



Ribbon Cutting At Blakes

This was the scene at Blake Builders Supplies Thursday at noon when Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., assisted Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Blake in cutting the big, red ribbon across the entrance of their new building on Highway 211 near Southport. On the left is Charles Blake, who served as master of ceremonies for the brief ceremony. (Photo by Spencer)

Allotment For Tobacco Faces Another Cut

The U.S. Department of Agriculture earlier this week reduced both the tobacco poundage quota and acreage quota by five per cent for the entire flue-cured area Virginia to Florida.

The five per cent cut reduced the national marketing quota from 1,127 million pounds in 1969 to 1,071 pounds for 1970.

The national planting quota was set at 577,670 acres. The yield expectation for 1970 will be 1,854 pounds an acre.

The reduction was ordered under direction of Secretary of Agriculture Clifford M. Hardin. There was no state-by-state breakdown but it is to be noted that North Carolina produces about two thirds of all tobacco harvested in the flue-cured area.

Total income in the state from the crop runs about \$5 million and it is the main money crop in the state.

The reduction will not be too severe on some farmers while to many more it could be overly severe. The grower who undersold his quota in 1969 will be privileged to increase his sale next year by that much. But for the farmer who oversold his 1969 quota, he must reduce his sale next year by that much in addition to the five per cent reduction. The variance runs 10 per cent year to year.

The notice for pounds and acreage reduction is scheduled to be mailed out to growers by the ASCS as soon as calculations have been made for respective growers.

A small acreage of the allotment will be held back in favor of farmers who had no acreage allotment for the past five years. This will include a small reserve for correcting errors and adjusting inequities. The practice is customary.

Shallotte Man Dies In Wreck

SHALLOTTE—Bobby Allen White, 29, died Saturday from injuries in an auto accident on NC 211. He was a Riegel Paper Company employee.

White formerly was tax collector for Brunswick county, a position he assumed after serving as assistant under D.H. Hawes. He resigned his position to go to work for a farm supply house in Shallotte, where he worked prior to going to Riegel.

He was a graduate of Shallotte High School, where he won a reputation for being one of the outstanding basketball players ever produced at that institution.

Final rites were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Powell Funeral Chapel by the Revs. A.C. Wheeler, Leland Etheridge and Garland Long, with burial in Mintz Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Sandra Hudson White; two sons, Gregory Allen and Robert Dixon White, all of the home; his mother, Mrs. Mae Bremman of Florida; a brother, Joe W. White of Shallotte; a sister, Mrs. Willie June Grainger of Wilmington; his paternal grandmother, Mrs. Pearl White of Shallotte; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Tommie McCumbee of Shallotte.

Time And Tide

It was December 6, 1939, and one of the few new mothers ever to be pictured in The Pilot made the front page that week. The 17-year old cow was a great-grandmother, too. A bit of front page nature love that week mentioned that the water turkey could probably swim for at least a mile submerged. A headline announced that "Mintz" had been chosen to head the county Jackson Day preparation, then failed to mention him again in the story.

The Sports Sherlock (by Watson) made its initial appearance that week, and had listed the All-American choices of that writer—all from the Big Four. The top hunting tale of the season appeared that week: Capt. H.T. Bowmer had downed four black ducks with two shots; Tom Gilbert had spent the holidays in Washington; and not only were the potatoes doing well on Bald Head, but Charley Mathewes was planning to plant some lettuce seed later in the week.

It was December 6, 1944, and Clyde Newton had topped Capt. Bowmer—Seven black ducks with only two shots. We hesitate to proceed with this writing. But Ellen Hinnant had become Mrs. Basil Watts; Orton had been featured on a recent calendar publication; and someone wanted a doll carriage for "a little girl whose grandmother can't find a new one."

Other duck hunters were also trying their luck, and our editorial writer noted that, while fair weather used to be the excuse for poor bags, these nimrods were blaming scarcity of shells. Saturday night

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Where Auto Hit A House

An automobile which left the highway while traveling at a high speed Friday night threaded its way between the two trees in the foreground before it smashed into the side of the dwelling, leaving the hole beneath the window. A child asleep on a couch just inside the building escaped with minor injuries. For additional wreck pictures, see page two. (Photo by Spencer)

Auditor Has Good Word To Say To Board

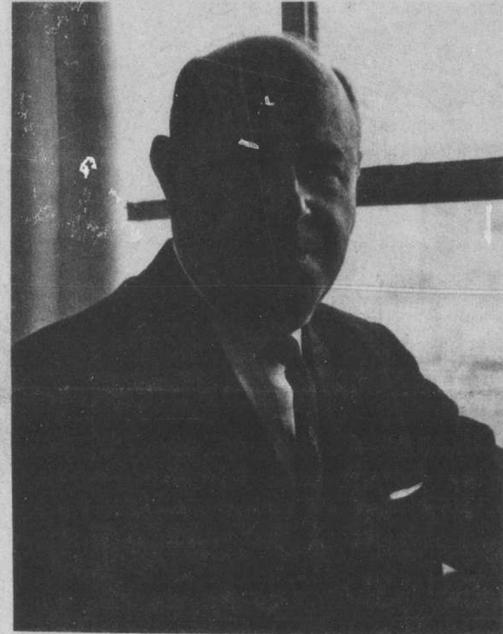
E.M. Underwood, representing the auditing firm of John C. Muse and Company, singled out the office of Tax Collector Homer McKeithan for special praise in his comments to members of the Board of County Commissioners when he made his report of the 1968-69 audit.

It was noted that the tax collection situation has improved considerably. The ratio of collections of the current year's levy increased from 90.5%, an increase of 2%. Collections of land sale certificates and insolvent taxes also increased. "We commend the efforts apparent in this area and recommend continued aggressiveness to decrease a still abnormal amount of delinquent taxes," Underwood said.

Underwood also praised the financial condition of Brunswick county, pointing out that the \$895,400 bonded indebtedness (excluding of school bond indebtedness) is only 1.59 percent of the total property valuation. The funded debt was reduced in the amount of \$63,400 during the fiscal year ending June 30.

The report indicates that all of the county funds show an unappropriated surplus at June 30. "We are of the opinion that it is good business to maintain a reasonable working fund surplus in each fund if possible, and any excess thereof can and should be used in lieu of revenue in the ensuing year's budget. We note that this procedure, which is advantageous to the taxpayers of Brunswick County, is being followed," the report continued.

In accordance with past recommendations there has now been set up a permanent inventory of furniture, fixtures and equipment belonging to the county. It will be perpetuated by recording additions as they are acquired. It will provide information as to whether or not sufficient insurance is in force and could be of valuable aid in preparing a claim in case of fire.



Retires From Air Force

Thorlaph J. Tobiassen, a native of Southport, has retired from the U. S. Air Force after 36 years of service, both in a military and civilian capacity. He plans to live in Florida.

Matching Funds To Help With New Pier

The City of Southport received notice from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, of the approval of matching funds for the construction of a municipal pier in the amount of \$36,350, according to Mayor Eugene Tomlinson.

This grant will match the municipal funds on deposit, and which were approved by a city bond election held February 11, 1969. With the help from the federal grant, the city immediately executed a contract for the construction of an all-concrete municipal pier.

Many persons and agencies have assisted the City of Southport in this first phase of the municipal pier and park development program Tomlinson said. "Congressman Alton Lennon and his staff have been most helpful and interested with the project since the filing of the initial application. All the people in Raleigh, in the Department of Recreation, Ralph J. Andrews, Director, and his staff have given freely of their time."

Mayor Tomlinson stated that he considered the project to one of the most important and far-reaching items to be undertaken by the citizens of the area. "Recreation is big business and the construction of this pier will be one of the recreation attractions on the coast of North Carolina," the Mayor said.

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Tobiassen To Leave Service

Thorlaph J. Tobiassen has retired from the Air Force with 36 years service.

Technical Director of the Directorate of Crew and AGE Subsystems Engineering for Aeronautical Systems Division's Deputy for Engineering at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, Tobiassen has spent the last five years providing technical management and direction for the development of crew station and aerospace ground equipment.

The innovations he worked on during this time include: flight simulator conversions from analog to digital; spatial disorientation trainer for the School of Aerospace Medicine; a mobile electronic weighing system; the C-5A towing tractor, world's largest to tow an airplane; the BAK-13 operational arrestment system; low altitude parachute extraction system; a personnel lowering device for downed aircrewmembers, and a crew station simulation facility.

A native of Southport, and son of the late Mr. and Mrs. K. Tobiassen, he holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering from North Carolina State College. His specialized training includes the U.S. Army

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Owners Must Register To Protect Land

Brunswick county property owners who think they have title to marshlands must register these claims with the State of North Carolina before January 1, or they may find themselves dispossessed. This is the situation following a conference in Raleigh Tuesday for a discussion of a 1969 statute governing ownership of estuarine lands passed by the General Assembly.

During a special topic news conference, Attorney General Robert Morgan said, "We are concerned that many people who claim estuarine land in navigable waters may not know that unless they register by January 1 they may forfeit all rights to these submerged lands."

Morgan was joined at Tuesday's conference by his staff's ocean law specialist, Tom Kane, and state fisheries commissioner Dr. Tom Linton in explaining the 1965 law which requires registration of private ownership in lands underlying navigable waters.

Linton noted, "I would be less than candid if I did not say that I believe the 1965 General Assembly enacted this statute for the purpose of determining land ownership in estuarine areas, that is, areas where coastal

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No Deaths As Car Hits House

An automobile crashed into the side of the Lee Jones residence on the Long Beach road shortly after midnight Friday with the front end coming to rest in the living room where two persons had been. The car was demolished and the house was ripped open, but neither the occupants of the house nor the car were killed.

James R. Smith and seaman Bill Bennett were returning from Long Beach when the Chevrolet Camero left the highway, barely missed a big pine, then slipped between two closely-spaced trees and plowed into the side of the Jones home. Bennett is reported to have been the driver.

Asleep on a couch in the living room was Jerry Jones, Jr., and the car hit the side of the house opposite where he was sleeping. The impact hurled him and his bed across the room and on top of his grandfather, who was seated on another couch watching television. Mrs. Jones and her daughter were awakened by sounds of the crash, and when they came into the front room they couldn't see either the boy or his grandfather. They called the Southport Fire Department.

The elder Jones was uninjured and the boy sustained only a minor injury to his feet. The men in the car didn't fare so well. They were taken to a Wilmington hospital where Bennett was announced to be in

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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, December 4	
3:09 AM	9:40 AM
3:15 PM	9:52 PM
Friday, December 5	
4:03 AM	10:40 AM
4:09 PM	10:46 PM
Saturday, December 6	
4:57 AM	11:34 AM
5:03 PM	11:34 PM
Sunday, December 7	
5:45 AM	12:22 AM
5:57 PM	
Monday, December 8	
6:39 AM	0:28 AM
6:51 PM	1:16 PM
Tuesday, December 9	
7:33 AM	1:16 AM
7:45 PM	2:10 PM
Wednesday, December 10	
8:27 AM	2:03 AM
8:33 PM	2:58 PM

Sencland Group Selects Lewis As Its President

"I don't know if we'll sink or not, but we'll make a big splash," promised Marvin Lewis of Rt. 3 Tabor City, who was named president of the SENCLAND Development Association at the group's 13th annual meeting Friday night at Calabash.

He succeeded B.L. Nesmith, Jr., also of Tabor City. Approximately 150 members of the six-county association heard L.C. Bruce, State Port public relations director, proclaim that the areas' economic growth depends on the counties banding together and working as a single community.

The six counties in the association are New Hanover, Pender, Duplin, Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus.

Lewis, an Area Development Specialist for the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, commended the Union Valley Club, which won a first place award in the farm category sponsored by the association. He said the main reason the club swept the award was because it was building a clubhouse. Clubhouses, Lewis said, are the "show-part" of a development club.

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Brief Bits Of NEWS

YARD OF MONTH

Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Grotheer of 819 E. Moore St. have won Yard of the Month honors for December from the Southport Garden Club.

REVIVAL SERVICES

Revival services will be held at First Apostolic Holiness Church in Southport Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights of this week. Services will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Christmas Lighting Contest, sponsored by the Southport Garden Club, will be held again this year. First and second place prizes will be awarded for the prettiest door, the most beautiful living tree and the best overall. Details of the judging will be announced next week.

CALIFORNIA TRIP

Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Henry, Jr., of Winnabow flew to San Diego, California, Thursday to attend the graduation ceremonies of their son, John Henry, who has completed his Navy boot training. The three of them returned Tuesday, with the son to remain home on leave until time to report to Submarine School at New London, Conn.



Educator At Naval Academy

Midshipman Ronald E. Hewett of Shallotte discusses the Naval Academy's sailing program with Mrs. Clara G. Wilkins, counselor at Wallace-Rose Hill Senior High School. Mrs. Wilkins was among a group of state educators recently completing a three-day orientation program at Annapolis, covering such areas as entrance requirements and academic majors. A second classman (junior), Midshipman Hewett is majoring in foreign affairs. Mrs. Wilkins, the former Miss Clara Evelyn Gill, formerly taught at Southport High School.

State's Ahead Now

Bald Head Island Battle Lingers On

Now it is the State's turn to make a move concerning the purchase of Bald Head Island near Southport.

Charles Fraser, considered the person most interested in private development of the 12,000 acre, sub-tropical island, disclosed Saturday that he no longer holds an option to buy the property from Frank Sherrill. Fraser has said that if the state does not buy the island, then he is still interested.

Governor Bob Scott said Tuesday that it remains the task

of the 1971 General Assembly to shape the destiny of subtropical Bald Head Island near Southport.

Scott said, "I think the state ought to make a determination of what it wants to do with Bald Head and what best use could be made of the island and then decide whether or not it's going to acquire it."

"But obviously this has got to be an action of the General Assembly. We just don't have \$5.5 million lying around that we can go out and plunk down on the table and I'm not so sure that it's worth \$5.5 million . . ."

"The state's position as of now, of course, is what I stated it to be at the State Board of Conservation and Development meeting in Kinston some months ago." Scott said then that he would like the state to acquire the 12,000-acre island, but that it could not afford to pay the price Sherrill is asking for the property.

Meanwhile, Sherrill said in a telephone interview at his office that three additional developers "of means" are "waiting in the wings" to purchase Bald Head. Conservationists claim the island ought to be preserved in its natural, undeveloped state.

Sherrill said, "All I want to do is get the island out of my estate—period. I'm getting to be a pretty old man. I'm nearly 76. The government already owns

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Put The Trash In Proper Place

Mayor E.B. Tomlinson, Jr., requests all property owners to give particular attention to the appearance of their property. In many instances, trash can areas are becoming littered badly.

"During the Christmas season there will be many visitors to Southport," the Mayor said, "and after the first of the year, when construction starts on Carolina Power and Light Company's nuclear power plant, we can expect Southport to become one of the major visitor attraction centers of the state.

"The cooperation of everyone is necessary if we are to present a pleasing appearance to those who come to visit the area."