



Pageant Contestants

Nine of the ten contestants for the Southport Miss Fourth of July title are pictured here and are (l-r) Dean Jones, Patricia Long, Ann Southerland, Nola Miller, Dorothy Dellinger, Brenda McRoy, Lynn

Harrington, Helen Walker and Dianne Rees. The tenth contestant not pictured, is Patti Gail Swan. The pageant will be held at 8 p. m. on July 2 in the Community Building.

Social Security Payments Big For Brunswick

Social Security benefits paid to residents of Brunswick County totaled \$212,000 a month as 1969 ended, Albert P. Mason, social security district manager, reported today.

A benefit increase, signed into law by President Nixon on December 30, 1969, has since raised the monthly rate of payment by 15 percent, making the present monthly payment \$235,800 for the 3,266 social security beneficiaries in Brunswick County, Mason noted.

Of the social security beneficiaries living in this area, 1,750 are retired workers and their dependents. Another 879 are receiving benefits as the survivors of workers who have died, and 596 are getting benefits as disabled workers or the dependents of disabled workers.

Mason pointed out that although the majority of social security beneficiaries are older people, about one out of every four is under age 60.

In the state of North Carolina, 182,600 people under age 60 are collecting Social Security payments each month. The 100,694 who are under 18 are

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Highway Head Lions Speaker

Leland and the rest of Brunswick County will be prime benefactors of the proposed four-laning of Highway 74 from Wilmington to Charlotte, according to the chairman of the State Highway Commission.

D.M. (Lauch) Faircloth told the Leland Lions Club Monday night that the fulfillment of this long sought wish of the people would provide economic benefits by connecting the state ports authority area with population centers.

Completion of the four-laning project will also aid the tourist industry with which Brunswick County is greatly concerned.

Faircloth said the present highway commission is

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LAUCH FAIRCLOTH



More Trophies

Cheryl Johnson, 1969 Miss Fourth of July, recently participated in the Rhododendron Pageant and returned to Southport with three trophies, being first runner-up and winning the evening gown and swimsuit competition. She will relinquish her crown when the new Festival Queen is selected on July 2.

Brunswick Shows Population Gain

Brunswick County gained 2,560 residents during the decade if the preliminary population count released by the Bureau of Census proves to be correct.

Steve Hooks, district manager for the census bureau, said the 1960 official census showed Brunswick County's population to be 20,278. The preliminary 1970 census appears to be 22,838.

Sister counties of Bladen, Pender, Columbus and Robeson showed decreases in population since the 1960 census. Cumberland and New Hanover counties have added people during the 10 years.

Hooks, who supervised the taking of the 1970 census on population and housing, said official population figures will be published in the fall.

He expressed his own and the bureau's thanks to residents of the area, to officials, newspapers, and broadcasters for their cooperation in the taking of the census here.

Ten Entrants For Festival Queen Pageant

Ten lovely young ladies have entered the 1970 Miss Fourth of July contest that will be held July 2 at 8 p.m. at the Community Building. This year's theme will be "America the Beautiful."

The Southport Jaycees are sponsoring the event with the Jayettes in charge of production. The price is \$1.50 per seat.

Mrs. Connie Young, the pageant director, announced that the judges will be Miss Jo Ann Frank of New Bern, Bobby Guyton of Elizabethtown, Mrs. Barbara Kelly of Martinsville, Va., Jerry Ball of Charlotte and Dr. Lawrence Kelly of Martinsville, Va. They will arrive on July 2 in time to participate in a motorcade featuring the contestants, visiting queens, and the judges.

The motorcade will begin at 4:30 and will travel through town. Later, before the pageant, the girls will meet with the judges for a personal interview.

Each contestant is sponsored by a Jaycee. The contestant, her parents, and her sponsor are as follows: Patricia Gail Swan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reese E. Swan, sponsored by William D. Ezzell; Geraldine Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.E. Jones, sponsored by James F. Howard, Jr.; Patricia Ann Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis T. Long, sponsored by Irving D. Smith; Barbara Lynn Harrington, daughter of Mrs. Ruth Harrington, sponsored by James B. Kenney; Nola Eyon Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Miller, sponsored by Jerry S. Sherrod; Brenda Iona McRoy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W.H. McRoy, sponsored by Leonard Lewis, Jr.; Helen Louise Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.C. James, sponsored by Lee Aldridge; Ruth Ann Southerland, daughter of Mrs. (Continued On Page Eight)

Time And Tide

An announcement in our edition for June 19, 1935, stated that L.J. Dawkins, principal at Southport for the past 9 years, had resigned to accept the principalship at Dixon High School in Onslow county. There had been a spectacular blaze that had removed a landmark on the Southport waterfront. The railroad dock at the end of Rhett street had burned, but members of the Southport Volunteer Fire Department and members of the crew of the Coast Guard Patrol Boat Naugatuck had prevented it from spreading to other waterfront structures.

A front page bulletin announced that one of the governmental agencies would erect a fish freezing and canning plant at Southport. A reader of The Pilot had paid tribute to the faithful and effective service of a number of correspondents we had reporting news from their respective communities—a condition we wish were being duplicated now; and the society editor of that day, Mrs. Ruth Hood, had gleaned a full column of personals—another condition which we wish were being duplicated now.

The time was June 19, 1940, and Europe was at war. We had gone international in our coverage to the extent of announcing that France had fallen to Germany; and there were other stories to suggest that the United States was making military preparations. The US-Army Engineers had announced that dredging of the Southport Yacht Basin would begin in August. Another nautical note was the report that U.S. warships were cruising off Southport, close enough for local boatmen to see them in operation.

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Tuesday Fire Destroys Two Huge Stores

The newest addition to Shallotte's expanding business district was destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon.

Lewis' Red and White and Mack's Variety Discount Store burned in less than an hour, according to Shallotte Fire Chief Robert Hawes. The stores were located in a single brick and masonry structure on Highway 17 just west of the Brunswick County town.

The shopping center, which was opened in March, is the property of Dawson Lewis.

Lewis' son Jerry said he saw smoke in the back when he was driving up to the grocery store. He jumped out of the car to do something about it and saw flames breaking through.

The searing flames fired nearby brush and woods and members of the State Forest Service were called in to extinguish these fires.

Local firemen were on the scene in minutes after the alarm sounded. Chief Hawes said the fire started in the roof area. It spread rapidly with the high winds, and after breaking through the roof broke over and around the fire walls to engulf the long one-story structure.

An observer said the fire broke through the roof at 6:45 p.m. Tuesday.

The interior of the building was demolished.

Almost nothing was saved from the buildings. The stores were reportedly well-stocked for the summer season. No estimate of loss was available Wednesday morning.

Besides the Shallotte Fire Department, the Tri-Beach Department and the Southport Department joined in the fire fight. The Shallotte Rescue Squad joined in the effort.

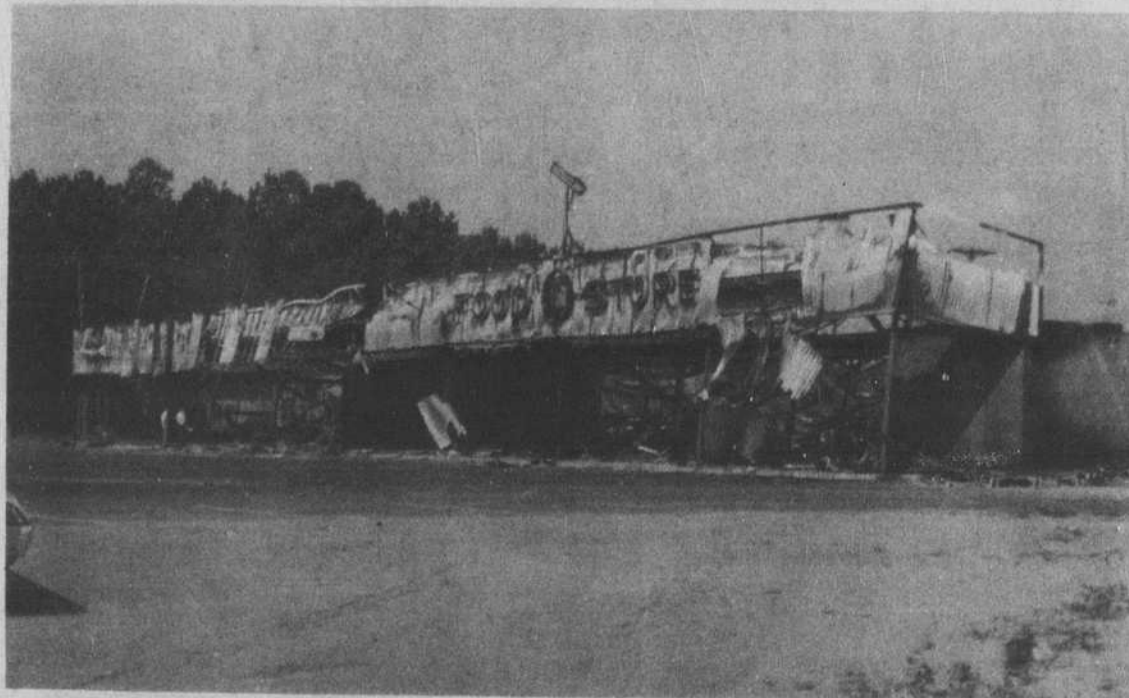
Open Office For Festival

The former office of Dr. N.A. Templeton on Howe Street in Southport is the location of the Southport Fourth of July Festival Headquarters and is staffed by Mrs. Marilyn A. Swain each afternoon between the hours of 1 and 5 p.m. Anyone having business to transact with the committee should contact Mrs. Swain at that address or by telephone at 457-6585. The Festival Headquarters will be open all day July 2-4.

Girls are needed to ride floats and any girls interested in participating should contact Festival Headquarters.

On the morning of the parade Howe St. will be closed to parking from West St. to Moore St. and Moore St. will be closed from Howe to Davis St. This will enable spectators to view the parade from the sidewalks without having their view restricted by parked cars and trucks and will also allow the full width of the street for the parade units to pass.

On the afternoon and night of the Fourth of July Bay Street will be closed to vehicular traffic between Howe and Davis streets (Continued On Page Eight)



Disasterous Fire At Shallotte

Fire swept through the Red and White Supermarket and Mack's Variety Store at Shallotte late Tuesday afternoon and destroyed both buildings, newest and most spacious mercantile establishments in Brunswick County. The buildings and their contents were a total loss, with only partial coverage by insurance. (Photo by Spencer)

Commissioners Back Vote



Oldest Democrat

E. O. Rabon was the oldest Democrat present at the Democratic County Convention Saturday at Bolivia and was presented a Bible by Mrs. Ina Mae Mintz, who served for the past few months as Chairman of the Executive Committee. The second oldest Democrat in attendance was Mrs. Frank Mintz. (Photo by Spencer)

Grover Gore Made Party Chairman

Grover A. Gore was elected chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee at the County Convention held Saturday at Bolivia. Mrs. Ina Mae Mintz was elected vice-chairman, a position was held for the past two terms, during both of which she would

up as party chairman. Franklin Randolph was elected second vice-chairman, Thomas Young, Jr., third vice-chairman, Mrs. Freeman Hewett, secretary and Robert Stanley, treasurer.

Special honors were accorded senior citizens present for this convention, and E.O. Rabon was chosen the oldest registered Democrat present. He was presented a Bible by the outgoing party chairman, Mrs. Frank Mintz was a close second for this honor.

James M. Wolfe, chairman of Southport Precinct No. 2, presented a gift to Miss Annie Louise St. George in recognition of her long service as registrar for that voting precinct. She served for 20 years in that capacity.

Named to the Congressional Executive Committee were Mrs. Catherine Clark and Robert Howard. Serving on the State Executive Committee from Brunswick county will be V.A. Creech, Jr., and Eugene Gore. Members of the Judicial (Continued On Page Eight)



GROVER A. GORE

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.

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, June 25,	
1:21 A.M.	7:46 A.M.
1:57 P.M.	8:16 P.M.
Friday, June 26,	
2:15 A.M.	8:46 A.M.
2:57 P.M.	9:22 P.M.
Saturday, June 27,	
3:15 A.M.	9:40 A.M.
3:57 A.M.	10:22 P.M.
Sunday, June 28,	
4:15 A.M.	10:34 A.M.
4:57 P.M.	11:22 P.M.
Monday, June 29,	
5:09 A.M.	11:28 A.M.
5:51 P.M.	12:22 P.M.
Tuesday, June 30,	
6:09 A.M.	12:16 A.M.
6:30 P.M.	
Wednesday, July 1,	
6:57 A.M.	1:00 A.M.
7:27 P.M.	1:10 P.M.