



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 cavalcade 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 towns as Pinebluffs 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 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.

Holden said that one ordinance adopted pertained to the keeping of animals on the beach. He said that over the past few years a serious problem had arisen because of horseback riding on the beach. Property owners had complained to the extent that it became necessary to outlaw horses in the town limits, Holden indicated.

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.

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 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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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-hygienic 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

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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 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 president 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 Women'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

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State Interested In Smith Island



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 1963 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 Transportation 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.

Bureau Head Talks About New Farm Bill

"Recently we had numerous bills and pieces of legislation 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 details.

"Cotton defoliant, 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 \$150,000 per year in savings to farmers.

"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 soft drinks.

"The effort to have farmland classified on the basis of its use for ad valorem tax purposes was unsuccessful. The bill died in the Senate Finance Committee after receiving a favorable vote to bring it out of the Finance Committee or to pass it on the floor.

"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 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 other slow moving vehicles 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); (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 than \$300,000, and (6) maximum brokerage fee on

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The prospective buyer of Baldhead Island wants the state to erect a two-lane causeway and bridge along the eastern shore of the subtropical island near Southport.

Developer Charles Fraser has also proposed that the sandy bottoms of the marshlands 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. resort, is president of The Sea Pines Plantation Co. which is 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 of 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 Doshier 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 pleasure.

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	
11:27 AM	5:22 AM
11:51 PM	5:40 PM
Saturday, August 2	
12:15 AM	6:10 AM
12:39 PM	6:34 PM
Sunday, August 3	
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, August 6	
3:15 AM	9:25 AM
3:51 PM	10:22 PM