



### Festival Queen Is Crowned

Dianne Rees takes her first step on the runway Thursday night after being crowned Fourth of July Festival Queen. In the background are the young ladies who were other contestants for the crown.

They are, left to right, Patti Gail Swan, Barbara Harrington, Ruth Ann Southerland, Brenda McRoy, Nola Miller and Helen Walker.

### Renew Option To Buy Bald Head Island

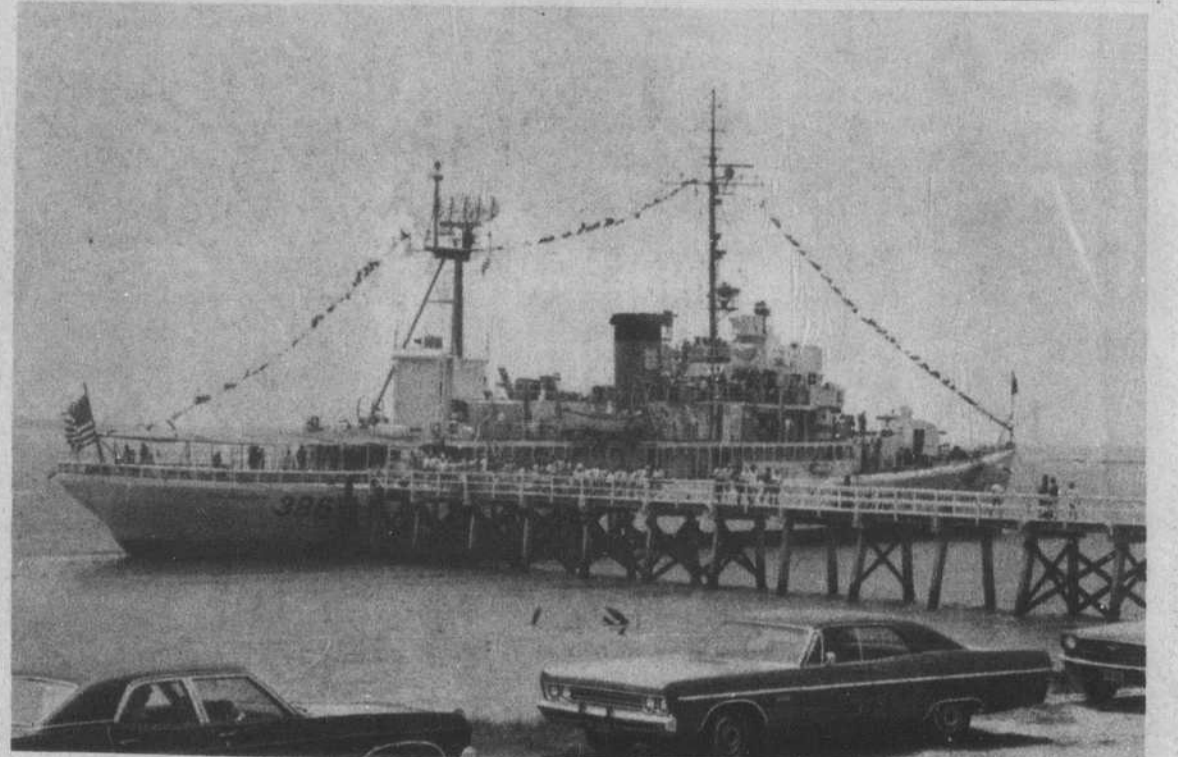
The fight for ownership of Bald Head Island was renewed Monday when the president of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation announced his firm still holds an option to buy the controversial property near Southport.

William H. Henderson said the corporation has renewed the option to purchase the 12,000-acre tract from owner Frank Sherrill. The original option was to expire Monday night and if it had, Sherrill would have been free to deal with the state.

North Carolina Gov. Bob Scott and other state officials are sided with conservationists who want to maintain the semi-tropical island in its natural state as a preserve for marine life. The marshes behind the island are breeding grounds for marine life that are a major part of the Brunswick County economy.

Henderson did not discuss the time limit on the new option because he was "not at liberty to divulge the details." He added, however, that "the time is sufficient for us to pursue our

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### Popular Attraction

The Coast Guard Cutter McCulloch was moored at the new municipal pier in Southport for three days during the Fourth of July Festival. On Friday afternoon more than 700 persons went aboard the ship, while on Saturday more than 2,000 took advantage of open house. A waiting crowd of visitors stands at the end of the dock. (Photo by Spencer)

### New Priest At Catholic Church

Rev. Allen A. Jacobs has been assigned as priest at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Southport, replacing Rev. Charles Chase.

Father Jacobs was born in New Iberia, La., and raised in Lafayette, La. Following graduation from high school in Jan., 1942, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served with the 82nd Airborne Div., 504th Parachute Inf. in North Africa and Europe.

Following discharge from service in Oct., 1945, he enrolled at the University of Southwestern Louisiana where he was awarded a B.S. Degree with a major in Industrial Arts in May, 1949. Following graduation from the university, he taught for a private trade school for two years. He then went to work for the Western Electric Co. and worked for them for six years.

Intent on pursuing a career in social work, he left Western Electric in 1956 and enrolled once again at the University of Southwestern Louisiana. In 1958 he was awarded an B.A. Degree with a major in psychology and a minor in sociology. During this second tenure at the university, he began to think for the first time about a vocation to the priesthood.

In 1958, hoping that it would help him reach a final decision, he joined a lay missionary organization which was just being formed to train lay people to do mission work. After six months of training at their training center in Paterson, N.J., he was sent to a Spanish community in Mora Valley in Northern New Mexico.

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### Opening The Arts Festival

Cheryl Johnson cuts the ribbon for the opening of the Southport Arts Festival Thursday morning. On the left is Edwin A. Shumake of Winston-Salem, judge of the show; Mayor E. B. Tomlinson, Jr., and Mrs. Judy Wiggs, chairman of this year's show. (Photo by Spencer)

## Pageant Highlights Festival

Southport's new Miss Fourth of July is Carolyn Dianne Rees who was chosen Thursday night from a field of ten contestants to reign over the holiday festivities here and to represent this city at numerous special events throughout the coming year.

The new queen is a brunette, is a 17-year-old high school senior and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Rees of Southport. The judges had a time reaching their decision, and their first vote to determine the winner resulted in a three-way tie. These contestants included the eventual winner as well as Nola Evon Miller and Patricia Gail Swan. Further deliberation resulted in a decision to award the crown to Carolyn Rees. Miss Swan was first runner-up and Miss Miller second runner-up.

In addition to the above three contestants, Barbara Lynn Harrington and Ruth Ann Southerland had made the final round of five finalists. The Miss Congeniality Award was presented by Helen Faulk Mathis, a former Miss Fourth of July, to Dean Jones and Patricia Long, who tied for this honor. Other entries in this year's pageant were Dorothy Ray Dellinger, Brenda McRoy and Helen Walker.

The contestants first were presented in swimsuit competition and later in evening dresses. Poise and personality questioning was a category for the finalists.

The pageant was presented in the Community Building and was directed by Mrs. Connie Young. The festivities of the evening began with the presentation of flags by the Boy Scouts and the singing of the National Anthem. Mayor E.B. Tomlinson, Jr. welcomed the guests and introduced George Deaton, the master of ceremonies. The show opened with Lester Lowe doing a narration and singing "America the Beautiful," the theme for the pageant. The contestants then sang "This is My Country."

While the girls were preparing for the swimsuit competition Deaton introduced the visiting queens and the judges. They were Strawberry Queen, Sandra Allen of Southport; Carolina Dogwood Queen, Elisa Troutman; N.C. Blueberry Queen, Elizabeth Hall; Miss Brunswick County, Myra Hewett; Miss N.C. Rhododendron Queen, Carol Ann Bass; Miss Wilmington, Samantha Townsend.

The judges were Miss Jo Ann Frank of New Bern; Bobby Guyton of Elizabethtown; Mrs. Barbara Kelly and Dr. Lawrence

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### Festival Program Is Well-Rounded

A three day event which once more offered a variety of attractions which provided something for everyone pretty well describes Southport's Fourth of July Festival for 1970.

The first formal act was the ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday morning to open the Southport Art Festival, and the

### Sister Praises Local Hospital

Recently while visiting in this area Sister Mary Tomlinson, executive director of St. Joseph's Hospital in Asheville, fell and broke her arm. She was taken to Doshier Memorial Hospital at Southport for emergency treatment.

This week William F. Cupit, administrator for the local hospital, received the following communication from Sister Tomlinson:

"On Sunday, June 14th, at approximately Noon, I fell and broke my arm and suffered other minor injuries while on vacation in Southport.

"I cannot say enough in praise of all those who came to my assistance. The ambulance drivers were considerate and gentle, the nurse was capable and sympathetic, the physician was prompt and considerate, and the X-ray technician was most gracious. I told your staff while in the Emergency Room that my feeling about the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital was that I would be proud to be the administrator of a facility that responded in such a wonderful manner to the needs of those who are ill and hurt. I did not talk with your Business Officer but my companion did and she mentioned that the same interest and concern and friendliness were found in this person also. Since this is true of Dr. Kelly and Miss Green and the others who helped me, I am sure it is true of all those associated with your hospital.

"My congratulations to you as the Administrator for such an atmosphere in a hospital. I hope the people of Southport realize how fortunate they are to have your institution and to benefit from this type of care."

### Mail Notices Of Poundage And Acreage

Notices of farm acreage and poundage quotas for flue-cured tobacco are now being mailed to farm operators, Edgar L. Holden, Chairman of the Brunswick County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation (ASC) Committee, announced this week.

The notices are sent in advance of the July 16 marketing quota referendum so that farmers will know how the vote decision will affect their individual operations. Revised notices adjusted to reflect undermarketings or overmarketings of 1970 quotas will be sent to farm operators after 1970 crop marketings are completed.

The acreage-poundage quota program for flue-cured tobacco has been in effect since 1965. The referendum will decide whether the program is to continue for the 1971 through 1973 crops.

All producers 18 years of age or older are eligible to vote if they share in the 1970 flue-cured tobacco crop or its

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### Time And Tide

Members of the board of county commissioners had restored the office of Home Demonstration Agent. That was the announcement in the issue of July 3, 1935, and Miss Marion Smith had been appointed to fill the job. Heavy rains finally came to the assistance of foresters to help put an end to a blaze which had burned over thousands of acres of Brunswick county woodlands.

An important business note was that plans for refunding the county indebtedness had been approved by the commissioners. Another headline heralded the passing of an era in the transportation history of this section, for final approval had been given the sale of the ferry John Knox, which had operated across the Cape Fear river in Wilmington for 5 years prior to the building of the bridge. Mrs. E.H. Crammer had been named a member of the local school committee.

The week-long reunion by members of Trench Mortar Battalion B and C, who had trained at Ft. Caswell prior to World War I, had reached a climax on Tuesday when the Democratic nominee for governor, J. Melville Broughton, had delivered a patriotic address at a picnic given in their honor by citizens of Southport. This was two days before the Fourth of July, 1940, and it made the prospects for any celebration of our Nation's birthday appear to be tame by comparison. Movie Star Randolph Scott, who had been invited, had wired his regrets over his inability to be here, but some of his buddies planned to write him about the event.

There was news of another meal on the front page of this edition. Guests of Churchill Bragaw at Orton had been served frog legs for breakfast, alligator steak for lunch and roast rattlesnake for dinner. Population figures released by the U.S. Census Bureau showed 1,760 for Southport, a gain of 25 over the 1930 census, with 1,735. Brunswick county population had reached the 16,970 figure in 1940 from 15,818 in 1930, for an increase of 1,152 persons.

### Boy Drowns In Beach Tragedy

The body of a ten-year old boy who drowned Friday was recovered Monday by Coast Guardsmen.

Charles Gregory, 10, of Graham, was swept underwater by strong tides while he was swimming at Yaupon Beach. An attempt by Gregory's sister to save his life failed as she nearly drowned herself.

The drowning occurred near the Yaupon Beach pier from which a youth jumped and reportedly drowned in June. The apparent victim of the June accident has not been found.

## Successful Art Show

The Tenth Annual Southport Art Festival closed Saturday with Ruth Ogle winning Best in the Show honors for "Suspended Toil", a graphic.

This was one of the three purchase awards, the others being Maude Wyche, whose oil painting "The Village" was another winner as was Boots Woodyard's "Currie Lake In Spring", an oil painting.

In the Junior Division first

place went to Liza A. George for "Fido's Friend", a graphic. Second was "No. 1", an oil painting by Jeffrey Toney. Third place was won by Sandi Gottlieb for "Recording", a graphic.

In the crafts division first place winner was June Gottlieb for "Bluefish", second was Alvin R. Harris for "Louisiana Heron"; a third was William O. Beasley for "Hurricane". In the graphics division the first place winner was G.G. Kosch for "Abstract

VI"; second was Hester Donnelly for "Manus Fact II"; and third was Terri Gottlieb for "Study in Charcoal II".

First prize in water colors went to Bennie L. Stedman for "Seascape"; second to Mrs. Lee Ripa for "Wrightsville Wave"; and third to Dot McClure for "Yaupon".

For oils the first place winner was Maude Wyche for "The Village"; second was Wilma Allen for "Red Sails"; and third was Boots Woodyard for "Currie Lake In Spring".

Judge for the show was Edwin A. Shumake of Winston Salem. The chairman for this year's Art Festival, which is sponsored by Southport Junior Woman's Club was Mrs. Judy Wiggs.

## Board Votes For Boiling Springs

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Education voted Monday night to proceed with plans for the construction of three consolidated high schools and gave approval to Boiling Spring Lakes as the site for the Southern Area School. This action followed an afternoon session with members of the Board of County Commissioners, who had expressed a willingness to make future provision for funds with which to complete deleted items from original school plans.

The board concluded that it needed to designate or redesignate the site for the Southport-Bolivia School. After some discussion the following motion was made by Homer Holden: "To designate Boiling Springs as the school site and to proceed full-speed with survey, topographical map, testing, and drilling of soil, etc., so as to be able to let bids on all schools in August or early September." At the request of the board, Attorney Mason Anderson was instructed to procure agreement with Bolivia patrons to drop pending legal action against the

board. Anderson stated that it is his legal opinion that no suit against the board concerning school site would hold in court, only a delaying effect, as long as the board acted in good faith and had not manifested abuse of discretion in selection of site.

The above motion was second by Dr. John Madison, Joe Gainey voted for motion and Mrs. Mae Barbee voted against the motion.

The Board agreed to let bids immediately for removing destroyed portions of the old Southport High School building and to seek structural engineering advice on stabilizing walls on existing classrooms and cafeteria.

Mrs. Barbee requested the board to give Superintendent King the authority to determine the number of classrooms needed to transfer students from Fort Caswell to Southport, and determine availability of class space in Southport; and the authority to purchase the required mobile units to house remaining pupils.

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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, July 9,	
12:33 A.M.	6:28 A.M.
12:27 P.M.	6:46 P.M.
Friday, July 10,	
1:15 A.M.	7:10 A.M.
1:00 P.M.	7:34 P.M.
Saturday, July 11,	
1:09 A.M.	7:52 A.M.
2:03 P.M.	8:34 P.M.
Sunday, June 12,	
2:03 A.M.	8:40 A.M.
3:03 A.M.	9:34 P.M.
Monday, July 13,	
2:57 A.M.	9:34 A.M.
3:57 P.M.	10:40 P.M.
Tuesday, June 14,	
3:57 A.M.	10:34 A.M.
4:57 P.M.	11:40 P.M.
Wednesday, July 15,	
5:03 A.M.	11:40 A.M.
5:57 P.M.	12:40 P.M.