

## School Board Has Important Meetings Here

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in regular session Monday night.

The following teacher contracts for the 1969-70 school year were appraised: Leland—Clara M. Strong; Lincoln—Midgie Lowdermilk.

The following teachers' resignations have been received due to families moving from Brunswick county: Lincoln—Claire F. Conway, Ruby Sutton; Shallotte—Brenda Chilton.

J. T. Keziah, principal of Shallotte High School, gave a report of the two week workshop on Human Relations held at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a select group of principals throughout the state. At the conclusion of the report a general discussion was conducted by the board. Members expressed their appreciation to Mr. Keziah for his participation in the workshop and for his presentation to the board.

Superintendent King requested the board to grant authorization to apply for Public Law 874 Funds (Impact area) and all members concurred.

The superintendent requested the board to allow him to be the board's authorized representative in applying for funds under E.S.E.A. Act of 1965. All members approved.

After some discussion on Student's School Insurance, Arthur J. Doshier made motion, second by Joe Gainey, that the Pupil's Insurance policy be given to Nationwide Insurance Company. This motion was defeated. Delmas Babson made a motion, second by Homer Holden that the Pupils Insurance policy be given to Pilot Life Insurance Company, for which Roney Cheers is county representative. This motion was passed by the board.

Chairman Norman Bellamy and Babson gave a progress report on the Shallotte-Union-Waccamaw School site; Doshier and Holden gave a progress report on the Bolivia-Southport School site; Gainey reported on the Leland-Lincoln School Site.

Superintendent King requested the board to consider a zoning ordinance for the proposed school sites. The board agreed to discuss this matter with the Brunswick County Commissioners.

The board discussed the access road connecting Highway 74-76 on the Leland site. Superintendent King gave a summary of the report by Dr. J. L. Pierce, Director of Division of School Planning, N.C. Department of Public

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## Recovers From Lightning Shock

Mrs. Annie Stidham is shown seated on a stool at the counter of the J & A Grocery in Southport. This is where she was seated Saturday morning when a sudden flash of lightning struck near the store, ran into the building and knocked her flat on the floor, ten feet away. Also shocked by the lightning bolt was Louis Clark who was walking out the door. After the excitement, when he went out to start his automobile, he found that lightning had knocked the battery cable free of all connections. At the J & A it is business as usual—unless a thunderstorm comes up. (Photo by Spencer)



## Ancient Pine At Orton

John Alsup is shown here measuring the height of "Old Loblolly", one of the most ancient and picturesque landmarks at Orton Plantation Gardens near Southport.

## CP&L Officials On Visit To Southport

Carolina Power and Light Company is planning to install a 420,000 kilowatt generator at a cost of approximately \$48 million at its Louis V. Sutton Plant near Wilmington.

An announcement of southeastern North Carolina's newest industrial expansion was made this (Wednesday) morning by Shearon Harris, president of CP&L, at a breakfast meeting attended by Wilmington and New Hanover County officials.

The CP&L officials came to Southport later in the day and made it clear that the Sutton Plant addition will have no effect upon plans for the construction of a nuclear

generating plant in Brunswick. Scheduled for operation in the spring of 1972, the new unit near Wilmington will burn either oil or coal, Harris said. It would require about one million tons of coal or four million barrels of oil annually.

Preliminary work at the site will begin within a few days. Up to 350 workers will be required at times of peak construction. Brown and Root, Houston-based firm, is architect, engineer and

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## Make Report On Heart Fund

A total of \$2318.55 was reported for the Heart Fund Drive of 1969 by Cecil Register, Brunswick County Heart Fund Chairman, today.

The different areas reported as follows: Shallotte, \$491.22; Southport, \$536.95; Leland-Woodburn, \$31.10; Kingtown, \$29.00; Ash, \$33.61; Longwood, \$45.60; Hickman's Crossroads, \$65.33; Calabash, \$36.01; Sunset Beach, \$73.50; Grissetown, \$56.21; Saucan-Gause Landing-Ocean Isle, \$21.08; Shallotte Point, \$53.80; Holden Beach, \$174.18; Oak Grove-Shell Point, \$2.80. Also, Red Bug, \$40.52; Supply-Mt. Pisgah, \$34.65; Varnumtown, \$21.52; Howell's Point, \$2.00; Mt. Olive Church, \$16.50; Antioch Church, \$2.25; Bolivia, \$28.98; Mill Creek Church, \$45.00; Winnabow, \$50.00; Boiling Springs \$27.00; Long Beach-Yaupon Beach-Caswell Beach, \$67.43; Riegel Paper Employees, \$257.21; Cedar Grove, \$65.10; and Piney Grove Church, \$10.00.

"Heart disease is still the leading cause of death in Brunswick, as it is in North Carolina and the nation," said Register. "Last year in North Carolina alone 23,000 persons died as a result of cardiovascular disease. The most effective way in Brunswick that we can fight it is by contributing to the Heart Fund for research, and the necessities that go to make this a better world for us to live."

## Orton May Own Grand Daddy Of All Pine Trees

By FRANK O'BRIEN  
The patriarch of the pine in the South—or anywhere—may be "Old Loblolly," pushing ponderously into the Carolina sky at Orton Plantation Gardens for 200 years.

Tree experts who have measured this venerable specimen consider it a possible record-breaker in several dimensions for a loblolly pine. And they regard its majestic appearance and spread as a thing of beauty for the grounds and gardens of the famous ante-bellum mansion located on the Cape Fear river between Wilmington and Southport.

John Alsup, area manager for Riegel Paper Corporation at nearby Riegelwood, visited Orton recently for a first-hand look at "Old Loblolly." He was accompanied by Alex Bogie, who manages Orton's nurseries, gardens, and woods lands.

When Alsup saw the tree on the north lawn near the manor house, he exclaimed with a grin, "That's a whopper for a pine tree!"

Bogie, who has lived on Orton Plantation most of his life, says "It's always been there, and always that big."

Alsup said the pine's height, which he measured at a neck-cracking 78 feet, is not the

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## Time And Tide

It was August 2, 1939, and Mrs. Frank Mollycheck had just set a light tackle record for alligators. She had boated one unassisted while fishing in Orton Pond just a few days before. Length: 32 inches. Other fishing had been progressing well, too. The newly discovered barracuda was still the big saltwater news, and offshore parties were reporting good catches. One of these denizens was the front page photo feature that week. Four young Charleston men, long at sea in a 28-foot auxiliary sloop, had made Southport harbor, and were very happy about it; lightning had hit Doshier Memorial Hospital (The account said that several of the patients were "shocked"); and the tentative tax rate had been set at \$1.60.

The news of last week reporting a possible landing strip, nay airport, for the community was still around. The Wilmington interest had sent blueprints to a committee of local citizens for further consideration.

This was also the tobacco edition, and again the tobacco markets in the area were making their annual pitches; sportsfishermen had been dubbed "angels" in disguise in a rhapsodic feature article; and the following weekend would find another group of Wilmington artists on the local scene.

It was August 2, 1944, and "that which could not happen" had. A (Continued on Page 4)

# Developer Sets Program Of Island-Marsh Conservation

By ARTHUR JOHNSEY  
Greensboro Daily News  
A prospectus for the development of Smith Island at the mouth of the Cape Fear River, if the island is purchased by a South Carolina developer, suggests changes in an earlier plan which failed to win the state's approval.

This "statement of principles" was set forth as suggested guides in land-use planning for the development. Typewritten over the name of Charles E. Fraser, president, the Sea Pines Plantation Co., and labeled "Prepared for Private Distribution" it has reached the hands of interested persons in this state.

The company reportedly has an agreement with Frank Sherrill, Charlotte businessman, owner of Smith Island, to purchase it from him.

However, North Carolina owns extensive marshlands of great value to science in the vicinity and naturalists throughout the country are seeking to preserve it in its natural state.

Access to the island across state-owned marshlands may be a problem for any private developer that would make the state's cooperation vital.

But more than that, the developer is suggesting construction by a state toll road authority of a bridge and causeway down one of the island's shores.

The proposed sale, and counter proposals from conservationists that funds be obtained from public or private sources to hold the island in the public domain appeared to have been the subject of an hour-long conference in Gov. Robert Scott's office Tuesday.

The Governor talked with Roy Sowers, director of the State Department of Conservation and Development, and C&D Board Chairman Gil Horton of Wilmington, and others.

Following the conference Horton declined comment on the discussions and indicated a statement will be forthcoming later.

## Harold Perkins Dies Tuesday

Harold L. Perkins, age 30, died enroute to Doshier Memorial Hospital Tuesday afternoon with death resulting from a pistol wound in the chest. There was evidence to support the general theory that it was self-inflicted, but an autopsy was ordered by Coroner L. B. Bennett.

The deceased was a popular young citizen of this community. He was married to the former Barbara Newell and they had two children, a son, Harold, Jr., and a daughter, Carolyn Lee. In addition, he is survived by his mother, Mrs. Carolyn Hayman Gavin, of Savannah, Ga.; five brothers, Billy of Savannah, Donald H. of Alabama, James M. of Okinawa, Jackie J. of Kansas and Edward E. of Savannah; and two sisters,

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Meanwhile in Washington a conservation organization disbursing Ford Foundation funds has said it could become interested in preserving the island.

The statement of the South Carolina developers set out the following "principles" it said should serve as guides to planning for use of the island if Sea Pines acquires the property:

\*Almost all marshes should remain in "the present natural state. The Rader plan prepared for Sherrill (in 1962) proposed to create 4,500 acres of new (Continued On Page Ten)



## Brunswick-New Hanover Bridge

This is the new medium level bridge over the Cape Fear River at Wilmington which now is nearing completion. It will afford a more convenient traffic flow through Wilmington for travelers on U. S. Highway 17 and on Highway 74-76. Formal dedication ceremonies are being planned for the second week in September. (Photo by Spencer)

## Three Sites For Schools Are Located

Immediately after the approval of the School Bond Issue on April 26 the Brunswick County Board of Education the difficult task of locating and acquiring appropriate sites for the three proposed schools. At least eighteen different sites have been inspected and evaluated by the board and State Agencies in this effort to locate the three sites.

Many of the sites, after being evaluated, proved to be unusable as school sites because of undesirable physical characteristics. Some of the sites were not available and would require condemnation proceedings which would require several months.

At the present time acquisition proceedings have been initiated for the three school sites subject to final evaluation and other problems which may develop. These sites are as follow:

Northern Area (Leland and Lincoln Schools): This site is located on State Road 1437 approximately two miles from the junction of Highway 17 and Highway 74-76. This site contains in excess of 50 acres and is owned by V. M. Herlevich of Wilmington. A survey of this site is partially complete.

Southern Area (Bolivia, Brunswick County High, Southport Schools): This site is located off but adjacent to State Road 1500 in the Midway section 9.7-miles from the stoptlight in Southport. Fifty (Continued On Page Two)

## Tobacco Farmers Getting Good Price

A labor problem has befallen some buying companies on the Columbus County auction scene, but a brighter aspect of the just-started tobacco sales season is the increasing daily average.

John Gore, sales supervisor for Whiteville markets, said buying companies are in bad need of men to remove their purchases and are even resorting to broadcasting pleas for laborers.

Nevertheless, Gore said, "the companies have done a good job in trying to keep the warehouse

floors from becoming congested. On the local scene, there have been full sales for the three sets of buyers since the season officially opened last Monday, and even on the previous Wednesday when there was deficient buying power available.

With five days of the buying season spent, the Whiteville average after Thursday stood at \$69.89, which was \$2.27 per hundred higher than the season average last year after five selling days, Gore said. However, farmers are quick to point out that the increase barely covers the increased cost of producing tobacco this year. They generally say it is costing them \$100 an acre more this year than last year to make the crop.

The four days of sales in Whiteville last week accrued an average which approached \$74 per hundred. Major buyers were Virginia, Whiteville Tobacco, and Export Leaf, the same three which are suffering greatest (Continued On Page Two)

## Arthur Greene Gets New Role

The appointment of Arthur M. Greene as vice president, Land Development Division, Reeves Telecom Corporation, New York, has been announced by Richard L. Geismar, president of Reeves.

He will be responsible for the development of Reeves' properties at Boiling Spring Lakes and Pimlico Plantation, near Charleston, S.C., making his headquarters at the Boiling Springs office.

Green has been associated with the Reeves Telecom Corporation, formerly known as Reeves Broadcasting Corporation, for almost seven years, the last six and one-half years as sales manager and then general manager of the (Continued On Page Ten)

## PIER PLANS

Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson stated today that the city's consulting engineering firm, Von Oesen and Associates, has been authorized to proceed with invitation for bids on the new pier to be located on city property at the foot of Davis Street.

Southport's request for matching funds which will provide a better pier than was originally planned have been accepted by the State of North Carolina with only minor revisions necessary. The city administration expects approval to be received shortly.



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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, August 7	
4:09 AM	10:22 AM
4:45 PM	11:16 PM
Friday, August 8	
5:03 AM	11:16 AM
5:39 PM	12:10 PM
Saturday, August 9	
5:57 AM	12:10 AM
6:27 PM	12:58 PM
Sunday, August 10	
6:45 AM	12:58 AM
7:09 PM	
Monday, August 11	
7:27 AM	1:40 AM
7:51 PM	1:40 PM
Tuesday, August 12	
8:09 AM	2:22 AM
8:27 PM	2:22 PM
Wednesday, August 13	
8:51 AM	2:58 AM
9:03 PM	3:04 PM