Tribune and Gene Smith of the Havelock Progress were also elected to the board of directors.

The new secretary-treasurer is the wife of the editor of this newspaper, who served in 1964-65 as pr\_ident of the association. She is a former president of North Carolina Press Women, having been elected to that office in 1945 while helping to edit The State Port Pilot while her husband was serving in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

She is a former president of the N.C. Federation of Woman's Clubs and of the Council of Women's Organizations. Currently she is vice-chairman of the State Democratic Executive Committee; chairman of the Board of Trustees for the State Federation; vice-chairman of North Carolinians for Better Libraries; vice-chairman of the N.C. American Revolution



# **Time And Tide**

It was July 26, 1939, and The Pilot that week carried a front page plug for sanitation. The item mentioned that one non-hygenic practice was the use of second-hand chewing gum. Snow's Cut, above the Quarantine Station, had been recently opened, and a story noted that the new water passage would allow "shallow" Carolina Beach boats to visit Southport. The Frank Sherrill yacht, yet unnamed, was to remain in Southport for some time. A special notice announced that the following week's paper would be the annual Tobacco Edition; Bill Wells had predicted that shrimp would appear in large numbers locally within two weeks; and Neils Jorgensen had been nominated by our Not Exactly newsman as All-American soda jerker.

Joe Cotton, one generation senior to the movie star, had visited Southport during the past week; David Watson was currently calling numbers at a Carolina Beach bingo emporium; and Charlie Mathews had been appointed manager of the soon-to-be developed Smith Island property.

It was July 26, 1944, and there was much weeping, wailing and gnashing of teeth among the younger set. Schools, it was announced (Continued on Page 4)



LT. JOSEPH H. BENTLEY

**New Officer On Duty Here** 

Second Lt. Joseph H. Bentley has recently reported for assignment and duty at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point

Lt. Bentley graduated in June 1968 with a Bachelor of Arts from Davidson College where he was a Dean's List student and participated in Davidson's Junior Year Abroad Program at the Universite de Montpellier, France.

He was commissioned a second lieutenant after completing ROTC summer camp training at Fort Bragg, in July, 1968. Prior to his being assigned to Sunny Point, Lt. Bentley attended the Transporation Officers' Basic Course at Fort Eustis, Virginia. His duty assignment while at Sunny Point will be as a cargo officer in the operations directorate.

# **Simmons On FHA Committee**

Dalton B. Simmons of Ash, has accepted his second three-year term as a member of the Brunswick County Farmers Home Administration Committee. County committeemen are appointed by the FHA State Director. Simmons' appointment is effective as of July 1. He is a successful farmer and community leader. His knowledge and experience in dealing with farm and rural problems will be an asset to the FHA Committee.

Simmons replaces James D. Bellamy, Jr., whose term expired June 30. He will serve on the committee with W. Worth Mercer of Bolivia and William T. Bowen of Freeland. pleasure.

resort, is president of The Sea Pines Plantation Co. which is other slow moving vehicles negotiating to buy Baldhead Island at the mouth of the Cape Fear River. The property is owned by Frank Sherrill, Charlotte businessman. The selling price is reportedly \$5.5

million Conservationists and some state officials have long advocated state purchase of Baldhead, also known as Smith Island, for preservation in its natural form.

#### Confers with C&D

Governor Bob Scott spent almost the entire afternoon Tuesday in his office at the Capitol conferring with Roy Sowers Jr. and Gil Horton of Wilmington. Sowers is director of the State Department of Conservation and Development and Horton is chairman C&D's policy-making board.

Neither Sowers nor Horton would comment on the nature of their discussions with Scott. But it was learned that a movement may be afoot for the state to buy the island and convert it into a state park. Fraser's tentative plans for

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### **New Nurse On Hospital Staff**

Mrs. Lois Miller, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (C.R.N.A.) is now the anesthetist at Dosher Memorial Hospital, replacing Henry Walker who resigned May 1, and is now employed at Bladen County Hospital, Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Miller was graduated from Jackson Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Miami, Fla., in 1953. She took post-graduate work in anesthesia, University of Alabama Medical School, in 1956-57. Formerly she was a member of the Anesthesia Department, V.A. Hospital, New Orleans, La., and Denver General Hospital, Denver Colorado. At present she resides in Southport with her three daughters. She has purchased a 16-foot outboard runabout, and every spare minute she and her daughters are using it strictly for

designed to move less than 25 MPH was defeated.

This General Assembly raised the interest ceiling in North Carolina. The new law contains the following major provisions: (1) 8% simple annual interest where the principal amount is \$50,000 or less and is secured by a first mortgage or deed of trust on real property. (2) 10% simple annual interest where the principal amount is more than \$50,000 but not more than \$100,000 and is a business property loan, i.e. secured by real property used in connection with the business. (3) 9% simple annual interest where the principal amount is \$100,000, or less and is not a transaction set forth in (1) or (2). (Bank loan fees are eliminated.) (4) 12% simple annual interest where the principal amount is more than \$100,000 but not more than \$300,000. (5) no ceiling where the principal amount is more then \$300,000, and (6) maximum brokerage fee on

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#### **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, July 31 10:33 AM 4:34 AM 11:03 PM 4:46 PM Friday, August 1 5:22 AM 11:27 AM 11:51 PM 5:40 PM Saturday, August 2 12:15 AM 6:10 AM 12:39 PM 6:84 PM Sunday, August 8 1:09 AM 6:58 AM 1:00 PM 6:28 PM Monday, August 4 1:27 AM 7:46 AM 2:03 PM 8:22 PM Tuesday, August 5 2:21 AM 8:34 AM 2:57 PM 9:22 PM Wednesday, ugust 6

9:28 AM

10:22 PM

3:15 AM

3:51 PM