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Appear In Sunday Concert

The instrumental section of the New Directions will give an afternoon Concert of contemporary music at the auditorium at the Baptist Assembly Sunday afternoon.

MYF Sponsors Sunday Concert At Assembly

The New Directions concert of contemporary music scheduled for Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Baptist Assembly Auditorium promises to be a huge success.

Because of the special interest of the youth in attending the concert, adults have wondered whether the event was for the teenagers only.

The Sunday afternoon program at Fort Caswell will be similar in content to those to be given in Jacksonville on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

The United Methodist Youth of the county decided to provide Brunswick with the opportunity to hear The New Directions after several of them heard them in Siler City early in September.

The concert is offered as a public service and not as a money-making project and no admission will be charged.

The publicity efforts of the youth for the concert have been wholeheartedly supported by Radio Stations WKLM in Wilmington and WVCB in Shallotte, by the State Port Pilot, the Brunswick Beacon and the Wilmington Star-News, and by TV Station WECT.

The youthful New Directions personnel will be the dinner guests of the Brunswick Sub-district United Methodist Youth Fellowship after the concert.

Gun Accident Kills Youth

A member of a Green Swamp hunting party was killed Wednesday morning when he accidentally dropped his shotgun and it discharged.

Gene Laverne Simmons, 19, of Rt. 4 Whiteville, was one of a group of 13 friends and relatives who had entered the Green Swamp to hunt deer.

Simmons, a painter, apparently started to get out of his pickup when he dropped the gun, Coroner Buell Lanier said, and its firing hammer hit the running board.

Several fellow hunters were nearby but were not within sight when the gun went off, the coroner was advised.

Simmons, after being hit, fell into the seat of his pickup. The Whiteville Rescue Unit ambulance was summoned and

Speaker Warns Audience About Deceptive Come-Ons

North Carolina Attorney General Robert Morgan told the annual meeting of the Brunswick Electric Membership cooperative here Saturday that his office was dedicated to bringing out the other side of the picture in consumer advertising.

"There are those who say we have gone beyond the requirements of the office," Morgan outlined to some 4,000 members on hand, "but I feel it is our duty to protect the public from deceptive advertising and even fraud."

The meeting was held at Columbus County tobacco warehouse with Whiteville Mayor Horace B. Whitley extending the welcome, the invocation by Rev. Charlie Sparks, pastor of Whiteville United Methodist church, a message by C.D. Branch, chairman of the Board of Directors, treasurer's report by J.B. Ward, Jr., manager's report by Robert G. Hubbard, Jr. and remarks by Rep. Alton A. Lennon.

Citing numerous instances of deceptive advertising, Morgan said his office was dealing in protecting the consumer "from any type of deceptive or misleading advertising practiced by business houses over the state."

He noted that 50 years ago people traded with merchants they knew and merchants who knew the customers, and that the

Misleading Ads, Fraud

Brunswick Shares In Special Grant

Brunswick County will receive \$44,500 to be used for construction of jail facilities, according to an announcement made Friday by the Governor's Committee on Law and Order.

News of the aid, which must be matched by local funds, was released by Berry A. Williams, chairman of the Lower Cape Fear Planning Unit which includes Brunswick, New Hanover, Columbus and Pender counties.

The four counties received \$212,820 of the \$7 million given throughout the state. The largest single grant for the Lower Cape Fear Planning Unit was \$91,758 for a juvenile detention center for the four-county area.

Other expenditures for Brunswick County include \$600 for a Sheriff's Department records project, \$2,280 for a Southport Police Department communications center, and \$3,00 for a Sheriff's Department paddy wagon.

Walton Willis, chief of the Southport Police Department, said he is pleased that the committee decided to allot the

\$91,758 for the juvenile detention center. The committee will meet Thursday to discuss the feasibility of the center which would accommodate delinquents, school dropouts and youthful drug abusers.

The detention center-halfway house concept is being promoted by the Cape Fear Council of Governments, The Lower Cape Fear Planning Unit, and the New Hanover County Drug Abuse Commission, each of which will have representation at the Thursday meeting.

Public Hearing Next Tuesday

A public hearing on the proposed design of US 74-76 from the existing divided roadway west of Leland to Alligator Creek will be held at Leland High School, November 10, at 4 p.m.

R.W. McGowan, Highway Department chief engineer for preconstruction, will conduct the hearing, where the proposed design will be explained in detail. After the explanation, comments and questions from the public will be invited.

The project will interchange with state road 1441 (Dupont Road), overpass existing US 74-76 and Seaboard Coastline Railroad, underpass relocated state road 1437 (Old Fayetteville Road) without contact, interchange with

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Time And Tide

A front page write-up in our edition for October 30, 1935, recounted the tale of a marathon swim made by Lee Greer of Whiteville from Southport to Wilmington. There also was a report of the annual Brunswick Baptist Association meeting.

Local shrimpers had made a big haul on Monday of that week; a suggestion had been made to change the name of the Brunswick County Hospital at Southport to "J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital"; and Lt. Ralph Glenn had reported as commander of the local CCC Camp.

Members of the Outdoor Writers of America had been to Southport and Brunswick County for a meeting. This was reported in our issue for October 30, 1940. One of their members who had attracted particular attention was Capt. O.L. Hawk, fishing expert and trick flycaster. This was big news, but an announcement of even greater moment was that the Brunswick Selective Service Board had listed serial numbers for all registrants and were getting ready to make their first draft.

This was also the week before the General Election, a year for the presidential election, hence considerable activity and excitement in Brunswick. An old-time fiddler convention was slated at Bolivia; the



Robert Morgan... "Call My Office"

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Republicans Sweep Five Commissioners Positions

Brunswick County Republicans elected all five members of the Board of Commissioners and re-elected their sheriff Tuesday to assume the dominant role in county government for the first time since 1932.

The Democrats succeeded only in re-electing Clerk of Court J.E. Brown and Coroner L.B. Bennett. But a story of even more amazing proportions still is unfolding as Thomas Harrelson wound up trailing veteran legislator Arthur W. Williamson by only four votes in the two-county 13th House District.

Williamson had a combined vote total of 5440 to 5436 for Harrelson, the young Southport man who also doubled as Republican party chairman during the precedent-breaking election campaign. There has been no official decision, but the possibility exists that Harrelson may call for a recount.

His unexpected challenging position resulted from a 3660 vote he received in Brunswick County, to go with his 1776 voted in Columbus. Williamson had 2365 votes in Brunswick to add with his 3075 in Columbus.

Representative R.C. Soles appeared to be home-free, as he polled 3069 votes in Brunswick and 3195 in Columbus for a total of 6264. J.W. Suggs, Harrelson's running mate on the Republican ticket, had 2556 votes in Brunswick and 1988 in Columbus for a 4544 vote total.

In the race for county commissioner, all five Republican nominees polled more votes than the highest Democratic candidate. Leading the Republican surge was William A. Kopp, Jr., of Town Creek with 3751 votes, followed by Robert Simmons of Shallotte Township with 3450; J.T. Clemmons of Lockwoods Folly with 2991; John H. Bray of Smithville with 2991; and Vardell Hughes of Waccamaw with 2862.

High man for the Democrats for commissioner was Jerry A. Moore of Lockwoods Folly Township with 2916. He was followed by Willie D. Ward with 2691 votes; George T. Rourk with 2672; L.T. Yaskell with 2542; and R.L. Rabon with 2222.

In the race for Clerk of Court Jack Brown had 3631 votes to 2837 for Lonnie (Vick) Brown, his Republican opponent.

Bennett polled 3776 votes to win over Fred V. Davis in the race for Coroner. The latter polled 2582 votes.

Sheriff Harold Willetts piled up 4233 votes to lead the ticket for Republicans and gain a convincing victory over Clinton E. Bellamy, who had 2374 votes.

Lee J. Greer was without opposition for Solicitor for the 13th Solicitorial District and pulled up 3325 votes in Brunswick county to add to his totals in Columbus and Bladen.

S. Bunn Frink had no opponent for a seat in the State Senate representing the 15th Senatorial District and gained 3935 votes.

Winning Republican Candidates



HAROLD WILLETTTS



WM. A. KOPP, JR.



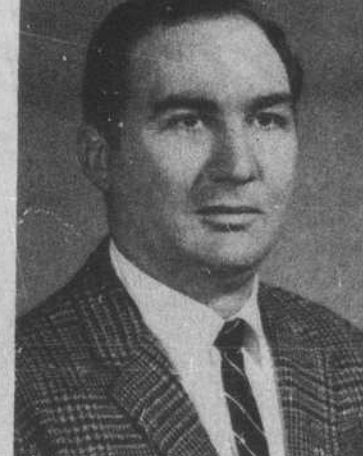
JOHN H. BRAY



J. T. CLEMMONS



ROBERT SIMMONS



VARDELL HUGHES

Board Agrees On Grading

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in special session on Friday and awarded low bids for grading of consolidated school grounds to the following contractor: Mac Construction Company norther, \$34,000; Western \$36,000; L.R. Armstrong and Son Southern \$38,345.

After discussing with Jack Croft, schools architect, tabulation of low bids and proposed bids to be contracted, it was agreed by the board to defer

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Democrat Winners



J. E. BROWN



LOWELL B. BENNETT

UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RETURNS

Table with columns for Precincts, Congress, Sol., Sem., House, Sheriff, Clerk, Coroner, and Commissioners. Lists candidates and their vote counts across various precincts.