



Embarking For Bald Head

A group of state officials and newsmen who made a trip to Bald Head Island Saturday morning aboard the Neuse are shown as that craft moved away from the dock at the Southport Boat Harbor.

District Court Judges Prove Too Generous

District Court Judges Giles Clark and Ray Walton have illegally authorized special driving privileges for North Carolinians convicted a second or third time of drunken driving, in the eyes of the state Attorney General.

Judge Clark in Columbus County granted special privileges to William Durham Rowland of Shelby; and Judge Walton did likewise in Brunswick County for William Earl Harris Jr., Rt. 4, Greensboro, and neither qualified for the consideration, the spokesman said.

The spokesman said judges can withdraw the special driving privileges by issuing an order declaring the discretionary sentence void. Two or three already have been withdrawn, he said.

The 1969 General Assembly enacted legislation authorizing judges to grant special exemptions, or discretionary sentences, to drivers convicted on first offenses of drunken driving. Otherwise, a conviction for the offense carries an automatic 12-month license revocation.

The State Department of Motor Vehicles disclosed earlier that some judges have gone beyond the limits of the law and granted special privileges to drivers who have previous convictions for drunken driving on their records.

The spokesman for the attorney general's office said his conversations with the judges indicated that they had no knowledge of earlier drunken driving convictions when they approved special driving privileges.

"The judges just seemed to be unaware of the first offense. Sometimes a man just lies about it and the judge gets caught in

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Library Hours Are Extended

Effective Monday, Sept. 15, the Southport-Brunswick County Library, will be open each Monday until 8 p.m., according to Mrs. Dorothy Davis, Librarian.

"We hope that this additional three hours of library service each week will be helpful to the 9-to-5 workers as well as students", Mrs. Davis said.

The library in Southport now will be open to the public 47 hours weekly. The schedule is: Monday, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Time And Tide

It was September 6, 1939, and Southport Presbyterians had launched a drive for new classrooms and a brick veneer of the entire church. There was news that week of a late season building boom at Long Beach; the Rev. A.L. Brown had consented to be roll call chairman for the Brunswick Red Cross affiliate; and the L.J. Hardee home was undergoing extensive repairs, including the addition of a terrace.

Our columnist circulating Just Among the Fishermen had noted with some surprise that the hammerhead shark was native to the North Carolina coast. This fact was uncovered by a group of biologists working from the trawler of Homer and Leon McKeithan. Schools, getting a late start that year, were due to open on the following Monday; our editorial writer was reviewing the possibilities of having increased tourist facilities; and, due to some mixup, there had been no Recorder's Court that week.

It was September 6, 1944, and, some two months after it had happened, the story of the Normandy invasion was reported by one of the Pilot's correspondents. Robert Marlowe, serving with the Navy aboard one of the invasion ships, had written a vivid

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At Brown And Root Banquet

Paul S. Colby, senior vice-president, operating and engineering for CP&L, is shown at the left talking Thursday night to Jack Fitch, center, vice president for Brown and Root, and J. A. Jones, assistant vice-president, operating and engineering for CP&L. The occasion was a get-acquainted banquet at Tranquil Harbour Restaurant for which the Texas-based engineering firm was host.

Three Traffic Deaths Occur In Brunswick

Three deaths resulted from two automobile wrecks in Brunswick County Friday. One of the victims was an Ash resident; the other two were a prominent Elizabethtown druggist and his wife.

Kinston N. Smith, Route 1, Ash, and Alfred R. Smith, 56, and his wife of Elizabethtown, were identified as victims of the accidents by State Trooper W.C. Fulghum.

One of the fatal accidents resulted in reckless driving and manslaughter charges against James A. Randolph, Route 1, Bolivia. Randolph was placed under \$2,000 bond and slated for a preliminary hearing in Shallotte District Court Sept. 29 after he allegedly pulled his car from a rural road 7 miles north of Shallotte into Smith's car.

Trooper Fulghum's investigation showed Smith's car skidded off NC Highway 211 to crash head-on into a tree after Randolph's car had smashed into the side of Smith's car.

Jerome Smith, brother of Kinston Smith, was admitted to New Hanover Hospital for treatment following the fatal accident. Trooper Fulghum said the accident happened approximately 5:55 a.m. Friday.

In the second fatal accident in Brunswick County Friday, Elizabethtown drugstore operator Alfred R. Smith, 56, was killed about 11:30 a.m. when his car skidded and overturned 11 miles north of Bolivia on a rain-soaked NC 87.

Trooper Fulghum said Smith's wife, Mrs. Gurtha P. Smith, was taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital. She was admitted to an intensive care unit, where she died of injuries early Wednesday morning.

Engineering Firm Hosts Officials

Officials for Brown and Root, Inc., contracting firm employed by Carolina Power and Light Company to build their nuclear power generating plant at Southport, were hosts Thursday evening at a dinner at Tranquil Harbour Restaurant to which public officials and business and civic leaders were invited for a get-together party.

F. Crom Lannon, District Manager for CP&L, served as master of ceremonies and called upon Roy Stevens, Director of the Brunswick County Resources Development Commission, of the invocation. Following the dinner he presented Foster Parker, senior group vice-president for Brown and Root, who spoke about the policies of his firm.

He said that the company, one of the largest construction firms in the world, has for years maintained the policy of hiring local labor for its projects and this will be the policy here "to the fullest extent of availability and capability."

Furthermore, he said, Brown and Root has traditionally maintained its position as an

Food Stamps Use Declines

U.S. Department of Agriculture food programs aided 196,113 needy persons in North Carolina during July, 17,694 persons less than the number that received food assistance in June but 48,314 persons more than the number that took part in the programs a year ago.

In Brunswick County the number dropped from 1,117 in June to 1,009 in July.

USDA's Food and Nutrition Service said that 67,838 persons in 38 counties took part in its food stamp program and received \$453,066 in bonus coupons.

FNS' family food distribution program aided 128,275 persons in 59 counties. The foods distributed had an estimated retail value of \$1.4 million and included dairy products, canned and dried fruits and vegetables, canned meat or poultry, grain and cereal products, as well as other items such as peanut butter and scrambled egg mix.

In North Carolina, the food distribution program is administered by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, and the food stamp program is administered by the North Carolina Board of Public Welfare, both in cooperation with the Food and Nutrition Service.

FNS officials generally attributed the decreased participation during July to increased agricultural employment opportunities.

"open shop" organization as far as labor is concerned. This policy, he said, allows the company to hire laborers directly and not through a "third party."

Parker then presented Vice President Jack Fitch, who gave a brief history of the firm. He explained that Brown and Root has been in business for 50 years, starting with a small operation in central Texas.

He said that in 1925, the company listed assets of

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JAMES R. PREVATTE, JR.

New Attorney For Southport

James Russell Prevatte, Jr., has joined the law firm of E. J. Prevatte as associate to his uncle, a veteran attorney in Southport and Brunswick county.

The new lawyer is from Red Springs and graduated from Wake Forest College with a bachelor of arts degree in 1966. He was graduated from the Law School of Wake Forest University in 1969, and last month passed the State Bar Exam.

On September 6 he was sworn in before Judge James C. Bowman and Judge Ray H. Walton, both of whom are former law partners of his uncle.

He is married to the former Kathleen Upchurch of Lexington and they have no children. He has accepted employment at Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. and they make their home at Yaupon Beach.

The Prevattes are members of the Baptist Church.

While in school at Wake Forest Prevatte was a member of the baseball squad and was a pitcher. His current athletic interests are directed toward golf, hunting and fishing.

While in college he was a member of the U.S. Army R.O.T.C. and faces the prospect of two years active duty, probably beginning in January.

ASC Balloting Deadline Set September 16th

ASC Committee election plans for Brunswick County are now complete. County and Community Committees have met and completed a slate of nominees for each community and ballots were mailed to each eligible voter of record on September 5.

These ballots must be returned to the ASCS Office in Shallotte or postmarked by not later than Sept. 16. Any eligible voter who does not receive a ballot should call or visit the ASCS Office prior to September 16.

Ballots will be publicly tabulated at the ASCS Office in Shallotte on September 19 beginning at 8:30 a.m. The public is invited to witness the tabulation. This will be done by the County ASCS Committee who is also responsible for settling questions on election procedure or eligibility to vote or hold office. Such determinations may be appealed to the State Committee.

Persons having questions on eligibility to vote or hold office may contact the County Office Manager or see the Secretary's Regulations at the county office.

Farmers were reminded this week to be sure to certify their vote before mailing ballots.

ASC County Committee Chairman Edgar L. Holden said a farmer can certify his vote by signing his name on the back of the envelope he mails or takes to the County ASCS Office. Inside that envelope, he said, the farmer voter places a plain envelope containing the ballot—the plain envelope insures a secret vote.

When votes are counted, the plain envelopes containing the ballots will be separated from the certified outer envelopes. Chairman Holden said the plain envelopes also will be well shuffled before being opened.

He said any resident of the county who is eligible to take part in a farm program administered by ASCS is eligible to vote in this community committee elections now being held. This applies without regard to sex, race, color, religion, or national origin.

"Our list of known eligible voters totals approximately 3,000 and I am hopeful that each will cast a ballot," the ASC chairman said.

Almost every agricultural producer over 21 years of age in the county is an eligible voter, according to the ASC Committee Chairman.

All persons who were nominated by petition and found eligible and willing to serve have been included in the slate of nominees. The complete slate is as follows:

LOCKWOOD FOLLY—Alton Evans, Herman B. Grissett, Floyd W. Hewett, W. McKinley Hewett, Aldreth C. Phelps, Edwin Sellers.

NORTH WEST—Paul Brown, David Bryant, Leo Jenkins, Jean G. Medlin, William H. Miller, George H. Skipper, P.R. Skipper, Frank L. Sykes.

SMITHVILLE—J.A. Chatman, Willie Clemmons, Louie W. Cox.

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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.

Table with tide times for Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, listing AM and PM times.

Crusade Plans For Southport Are Continuing

Various committees report favorable progress is being made in preparation for the crusade planned for October 12 through 18, with the Rev. Drummond Thom as guest evangelist.

The invited evangelist is of Dutch parentage from Cape Town, South Africa. He now makes his home in Louisville, Kentucky. Rev. Thom is a leader in World Wide Native Evangelism, an organization that supports missionary efforts in England, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and South Africa. He has travelled over a half-million miles in the past 11 years preaching to people of all denominations in various parts of the world.

The Visitation Committee, headed by Rev. Tom Taylor, Dr. J. L. Sampson and E. C. Blake, is requesting all the area churches to assist with the visitation program to be held on the afternoons of September 28 and October 5. Plans are to visit every house in the Southport-Oak Island community.

The Counselling Committee, headed by Rev. Ralph Gregg of Oak Island Baptist Church, is requesting each church to furnish 10 members who will serve as counsellors each night of the crusade. Classes for the counsellors will be held on the nights of September 20 and 27, and October 4 and 11. Those persons who have had previous experience in counselling are urged to assist with these classes.

The crusade is being patterned in the style of the Graham Association meetings with services that will be uplifting and spiritually acceptable to people of local denominations.

The next crusade committee meeting will be held in the Southport City Hall at 8 o'clock on Monday night. Interested area citizens are invited to attend the planning meetings.

Development Is Urged By Soles

Representative Soles has written a letter to Governor Bob Scott urging him to support development of Bald Head Island along the lines of Sea Pines at Hilton Head, S.C. Following is the text of his letter:

"During the last several weeks there has been considerable publicity given to the proposed development of Smith Island in Brunswick County. The island is sometimes referred to as Baldhead Island. Since this property is located in my district I feel that it is my duty to express my opinion concerning its proposed development.

"I feel that it would be in the (Continued On Page Two)



Welcomes Lieutenant Governor

Lt. Governor Pat Taylor is shown here alighting from a plane at Brunswick County Airport where he arrived Saturday morning in time to accompany a group of state officials and newsmen on a tour of Bald Head Island. On hand to greet her former political adversary was Mrs. Margaret Harper, who appears to be concerned lest he make a misstep. (photo by Delores Spencer)

Library Services Improve With Age

By SUSAN T. KING

On July 1, 1959, Miss Gertrude Loughlin, acting as temporary librarian, opened the doors of the reorganized, refinanced Southport Public Library. It was located on the second floor of City Hall and up two steep flights of steps. The library was to be open 12 hours a week and the book collection consisted of 4,400 volumes salvaged from the old Woman's Club library, plus some books loaned from the North Carolina State Library. This was the only library service in Brunswick County.

Now, ten years later a recap of the library situation in Brunswick County seems in order. We now are located physically in a new \$100,000, air-conditioned headquarters building, built at ground level and designed for easy access by the physically-handicapped and older persons. County-wide library service has become a reality through the Bookmobile and a branch library in Shallotte, and another branch at Leland in

the offing. The Bookmobile covers the county every two weeks from Northwest to Calabash. The branch in Shallotte has shown increased use for every one of the five years it has been open.

The book collection has grown from the initial 4,400 to 21,322 as of this writing.

Hours of service in the main library have gone from 12 to 47. The branch library which opened with 6 hours open to the public has gone to 15 during the winter and 31 in summer months. The Bookmobile gives 24 hours service weekly. So, we in Brunswick County now have 86 hours of library service weekly.

During the last year the library was a Woman's Club project total circulation was 1600 for the entire year. This year, book circulation was 14,183 for Southport; 11,047 on the Bookmobile and 4,668 in Shallotte; with 16,147 borrowers.

Other services now available (Continued On Page Two)