



## New Bridge Is Dedicated

This is the Cape Fear River Bridge at Wilmington which was dedicated Monday with appropriate ceremonies featuring an address by Lauch Faircloth, Chair-

man of the State Highway Commission. County Commissioner V. A. Creech, Jr., represented Brunswick. (Photo by Spencer)

## Dedication Of New Bridge Is Big Occasion

The Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, linking Brunswick County and points south and west with Wilmington, was dedicated and opened to traffic Monday.

V. A. Creech, Jr., a member of the Brunswick Board of Commissioners, represented his constituents at the ceremony and made a speech.

The \$16 million bridge, termed the largest and most ambitious highway project in the history of the state, will be the major crossing of the Cape Fear River for US Highways 421, 74, 76, and 17 and NC 133. One end of the new bridge is in Brunswick County.

The opening of the huge elevator lift span bridge over the River was the fruition of nearly four years of construction and decades of hoping and planning by the people of Wilmington and North Carolina.

The Cape Fear Memorial Bridge, more than 2,000 feet long from end to end joins New Hanover and Brunswick Counties over the Cape Fear River, but Highway Chairman Lauch Faircloth said that the bridge actually represents a link from the industrial Piedmont section of North Carolina to the world markets served by the Port of Wilmington.

"This bridge will serve New Hanover and Brunswick Counties in many ways," said Faircloth. "For one thing, it is a four-lane link in US 74, and I might add, it is the most expensive link in the highway that both Gov. Scott and your Highway Commission have pledged will be four-laned to Charlotte and beyond during this administration."

He said that the dedication of the bridge—the most expensive (Continued On Page Three)



## Working In Yacht Basin

This is the pipeline dredge Neuse of the Cortell Engineering Corporation which is completing a dredging operation at the old Southport Yacht Basin, which is being restored to project depth. (Photo by Spencer)

## Pin Down Two School Sites For Brunswick

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in special session on October 8 and agreed to accept terms offered by property owners Eugene W. Ripley and Georgia-Pacific for the Southern School site in the Midway area.

The board also agreed to accept terms offered by International Paper Co. for the Western School site in the Shallotte area.

At the request of Delmas Babson, the board agreed to add to the following substitute teachers to Waccamaw School substitute teacher list as approved by the Waccamaw School Committee: Mrs. Madeline Phelps, Mrs. Ora Ann Mintz, Mrs. Jamie McCrackin, Mrs. Mae Milligan, Rev. C.R. Glisson.

The board met again in special session on Monday.

Mrs. Becky Singleton was employed as clerical assistant replacing Mrs. Patricia Milligan who resigned after several years of service. Mrs. Judy Clemmons who had been previously employed declined to accept the position.

The following substitute teachers were approved: Bolivia—David Vaughn; Shallotte—Mrs. Jackie Hubbard and Kenneth Grissett.

The board agreed to allow private piano instruction to be given at Union School.

Board members met with the Board of Commissioners and discussed the sales tax referendum, but no formal action resulted. Area consolidated schools' sites and progress also were discussed as was zoning of the new school sites.

The board discussed school sites, procurement of band instruments at Union and school (Continued On Page Three)

## Release Penalty On Late Listers

Members of the Board of County Commissioners voted unanimously Monday to release all penalties for late listing that have been assessed against out-of-county property owners. The reason given was that these taxpayers had not been properly notified.

This action probably will settle one of the most heated controversies which has sprung up in connection with county government in recent years. Although warning was given in listing advertisements during January that a penalty would be charged for late listing, it was contended that many out-of-county property owners do not have an opportunity to see one of the two county newspapers and therefore were not put on their guard.

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Education and

## NCEA Meeting In Fayetteville

The N. C. Education Association, Southeastern District, will hold its 47th annual convention at Methodist College, Fayetteville, Friday.

The theme of the convention will be "Education: An Open Door to Understanding", and the opening session will be held at 10 a.m. in the auditorium with an address by Dr. A. Craig Phillips, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. Following the general session, departmental meetings will be held and commercial exhibits will be on display.

Since the schools of Brunswick County will be closed on Friday, it is hoped that all teachers will plan to attend this important professional meeting.

Superintendent Ralph King and his associate, Robert Elkins, appeared before the commissioners to discuss the forthcoming Special Election on whether to levy an additional 1-cent sales tax for distribution to towns and counties.

There appeared to be a strong feeling in favor of this move, but nobody wanted to take a stand in favor of higher taxes. Several members of the two boards were pleased with the possibility that Brunswick would get back more than is paid in as the result of the distribution formula if the sales tax is approved in this county. They also were pleased with the prospect that participation will make possible a reduction in the existing tax rate. But no official endorsement was given.

While they were meeting together Superintendent King asked the commissioners if they had questions on any matters pertaining to the operation of the schools. Chairman George Rourke asked for a progress report on the three new consolidated high school buildings, saying that the commissioners are being asked about them.

King said that none of the sites has yet been purchased, but that negotiations appear to be in the final stage on all three. He said that preliminary plans have been

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## Brunswick Boy Good Student

James Linwood Lancaster, a mathematics major at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, has initiated an independent research project in topology in the honors program at UNC-W.

Working under the advisement of Miss Barbara Greim, lecturer in mathematics, Lancaster will base his project on Mendelson's INTRODUCTION TO TOPOLOGY.

To enter the honors program, a student must have a 3.0 (B) quality point average on the first three years' college work and must be recommended by his major department.

When he completes his research, Lancaster will write a paper reporting the results of his study and will defend his conclusions in an oral examination by a committee selected by the honors committee.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy L. Lancaster, he is a 1962 graduate of Shallotte High School. A member of the American Mathematical Association and Sigma Pi Sigma, he is currently president of the UNC-W Society of Physics Students.

## Fraser May Be Out As Bidder On Bald Head

Charles Fraser NOT want to buy Bald Head Island? Maybe.

Rumors circulating in the state capital report that Fraser, the most frequently-mentioned prospective developer of the sub-tropical island near Southport, has given up plans to purchase the \$5 million property.

Fraser, the developer of Hilton Head Island on the lower South Carolina coast, responded "No comment" when asked about the rumors. "I'm observing the situation," he said.

There have been reports that Fraser has reached a decision not to buy the property because the state may be reluctant to cooperate with his proposed plans to develop the island now owned by Frank O. Sherrill of Charlotte.

Fraser obtained the option early in September for \$25,000. It is scheduled to expire some time in February.

Gov. Bob Scott told the State Board of Conservation and Development at a meeting Sept. 11 in Kinston that he thought the island ought to be conserved and that the state should acquire title to the island. But Scott said the state currently does not have the money to buy the island and the prospects for obtaining the funds are grim.

Scott recommended that the matter be turned over to the 1971 General Assembly. In the meantime, he recommended that the Research Triangle Institute conduct a comprehensive study of the potential use of Bald

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## Public Hearing Here Thursday

Citizens of Southport will attend a public hearing at the courthouse Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock to hear provisions of the proposed new zoning ordinance explained.

This will be a proposed comprehensive new zoning ordinance, together with long-range planning and it involves not only property inside the city limits, but in the immediately surrounding area as well.

This is a second meeting called for this purpose. The first was held recently at the city hall at which time many persons complained that they had not received sufficient notice to be able to attend. Thursday's meeting is being held in order that all interested persons may have an opportunity to attend and to express their views.

The proposal which will be discussed is an outgrowth of a study recently completed, largely through use of state and federal funds.



JACKIE STEPHENSON AND ROY STEVENS

## New Director For Development Body

William A. Powell, chairman of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County, has announced the appointment of Jackie H. Stephenson as director of the commission, replacing Roy A. Stevens. The new director was formerly membership relations manager with the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, Winston-Salem. A graduate of Wake Forest University, he attended Campbell College and Wake Forest School of Law.

Stephenson taught for three years in public schools of North Carolina. A veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, having served four years at Parris Island, S.C., Camp Lejeune and Cherry Point, Stephenson is familiar with the coastal area. He also has worked part time with the U.S. Government in retail sales, and as a Greyhound bus driver.

Stephenson is married to Fonda Embler of Thomasville. They have a twelve year old son, Steven Lee, and a daughter, Melissa Rae, six months. He grew up on a farm in Johnston County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Y. Stephenson.

Chairman Powell stated today that "the commission board had searched diligently for a replacement for Stevens."

Stephenson added that "from what I have seen, Roy is irreplaceable, but I intend to try. With the fine people with whom I will be working and the potential of this area I have every reason to be optimistic. I enjoy a good challenge, and with the success Roy has had in Brunswick County, it looks as if I have just that."

## Bolton Citizen Dies In Wreck

Marlon Asberry Patrick, 33, Rt. 1, Bolton was killed in a head-on collision Saturday—final results of two separate accidents involving three cars and injuring four others.

The accident occurred between the Alligator and Brunswick River bridges on US highways 17, 74, and 76 west of Wilmington.

Starr McMillan, Coroner for New Hanover County, said that Patrick "received multiple head and chest injuries, and was pronounced dead at 9:30 p.m. Saturday, at the New Hanover Memorial Hospital."

McMillan said that no decision has been reached as to an inquest into the death.

"The driver of the second vehicle has not been questioned as yet," McMillan said. Injured and taken to the New Hanover Memorial Hospital are, John Lewis of Navassa; Billie Lee Tedder, 32, of Wilmington; John Hardy of Leland; and Willie P. Moore of Rt. 1, Bolton.

According to State Patrolman W.C. Fulghum, the car driven by Tedder, travelling north on Highway 17, passed a green station wagon and then sideswiped the Lewis car, knocking it to the side of the road. Tedder continued about 3/8 of a mile and collided head-on with the Patrick car.

The State Highway Patrol is looking for the driver of the green station wagon, which stopped and took Tedder to the (Continued On Page Three)

## 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, October 23	
7:03 AM	1:28 AM
7:27 PM	1:00 AM
Friday, October 24	
7:51 AM	1:40 AM
8:09 PM	2:16 PM
Saturday, October 25	
8:33 AM	2:22 AM
8:57 PM	2:58 PM
Sunday, October 26	
9:15 AM	3:04 AM
9:33 PM	3:40 PM
Monday, October 27	
9:57 AM	3:46 AM
10:15 PM	4:22 PM
Tuesday, October 28	
10:39 AM	4:28 AM
10:57 PM	5:04 PM
Wednesday, October 29	
11:16 AM	5:04 AM
11:33 PM	5:46 PM

## Shallotte Pair Off For Chicago

Pat Keziah, a student of Shallotte High School, and his instructor Dudley Lowe left today (Wednesday) from the Raleigh-Durham airport for Chicago to attend the Youth Conference on the Atom.

The trip is sponsored by Carolina Power and Light Company, which has sent a student and his teacher from each of the Carolinas to the conference for the last 11 years. Keziah was awarded the trip after he won a combination essay and oral competition conducted by CP&L for Brunswick County high school science students earlier this year.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper T. Keziah of Shallotte.

The three-day conference, sponsored by the nation's investor-owned power companies, features lectures by experts in various field of science.

A student and teacher from Darlington County in South Carolina and Steve Meehan, a member of the CP&L public relations department, are accompanying Keziah and Lowe on the trip.

CP&L plans to build two nuclear power units near Southport and is constructing a unit near Hartsview, S.C., in Darlington County.

## Time And Tide

It was October 18, 1939, and the S.S. Lydonia was in Southport in connection with a Coast and Geodetic Survey in this area. There was a vague report that week that hypnotists were at work in the county, lulling their victims so that larceny could be effected. Doshier Memorial Hospital had been officially recognized by the American College of Surgeons; it was nickle time on the waterfront, and particularly in the shrimp houses; and Talmadge Sellers had become a member of the glee club at Louisburg College.

The Southport Woman's Club was putting on a musical comedy in the high school auditorium the following week. The DeMillian cast would include a 110-voice chorus, and feature Jack Christian, John Shannon, Leila Hubbard and Evelyn Loughlin in starring roles. County fiddlers were due to meet in Bolivia in the near future for their more-or-less annual convention; Mr. and Mrs. W.R. McAuley had announced the birth of a son; and the Whiteville tobacco market was soon to close.

It was October 18, 1944, and Tom Hickman and dog had taken their season's limit of deer in one day. While Hickman shot his, the dog had caught the other deer and subdued him more or less single handedly. Commercial fishing operations on all fronts had sagged badly during the past week; all county schools were to hold Saturday classes through November; and new shoe stamps were coming out in November.

Claude Moore had reported good rockfishing near his home on Walden Creek, and had brought two 13-pounders to town to prove it; a sugar shortage in the area had ended; and Commissioner of Agriculture W. Kerr Scott had announced that apples were available to school lunchrooms.

It was October 19, 1949, and Dr. Landis G. Brown had been (Continued On Page Four)