

Wreck Blocks Road Near Leland

A tanker filled with flammable liquid overturned near Leland Friday afternoon. No one was injured, and the Leland Volunteer Fire Department was on hand in case the cylinder-shaped tanker erupted in flames. A highway patrolman reported the tanker was beside the road, unhooked from its truck and resting on its braces. The pavement beneath one of the braces gave way, the patrolman said, and the tanker swayed, then overturned onto the edge of highway 74-76. Wreckers from the Leland area righted the tanker, while volunteers stood by in case of fire and steered passers-by clear of the scene. (Harper photo)

Tobacco Price Remains High On Markets

The daily average on the North Carolina Border Belt and South Carolina tobacco auction markets on Monday soared to \$76.04 per hundredweight for the highest level in history. Six markets in the belt average over \$77 a hundred, with five others topping \$76.

According to the Federal-State Market News Service, gross sales amounted to 9,606,352 pounds for the record average of \$76.04 per hundred. This average exceeded last Thursday's by \$2.54 and was \$1.38 above the previous high on Monday, August 11.

"I hope the local price and volume trend continue on," said Chadbourne Sales Supervisor Buell Lanier Tuesday evening, as he posted figures for the day's sale.

Lanier pointed out the fact that on Monday, the local markets sold 335,998 pounds of tobacco, and that it brought farmers \$225,847 in money, and the market had a record high of \$76.15.

On Tuesday, he pointed out that both the volume and the quality of offerings declined somewhat, as was the story all along the belt. "On Tuesday, we sold 271,972 pounds of tobacco, paid out \$205,821, for a healthy \$75.68 average.

Sales for the season, on Monday, on the Belt were raised to 146,180,552 pounds and the season's belt average was quoted as \$72.82. Lanier said that Chadbourne's season's sales at Monday's close amounted to 4,057,768, and that the local average was posted for the season at \$73.10, well above the belt average.

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

METHODIST BAZAAR
The Annual WSCS Bazaar at Trinity United Methodist Church will be held this year on November 14. A special feature will be a Country Store.

YARD OF MONTH
Yard of the Month honors for August have been awarded by the Southport Garden Club to Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Prevatte for their home at the corner of Bay Street and Caswell Avenue.

SWIMMING CLASSES
Swimming classes sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport, are in progress now at the swimming pool at the N.C. Baptist Assembly. The instructor is Mrs. Ken Wooten, and a total of 46 children signed up for the course. A class for adults, mostly mothers, started Tuesday.

Board Hears Plan Outlined For Bald Head

Hilton Head Island Developer Charles Fraser and several members of his staff met with the board of county commissioners here Monday. Among the local people who had interest in Fraser's visit were Ernest Parker, attorney for Fraser and a member of the North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development, Roy Stevens, director of the Brunswick County Resource Development Commission, and County Attorney E. J. Prevatte.

Fraser, who is interested in the purchase of Bald Head Island near Southport for the purpose of development, gave a detailed explanation of the step-by-step development of the Hilton Head Island resort complex. He presented a collection of slides.

Fraser explained to the board his proposed plan for the long-range development of Bald Head Island, if his bid to purchase the island is successful.

The state is now interested in buying the island from owner Frank Sherrill and preserving it as a park.

Following Fraser's presentation, Parker asked the board of commissioners for an endorsement of his plan.

The board, although "very impressed" by Fraser's presentation, declined to endorse the plan outright. They said they wanted more time to study it in detail.

In other matters of business brought before the board, (Continued On Page Four)

Four Students Get Degrees

Appalachian State University's summer graduation exercises Saturday, held special interest for residents of Southport. Of the 282 advanced degrees awarded, four were earned by students having local connections.

Stuart L. Goodwin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goodwin, former residents, was awarded his Master of Arts degree in Industrial Arts. He was selected by the faculty of the Graduate School to lead the procession of this group of graduates, and to receive his diploma from President W. H. Plemmons. Reception of his diploma symbolized the awarding of all the advanced degrees to those who had successfully completed their graduate studies.

Stuart will teach and do additional graduate work at the university next year.

His wife, Mrs. Lyndia Goodwin, has been accepted by the Library Institute at Appalachian, and will be a candidate for her Master's Degree in Library Science at the completion of her studies next June. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wingham of Durham, have a cottage at Yaupon Beach.

Mrs. Betty Davenport Tesh and her husband, Samuel Lee Tesh, III, were both awarded their Master of Arts degree in Education, and will continue to teach at Banner Elk, where they have their home.

Mrs. Tesh is the daughter of (Continued On Page 4)



Ancient Bottles Recovered Here

This collection of old bottles and jugs belongs to Jimmy Brown, Southport man, for whom the collection of these containers has come to be a profitable hobby. None of the bottles shown here is dated later than 1750. (Photo by Spencer)

Ancient Jugs And Bottles Bring Profit

Jimmy Brown spends his spare time hunting for old bottles and jugs, and he has discovered this to be a rewarding and profitable hobby. It is rewarding because he gets a thrill out of every new find he makes; and it is profitable because there is a growing demand on the part of collectors for the kind of relics he has been uncovering around here.

Jimmy came in the other day with a collection of perfectly preserved, odd shaped bottles the newest of which had been made more than 200 years ago. When you see them, there is no doubt about their authenticity, but if there is, he has the book to prove the era from which they date.

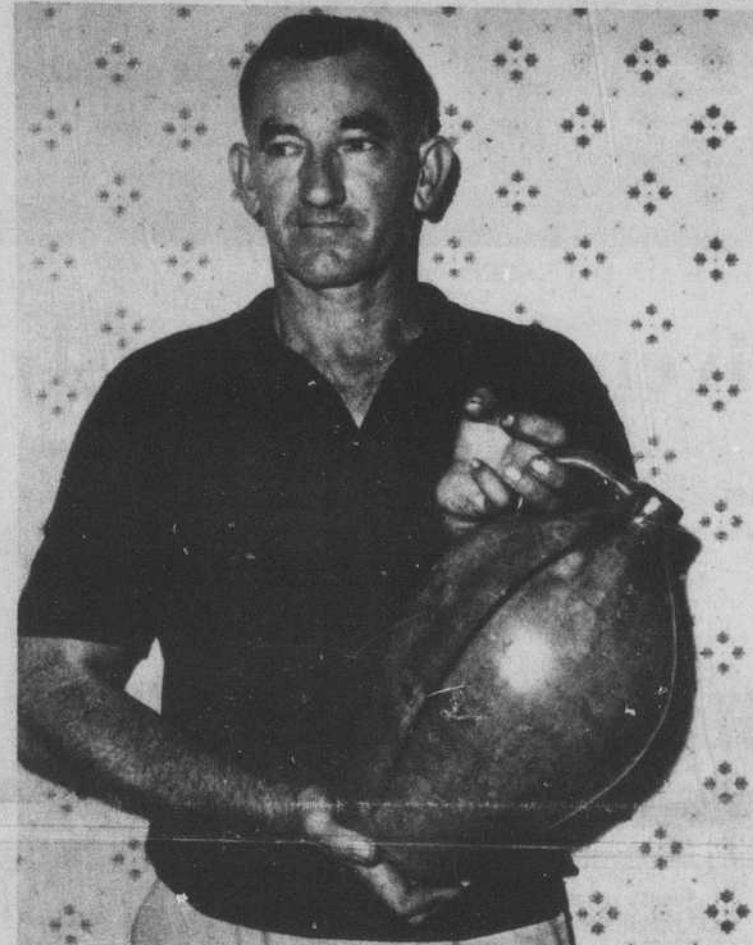
Most of the bottles being made back in those days were hand blown and there were tell-tale tricks for strengthening these containers at strategic points and for inverting their bottoms. There is no machine-like sameness to their shapes, and some of their modest imperfections make them all the more highly prized by present day collectors.

One bottle Brown recently recovered had a seal on the side and was square shaped. Another was so precious in the eyes of a beholder that he offered to swap a Confederate musket for the bottle. Jimmy accepted.

In addition to the assortment of ancient bottles, his explorations have turned up several interesting pieces of pottery. These, too, were hand turned and show signs of expert workmanship.

Brown says that Southport is an unusually fertile field for search for relics of this kind. Most of the bottles and jugs held rum and other alcoholic beverages; much of their contents were consumed by members of the crew of visiting vessels; and being unconcerned for the future value of these empty containers, usually they were heaved over the side.

Recently Brown found 17 of his best bottles in one small area on the Southport waterfront. And if there is any doubt as to whether this is a money-making hobby, Jimmy finds a ready market for most of his wares at from fifty to one hundred dollars each.



Finds Perfect Jug

Among the most spectacular finds for Jimmy Brown is his quest for old bottles was this earthen jug, estimated to be more than 150 years old. It is in perfect condition. (Photo by Spencer)

School Opening Plans Being Made

Brunswick County School are scheduled to open for the 1969-70 school year on Tuesday, September 2 at Student Orientation Day. Teachers will begin duties on August 28, at 9:30 a.m. with a countywide teacher's meeting to be held at the N.C. Baptist Assembly auditorium at Fort Caswell, according to Ralph C. King, superintendent.

Principals, secretaries, and janitors are currently on duty in preparation for the new year. Reorganization of the schools has necessitated extra effort on the part of personnel in the transfer of records, books, furniture, equipment, and mobile instructional spaces.

Emphasis is being given to the matter of human relations in the various schools as principals, teachers, students, and patrons have activities scheduled for the purpose of establishing lines of communication and

understanding prior to the opening of school.

The office of the Superintendent of Schools announced this week that few teacher vacancies exist in the county school system as the opening of the 1969-70 school year approaches. Eight positions are unfilled, but applicants are being processed for most of these. They include five primary or elementary positions, one Introduction to Vocations position, one Business Education position, and one English (Continued On Page Four)

Emergency Fund For Red Cross

The Brunswick County Chapter of the American Red Cross is starting an emergency fund campaign, as of press time this week, so local residents can help victims of hurricane Camille in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Contributions may be mailed at once to Brunswick County Chapter, American Red Cross, c/o Grover A. Gore, treasurer, Southport.

It is expected that a full-fledged solicitation of businesses, industry and concerned citizens will be in effect next week.

The Red Cross spent more than \$250,000 in Brunswick County following hurricane Hazel. Judging from preliminary estimates of damage to the gulf coast, many times this amount will be necessary to provide food, clothing and shelter for the some 200,000 left homeless. Gore asks that contributors forget the old "Give a dollar to the Red Cross" and suggests that "everybody try to make it \$10.00."

Meet Problems In Selecting School Sites

The Brunswick County Board of Education met and approved teachers contracts for W. B. Kornegay, Jr., Beverly Smith, Lynda Anderson, Leland; Eva M. Smith, Mollie Willis, Union; T. A. Price, Jr., Waccamaw; Elizabeth Kelley, Shallotte; and Martha Russ, speech therapist. The following teacher resignations were accepted: Martha Russ, Shallotte; Mary C. Alexander, Southport.

The board declined to revise the present health program for ninth grade home economic students.

Approval was given to sell at public auction the old frame building on the Lincoln School site.

The board approved substitute teacher's policies for this school system. Approval was made to transfer money from budget code 641 to budget code 627 for purposes of assisting local schools in meeting school secretary salary allocations for the last two months of school, based on state allocations for secretary. The board also authorized funds for the purpose of allowing schools to hire janitors an additional week prior to opening of schools, this work to begin on August 19.

A discussion was held on the progress in acquiring school sites for the three proposed consolidated high schools. A letter from International Paper Company with regard to the Midway Site was read and the board agreed to meet with Superintendent Ralph King Saturday morning to investigate another site around the Midway area. The board approved the "block-unit" approach to instruction in grades 3-8.

Acceptance was made of the resignation of Allen Plenty as local school committeeman at Lincoln High School.

Plans were discussed whereby the county school maintenance department could be strengthened for efficiency purposes. No final action was taken by the Board.

Raising Funds At Town Creek

Members of the Town Creek Township Volunteer Rescue Squad wish to thank the people in their area who have helped to support their activities.

A fund raising drive is being held during the week of August 18-22. Members of the squad and their friends are calling on neighbors and friends, as the squad can operate only on the donations of the people in the community. Through this help and support with donations and cooperation, members hope to be able to save many lives.

All the work done by the members is strictly voluntary. Each qualified member must have forty hours of Standard and Advanced First Aid. Several members have as many as 80 and 90 hours in this course and are (Continued on Page 4)

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 Pilots Association.

Thursday, August 21	
1:57 AM	8:34 AM
3:03 PM	9:40 PM
Friday, August 22	
3:03 AM	9:40 AM
4:15 PM	10:52 PM
Saturday, August 23	
4:21 AM	10:52 AM
5:21 PM	11:58 PM
Sunday, August 24	
5:33 AM	11:58 AM
6:21 PM	12:58 PM
Monday, August 25	
6:39 AM	1:04 AM
7:21 PM	1:04 PM
Tuesday, August 26	
7:39 AM	1:46 AM
8:15 PM	1:58 PM
Wednesday, August 27	
8:33 AM	2:34 AM
9:03 PM	2:52 PM

Time And Tide

The Pilot of August 16, 1939, announced that a "mass fleet" of three charter boats was preparing for an invasion of Gulf Stream waters lying off Southport. The quest: Big game fish—barracuda, amberjack and dolphin. W.R. McAuley was in charge of a State Highway crew which was widening the street out to the Sawdust Trail intersection, but rain had interfered more than a little. Arrangements were complete for the merger of the Northern Columbus area with the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation.

These were the days when the Vanderbilt yacht Alva stopped over in Southport each year, and two local men, R.I. Mintz and W.B. Keziah, had been invited aboard this palatial craft. Six twin-motor seaplanes were based here that week during bombing practice offshore, as Southport took on a pre-war military look. J.M. Davidson of Greensboro had caught a West Indies carrier shark while fishing off Bald Head; the "Marvelous Midget with the Mighty Midriff" had put on a free show on a downtown street corner; and a society page item reported a recent session of the Pinochle Club.

It was August, 1944, and an aftermath of the recent storm (of hurricane force) was that a big tree blew down in the yard at the home of Charlie Sellers near Winnabow, then when the wind shifted it blew it back up again! A longer duck hunting season was promised for the coming fall, 80 days, in fact; but this held little promise for the nimrods, who in those days were having trouble rounding up (Continued on Page 4)