



Strawberry Festival Queen

Sandra Elizabeth Allen, 18 year old Southport beauty, was crowned Strawberry Festival Queen in Chadbourn Friday night by retiring queen Paula Spivey of Chadbourn. First runner-up was Beverly Garrison, Miss North Myrtle Beach, and 2nd runner-up was Mary Ann Strickland, Miss West Columbus High School. Miss Allen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold T. Spencer of Southport, is 5'6" and weighs 112 pounds. (Staff photo by Clemmons)

Funding School Building Plans Puzzles Board

The Board of County Commissioners with all members present met in special session Wednesday evening in joint session with the Board of Education. Also present were Superintendent of Schools Ralph King, Board of Education Attorney Kirby Sullivan, County Attorney E. J. Prevatte, Architect Jack Croft and several other interested citizens.

The topic of discussion was the proposed school building program in the county. The Board of Commissioners were informed that more money was needed to insure the letting of contracts and the completion of these proposed projects. Several alternatives were discussed in regards to raising this extra money, however no definite solution was reached. Both boards agreed to meet again in the near future to further pursue this matter.

Upon the request of the Board of Education the chairman of the Board of County Commissioners was directed to execute and sign an application for a loan from the State Literary Fund for loan to be used for the school building program.

A letter was read the board announcing the resignation of A. H. Gainey, Jr., as a member of the board of directors of SENCLAND Community Action, Inc. This resignation was accepted. A motion was made that Foxy Howard, Sr., be appointed a member Board of Directors SENCLAND Community Action, Inc. to fill the unexpired term of Gainey, Jr. The foregoing was duly carried.

The board endorsed the Governor's District program for the aging and also approved the Welfare Department aid to the blind budget.

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Spare That Tree!

Mrs. L. J. Hardee, left, and Mrs. Dallas Pigott, right, decided last week to take action to save one of the oak trees bordering Howe St. that has been marked for removal. They did a little informal engineering of their own and determined that this particular tree is outside the proposed improvement area. Then the sign-painting began! (Photo by Spencer)

Board Members Reaffirm Stand On Bald Head

The commissioners of Brunswick county at a press conference in Raleigh on Thursday again unanimously endorsed private development of Bald Head Island and applauded Governor Scott's "open mind" attitude toward the project.

"We've got nearly 2,000 people in Brunswick county who need jobs, right now, and there's no industry we could possibly bring in that would be as good for the economy of our county, or as pollution-free, as the development of Bald Head Island," declared V.A. Creech, Jr., spokesman for the board.

"We believe the Carolina Cape Fear Corporation would act responsibly in both conserving and developing Bald Head so it could become something all North Carolinians could be proud of and could enjoy, as well as something that would strengthen the economy of the whole of Southeastern North Carolina," he continued.

"Better than 45% of the visitors to the Grand Strand of South Carolina are North Carolinians, and they spend better than \$50 million a year in that area at a very conservative estimate. If Bald Head Island is developed the way Carolina Cape Fear plans, we could attract a lot of that money to stay in our state," Creech said.

"We examined the plans of the Carolina Cape Fear Corporation quite carefully before we endorsed their development. They aren't planning to destroy the marshlands, or to destroy the beauty of the Island. What they're planning wouldn't hurt the fishing industry, or any other industry. And their offer of land for a marine research laboratory and a state park seems to us to answer the last possible objection to their development."

"That's why we're delighted that Governor Scott has said he will keep an open mind about the possibility of having the Research Institute proposed by Governor Hodges situated on the Island, along with private development," Creech declared.

"We believe that when the Governor examines the plans of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation as carefully as we have, he will come to the conclusion that the needs of both conservation and development can be served through cooperation between free enterprise and the State."

Brunswick Lady On Commission

Mrs. Margaret Harper of Southport is one of three southeastern North Carolina citizens named last week by Governor Bob Scott as a member of his Committee on State Government Reorganization. It will be the responsibility of this committee to evaluate the findings of the study group which has been

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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, May 14,	
3:03 A.M.	9:40 A.M.
3:45 P.M.	10:04 P.M.
Friday, May 15,	
3:51 A.M.	10:28 A.M.
4:39 P.M.	10:58 P.M.
Saturday, May 16,	
4:45 A.M.	11:16 A.M.
5:40 P.M.	11:58 P.M.
Sunday, May 17,	
5:33 A.M.	12:04 A.M.
6:28 P.M.	12:46 P.M.
Monday, May 18,	
6:34 A.M.	12:46 A.M.
6:57 P.M.	1:10 P.M.
Tuesday, May 19,	
7:09 A.M.	1:34 A.M.
7:45 P.M.	1:34 P.M.
Wednesday, May 20,	
8:04 A.M.	2:22 A.M.
8:27 P.M.	2:16 P.M.

Coming Saturday

Democrat Commission Here



W. EUGENE SIMMONS



JAMES B. HUNT, JR.

The Democratic Study Commission for North Carolina will hold a meeting on Friday and Saturday at Yaupon Beach. The 60-member commission has completed revision of the party's plan of Organization and is now discussing changes proposed in the method of delegate selection for the Democratic National Convention.

Chairman Jim Hunt of Wilson will preside over the one-day business session on Saturday and will present Ken Bode, Research Director of the McGovern Commission, which is discussing the problem on a national level.

Others who will be attending the commission meeting are Eugene Simmons of Tarboro, Chairman of the North Carolina Democratic Executive Committee; Charles D. Barbour, Executive Director of the Committee; Former Chairman James V. Johnson of Charlotte; Bob Bingham of Boone, president of the North Carolina Young Democrats, and several members of the General Assembly.

Several of the commission members plan to make this trip a family outing and arrangements are being made to include a trip to Bald Head Island on the Saturday afternoon program. Several local pleasure boat owners have volunteered to ferry

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Food Stamps Top \$30,000 In Brunswick

Brunswick County issued \$31,204 worth of food stamps to 367 low-income households in April, according to Mrs. Gerald Dowdy, officer-in-charge of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service field office in Wilmington.

Mrs. Dowdy reported that the recipients paid only \$8,919 of the cost of stamps while the balance, \$22,285, was paid by the USDA.

She added that the April total was the largest monthly food stamp payment made to Brunswick County since local participation in the program started in 1968.

There are 54 retail food stores in the county that are authorized to accept the food stamps, which are bought at low cost by low-income families, traded for food and redeemed for money by the merchants. Mrs. Dowdy said the program helps the merchants as well as the recipients and boosts the economy of the county.

Merchants who are interested in being authorized to accept the stamps should contact Mrs. Dowdy at the post office in Wilmington. The USDA Food Stamp office is located in room 232.

Clinic Schedule Announced Here

Dr. Charles Nance, Jr., orthopedic surgeon of Wilmington, now on the Medical Staff at Doshier Hospital, began holding an orthopedic clinic in the new emergency room of the hospital on April 3. Hereafter, he will hold this clinic from 9 to 1 each Friday. All persons who need his service will be referred to Dr. Nance by their family physician.

Dr. Nance was born in Charlotte. He received his A.B. degree and his medical degree from Duke University. He did his internship at the Medical College of Virginia. He was a medical officer in the U.S. Army for two years, and received his orthopedic residency training at the University of North Carolina for four and a half years. He has been practicing in Wilmington for more than three years.

He is a member of Fellow of The American College of Surgeons and Fellow of the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons.

He resides in Wilmington with his wife, the former Linda Patton of Charlotte, and two children.

Second Primary Election Called

H. Foster Mintz, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections, said this week that a Second Primary Election has been called and there will be a run-off for the Democratic nomination for Sheriff of Brunswick county and the Democratic nomination for member of the Board of Commissioners for Lockwoods Folly Township.

The date for the primary will be May 30, with election officials who served in the First Primary again serving in their respective capacities. There will be no additional registration and there will be no absentee voting. The polls will open at 6:30 a.m. and will close at 6:30 p.m.

In the race for sheriff Franklin Randolph, who polled 1314 votes in the First Primary, will be opposed by Clinton E. Bellamy, who was second man with 1019. They were the top two in a field of eight candidates.

In the run-off for the Democratic nomination for commissioner in Lockwoods Folly township Jerry Moore finished high in a five man field with 1692 votes. His opponent on May 30 will be Jesse Bryant, who polled 1381 votes.

Southport Man Receives Wings

Warrant Officer 1 Donald B. Sellers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Sellers of Southport, is on duty at Phan Thiet, Vietnam.

Officer Sellers is a pilot on the UH-1 helicopter which is used to give logistical support to the Air Assault Division as well as other Army Combat Units.

He is a graduate of Southport High School and attended Wilmington College 2 years. He enlisted in the Army March 24, 1969 in the Warrant Officer Program. After basic military training at Camp Polk, La., he attended the Army Primary Helicopter School at Ft. Walters, Texas, for sixteen weeks of intensive academic and flight training. His next assignment

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Brunswick In Four-County Area Set-up

Multi-county planning regions have been designated by North Carolina Governor Bob Scott to "improve the effective implementation of local, state and federal planning and development activities."

An executive order by Gov. Scott has outlined 17 regions for the state; Columbus, New Hanover, Pender and Brunswick counties are linked to form one of the multi-county districts.

The designation of 17 regions is a modification of a plan submitted in January. A proposal offered then asked local governments to let their feelings be known, and resulting changes have resulted in an increase in regions from 15 and alterations in the county set-up in most regions throughout the state.

The multi-county planning regions are established to provide a more orderly organization of planning and development activities of the governing bodies, the governor stated. He cited the activities that encompass more than one county and the frequent overlap of multi-county activities.

The new set-up, he said, will allow for a more orderly arrangement. The federal government has taken the state-designated boundaries into consideration in other states and implements its programs

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Rabon Chairman Education Board

The Brunswick County Board of Education held a special session Wednesday at 6 p.m. in the Superintendent's office.

The two primary purposes of this meeting were: The swearing in of the two new members of Brunswick County Board of Education, Dr. John T. Madison, Charlotte, and Mrs. May W. Barbee, of Southport; and to meet with the County Commissioners to determine revenues available for construction and to discuss deletions and deferrals to reduce cost for construction of three area consolidated high schools.

With Acting Chairman Homer Holden presiding, new members, Dr. Madison and Mrs. Barbee, were given the oath of office by Magistrate Ernest F. Gore.

It was suggested that a chairman should be appointed, and after discussing this matter it was concluded that a permanent chairman should not be named until the full board had been appointed and were present.

An old item of business was discussed concerning Mr. Delmas Babson's request for acceptance of resignation as member of Board and the appointment of member to serve during the remainder of his unexpired term. After a general discussion on this matter it was agreed that this

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Annual Session Of WMU Held

The 68th Annual Session of Woman's Missionary Union of the Brunswick Baptist Association was held on April 30 at the Old Charlotte Baptist Church with approximately one hundred members and guests present. The meeting was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. David (Mary) Ward, first president of the organization. Mrs. Ward was appointed in 1902 by Miss Fannie E. S. Heck, then State Corresponding Secretary, to serve the newly organized group. Special guests at the 1970 session were Mrs. Ward's son, Carl S. Ward of the Antioch community; her granddaughter, Mrs. John Carr Davis of Southport; and her great granddaughter, Miss Jane Brittain of Southport. The flower arrangement in the sanctuary was given by the W.M.U. Council as a tribute to the service rendered by Mrs. Ward. Several photographs and old W.M.U. records were on

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Time And Tide

The date was May 8, 1935, and then as now the chief subject for discussion was politics. Our front page pictures that week showed State Senator S. Bunn Frink and Representative R.E. Sentelle. In a municipal election the day before John D. Ericksen had been elected mayor.

Back in those days an annual event to which many Southport people looked forward was the arrival of the Vanderbilt yacht, Alva. Not only was this a palatial craft, but it was large enough to carry a twin-motored amphibian plane on deck. We had a column of news from Supply, and the by-line read "Miss Lottie Jane Frink"; four oil tankers had come up the river in a single day—and in those days that was news; and an editorial praised the legislation which substituted lethal gas for the electric chair as a means to inflict capital punishment in North Carolina.

May 8, 1940, and the consolidated schools of Brunswick were in the midst of their graduation programs. Secretary of State Thad Eure had been the speaker at Southport. One of the features of a forthcoming local flower show was to be an exhibition of paintings done by Wilmington artists Claude Howell and Henry MacMillan. Friday was the day set for that event, and there was editorial comment about the scope of the undertaking, with a name band as an extra, added attraction for a Flower Show Ball.

There was good news from two fronts for the fishermen: There

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Pancake Supper

In an effort to raise money to help defray the expenses involved to produce the annual Southport Fourth of July Festival, the finance committee is sponsoring a pancake supper at Herman's Restaurant in Southport between the hours of 5 to 9 p.m. on Sunday.

The use of kitchen facilities and dining area are being donated by Herman Strong, owner and operator of the restaurant. The price of all the pancakes and sausage a person can eat is \$1.50 per person.

"Plan to come on out to Herman's new restaurant in Southport and fill up on pancakes, and by doing so support your Fourth of July committee members and the festival," urges William G. Faulk, chairman of the publicity committee.