

Highway Scene Near Baptist Assembly

A school bus for Brunswick County-Southport High School is shown plowing through the water that has covered the highway for the past several days between the U. S. Coast Guard Station and the entrance of the N. C. Baptist Assembly. On several days water was up to the axles of the buses which carry school children to and from classes on the Assembly grounds. (Photo by Delores Spencer)

May Organize Credit Agency To Help Poor

A credit union that "would help poor people earn high dividends on regular savings and borrow money at low interest rates" has been proposed for the three-county area served by Sencland Community Action, Inc.

Johnny Lyles, a representative of the North Carolina Rural Fund for Development, spoke to Sencland's board of directors Tuesday night and announced plans for a feasibility study of credit unions in the area.

Lyles said that nothing official has been discussed, and that the three counties could be served by one union with branch offices or by three separate credit unions.

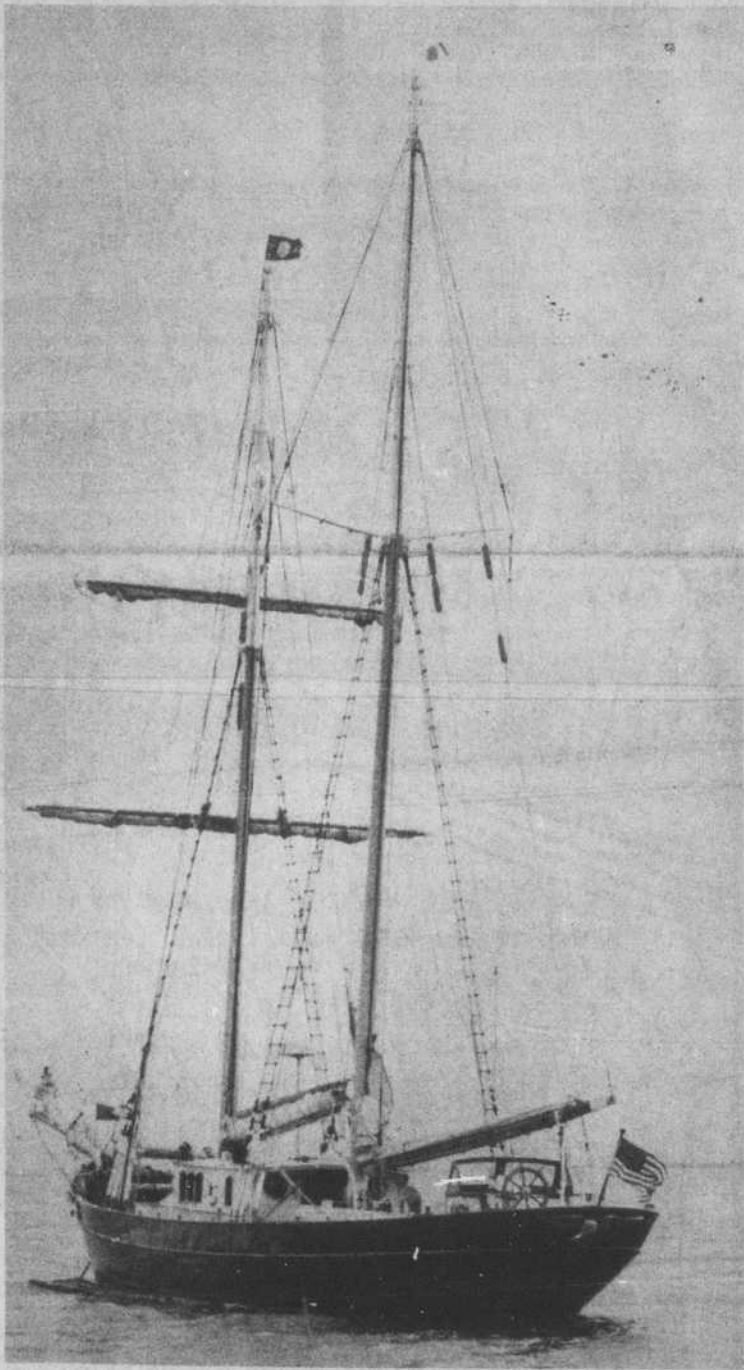
The North Carolina Rural Fund for Development is an agency similar to Sencland, he explained, but has a single purpose: financial aid and assistance to farm cooperatives and credit unions. The organization is funded by the Office of Economic Opportunity, as is Sencland.

"The credit union is to provide assistance especially for low-income rural people," Lyles stated. He said that a service that would encourage saving by poor people and make borrowing easier and cheaper for them is important for the area.

"Many people cannot borrow at reasonable rates because they do not have established credit," he continued, "and they end up borrowing money at exorbitant rates."

Lyles told the Sencland board of directors that a credit union is a cooperative owned by the membership. Each member must own at least one \$5 share.

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Nautical Visitor

This two-mast schooner was a visitor in Southport for a couple of days during the past week and presented an interesting scene along the Southport waterfront while moored near the Willis Marina. (Photo by Spencer)

Cuke Committee Makes Request For More Cash

The statewide Cucumber Marketing Committee of the North Carolina Farm Bureau met in Raleigh Thursday to decide what action should be taken regarding the continued refusal of North Carolina pickle companies to increase prices to growers.

The Committee felt that prices it had recommended—\$8.00 for No. 1's, \$4.50 for No. 2's and \$2.50 for No. 3's—continue to be fair and reasonable.

Ira L. Chadwick, Brunswick County Farm Bureau president, said it was pointed out that there is every indication that out-of-state pickle companies are willing to pay more if North Carolina companies would increase their prices. Even with a price increase, North Carolina companies would continue to maintain their present economic advantage.

Misinformation continues to be received by growers, according to Committee members, about the value per ton of cucumbers to the growers. Growers are being informed that the value per ton was \$97.50 last year and \$101.00 per ton in 1968. Based on a grade-out of 20 percent for No. 1's, 45 percent for No. 2's and 35 percent for No. 3's and using the 1968 and 1969 prices of \$7.00 for No. 1's, \$3.50 for No. 2's and \$1.50 for No. 3's, the growers actually received only \$70 per ton for each of the last two years.

Chadwick said it is also misinformation that grower value per 50-pound bushel was \$2.43 in 1969 and \$2.52 in 1968. Using the same grade-out (Continued On Page Five)

Frink Against State Purchase

S. B. Frink, candidate for the State Senate for the 15th Senatorial District, said this week that after having made a thorough investigation of the question of whether or not the State of North Carolina should purchase Smith Island (Bald Head) to be used for a public park, he has arrived at the following conclusions:

"I am of the opinion that the State of North Carolina should not purchase Bald Head Island. Mr. Frank Sherril, owner of the island, should sell it to a bona fide developer, but not to a non-tax foundation.

"If the State of North Carolina has, or can get, \$5½ million to spend for the welfare and needs of the people of eastern North Carolina, I am of the opinion and recommend that said \$5½ million be used to purchase a dredge to be used to dredge, stabilize and maintain the inlets in the various coastal counties in North Carolina and particularly Brunswick county inlets so that commercial fishing boats and sport fishing boats can safely have ingress and egress to the Atlantic Ocean from the inland waters at all times, weather permitting.

"I think this will also be the means of eliminating the polluted inland waters and be very beneficial to the commercial and sport fishermen. "I am further of the opinion and recommend that the Department of Conservation and Development, in conjunction with the Corps of Engineers, should construct flood gates, spillways, locks and dams beginning at Mullett Creek near the North Carolina-South Carolina line and extending up the Waccamaw River to adequately keep the waters of the Waccamaw River within its banks at all times and thereby reclaim thousands of acres of timber and farm lands.

"It is my opinion that the emptying of the millions of gallons of fresh water from the Waccamaw River into the Calabash River and Little River will be the means of completely eliminating all of the pollution which now exists in the Inland Waterways and marshlands between Lockwoods Folly River and Little River and in this way a project of this kind would be beneficial to the forgotten farmers, commercial and sport fishermen and oystermen."

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Progress On Building

Rainy weather has slowed progress during the past few days on the construction of the new Sunday School building at Southport Baptist Church. This is the view from Nash Street, looking northward. (Photo by Spencer)

Southport Boy Dies Following Gun Accident

"Russian Roulette" was fatal for an 18-year old youth who played the game during a party at his parents' mobile home near Southport Saturday.

Robert J. Altenuis, Jr., played the "game" with a .22 caliber pistol, witnesses told Coroner Lowell Bennett, and State Bureau of Investigation Agent Bill Hunt.

The coroner declared the death accidental. The parents were not present when the shooting occurred, and Bennett said there was no evidence of foul play uncovered during the investigation.

Final rites were held Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Bethel Baptist Church by the Rev. Macon Woods, with burial in Northwoods Cemetery. Survivors include his mother. (Continued On Page Four)

Johnson Girl To Festival

The current Miss Southport Fourth of July, Cheryl Johnson, will be among the special guests taking part in the 23rd Annual Azalea Festival at Wilmington when it begins on Thursday for four days.

Miss Johnson will take part in the mammoth Azalea Festival parade on Saturday, riding on her own special Southport Fourth of July float, and will participate in other Festival activities.

As Miss Southport Fourth of July, she reigns over the July 4 celebration, and she also acts as official hostess for the City of Southport. This will be the first time the Miss Southport Fourth of July has participated in the Azalea Festival.

Miss Johnson is a 17-year-old beauty, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson of Long Beach.

Legal Action In School Site Case

Norman Bellamy, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Education, has been served with a legal paper requiring an answer to an action brought in New Hanover county to prevent construction of a consolidated high school at the Beaver Dam site.

In addition to members of the Board of Education, who are named individually, the Weyerhaeuser Company also is made a party to the action. Thirty days has been granted for answer.

Local Doctor Given Honor

Dr. Norman A. Templeton, Jr., of Southport has been re-elected to active membership in the American Academy of General Practice, the national association of family doctors.

Re-election signifies that the physician has successfully completed 150 hours of accredited postgraduate medical study in the last three years. The Academy, the country's second largest national medical association, is the only national medical group that requires members to keep up with medical progress through continuing education.

The Academy was founded in 1947 and headquartered in Kansas City, Mo. and has been instrumental in the establishment of a new primary medical specialty in family practice. The new specialty is expected to increase the numbers of family physicians available to serve the public in the future.

The Academy's postgraduate education program is the foundation of eligibility for family doctors now in practice who apply for certification in the new specialty.

Time And Tide

Ancient memories are aroused by the front page of The Pilot for March 27, 1940, the large picture showing Mrs. L.C. Fergus with Cherry McDonald, the latter filly being the beautiful sorrel show horse owned by the Fergus' when they and Southport were in the throes of proud ownership of fine saddle horses. Notice was given then, as now, of the approaching census, with the list of census takers including Mrs. F.M. Niernsee, Mrs. A.K. Vitou, Mrs. Sam Frink, Elliott Tripp, George Ward and Carl Ward.

Social eyes were turning to a dance which was going to be held in connection with the Woman's Club Flower show under the direction of Mrs. Marion S. Doshier, and much financial worrying was in store for the ladies between that time and the moment when Joe Leighton's Band would strike up the strains of "Welcome, Sweet Springtime" in swing-time.

Spring training had started for the local diamond athletes, with names such as Slingin' Red Farmer, "Wimpy" Wolfe and "Slow Gandy" Willing being mentioned, along with the less colorfully named Watson boys.

Five years later in 1945 Odell Williamson was piloting as Associated Press Reporter name of Wes Gallagher, for a bird's eye view of the Allied race to Berlin; Norwood Brooks had received, posthumously, the Purple Heart, but here in Brunswick County farmers were turning to scuppernongs and landscaping was being done on the courthouse grounds by the Woman's Club, R.C. St. George, Mrs. Eva Ruark, James Ferger and Henry Mitchell.

The Editor was still on leave of absence with the Navy, and even the picture show titles indicated for that week highlighted what was (Continued On Page Four)

Census Forms Are Sent Out In Brunswick

Questionnaires for the 1970 Census of Population and Housing were distributed by the post office beginning Saturday to all households in this area. District Manager Stephen R. Hooks announced today.

Distribution of this form before the start of the house-to-house canvass gives the family a chance to assemble information about each member and about the house in advance of the census taker's visit. The district manager urges all residents to fill out the forms and have them ready for the census takers when they start their rounds on April 1.

The form contains seven questions about every person in the household and 13 questions about the dwelling. The personal information asked for is: name, address, sex, color or race, month and year of birth, whether married or single, and relationship to head of the household. The information required about the dwelling is: number of rooms, cooking facilities, plumbing, if rented or owned.

Most of the questions are answered by filling in the proper tiny circle with a common lead pencil, making a tiny black dot which can be "read" by Census Bureau machines. Residents should read the instruction sheet which will come with the questionnaire before filling it out.

The census taker will check the questionnaire to see that all questions have been answered and will give any assistance needed in filling out a questionnaire that is incomplete. At every fifth household, the census taker will seek answers to additional questions covering population and housing characteristics that are being asked of a 20 percent sample of the nation's population. The sample questions include inquiries on country of birth, schooling, employment, income, and related items. The additional housing questions relate to rent or value of dwelling, heating equipment, water supply, and other facilities and equipment.

Hooks pointed out that information about individuals and their homes furnished to the Census Bureau is kept (Continued On Page Four)

New Emergency Room Service

Due to the increasing number of weekend emergencies, Doshier Memorial Hospital will furnish around-the-clock service in the Emergency Room beginning at 10 p.m. Saturdays and ending at 10 p.m. the following Sunday.

This service will begin this weekend, April 4. The physician will see all patients, emergencies and non-emergencies who come to the hospital for treatment. Under this new system, persons who are ill or in need of weekend treatment may receive it when local physicians offices are closed.

Favors Opening Of Tubbs Inlet

Odell Williamson, candidate for the State Senate representing Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus counties, said this week "If I am elected to the State Senate I will use all the influence that goes with the office to help the Town of Sunset Beach carry out its moral and legal obligations to open Tubbs Inlet. I will try to obtain enough money from the State or Federal Government to open and stabilize this inlet.

"When the Town of Sunset Beach first applied for a permit to close Tubbs Inlet," he continued, it was turned down because they didn't agree to open another one. The application for the permit that was approved showed a new inlet being opened and stabilized. When this was recommended everyone withdrew his objections.

Williamson declared, "Both commercial and sports fishermen are in favor of opening Tubbs Inlet. If the inlet is not opened to let fresh salt water in the area, it is the opinion of many that the area will become polluted. I am very well acquainted with the erosion problem Sunset has had, and I would not want to do anything that would hurt that beach. There is not any reason why the State or Federal Government would not help out on this project."

Sencland Community Action

Hit Or Miss?

A series by Ed Harper, staff writer

"...malnutrition damages the brain as well as the body. The human brain reaches 90 percent of its full growth before age four. If the child's protein intake is deficient during that critical period, the brain just never develops properly. Evidence is accumulating that malnutrition in the early years of life, if it does not kill, permanently impairs physical growth and probably causes irreversible mental and emotional damage."

Hunger and malnutrition affect 51,000 persons in Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick counties, but the Emergency Food and Medical Service provided by Sencland Community Action, Inc., can help only about 18 percent of them because of a limited budget.

"The purpose of the service is to combat the problems of hunger and malnutrition in the three-county area," said Mrs. Alice Boswell, who has been project director of the Emergency Food and Medical Service since December, 1969. Mrs. Boswell, a former home

economist for Sencland, does all the follow-up studies involved in the program. Last year there were Emergency Food Outreach Workers for all Sencland centers in the three-county area, but the positions were eliminated in the cutback of funding by the Office of Economic Opportunity (OEO).

She was named director of the food and medical service after the home economists' positions also were eliminated by the reduction of OEO funds.

"The service was allotted \$101,000 in the budget for this fiscal year," said Mrs. Boswell, "but the amount in inadequate

for what is needed. She explained that most of the money is used to fund four projects: supply of food to the needy, assistance in buying food stamps, medical treatment for malnutrition and free meals for school children. All are categorized as "emergency services."

WHERE THERE'S NEED...

"A person who cannot afford food can come to any of the six neighborhood centers or the three county offices and will be given money to buy food," the project director continued. "The person then will be referred to the food stamps program or the welfare department, and either of these services will provide for the person and his family.

"The food we can provide is much less than the food stamps program can afford," she said, "but the food we buy is (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, April 2,	4:27 a.m.	10:58 a.m.
	4:51 p.m.	11:16 p.m.
Friday, April 3,	5:27 a.m.	11:52 a.m.
	5:51 p.m.	
Saturday, April 4,	6:21 a.m.	1:16 a.m.
	6:39 p.m.	12:40 p.m.
Sunday, April 5,	7:09 a.m.	1:10 a.m.
	7:33 p.m.	1:22 p.m.
Monday, April 6,	7:57 a.m.	1:58 a.m.
	8:15 p.m.	2:10 p.m.
Tuesday, April 7,	8:45 a.m.	2:46 a.m.
	9:03 p.m.	2:52 p.m.
Wednesday, April 8,	9:27 a.m.	3:28 a.m.
	9:45 p.m.	3:34 p.m.