



Wins New Automobile

Mrs. Cora Davis, Southport school teacher, is shown with the new Ford Mustang which she won during the recent Founder's Day observance of Belk-Beery in Wilmington. Her new car comes in handy for daily trips from her home in Southport to her teaching station at the N. C. Baptist Assembly. (Photo by Spencer)



State President Visits Brunswick Town

Mrs. John M. Reichard, State President of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc., is shown right unlocking the donation box in the Visitor Center at Brunswick Town State Historic Site. The onlookers are Mrs. James T. Barnes, Southport, and Mrs. Ernest Parker, chairman of the Nature Trail Committee (Brunswick Town photo)

Board Fails To Take Action On School Sites

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday and granted approval of the teachers' contracts for Deon W. McKeithan, Bolivia, and Troy Allen Kelly, Leland.

Kirby Sullivan, attorney, gave a progress report on acquisition of property for the western and northern area school sites. Superintendent Ralph King, in the absence of Thomas Horne, attorney, gave a progress report on the southern area school site, the Ripley and Georgia-Pacific properties. Doshier made a motion that the board accept terms offered by said properties. The motion was tabled due to the absence of one board member until the next meeting.

The following substitute teachers were approved: Bolivia—Mrs. Martha Hewett, Mrs. Alta Lewis, Leland—Bonnie Ranbury, Mrs. Jessie Best; Lincoln—Mrs. Mary Hooper, Mrs. Geraldine McCoy, Mrs. John Sellars, Mrs. Joyce Harrington, Miss Edna Beaty, Mrs. Juanita Robinson, Mrs. Vina Mae Benton, Mrs. Bernice Morrill, Mrs. Mary Jacobs, Mrs. Odessa Price, Mrs. Shirley Freeman, Miss Gwendolyn Jones.

Nancy J. Vereen was approved as teacher aide at Bolivia.

The board gave its approval of Statement of Policies for Selection of Instructional Materials. (See attached Statement of Policy). It also granted request for the sale of a 1957 Chevrolet four door car located at Union School; and

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State President Holds Meeting

The Brunswick Town Nature Trail Committee of the Garden Club of North Carolina, Inc. held its annual meeting at the Visitor Center at Brunswick Town State Historic Site October 1. Mrs. John M. Reichard of High Point, State Garden Club President, Mrs. James T. Barnes, Southport, Mrs. Ernest Parker, chairman of the committee, and Wm. G. Faulk, Jr., Historic Site Manager, attending the meeting.

Plans were made for further development and improvement of the Nature Trail which was adopted by the state organization as one of its projects in 1963. The committee plans to begin work soon on the construction of a new foot bridge across one of the "fingers" of Brunswick Pond. The nature lover can then walk among the cypress knees and see more closely the water plants and flowers. Additional benches will soon be built and placed around the pond.

A highlight of the meeting for the committee was the opening of the donation box for the first time. The donation box was placed in the Visitor Center last February. The contents of the box, counted by the committee, gave much encouragement for future improvement of the Nature Trail.

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Time And Tide

It was October 4, 1939, and there was a photograph of a painting by R.O. Johnson on page one that week. A bit of interpretative reporting announced that the painting was a realistic representation of its title, "Zero." The work was on display at the Wilmington Art Museum. Three new lawyers, Dwight McEwen, R.I. Mintz, and E.J. Prevatte, had opened law offices in Southport in recent weeks; the Rev. and Mrs. E.M. Hall and Col. and Mrs. Earl I. Brown had been the most recent donors to the Southport Public Library; and county officials continued to crack down on what apparently was a large gambling ring.

County citizens were pleased to read that week that the new Sears and Roebuck of Wilmington, advertising "wonderful bargains", was to open on the morrow. Featured for the opening were 10-cent rag rugs, 2-cent paring knives, and auto heaters for only \$6.45.

It was October 4, 1944, and the county was swarming with armed men, and any deer seen was in peril. Sportsmen from all over the state had come down for the opening day of the big game season. The salt water areas were also getting much attention from those sportsmen with Waltonian tendencies. Edwin Milligan, serving with the Air Corps in England, was shown that week inspecting an aircraft with actor Edward G. Robinson, there on a USO tour.

Cecil Allgood, deacon for several years at St. Phillips in Southport, had been ordained priest in Episcopal Church. Tools were soon to be removed from the rationing list; Bobby Thorson and Hoyle Doshier had enlisted in the Navy; and someone (Box 265, Southport) was

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Covered Slips In Use

These are the new covered slips at the Southport Boat Harbor which are an important addition to this new facility. These new slips, which afford maximum protection from the weather, were spoken for before they were completed. (Photo by Spencer)

Charlotte Lady Writes Again About Island

Another letter this week from Mrs. Earl Napier, daughter of the late T.F. Boyd, offers additional background information on Bald Head Island, which at one time was owned by this Hamlet businessman.

Following is the text of her letter:

"The Southport paper said my father owed a debt of around \$62,000 dollars and that was one reason he lost the island.

"I wrote the Wilmington Morning Star telling them the reason why, and for the men that are so opposed to the developing of the island to ride out to New Hanover High School and take a good look. My father, T.F. Boyd, was bondsman for the Liberty Engineering Construction Company. They went broke long before it was finished. He was also bondsman for the Indian School in Pembroke. It went broke. In a desperate effort to save something he transferred all property and proved in court he had borrowed the money from my mother. He sold Sunset Park in Wilmington, a large farm at Rocky Point called the French Farm, land around Greenville Park and much more in a vain effort to save the island and other property and to pay the amount of \$181,000 on Hanover High School.

"He died the night Wrightsville Beach burned. We were land poor, and did not have money enough to bury him. Mayor Cooper of Wilmington wired us. Papa's hotel and cottage burned, so he did not have to die in debt. He died at the age of seventy years. A few days before his death, he told me, "Every man I have ever helped has knifed me in the back". Many of those people lived in Brunswick county.

"Mr. Sherrill said he demolished the hotel on the island. He did not. A hurricane washed it away. Before it was washed away I went down there and went through it. It had been

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SEDC Meeting Thursday In Elizabethtown

The Southeastern Economic Development Commission will hold a meeting in Elizabethtown, Thursday. "This meeting," says Mason Hicks, the commission chairman, "will be one of the more important ones ever to be held in the area." He added, "We will evaluate our problems in light of our potential and attempt to shape, through existing governments, the future of the District."

The SEDC is an organization representing the ten counties from Hoke, Cumberland, and Scotland to the Atlantic Ocean; and by grant funds from the Economic Development Administration. Mrs. A.P. Henry of Winnabow is the representative from Brunswick county and is secretary of the organization.

David W. Alexander, the Executive Director of the Commission, made the following information available: "Dignitaries from private industry and public offices will be on hand to lead the discussions. Approximately 150 people are expected to attend, some visitors coming from as far as Atlanta, Georgia, and Washington, D.C. The conference will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. in Bladen County Superior Courtroom. Interested observers will be welcome to attend."

"Among the local dignitaries (Continued On Page Four)

County Board Holds Meeting

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on October 6, 1969. All members present except G.T. Rourk, Chairman, Commissioner V.A. Creech, Jr., was designated to serve as acting chairman due to the absence of Rourk.

Farm Extension Agent Archie Martin came before the board and gave his regular monthly report.

Several persons appeared who was directed to investigate these matters and to make proper adjustments when found out of line.

Commissioner Paul Dennis made a motion, which was seconded by A.C. Holden, that Homer G. McKeithan be re-appointed tax collector to collect the 1969 tax levy, and any delinquent taxes that may be due the county. The motion was unanimously carried.

Tax Collector McKeithan gave a detailed report to the board on tax collection for the past 3 years. The report showed that his department had collected \$283,622.53 delinquent taxes during this 3 year period and also that he had collected 94.67 per cent of the 1968 tax levy.

The board commended McKeithan for the improvement has been made in tax collections since he assumed this position 3

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Solo Flight

George Lanier, left, of Winnabow, is shown getting his shirt-tail bobbed off by Jimmy Smith, instructor, after he made his first solo flight last week at the Brunswick County Airport. The plane was a Cessna owned by the SENCLAND Air Park. (Photo by Spencer)

Telephone Meet Set For Friday



CHARLES McCULIERS

October is National Co-op Month. For telephone cooperatives financed by the Rural Electrification Administration, this year's celebration holds a special significance. It marks the 20th anniversary of the REA telephone program. On October 28, 1949, the telephone amendment to the Rural Electrification Act was signed into law.

Atlantic Telephone will note this 20th anniversary at its annual meeting, October 10, at the Shalotte High School auditorium. Charles L. McCullers, public relations director, Methodist College, Fayetteville, will deliver the principal address.

Atlantic Telephone is one of the 233 telephone cooperatives financed by REA. Chartered in 1955 and initiating service in 1957, the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation serves 3300 members in Brunswick County.

Today, rural telephone people enjoy a quality of service almost undreamed of two decades ago. The magneto crank telephone with its whoop and holler mode of operation has all but been replaced in rural homes. Modern dial telephones provide instant communications anywhere in the world at a minimum of inconvenience; color instruments, embodying the finer points of modern design, add to the attractiveness of the housewife's decor; and modern radio telephones give the rural dweller the necessary communications link to run a modern farming operation or business while working in the field or driving his car.

Twenty years ago, telephone

River Funds Over Hurdle

Representative Alton Lennon announced this week that the House Appropriations Committee had approved a total of \$2,122,000 for improvement to the Cape Fear River and \$32,000 for a navigation study of the upper North East Cape Fear River.

Lennon said the Corps of Engineers had advised him that of this amount \$1,765,000 had been approved to complete the deepening of the channel from the ocean bar to natural deep-water opposite Southport from 40 to 42 feet, widening this section of the channel from 400 to 500 feet, and additional improvements to increase navigation safety.

The remaining \$357,000 for improvements will be used to

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Murder Charge Entered Against Brunswick Man

Brunswick county authorities have charged Nathan Wayne Hewitt, 19, Supply, with killing his uncle Sidney H. Hewitt, of Supply, with a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun Saturday afternoon.

The charge against Hewitt by Brunswick County Deputy Melton McCumbee of Ash. Deputy McCumbee said a preliminary hearing on a murder charge today for Hewitt was slated (Wednesday) in District Court in Southport.

Deputy McCumbee said his investigation of Sidney's Hewitt's death revealed Hewitt was shot about 6 p.m. Saturday as he stood in the front lawn of his home about five miles from Shalotte.

Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett said an autopsy showed Hewitt died of a blast from a 12-gauge shotgun.

Sidney Hewitt was dead-on-arrival at New Hanover Memorial Hospital. Deputy McCumbee said both Hewitts were employed on dredge boats.

Christian Crusade To Start Sunday



LARRY WOLFE

Young Man Is Death Victim

James Lawrence (Larry) Wolfe, Sr., 28, died Tuesday morning in New Hanover Memorial Hospital, Wilmington, after a long illness.

He was a native of Southport, and was a 1959 graduate of Southport High School and graduated from Wilmington College in 1961 and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1963. He was noted for his athletic prowess while attending Southport High School.

Mr. Wolfe had been associated with Integron Corporation since his graduation from UNC-CH. At the time of death he was agency sales manager for the Wilmington Branch of Integron, Inc. In addition, he had held

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

BAKE SALE

There will be a bake-sale Saturday morning between Leggets and the Post Office. Proceeds from the sale will be used to help defray some of the general expenses of the Lower Cape Fear Christian Crusade. Interested citizens are urged to contribute baked goods for this cause.