

Choir Presents Messiah

One of the highlights of the holiday season in Southport was the presentation of The Messiah Sunday evening by the combined church choirs. The program was held at Trinity United Methodist Church, which was filled completely. Choir members, left to right, back row: Lester Lowe, William Ezzell, C. B. Caroon, Dempsey Hewett, Rev. Paul Scott, John J. Swain, Kelley Reynolds, A. H. Gainey, Jr.; second row: Mrs. Eunice Huntley, Mrs. Sue Jones, Mrs. Dor-

othy Hardee, Mrs. Irma Caroon, Mrs. Lucy Melton, Mrs. Gloria Stiller, Mrs. Louise Yaskell, Mrs. Eleanor Potter, Mrs. Doris Harrelson, Mrs. Leila Pigott, director; front row: Mrs. Margaret Harper, organist; Miss Cheryl Blackburn, Mrs. Grace Elliott, Mrs. Margaret Hood, Mrs. Lib Brown, Mrs. Becky Howard, Mrs. Almeta Crowe, Mrs. Marie Royal, Mrs. Amaretta Prevatte, Mrs. William Ezzell. (Photo by Spencer)

Waccamaw And American Bank Form Holding Co.

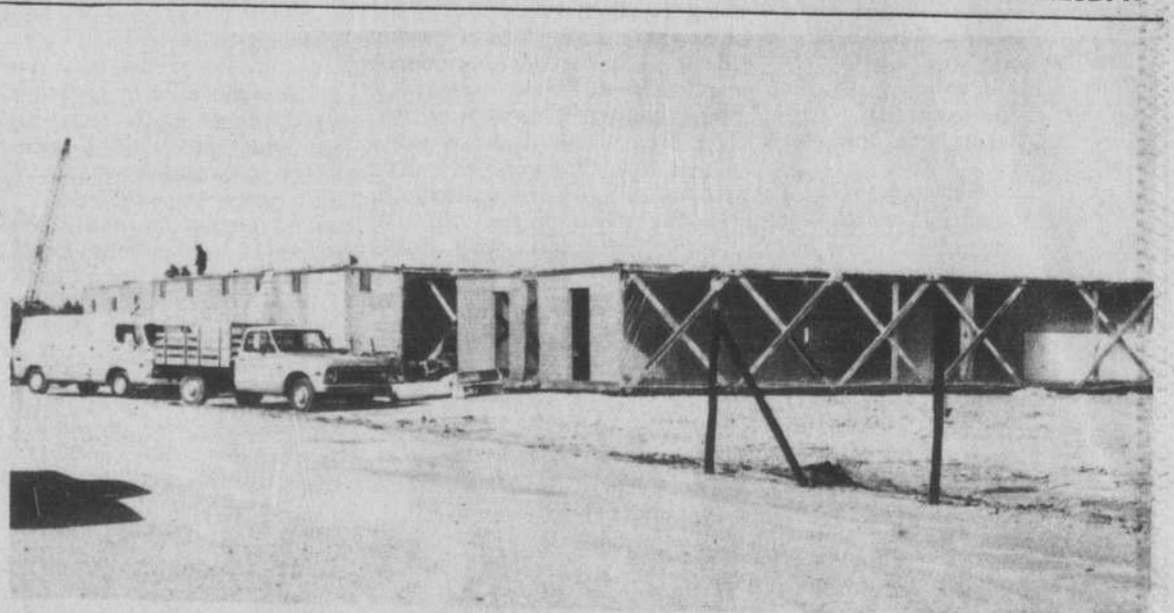
Directors of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Whiteville and American Bank and Trust Company, Monroe, yesterday approved and recommended to stockholders the details of the two banks' plans to establish North Carolina's first registered, or multi-bank, holding company. Announcement that management of the two institutions had discussed such a proposal was made on November 21st.

Plans call for the creation of The Waccamaw Corporation, a fully approved one-bank holding company, on January 1, 1970. Waccamaw Bank stockholders will be issued 1.3 shares of holding company stock for each share they now hold in the bank. Application will then be made to bring American Bank into the holding company and their shareholders will receive 1.2 shares in exchange. While the two banks will continue operating under their present names, the name of the holding company will be changed to United Carolina Bankshares Corporation.

Under the proposal E.D. Gaskins, president of American Bank, will become chairman of the holding company and L.R. Bowers, president of Waccamaw Bank, will become president of the holding company. Both Gaskins and Bowers will remain president of their respective banks.

Waccamaw, with resources of \$106,000,000, operates 29 offices in 21 cities and towns and has 500,148 shares outstanding and capital accounts in excess of \$7,000,000. American Bank operates 16 offices in 10 cities and towns and has resources of \$55,000,000. They have 326,068 shares outstanding with a capital structure of over \$4,000,000.

The holding company has authorized capital of 15,000,000 shares of \$5 per value and upon completion of the inclusion of these two banks will have 1,041,474 shares outstanding. Plans are subject to approval of shareholders and supervisory authorities.



Offices At Plant Site

These structures are to serve as offices for Brown & Root at the site of the nuclear power plant they are constructing for Carolina Power and Light Company near Southport. Clearing and preliminary excavation operations now are well-underway at the local project. (Photo by Spencer)



Lands Big Rockfish

Ian Hornstein is shown holding the 26-lb. rockfish he caught Sunday while fishing in Dutchman's Creek near Southport. This was his third big rockfish in as many days. His first weighed 13 lbs. and the second weighed 8 lbs. (photo by Spencer)

Board Fails To Select School Site

Highway Work For Brunswick Is Scheduled

The State Highway Commission has allocated over \$145,000 to be spent on secondary roads in Brunswick county, Area Highway Commissioner David Parnell announced this week. The money will be spent on 17 roads in the county.

An additional \$8,381 was allocated from secondary bond money to stabilize Rudolph Road for one mile, from NC 904 to State Road 1315.

All of the projects depend upon the availability of right of way.

The Brunswick projects are: An allocation of \$26,200 to surface the Cedar Landing, Mintz Drive and Dogwood Neck Roads, a total of 2.3 miles.

Base and pave State Road 1538 (Rutland Chapel Road) and SR 1414 (Dr. Goodman Road), a total of 1.7 miles, \$30,000.

Stabilize, at a cost of \$86,500, the following roads: Fussin Road, Conley Milliken Road, Cotton Patch Landing Road, Morgan Road, Goley Lewis Road, Bert Frink Road, Landvale Road, Fred Piggott Road and James Bellamy Road.

There are 183 homes located on the above roads.

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Education in special session Monday night refused to second the motion made by the representative from the Southport School District that the new consolidated school to serve the southern area be located at Beaver Dam, thus leaving up in the air the decision on where to build the school

which will serve the Bolivia-Southport section.

The board heard a delegation including Morrison Watkins, Johnny Mills, Judson Ward, Henry Randolph, V.J. McKeithan and Wilbor Earl Earp express their concern against location of the Southern Area School at Beaverdam. The delegation requested the board

to choose a site centrally located between Bolivia and Southport, granting equal distance for bus transportation.

Arthur J. Doshier made a motion for approval of the Beaverdam site, but this motion did not receive a second and the motion was declared dead. Doshier then requested the board to allow Horne to seek from the property owner of Beaver Dam Site price of land so the board would have this information providing other sites prove to be unsatisfactory. This request was granted.

Homer Holden asked the Board to approve the Sprunt property site on Highway 87 near Moore's Creek. Delmas Babson seconded this motion and all members concurred.

Jack Croft, architect employed by the board to draw plans for the three new schools, gave a progress report on all area school plans. He presented the final floor plan on all proposed schools. The board was informed that State Department personnel involved in school building and planning had approved the various department plans. It was stated that the State's Health Department will need to approve well and septic tank location and construction. The State Highway Department will need to approve access roads and certain phases of water drainage on school sites. Croft gave report on all soil testing and drilling conducted by Mr. Mier, engineer. With the exception of the Ripley and International Paper Company property sites at Midway, all testing and drilling indicated school buildings could be constructed on chosen and

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Florida Probe Into Local Corporation

Florida Atty. Gen. Earl Faircloth, invoking the authority of the state attorney's office in his hunt for Mafia-influenced

businesses, Friday ordered officials of three Tampa waterfront firms to produce their records for examination.

Backed by a new state law Faircloth had sought for four years, aides of State Atty. Joe Spicola served subpoenas on seven persons, all connected in some manner with the three firms.

Spicola also called for the witnesses to produce detailed records of the firms' corporation transactions.

The subpoenas named John Imparato Jr., president of East Gulf Shipping Corp., John Imparato, president and treasurer of Southport Stevedore Inc., Michael Imparato, president of Southport Terminals Inc., Thelma Imparato, secretary of both East Gulf Shipping Corp. and Southport Terminals Inc. It could not be learned last night if the Imparatos are related.

The others were Sal Forte, secretary of Southport Stevedore, Charles Rickerson, director of East Gulf Shipping and Robert Cleveland, vice-president of Southport Stevedore. All are Tampa residents except Cleveland, who is a Riverview resident, and Forte, of 4100 Barracuda S.E., St. Petersburg.

Spicola said he was given the names by Florida Attorney General Earl Faircloth's office, which is conducting statewide probe of underworld influences in private firms incorporated in the state.

The state attorney directed the witnesses to produce bank records, ledger slips, deposit books, corporate minute books, stock books, various business ledgers, salary sheets, invoices, paid receipts, sales records, manifests and correspondence.

The subpoenas said the records must be produced to trace the firms' business histories.

The firms, according to the Tampa Port Authority are among the largest tenants in the (Continued On Page Four)

Decoration For Vietnam Hero

Boatswains Mate First Class Perley L. Farrow, USCG, assigned to Coast Guard Station Wrightsville Beach, was presented the Navy Achievement Medal (with combat "V") by Commander H.N. Helgesen, United States Coast Guard, captain of the port, Wednesday at the Coast Guard Station Wrightsville Beach.

The Achievement Medal is awarded to farrow by the commander of the U.S. Naval Forces, Vietnam, Vice Admiral E.R. Zumwalt, Jr., "for professional achievement while serving with United States Coast Guard explosive loading detachment four engaged in armed conflict against the North Vietnamese and Vietcong communist aggressors in the Republic of Vietnam from July 1968 to May 1969. Petty Officer Farrow served as an explosive advisor to Freight Terminal Division, DaNang in loading and unloading ammunition aboard deep draft vessels anchored in the port of DaNang. His tireless efforts and diligent leadership were key factors in minimizing material damage and personnel injury. Through his exceptional performance of duty, Petty Officer Farrow was instrumental in significantly improving the DaNang ammunition processing. His performance of Duty, leadership, exceptional professional ability and dedication were in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service."

The ceremony was witnessed by boatswains Mate Chief J.T. Taylor, USCG, officer in charge of Wrightsville Beach Station, and the men assigned to the station.

Brief Bits Of NEWS

TURKEY SHOOT
The Boosters Club of Waccamaw High School will sponsor a turkey shoot Saturday at the athletic field, beginning at 9 o'clock. Proceeds will go to pay for new equipment for the gymnasium.

OPEN HOUSE
Leland High School seniors are having an open house for the 1969 graduates of Leland and Lincoln High School at 2:15 o'clock on Friday in the Leland High School home economics lab.

PRINTING MONDAY
The next issue of The State Port Pilot will be published on Monday because of the Christmas holiday schedule which will be in effect by mid-week. This will serve the purpose of affording advertisers a last chance to appeal to late shoppers.

Establish Plan For Marketing

North Carolina moved a step closer to establishing a seafood marketing development program on December 6 when the Board of Conservation and Development voted to request \$50,000 for this purpose. Funds would probably be allotted from non-tax funds.

It is anticipated that a fisheries marketing specialist and a seafood home economist will be employed by the state to carry out the program which will seek to establish new marketing procedures and lead in the development of new seafood products.

The North Carolina Fisheries Association has long advocated such a program. Much of the state's production is sold outside (Continued On Page Eight)

Board And Sheriff Talk Over Costs

Members of the Board of County Commissioners conferred at length Monday with Sheriff Harold Willetts regarding costs for his department, chiefly the expenses stemming from hospital bills for prisoners and bills for transportation of persons ordered committed to Cherry Hospital.

One patient had incurred hospital expenses totaling more than \$1,000, but it appeared that the county is helpless to recover when it was learned from Sheriff Willetts that the man now is serving on the roads.

Litterbugs Are Cited To Court

At least 991 litterbugs in North Carolina found someone was watching in 1968.

Mecklenburg led the counties with 52 arrests. No arrests at all were reported in Northampton, Clay, Pamlico, Tyrrell, Washington, Macon, Madison or Polk counties.

In Brunswick 10 arrests were made for this offense.

All of the arrests were made by highway patrolmen, according to Lt. D.R. Emory of the North Carolina Motor Vehicles Department. He said no figures were available on the number of convictions.

A corresponding number of violators were arrested this year. Figures for the first six months show that 533 litterers received citations, Lt. Emory said.

He pointed out that 57 per cent of the arrests were made in 24 counties, or roughly one fourth of the total number of counties in the state.

Charges are made in compliance with General Statute 14-399 as amended by the 1969 General Assembly. The statute reads as follows:

"It is unlawful for any person, firm, organization or private corporation, or for the governing body, agents or employees of (Continued On Page Four)

The biggest point of disagreement grew out of charges for out-of-state travel for a deputy for one-half of the expenses of a trip to Florida to bring back a prisoner who had jumped bail. The other one-half of the cost was paid by the bondsman, and the commissioners contended that he should have borne the entire cost, since it was his obligation to produce the defendant in court.

Sheriff Willetts pointed out that papers drawn by the solicitor had resulted in an arrest by Florida authorities, and when the defendant agreed to waive extradition, he took the position that his department had an obligation to return him to Brunswick for trial.

With regard to charges for hospital and medical services for prisoners, the commissioners talked to Sheriff Willetts and also with Clerk of Court Jack Brown about including these bills as part of the costs with the requirement that the prisoner pay them. Agreement was reached to request that the doctors and hospitals submit bills as quickly as possible so that these can be turned over to the clerk's office.

Commissioner Paul Dennis said "I won't vote to pay any more bills for trips to Cherry Hospital in Goldsboro for patients who are able to pay it themselves."

The sheriff and commissioners agreed that nowhere in the budget is there provision for some of the expenses that are coming in for some of these services. The suggestion was made to turn these bills over to the Welfare Department, but the commissioners agreed that neither does this agency have funds budgeted for these purposes.

Sheriff Willetts said he will cooperate any way he can with the commissioners to help recover these costs from patients whenever possible.

While he was present, Chairman George Rourke read a (Continued On Page Eight)

General Owen Visits Terminal

Brigadier General Edwin B. Owen, Commander Eastern Area Military Traffic Management and Terminal Service (EAMTMTS) of which the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, is a subordinate installation, will pay a Christmas visit to the military and civilian personnel of Sunny Point.

The General will arrive at Sunny Point on December 23 and will visit various activities and will present awards to deserving personnel. In the evening Colonel Robert D. Reid, the terminal commander, and Mrs. Reid will hold a reception in General Owen's honor, in the Garrison House, at Port Johnston, Southport.

General Owen assumed command of the far-flung, tri-service staffed EAMTMTS in October, 1968, and is responsible for operating (Continued On Page Four)

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, December 18	
3:36 AM	9:56 AM
3:54 PM	10:11 PM
Friday, December 19	
4:48 PM	10:59 PM
4:30 AM	10:56 AM
Saturday, December 20	
5:15 AM	11:47 AM
5:42 PM	11:47 PM
Sunday, December 21	
6:12 AM	
6:30 PM	12:35 PM
Monday, December 22	
6:54 AM	12:35 PM
7:12 PM	1:17 PM
Tuesday, December 23	
7:36 AM	1:17 PM
7:54 PM	1:59 PM
Wednesday, December 24	
8:12 AM	1:59 PM
8:30 PM	2:41 PM