



### Lions Donate To Bookmobile

When Friends of the Library set up a goal of \$4,500 to pay for the new Brunswick county Bookmobile members of the Southport Lions Club pledged \$700 to this project. As a result of house to house solicitation and an active canvassing of business firms, this drive has resulted in a contribution of \$900 to this cause. Shown here in a check presentation cere-

mony Monday, left to right, are Lion Tommie Harrelson, Lion William Hughes, Mrs. Dorothy Davis, librarian, Robert Howard, county chairman for the Bookmobile Fund Drive, Lion C. D. Pickrell, who dressed up in a granny garb as he went all out to help with this cause; and Lion President Fraser Law. (Photo by Spencer)

## School Building Bids For Brunswick Exceed Funds

Bids for construction of three consolidated high school buildings were opened this (Wednesday) afternoon by members of the Brunswick County Board of Education and appeared to be higher than those submitted in April of this year. Bids received at that time were rejected because they exceeded available funds.

In an effort to obtain proposals for which financing is available, school architect Jack Croft prepared plans for several increments of a complete plant, and bids were made on this basis.

The apparent low bidder for general construction for all three schools was J.W. Cook & Son of Whiteville, whose figure was \$1,561,320. A.G. Carter & Son, also of Whiteville, was the apparent low bidder for shower and dressing room facilities with a figure of \$45,493 for each school. Luther Rogers construction Co.

of Wilmington was the apparent low bidder for gymtoriums with a figure of \$82,500 for each school.

For the option of providing shop facilities and classrooms A.G. Carter submitted a bid of \$60,589 for each school.

Watson Electric Co. of Wilson submitted the apparent low bid of \$276,800 for plumbing at all three schools. He also submitted the apparent low bid of \$312,000 for heating and air conditioning at all three schools.

David Jacobi of Wilmington submitted the apparent low bid of

\$93,383 for installing kitchen equipment at all three schools.

The Cook firm specified 450 days for completion of their contract in the event they are awarded the bids.

It is significant that these are only the apparent low bids. Members of the Board of Education and school officials will be in session until late tonight trying to work out combinations which may get construction costs within rank of budget figures. Since some of the contractors bid on one or two schools, and not on all three, there is the possibility that contracts may go to one or more firms not listed here.

Sites for the three schools have been selected with the western area school to be located near Shallotte, the northern area school to be located at Leland and the southern area school to be located at Boiling Spring Lakes, midway between Southport and Bolivia.

No bids were received for grading and site preparation.

### Leland Getting Phone Exchange

Southern Bell will place a new telephone exchange in service in June 1971 to initially serve some 800 subscribers in the Leland area according to R.E. Nantz, Wilmington manager.

A mobile telephone office will be placed on a lot adjacent to the Leland Mobile Home Park in the very near future. Contracts have been let to pour a concrete foundation. The mobile telephone exchange is presently being used in the Raleigh area while a permanent building is being constructed there.

Nantz said those subscribers whose numbers will be changed to the 371 area are primarily residence subscribers west of Navassa Road to the end of the present boundary between the Acme Telephone Exchange and the Wilmington 762 exchange. The subscriber closest to Wilmington would be Mac's Furniture Company on Highway 74-76. Each individual subscriber affected will be notified sufficiently in advance of the change in telephone number.

A second transfer will take place the following year in the area which is now southwest in the Belville, Clarendon, and (Continued On Page Three)

## Representatives Go To Highway Meet

County Commissioner V.A. Creech, Jr., said this week he will attend the East Coast Highway Conference in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina on October 19 and encourages other persons in the area to attend also. Citizen groups and local public officials along the East Coast are promoting the conference in support of a Coastal Corridor Freeway.

The Conference will be a one day session following a weekend in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. It is designed to present testimony pointing up the need for a coastal north-south highway connecting the Norfolk, Virginia and Savannah, Georgia areas. Such a highway would influence economic activity to the north and south of the highway area and will have untold effect on coastal North and South Carolina. A resolution of Congress and the Department of Transportation will be adopted.

Dr. Leo W. Jenkins, President of East Carolina University in Greenville will be the moderator of the Conference. Governor Robert W. Scott of North Carolina and Governor Robert E. McInair of South Carolina will attend and

be on the program and the Governors of Georgia, Virginia, Delaware and Maryland have also been invited to participate. A number of people representing the states involved will be on the program. These include Robert B. Morgan, Attorney General of North Carolina; Charles E. Frazier, President of Sea Pines Plantation in Hilton Head Island, South Carolina; Mayor Dallas G. Truitt of Salisbury, Maryland; Gilliam K. Horton, Chairman of North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development; Clyde A. Eltzroth, Chairman of South Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission; Wilbur S. Smith, President of Wilbur Smith and Associates; R. Wallace Howard, Senior Vice President of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and Fred A. Brinkman, Executive Vice President of the Greater Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce.

Creech said "It is a citizen's movement designed by economic development organizations and chambers of commerce throughout the coastal areas of six states from Georgia through Delaware. Many people (Continued On Page Three)

### GOP Chairman In Brunswick

Republican State Chairman James E. Holshouser, Jr. will appear at a free rally fish-fry at Garland Varnum's Landing in Varnumtown Friday.

Holshouser is the minority joint caucus leader and has served on the powerful joint appropriations subcommittee in the 1965 and 1969 general assemblies. He recently has been touring the state to help Republican candidate and to focus public attention on the tax legislation passed in the last session of the general assembly.

He is expected to speak on behalf of Brunswick County Republican. All interested citizens are cordially invited. Country and western music will be provided.

Holshouser is a graduate of Davidson College and of the law (Continued On Page Two)

### Horse Show Is Set For Sunday

The Southport Jaycees expect a big turnout Sunday for their Western Horse Show. Horsemen from all over southeastern North Carolina have been invited to attend this event, and bleachers have been put up to give all spectators a good view of the action.

The program consists of 18 events ranging from halter classes to western games. There will be three halter classes: stallions, mares and geldings. In these classes each horse, unsaddled, will be led into the ring by his trainer. The judge will base his decision on posture, grooming and obedience.

In the costume class both horse and rider will be fully outfitted, and it is not always the most expensively dressed horse and rider that win. Neatness and suitability are big factors in determining the trophy and blue ribbon winner.

The pleasure classes are designed to determine the obedience of horse to rider. All horses will be required to walk, jog and canter. Not only must the horses perform these gaits in different order, but they must also stop on command and back up when so instructed. Smoothness of transition from one gait to another and posture are some of the criteria the judge will consider in these classes.

An electronic timer geared to one-hundredth of a second will be used in all western games. In the apple race, the rider, always (Continued On Page Two)

## Rescue Shallotte Man After 10 Days

A drawout drama with all of the overtones of tragedy had a happy ending Tuesday night when Clarence M. (Preacher) Johnson was found alive in the woods west of Highway No. 130 and north of the Shallotte Fire

Tower. He was emaciated and weak, but a Shallotte physician who examined him said that he was in remarkably good condition. He was sent by the Shallotte Rescue Squad to New Hanover Memorial

Hospital where he is being treated for malnutrition and shock.

Children playing near the George Piver home Tuesday afternoon told Mrs. Piver they had heard somebody yelling down in the woods from the Radford-Piver Cemetery. Mrs. Piver determined this was not their imagination and got word to Ernest Hewett, who is guardian for Johnson. This was about 6 o'clock, and when Hewett and some volunteers from the Shallotte Rescue Squad started to yell, they received an answer. The Pay-off was a response to a three-yell sequence, and members of the rescue squad knew they finally were about to be rewarded their week-long efforts to locate the missing man.

A couple of hours of intensive hard work still stood between the growing band of volunteers and the man they sought, but about 9 o'clock they reached the point in the woods where apparently he has been for more than a week. Some of the men made a hand-saddle and carried him out to where he could be placed in the ambulance operated by the Shallotte Rescue Squad and he was taken to the office of Dr. B.J. Ford who made the preliminary examination.

Johnson was conscious and recognized some of his friends in the crowd. He told them he had become lost in trying to take a short cut through the woods from the Goley Road. He said that he had heard noises during the period when there was an in-

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## Man Surrenders In Embezzlement Case

By ED HARPER  
The Rev. Robert Johnson, charged with the fraudulent writing of checks on Sencland Community Action two years ago, walked into court Thursday and surrendered.

He pleaded guilty to charges of false pretense: specifically, the writing and cashing of about 20 checks in the names of persons whose names were on the payroll, but who were not working in the Neighborhood Youth Corps of which Rev. Johnson was director for Sencland Community Action.

Superior Court Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood, who told Rev. Johnson that his surrender was the first step toward rehabilitation, sentenced the defendant to a three-to-five year term in prison.

Rev. Johnson will be eligible for parole in nine months.

The appearance of Johnson surprised the court; the cases have been scheduled for trial on several occasions and during the June court session Judge William Y. Bickett ordered Bondsman Lucian Williams to pay the \$5,000 surety on Rev. Johnson.

Clerk of Court Lacy Thompson said Williams will not be reimbursed by the court, and reported that the money has been designated for use by the county Board of Education. Unofficial sources report that Williams will file a suit in an attempt to get his \$5,000 back.

Johnson said he came to court because he realized he couldn't (Continued On Page Two)

### Two Southport Men In Florida

Ernest Parker, Jr. and James T. Barnes of Southport are two of the Fisheries officials who will represent North Carolina at the Atlantic-Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission meeting, October 15-16, in Tampa, Florida.

Parker is Chairman of the Commercial and Sports Fisheries Committee under the Board of Conservation and Development and Barnes is a member of the Commercial and Sport Fisheries Advisory Board for this state department.

While in Tampa, the officials will also tour the annual Fish Expo, an extravaganza of commercial fishing boats, gears, and products. The Commission meeting provides an opportunity for officials from several states to get together and discuss large scale fisheries problems, problems that have no state boundaries.

Fish Expo provides a place each year to keep abreast of products and engineering advancement in the fisheries field.

## Time And Tide

October 9, 1935, and a front page headline told of the conviction of Dillon Jenrette for second degree murder and of his sentence by Judge Clawson Williams to serve 20-30 years. The Southport plant of the North Carolina Fisheries, Inc. had been opened with the late Chas. E. Gause as manager. And a front page feature told of the place in history that had been earned by Fort Caswell.

The editor wrote that it would be a good thing to have a fire escape leading from the courtroom; home economics and public school music had been included in the curriculum of Southport High School after an absence of several years; and application had been made for a truck franchise to supplement the freight-hauling efforts of the W.B. & S. from Southport to Wilmington.

The late H.M. Shannon had been named chairman of the Local Draft Board. That action was reported in our issue of October 9, 1940. Another front page story told of the appointment of J.J. Hawes as chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections. Proof positive that this was the political season was summed up in the announcement that a Four-County Democratic Rally would be held in Whiteville later in the month.

A Brunswick county man had shot and killed a \$350 mule while trying to kill a chicken with a rifle; Mrs. Maxine Fulcher had been hostess at a birthday party for her son, Phillip Agnew, on his 7th birthday; and 21 Brunswick county young men had enlisted in the U.S. Army.

It was the fall of 1945, October 10 to be exact, and Mr. and Mrs. A.D. (Continued On Page Four)



### Horse Show Entry

Susan Smith is getting her favorite mount in shape for the Jaycee Horse Show which will be held in Southport Sunday afternoon. Entries are expected from surrounding southeastern North Carolina counties and a large crowd is anticipated at the arena at Bonnetts Creek.



### Festival Queen In Washington

Diane Rees, Southport's Miss Fourth of July, recently made a two-day visit to Washington, D.C., with her chaperone, Mrs. Connie Young. Representative Alton Lennon's office arranged tours of the White House and the Capitol, with visits to the House and Senate sessions. Miss Rees personally invited Congressman Lennon and Senators Ervin and Jordan to attend next year's Fourth of July celebration at Southport. Miss Rees is shown with Congressman Lennon on the Capitol steps.