



Special Performance

George Deaton, his wife, Barbara, and the Hired Hands gave a performance Sunday afternoon at Ocean Trail Rest Home in Southport. Also appearing with

the band was Doshier Ruark, Southport boy, now employed by an aeronautics firm in California. (Photo by Spencer)

Postal Rates Show Increase On Newspapers

Postal rates for newspapers and magazines and other material mailed at the second-class rate will be increased January 1, Postmaster Norris Long reminded second-class mailers this week.

The increase results from the postage rate law enacted in December 1967, which raised most second-class rates in three annual steps. Postmaster Long pointed out. The January 1, 1970, hike is the final phase of the increase. The first phase took effect January 7, 1968, and the second step will go into effect January 1, 1969.

The second-class rate increase affects general interest, nonprofit and classroom publications.

Rates also will go up January 1 for controlled circulation publications. These are primarily trade, technical and industrial journals which generally do not charge a subscription fee and are not eligible for second-class rates. The 1967 postal rate law called for a three-step raise for controlled circulation publications, to be effective the same dates as the second-class increases.

Except for home-county mailings, postal rates for newspapers and magazines mailed second-class are based on the weight of publication, the amount of advertising it contains, and the distance it is mailed.

Effective January 1, rates for editorial or non-advertising matter in commercial publications will be increased from 3.2 to 3.4 cents per pound. Rates for advertising content depend on the distance the publication is mailed. These zone rates now range from 4.9 to 16 cents per pound of advertising content. The new advertising zone rate range will be 5.2 to 17 cents.

There are special lower second-class rates for classroom publications and publications of nonprofit organizations. These rates also will be increased January 1.

Postmaster Long said that second-class or controlled circulation mailers who need more detailed information on the new rates should contact the Post office where their publications are mailed.



Key To The City

Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., is shown on the right as he presents a souvenir key to the City of Southport to Brigadier General Edwin B. Owen during a break in his inspection visit to Sunny Point Army Terminal last week. Open House was held that evening in Garrison House, with Col. and Mrs. Robert D. Reid entertaining in honor of this distinguished military visitor. (Photo by Spencer)

Laymen Group Organize For Christian Work

A group of Christian laymen in the area have joined together to promote Christian endeavor both within and outside the church.

The purpose of the organization "is to be a service arm of the entire church, serving all churches which can profit by having their men stirred and inspired for greater Christian service and enriched by Christian fellowship. The association supports the church and encourages its members to be active in their church affiliation and support. It is not in competition with the church, local or universal, but seeks to complement it. The sole aim of the association is to advance the cause of Jesus Christ, having no ambition of its own other than to promote the work of the Lord."

Monthly dinner meetings are planned at which notable Christian leaders will speak.

The first meeting is planned for Tuesday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Building. The Rev. Tommy Tyson, former Chaplain of Oral Roberts University and a noted evangelist, will speak. There will also be group and special singing.

Dinner reservation should be placed prior to Saturday, January 10, by contacting: E. C. Blake, Theodore Burney, C. B. Caroon, or Ephraim Swain.

The charge for dinner is \$1.50 for adults, and \$1.00 for children age 16.

Participation is urged in this Christian fellowship endeavor.

Secret Session By Action Agency

"Chaos" existed for Sencland Community Action, Inc., last May when it named Charles Mumford as acting executive director. Now, seven months later, with the agency in the best shape it has been in lately, the board of directors wonders if Mumford should be maintained as executive director.

The topic of selecting a new executive director was brought up at the agency's monthly board of directors meeting, held last Tuesday in the Columbus County Courthouse. A closed session was held, on the subject but it is understood the board made no decision concerning the position.

For practical purposes, Mumford's present position is the same as that of executive director. The only distinction seems to be in the title.

Mumford was not present for the closed session. Earlier in the meeting, however, he was asked to comment, and his reply reflected his attitude towards Sencland Community Action, Inc.

He said he would continue to work for the agency to the best of his ability as long as he was connected with it. He pointed out the progress that had been made since he took over as acting executive director—though he cited the others who also were responsible for the smoother operation—and wondered why, if he was satisfactory for the position last May would he not be okay for the "vacancy" the board now is

trying to fill. Mumford told the board he felt there was no one person as important as the agency.

"I have been acting executive director seven months and I have devoted my time and talent to get the agency moving to the best of my ability," Mumford said. "We have made some progress with, of course, the support and guidance of the board, the staff and others connected with the agency."

"If the board considers favorably," he added, "I shall continue to give my efforts to move the agency as it should go."

The acting executive director pointed out to the board the status of the agency in May and the progress that has been made since then.

Mumford also took time to clarify some of his "philosophies and ideas." Race, he said, does not mean "a darn thing" when it comes to who does what. "I am more concerned with a person's character, his commitment to his work and the quality of his performance."

Mumford, a Negro, pointed out that all directors of projects in the agency are whites. "There are no 'hang-ups' as long as everyone does a good job," he added.

The recent cutback in manpower brought about by a reduction in funds demonstrates his point, Mumford said. Of the 21 people cut from the Sencland Community Action, Inc., force, 12 were blacks and 9 were whites, he stated.

The Tuesday night meeting was a brief one, until the directors went into their closed session. In the session, the board also upheld the dismissal of F. J. Corbett as project director of the Neighborhood Youth Corps program. Corbett was fired in August, but he appealed that decision.

The Sencland Community Action, Inc., board of directors voted to accept a proposal for employee's medical and hospitalization coverage plan of Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and the retirement plan of Associated Insurers, Inc., of Raleigh.

A person who has been with Sencland Community Action, Inc., is entitled to 25 percent of the vested interest, according to Mumford. A person with the agency 12 months would be entitled to 50 percent, one with the agency 18 months would receive 75 percent and one with the agency 24 months would get 100 percent, plus all accrued interest.

The board of directors also approved the refunding of Sencland Community Action,

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Decision On School Sites Called Urgent

A group of Southport residents, weary of delay in selecting a site for construction of a consolidated high school which will take care of students in the Southport-Bolivia area, are making plans to attend the regular meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education Monday night.

They do not appear to be as much concerned about where the school is located as they are about reaching a definite decision which will make it possible for construction to begin as early as possible in the new year.

Petitions are being circulated here this week supporting selection of a site in the Beaver Dam area. This, however, is based upon the belief that state school authorities have given their approval to this site and that borings have indicated that the foundation is suitable for construction.

It is noteworthy that there has been no opposition locally when it was believed that the new school would be erected at Boiling Spring Lakes, later at Clear Pond and even more recently at Midway. Drainage problems eliminated further consideration of the Boiling Spring Lakes site; acquisition costs caused the Clear Lake site to be temporarily dismissed; and faulty foundation borings led to elimination of the Midway site from further consideration.

Residents of this community have taken the position that since the new school is to serve students from throughout the present Southport-Brunswick County High School Districts and a portion of the existing Bolivia School District there is no quarrel with having the

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Name Winners For Contest

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Aldridge were first place winners in the Most Original category of the Christmas Lighting Contest sponsored again this year by members of the Southport Garden Club.

In the Best Overall division the first place winners were Mr. and Mrs. Ed Oliver, with Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Koontz second.

First prize for the Prettiest Doorway went to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willing, with Mrs. Ethel Mae Jackson coming in second.

For the Prettiest Living Tree, first prize went to Dr. and Mrs. C. R. Conrad, second place to Mrs. Mary Russ.



Foreign Student Visitors

On December 23 the Southport Presbyterian Church was host to approximately 30 of the international youth students who were spending the Christmas holidays in Wilmington. This group was comprised of students from all over the world. Mrs. R. W. Smith, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lane, Mrs. Edith Sneed and Miss Pauline Mebane of Winter Park Presbyterian Church, Wilmington, accompanied them on their visit to Southport. Harold Aldridge extended welcome and Mrs. Al Martin, Mrs. James E. Pinner, Mrs. V. A. Fish, Mrs. George Savage and Miss Kay Moore were hostesses and were assisted by Susan Fish, Leigh Ann Thorsen and Helen Walker. (Photo by Spencer)

New Tax Forms To Be Used For 1970

January will bring a surprise from the Internal Revenue Service to taxpayers. Each taxpayer will receive a brand new consolidated tax form 1040 in a booklet which will also contain various schedules which may be needed to file the return.

The card form 1040-A has been discarded. All taxpayers, regardless of income, will receive exactly the same tax form package, except that self-employed business men and farmers will have included in their package Schedule F, respectively, on which to report their business and farm income and expenses.

Taxpayers who formerly filed 1040-A will need only to file the one-sheet form 1040 which includes essentially the same information as the front and back of the discarded 1040-A, so there is actually very little difference in the single sheet

form 1040 and the old form 1040-A, except in size and format.

Taxpayers whose allowable deductions exceed 10% of their adjusted gross income will benefit by itemizing their deductions. These taxpayers will need only to file the single sheet 1040 plus schedule A upon which to itemize their deductions. About 53 million taxpayers are expected to file only these two sheets as their tax returns.

Schedule B is to be used only by those taxpayers who have dividend and interest income to report.

Schedule D is to be used only by those taxpayers who sold or exchanged capital property such as stocks, bonds, personal assets, etc. during the year.

Schedule E is to be used

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Time And Tide

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It was December 27, 1939, and menhaden fishermen, laying off only for Christmas day, were continuing to reap the late season harvest of fertilizer fish. The USE Dredge Comstock had put to sea with a large contingent of Brunswick men aboard; Lois Jane Bussells had entertained the Thursday Night Bridge Club at a quail supper; and Just Among The Fishermen dealt that week with the passing of The Literary Digest and the inception of the new Life publication.

Our editorial writer was recalling happenings and impressions of the celebration just past—the midnight service at the Presbyterian church; the better musical programs on the radio during the past week; the unusual and attractive displays of Christmas lighting in Southport and throughout the county; the midnight mass celebrated at the Catholic Church (the first in the church's history) on Christmas Eve; and the prevailing peace on earth, at least for the people of our nation.

It was December 27, 1944, and there was not peace on earth. The Pilot that week carried instructions for civilians to follow in the event of an enemy bomb attack. Mrs. H.B. Smith had been awarded first prize in the tree lighting contest, Mrs. Wiley Wells for house decorating. T.R. Clemmons had killed a fox recently, but no judgement had been passed on the animal's sanity; the county was

Correct Cause Of Water Shortage

The problem encountered last week with the dewatering of the nuclear plant site have been corrected reports W. B. Kincaide, Carolina Power and Light Company engineer in charge of design and construction for the project.

Kincaide said the dewatering system was shut down the day

before Christmas Eve when the level of water was lowered in some of the private shallow wells within an 8,000-ft radius of the plant site. With the shutdown of the dewatering system the water level began rising in the shallow wells.

On the day after Christmas CP&L's construction firm, Brown & Root, drilled four existing wells deeper and installed new deepwell pumps in place of the existing shallow well pumps. At another farm the problem was corrected by installing a deepwell pump.

On Christmas Day the Brown and Root telephone was manned in case other difficulties developed, Kincaide said.

Excavation at the plant site is necessary to place a concrete foundation mat 40-ft below grade, Kincaide explained. In order to complete the excavation accumulated water have to be pumped out. Excavation work was resumed Monday.

Kincaide explained that the lowered water level in nearby shallow wells was expected and that Brown and Root was prepared to correct water shortages caused by the construction activity.

When the excavation and foundation mat-laying is complete, water in the area will return to its natural level, he said.

CP&L is keeping the Ground Water Division of the State Department of Water and Air Resources advised of the situation, Kincaide said.

Waccamaw Wins Top Farm Award

The outstanding service which the N. C. Bankers Association has given the state's agriculture through educational programs for better banking services and special activities in the agricultural field, again has received special recognition from the American Bankers Association.

News of the award was received by Willis T. Hancock, Chairman of the N.C.B.A. agricultural committee and senior vice president of Southern National Bank, Lumberton. Sam K. Sain, senior vice president of American Bank and Trust Company, Monroe, headed the committee during the past year.

The bankers' organization annually appoints an agricultural liaison representative in each county. This banker is called the "County Key Banker" and he works closely with the NCBA agricultural committee.

NCBA President, William H. (Continued On Page Four)

New Years To Be Observed

Because New Years Day is on Thursday, Brunswick county school students get a bonus holiday, with classes scheduled to resume on Monday.

City and county offices also will be closed for the day, as will many of the business firms throughout the county. Also observing this holiday will be the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. at all of its branches and the Security Savings and Loan at Southport and Shallotte.

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, January 1	
1:21 AM	7:58 AM
1:27 PM	8:10 PM
Friday, January 2	
2:21 AM	9:04 AM
2:27 PM	9:04 PM
Saturday, January 3	
3:27 AM	10:04 AM
3:33 PM	10:10 PM
Sunday, January 4	
4:27 AM	11:10 AM
4:33 PM	11:10 PM
Monday, January 5	
5:27 AM	12:04 AM
5:39 PM	12:04 PM
Tuesday, January 6	
6:21 AM	12:58 AM
6:33 PM	
Wednesday, January 7	
7:21 AM	0:58 AM
7:33 PM	1:52 PM