



## Bald Head Island Landing Party

This was the scene at Bald Head Island Friday as a Navy LCM discharged the first wave of newspaper visitors. This was a side trip from the North Carolina Press Association Convention at Wrightsville Beach, with more than 100 newsmen and mem-

bers of their families visiting the island. Those who took off their shoes fared best, as the landing craft was unable to extend its loading ramp to dry land. (Photo by Spencer)

## Shalotte May Get New Bank

Continuing efforts by a group of business leaders in lower Brunswick County are expected to result in First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina establishing a full-service office in the thriving commercial town of Shalotte, it was learned this week.

J. Hugh Rich, president of the \$100-million banking system which has 36 branches in 23 cities across the state, said First National this week filed a request with the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency to locate an office at Lewis Shopping Center.

The action followed a series of meetings by community leaders over a several-month period, leading to an invitation for the First National president to attend subsequent meetings to discuss possibilities of establishing a First National office in their area.

"Of course we were honored and flattered that we were asked to provide such service," Rich said in announcing the new application.

"Immediately after making a survey of the present need and future potential for a second bank in Shalotte, our board of directors expressed complete enthusiasm and requested we

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## Newsmen Invade Bald Head Island

Members of the North Carolina Press Association held their annual summer convention last weekend at Wrightsville Beach and on Friday made a side trip to Bald Head Island.

This group left the Blockade Runner by bus, traveled to Oak Island Coast Guard Station where they had a box lunch, then embarked aboard a landing craft for the island about which many of them had written but which few had visited.

The group was transported in two trips, permitting visitors to roam about the tropical seashore island for at least two hours. One group of nine persons far exceeded this limit when they made a motor trip that was complicated by a breakdown. For this and other reasons the visit to the island became a principal topic of conversation for the convention.

David Whichard, II, of the Greenville Daily Reflector, the outgoing NCPA president expressed the sentiments of the association membership by criticizing recent action by judges that denies courtroom access to newspapers and the public.

"In my judgment, the interest of neither the defendant, the public nor the judicial system of North Carolina has been served by the action," he stated. "The courts of this state cannot close their doors to the public and carry on their business in secret without further eroding public confidence in the judicial system."

"The fact that the doors of courtrooms of the state have been closed to the public in these instances should be a matter of grave concern not just to the press, but to all citizens, including the judiciary and officers of the court."

The convention, held at the Blockade Runner Hotel, was attended by newspapermen from throughout North Carolina.

Other activities of the three-day convention included a "shrimperoo" Thursday night

## Swim Classes Are Planned

Mrs. Kenneth Wooten, Red Cross Instructor, again will conduct swimming classes this year under the sponsorship of the Junior Woman's Club of Southport with the cooperation of superintendent Fred Smith and the North Carolina Baptist Assembly. The classes will be held at the Ft. Caswell Pool from August 10-21. There will be three levels: beginners, those never having had formal instruction; advanced beginners, (Continued On Page Four)

## Weed Market Opening Has High Average

Higher prices and more pounds were reported in first-day activity on the Border Belt markets as the 1970 tobacco-selling season got underway Tuesday.

According to Bill Edmunds, sales supervisor for the Whiteville Tobacco Board of Trade, reported a first day sale of 989,151 pounds in the Whiteville warehouses. The sale brought \$706,365.16 for an average of \$71.41 for each 100 pounds.

Last year the first sales day total was 735,155 pounds at an average of \$65.94.

The Whiteville average was typical of first-day yields all along the Border Belt that were termed "unbelievably high" by some tobaccomen.

According to Edmunds, 38 percent of the first-day sales went to stabilization. Chadbourne Warehouseman Jimmy Green said he was disappointed that the government got as much of the tobacco as it did.

"There was not as much activity from the buying companies (in Chadbourne) as I would have liked to see," said Green. "But it was opening day and things will begin to get regulated as the week goes on."

Border Belt markets will sell through Friday this first week, four hours each day. Beginning Monday, sales will be four and one-half hours daily through Thursday. That schedule will continue two weeks.

State Agriculture Commissioner Jim Graham, on hand for Border Belt sales, commented that "these farmers need every penny they can get. No crop has ever cost as much as this year's and the money received for tobacco is for most growers their wages for the year, after deducting the costs."

## Blake Memorial Being Planned

A movement now is underway to establish the Katie H. Blake Memorial Fund at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, with proceeds from this source to be used to help finance a new obstetrics unit for the hospital.

Mrs. Blake, whose death occurred earlier this month at Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, is a former resident of Southport and was the wife of Charles Blake. She was a registered nurse and in addition to performing professional services at the local hospital, had been instrumental in organizing Candy Strippers for service there.

The need for new obstetrics facilities recently have been highlighted by the announcement that cases of this kind will be handled only on an emergency basis for the time being. Officials of the hospital hope that with the addition of new facilities in this field, it will be possible to attract the services of a full time specialist.

Already contributions have been received for this fund, one for \$50.00 having come from the Junior Woman's Club of Southport, which once named the honoree as their Woman of the Year.

## Legal Action Withdrawn In School Case

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in special session July 20 as four interested patrons from Southport observed the board's proceedings.

The following teacher's resignations were accepted: Bolivia—Marilyn B. Phelps; B.C.H.S.—Richard M. Holbrook; Leland—Marcia N. Kallfelz; Shallotte—Betty H. Hewett, Ruth Galloway, Larry Wilson.

The following teachers contracts for the 1970-71 school year were approved: Bolivia—Ann Herring Evans, Ida C. Mintz, Leland—Judy D. Tancelle, Kay M. Shackelford, John Buckingham; Shallotte—Lula C. Little, Eleanor C. Powell, Bermon Hewett; Southport—Calvin Evans; Union—Ruth Galloway, Jack Croft, school architect, reviewed the Southern Area Site of Boiling Springs, and the Shallotte Site, showing deletions to be made from building plans, demolition of old Southport School, possible letting of bids in early September, and the system of letting and sub-letting of bids to general contractors.

The resignation of Mrs. JoAnn McDowell as Title I ESEA bookkeeper was accepted. A letter from the North Carolina State Baptist Convention concerning utilization of Caswell facilities for school purposes set May 1971 as the final deadline for such utilization.

Board members evaluated principalship vacancies occurring at B.C.H.S., Southport and Bolivia. Principals for these positions are to be selected in the near future. Members of the board authorized Superintendent Ralph King to hire these principals with the consent of the local school committee and County Board representative. Mrs. Mae Barbee requested the board to grant this authorization.

Board members discussed HEW personnel visitation to the county and the letter being compiled by Superintendent King answering allegations concerning discriminatory actions to faculty desegregation, teacher dismissals, transportation, and extra-curricular activities.

The board deferred action on student accident insurance for 1970-71 school year until the next meeting.

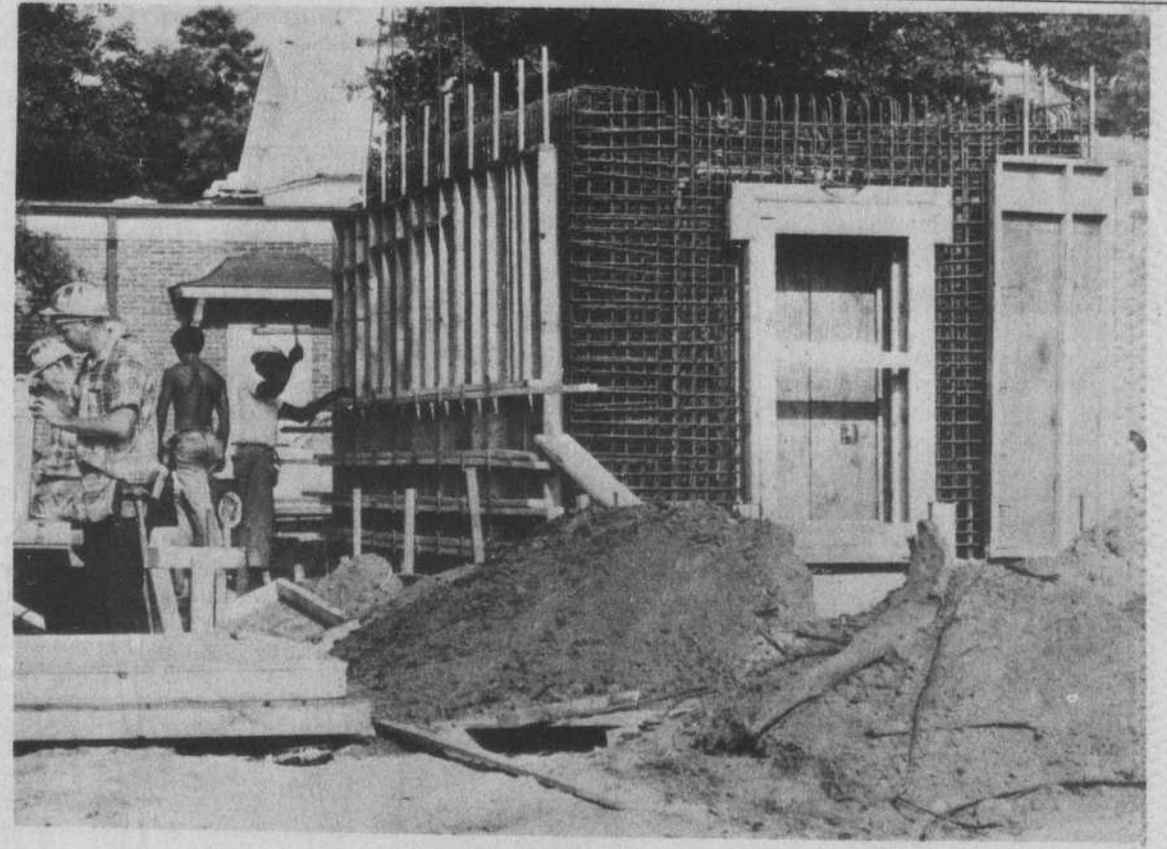
Mason H. Anderson, board of education attorney, informed the board that Bolivia patrons had removed litigation against the board concerning Beaver Dam as the site of the southern area school.

Mrs. Clara Marshburn appeared before the board in order to gain clarification of reasons for termination of teaching contract.

## Man Lost From Ship At Sea

A merchant seaman, Pie Min Chueng, disappeared from aboard the British freighter SS Ulysses Monday and his body has not been recovered despite an intensive half-day search by a crew from Oak Island Coast Guard Station and the Cutter McCulloch.

The disappearance was noted (Continued On Page Four)



## Anatomy Of A Bank Vault

No means of advertising the safety of funds deposited in Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. could possibly be more convincing than the above eye-witness observation of the construction of the vault for the new bank building in Southport. This has been in progress for the past two weeks, with heavy steel bars being used to reinforce the concrete which will complete the structure. The consensus is that Al Mundy himself couldn't crack this one. (Photo by Spencer)



## Retiring Principal Honored

Principal A. C. Caviness is shown here as he accepts a gift from his former students and fellow citizens at a dinner held in Southport earlier this month to honor him for the 41 years he has spent as an educator. At the left, seated, is Dr. Leila Ruth Hankins, professor of Biology at Bennett College, who was the principal speaker for this occasion, and at the right, making the presentation, is Ephriam Swain. (Baker Photo)

## Grateful Parent Suggests Medal

The sorrow of a son's death was tempered by respect for two Oak Island Coast Guardsmen because of their heroic action earlier this month at Yaupon Beach.

Ten-year old Charles Gregory of Burlington was drowned in the Atlantic surf on July 3. His 12-year old sister Cindy Ann

rushed back into the ocean when it became obvious the young boy was lost and nearly drowned herself. The father said his daughter would have lost her life, had it not been for the rescue effort of Boatswain Mate David E. O'Neal, a Southport man, and Engineman Mate Ronald D. Savage.

Clarence Gregory addressed letters to U.S. Senator B. Everett Jordan and U.S. Rep. Richardson Preyer that tell the story:

"In the midst of much sadness in my family at this time, I take this opportunity also to express appreciation.

"My 10-year-old son, Charles, lost his life in the surf of Yaupon Beach near Southport last Friday around noon. He was in the shallow surf, and my other children had come out of the water, as we recognized that it was too rough for safety. Yet, our Charles did not come from the water. He disappeared, and it developed, as we later learned, that he had been struck by one or more sand sharks. His remains were found Monday morning, after an almost constant search since his disappearance.

"What I ask at this time is that you join me, in whatever official channels you deem proper, to give what we consider more deserved recognition and honor to two members from the Oak Island Coast Guard Station near Southport. I will tell you, now, why I so sincerely believe this to be worthy.

"After it fully was determined that my son was missing in the (Continued On Page Three)

## Honored By Old Students

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

The opening assembly of the Brunswick County Southport High School was started by reading this passage of scripture for the past thirty eight years. Principal Alvin Chester Caviness never started his school year without having read to his students the third chapter of Ecclesiastes.

Upon learning that the (Continued On Page Two)

## Seafood Men Planning Plant

An increase of \$300,000 income, more jobs for local people and a market for local seafood with top prices were the topic of discussion by local commercial fishermen and shrimp boat owners, captains and crewmen and James Roof, USDA Farmer's Cooperative Services specialist, said Harry L. Varnam, president of the local organization.

"We are in the process of making a survey among interested persons for the Lockwood's Folly Seafood Freezing-Processing Plant," said Varnam.

"Preliminary information shows a wide range of support, interest and cooperation among the potential suppliers of seafood—that is the fishermen themselves—and the Waccamaw Bank, the Resources Development Commission, and others who have been contacted this week," he continued.

"If and when the project (Continued On Page Seven)

## Time And Tide

Ever dream of having all the bananas you could eat or haul away, free for the taking? Well, that's what happened in Southport thirty-five years ago this week, and the story appeared in the July 24 issue of the Pilot in 1935. This banana bonanza developed when a shipment of 2,000 bunches was turned down in Wilmington and the crew of the Norwegian freighter that carried them as cargo started throwing them overboard as soon as the ship passed the Cape Fear River bar. An incoming tide brought in this unexpected harvest, and all along the Southport waterfront people were fishing bananas from the river. Elsewhere in the news, Reginald Turner had resigned as principal at Shallotte High School and was going to Asheboro; the first case of typhoid fever in recent years was reported in Brunswick; and there had been no weekly session of Brunswick County recorder's court for the very good reason that there were no cases to be tried.

The Democrats had held their nominating convention in Chicago and had named Roosevelt and Wallace as the standard-bearers for the 1940 general election. Pictures of these men were on the front page of our July 24 publication. Back in those days, school opened later (Continued On Page Four)

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours were furnished to The State Port Pilot by the Cape Fear Pilots Association.

High	Low
Thursday, July 30,	
6:39 A.M.	12:46 A.M.
7:09 P.M.	
Friday, July 31,	
7:27 A.M.	1:40 A.M.
7:51 P.M.	1:34 P.M.
Saturday, August 1,	
8:09 A.M.	2:22 A.M.
8:33 P.M.	2:16 P.M.
Sunday, August 2,	
8:51 A.M.	2:58 A.M.
9:09 P.M.	2:58 P.M.
Monday, August 3,	
9:29 A.M.	3:34 A.M.
9:39 P.M.	3:34 P.M.
Tuesday, August 4,	
10:03 A.M.	4:10 A.M.
10:15 P.M.	4:16 P.M.
Wednesday, August 5,	
10:39 A.M.	4:46 A.M.
10:45 P.M.	4:52 P.M.