



Overflowed And Frozen

This is how the water tank at the Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell looked Friday when the temperature remained below 20-degrees throughout the day. The water pump was kept running for fear that

if it stopped the pipes would freeze. Hence the overflow, and once the water hit the air, freezing set in. A considerable portion of the old parade ground thus became a skating rink. (Photo by Linwood King)

Brunswick Has Experience In Cold Weather

Temperatures below 10-degrees were reported at several points in Brunswick county Friday and Saturday, with the thermometer never getting above freezing on either of those days. The lowest reading reported was 8-degrees out in the county. Ten degrees was the lowest temperature reported in the Southport area.

Schools were dismissed before noon Friday when temperatures in the forties were reported in several temporary classrooms.

The weather began to warm up Sunday, but it was not until Monday that normal temperatures prevailed again, and by this time rain had begun to fall. No snow or sleet was reported in Brunswick.

Temperatures for Thursday, Friday and Saturday made these the three coldest consecutive days in recent years in this area.

Adult Group To Hold Class

An adult class in Tractor Maintenance and Repair will be conducted by the Agricultural Department at the Brunswick County-Southport High School, beginning next Monday night, at 7 o'clock.

The class will be conducted in the form of a workshop, in order to provide opportunities for tractor owners to give their tractors and other motorized equipment the needed overhaul and repairs during the slack season and at minimum cost. The workshop will include both gasoline and diesel tractors.

Individuals who wish to enroll in the class should contact J. A. Francis, teacher of Vocational Agriculture at the local school, who will be the instructor at the workshop. Those enrolling who wish to overhaul their own tractors should request a self-help permit before or at the first meeting of the class Monday night, in order that arrangement might be made for storage of the live projects. The workshop is tentatively planned to run 20 hours.

Program Will Honor Dr. King

The Southport Branch of the NAACP will honor Dr. Martin Luther King on his birthday Sunday by presenting a program which will consist of singing and speaking. This service will begin at 3 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Southport. Rev. V.S. Singletary will be the guest speaker. Following the program, a meal will be served. The public is invited.

Erosion Problems Heard Thursday

A large group of Brunswick county residents, alarmed over serious erosion which has chewed away at oceanfront property during the past few months, were discouraged Thursday to learn that no emergency state or federal funds are available with which to help correct the situation.

Present for the public meeting held in the Community Building in Southport were Roy Sowers, director of the N.C. Department of Conservation and Development, and Col. George Pickett, director of the Department of Water and Air Resources.

"I am sorry I can not report to you there is an abundance of funds to use to stop eroding down here," Sowers said.

Sowers' visit followed an aerial inspection of the Brunswick coast by state and federal officials.

The aerial inspection and ensuing erosion hearing was sparked by a request by letter from the Brunswick commissioners after a fall storm destroying a privately-constructed bulkhead and forcing the moving of eight beach cottages.

Sowers said Gov. Scott had received several telephone calls from interested persons. Sowers said erosion control

Christmas Seal Sales Lagging

The annual Christmas Seal Campaign, for some unknown reason, is running below that of previous years in this area. In April of 1969, ten counties merged to form the Cape Fear Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association. This was done to provide a more effective year-round program in all phases of respiratory disease. Each county benefits more, as consolidation has brought less overhead and more community service, according to John Harelson, association president.

The tremendous increase in emphysema brings a need for help from the local health associations. More work in this field cannot be carried on without the support of the citizens in the ten counties, Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Cumberland, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender, Robeson and Sampson. Harelson says, "At present, we serve the largest population with the smallest budget of any area association in North Carolina. To date, the 1969 contributions are \$3,300.00 short of last year."

was of paramount importance to Gov. Scott. Sowers reiterated the statement about Scott's personal interest in helping solve

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SGT. DAVIS

Citation For Southport Man

Sgt. William A. Davis Southport has received the Army Commendation Medal by direction of the Secretary of the Army. Following is the text of this citation:

"SPECIALIST FOUR WILLIAM A. DAVIS, RA67119593, UNITED STATES ARMY, who distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service in support of military operations against communist aggression in the Republic of Vietnam. During the period July 1968 to January 1969 he astutely surmounted extremely adverse conditions to obtain consistently superior results. Through diligence and determination he invariably accomplished every task with dispatch and efficiency. His unrelenting loyalty, initiative and perseverance brought him wide acclaim and inspired others to strive for maximum achievement. Selflessly working long and arduous hours, he has contributed significantly to the success of the allied effort. His commendable performance was in keeping with the finest traditions of the military service and reflects distinct credit upon himself and the United States Army."

His promotion came following this citation.

Sgt. Davis is now stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel A. Davis of Southport, and the husband of Mrs. Cozette C. Davis of Clinton.

Maco Light Is Included In Ghost Stories

By PAUL PHILLIPS

The dancing shadows produced by the camp fire created a backdrop of uncertainty. There was a noticeable chill in the air despite the burning logs. A group huddled together seeking warmth as well as security.

One person spoke. His voice was almost a monotone.

"Yes," said the speaker, "There are ghosts in these woods. I have seen them."

This could be a typical scene from just one of the many ghost telling sessions held around a fireside. Each fireside has its own phantom, spirit or ghostified subject.

When it comes down to a spook count, North Carolina has its share of the supernatural, explainable yet un-explainable events.

Take for instance: The mystery of the Maco Light is simple, say folks who live around Wilmington. It's Joe Baldwin looking for his head. A railroad man, he was hit and decapitated by a train in the 1860's near Wilmington. Soon thereafter, a mysterious light began to appear along the tracks at Maco Station. It would sway back and forth for awhile, then in a parabolic arc drop into the swamp and continue to glow.

Scientists and psychologists have been baffled by the light. A noted parapsychologist, after visiting the area, was convinced that "Joe Baldwin was definitely a ghost."

Perhaps North Carolina's most famous spook spectacle is the Brown Mountain Lights. Legends that have sprung up in

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Time And Tide

It was January 10, 1940, and the front page photo that week showed two aspects of the beautiful square-rigged schooner Swift, of Ipswich, Mass. She and another vessel, the sharpie Santa Cruz of the same port, had been in Southport during the last week. Their builder Capt. William Robinson, had circumnavigated the globe in a 32-footer some ten years before, and a lengthy story was devoted to his exploits both as sailor and shipwright. Elsewhere on the waterfront: the training ship White Cloud of New York had visited here en route to San Francisco; the County Chamber of Commerce was requesting that the battleship North Carolina be allowed to visit Southport; and menhaden boats had made capacity catches on the preceding Thursday.

On the hardwoods: the Shallotte girls had defeated Southport 35-8; their boys had triumphed over the locals 13-9. Not exactly waxed athletic that week and opined that the Texas Aggies should play Southern Cal in a post-season game to determine the national football championship; observed that the ever-powerful Yankees had again made an astute trade; and noted that David Watson and Malcolm Frink were playing basketball for ECTC.

It was January 10, 1945, and Col. Ivan Bennett, chief chaplain for the Army forces in The Far East, had addressed a special gathering of students at his alma mater, Wake Forest College. W.R. Lingle had been named head of the county March of Dimes; our editorial writer

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County Board Holds Special Meeting Friday

Jack Croft, architect, met Friday with the Brunswick Board of Education and discussed electric, heating and engineering phases of the three consolidated area high schools. Topography features and drainage aspects of the northern and western sites were discussed.

Superintendent Ralph King informed the board that title transfer of the northern school site was made January 8. He also stated that no further information from owners had been received on the western and southern sites.

Three members from the Southport School district appeared before the board—W.P. Horne, T.H. Doshier and Rev. Paul Scott. Horne and Doshier requested the board to consider proximity of the Sunny Point Terminal and its in-bound yards in final selection of the southern school site. The chairman instructed the superintendent to consult with Sunny Point officials regarding possible dangers and report findings to the board.

Arthur J. Doshier reminded members that every effort must be made to bring to a speedy conclusion site location for the southern area school.

The board adopted procedures for selection of colors and mascots for the new consolidated high schools.

A.C. Caviness, Nelson Best, and Mr. Keziah were named to act as chairmen of area school committees. The committee is to be constituted as follows: All principals in the area school districts, head coach from each high school, two teachers (one black and one white) from each of the high schools, one student member from each of the grades 9-12 from each high school, racially constituted according to percentage in attendance, two parents (one black and one white) from each school district, chairman or his representative of each local school committee.

Final and alternate selections made by the committee are to be submitted to the high school

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School Nurse Saves Child

Mrs. Marie Brown, school nurse for Brunswick county, is credited with saving the life of Rozina Beck, third grade student, while on duty at Lincoln School Thursday.

According to reports, the child was brought to her office in an unconscious condition after she apparently had stopped breathing. Mrs. Brown administered mouth-to-mouth respiration and kept the child alive until members of the Leland Rescue Squad arrived with their mechanical resuscitator. When the child appeared to be strong enough to make the trip, the squad members carried her to New Hanover Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Brown said she still has not received a detailed report on her trouble, but she took this opportunity to praise the work of the Leland Rescue Squad. "If it hadn't been for them, the child would have died," she said.



Tuesday Night Speaker

The Rev. Tommy Tyson, left, was the speaker Tuesday night at a dinner meeting of the Lower Cape Fear Christian Laymen's Association. He was introduced by C. B. Caroon, president of the association. (Photo by Spencer)



Veteran Officer Honored

Charlie Skipper, right, veteran Brunswick County law enforcement officer, is shown accepting a plaque from A. J. Blanton, who served as master of ceremonies at a recent banquet honoring Skipper upon his retirement as a member of the Long Beach Police Department.

Announce Schedule For Election Slate

H. Foster Mintz, chairman, Brunswick County Board of Elections, has released the 1970 election schedule.

For the primary the deadline for candidates to file with the State Board of Elections for Congress, Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, Superior Court, District Court and Solicitors is February 20, at 12 noon.

The deadline for candidates to file with the County Board of Elections for county offices, State Senate and State House of Representatives is March 20 at 12 noon.

The first Saturday to register for voting in the primary will be April 4, the second Saturday will be April 11, and the last Saturday will be April 18. Challenge day will be April 25.

The date of the 1970 Primary Election will be Saturday, May 2, and the date of the Second Primary (if needed) will be May 30.

The first Saturday to register for voting in the General Election will be October 10, the second will be Saturday, October 17, and the last will be Saturday, October 24. Challenge day will be Saturday, October 31.

The date of the 1970 General Election will be Tuesday, November 3.

Veteran Law Man Honored

Charlie Skipper, veteran law enforcement officer, was honored recently by his fellow citizens of Long Beach as he retired as a member of the Police Department. He has spent 34 years in various law enforcement jobs, including game protector, deputy sheriff and as a police officer.

A. J. Blanton served as master of ceremonies at a presentation ceremony and gave Skipper a plaque inscribed "from the grateful citizens of Long Beach." Chief of Police Aubrey

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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, January 15	
1:57 AM	8:22 AM
2:21 PM	8:40 PM
Friday, January 16	
2:57 AM	9:28 AM
3:21 PM	9:34 PM
Saturday, January 17	
3:57 AM	10:28 AM
4:15 PM	10:28 PM
Sunday, January 18	
4:51 AM	11:22 AM
5:09 PM	11:22 PM
Monday, January 19	
5:39 AM	12:10 AM
5:57 PM	
Tuesday, January 20	
6:27 AM	0:00 AM
6:45 PM	12:52 PM
Wednesday, January 21	
7:09 AM	12:52 AM
7:27 PM	1:34 PM

Ferry Going For Repairs

The Southport-Fort Fisher ferry made its last winter run, Monday, the State Highway Commission announced this week.

On that date the ferry will be sent to a shipyard for overhaul and will be out of service for 85 days, George Brinkley, assistant chief engineer, announced.

One of two toll ferries the commission operates on North Carolina's coast, the Southport ferry makes four runs to Ft. Fisher and back each day on its standard time schedule. Six round trips are made during the summer months.

Brinkley said he expected the ferry to resume operations about the middle of April.

Site Selection Speed Is Urged

The following resolution concerning the Brunswick County School Board, was passed by the Brunswick County Board of Realtors at their monthly meeting on January 8: "Whereas the Brunswick county citizens passed a bond issue for new schools in April 1969; and whereas this new construction has not commenced; and whereas the citizens of Brunswick County are suffering from the lack of educational facilities; and whereas the development of the County is hindered;

"The Brunswick County Board of Realtors resolved that: Brunswick County Board of Education should settle on sites, and Brunswick County Board of Education should start construction on the new facilities as soon as possible."

The motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.