

## For Legislature Race

# State Board Orders Vote Recount For One Precinct

A vote recount that questions the integrity of South Lees Precinct officials, according to Arthur Williamson's attorney, has been granted by the state Board of Elections.

The five-member board voted unanimously to review the election results in the precinct, where an affidavit filed on behalf of Thomas Harrelson alleged that Harrelson's Democratic opponent, Arthur Williamson, received 13 votes, and not 20 votes as reported by the Columbus County Board of Elections.

The announcement was made Saturday, the day after the state board held a 45-minute hearing of an appeal by Harrelson, a young Southport man who battled incumbent Williamson for a seat in the North Carolina House of Representatives. After the unofficial tally of votes cast in Brunswick and Columbus counties for the two men, Williamson led by only two votes.

Harrelson charged that there were violations by election officials in Columbus County and asked the local board for a recount. The Democratic majority denied the request and Harrelson immediately appealed to the state Board of Elections.

Both candidates attended the Friday morning session in Raleigh, but only the lawyers for Harrelson and Williamson offered testimony to the state board.

Williamson's attorney said that violations of state election law were "admitted to a certain degree" but "could in no way affect the result" of the race between Harrelson and his client. The Republicans contended that violations by precinct officials and alleged wrongdoings by the Columbus County Board of Elections cast a shadow of doubt over the election process in the county and would reflect in the outcome of the close election.

The state board allowed the recount in South Lees Precinct because of the affidavit filed by Republican judge Thomas G. Sarvis stating that Williamson received fewer votes than the county Board of Elections office reported. Discussion of this issue was central to arguments by both sides.

**"NOT THE POINT"**  
Hiram Ward of Lexington, a Republican member of the state board, commented that it should not be difficult to recount the votes cast in South Lees.

"That's not the point," replied Williamson's attorney.

Ward said that it wouldn't take ten minutes "to satisfy everyone's mind in Columbus County whether or not that tally was correct." The attorney agreed that it wouldn't take long to recount the votes, but he disagreed with the implications in Ward's statement.

"I didn't mean to imply anything," Ward said. Herbert L. Hyde, the Asheville attorney who represented Williamson, said that "no recount should be called except within the terms of your own rules—that is, when sufficient evidence is raised that something may be wrong.

Otherwise, to set such a precedent would be bad for this board, you'd have them come in from all over the state, and it would impute the integrity of people whose integrity should not be imputed."

**OTHER CHARGES**  
Hyde spoke first to the state board, replying to the charge by Harrelson that an unauthorized person assisted at a voting booth. "This was explained, and admitted to a certain degree, that an emergency arose and the precinct registrar appointed a person, but without approval of the full county board," Hyde stated.

"The county board admonished that registrar for so doing," Hyde said. "However, it found that in no way could this affect the result of that election.

"There were other irregularities which were alleged, many of them candidly admitted in the affidavits which the board attorney obtained. These related in some incidents to a failure to seal the ballot boxes after the votes were counted and certified."

Hyde contended that such irregularities "are irrelevant to the central issue here." He said the issue was "whether there is any evidence sufficient to cause this board to exercise its discretion and to cause a recount to be made in that one race."

The attorney claimed that Harrelson had not presented enough evidence in support of these charges for the board to order a recount.

Hyde focused attention on the affidavit by Sarvis. According to Hyde, Sarvis signed the report that Williamson received 20 votes in the precinct, but later, when he realized how close the election was, he signed the affidavit stating that "he believed" Williamson received 13 votes.

Williamson's attorney explained to the state board that because Sarvis did not "swear" that Williamson received "only" 13 votes there could be some doubt what Sarvis meant. Hyde did remind the board that it could not charge Sarvis with perjury on such evidence.

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DR. LELE RUTH HANKINS

## Brunswick Woman Writes Textbook

When Lela Ruth Hankins was a senior at Brunswick County Training School in Southport she was valedictorian of her class. In 1955 she graduated at Shaw University in Raleigh and subsequently she received her Master's Degree and Ph.D. at Oregon State University.

Now she has written a book: "Biology, A Problem Solving Approach". The publisher is Carlton Press of New York.

In the face of the great scientific knowledge explosion, the issue of what should be the content emphasis in biology for the purposes of general education has become debatable. Dr. Hankins' painstaking research in this area helps to consolidate the prevailing opinions of the biological community on this subject.

The course of study

recommended in this book utilizes the research findings of the author—analyzed and determined from the random sample of 150 competent research biologists, college and university teaching biologists, science educators and science historians.

The opinions of these 150 specialists in science were obtained through a series of comprehensive questionnaires compiled by Dr. Hankins from twenty of the most widely used biology textbooks.

The course of study which resulted from this competent exploration, Dr. Hankins maintains, "makes biology relevant to human affairs—which should be the primary objective of a course for the non-science major. Since the studies have shown that students are largely interested in themselves, the course of study that is recommended is student-centered around a problem-solving approach."

A scholar whose dedication and ability have been recognized by many awards and fellowships, among them National Science Foundation and Public Health Service Fellowships and the IBM Doctoral Fellowship, Dr. Hankins is at present Professor and Chairman of the Bennett College Biology Department in Greensboro. She is a native of Bolivia in Brunswick County.

## Time And Tide

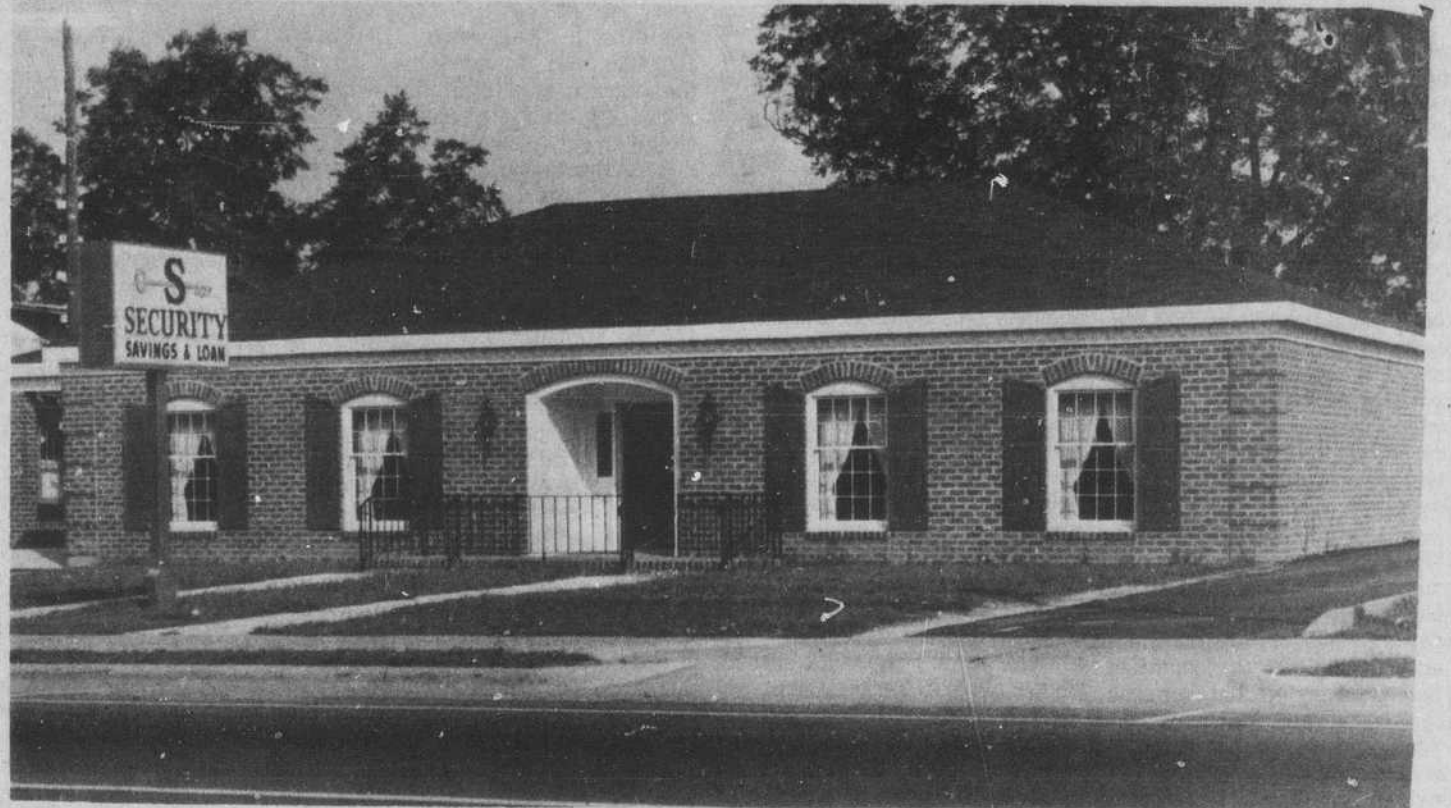
A report in our issue for November 20, 1935, told of the final link in the Intracoastal Waterway being cut near Myrtle Beach, S.C., giving continuous inland passage from Trenton, N.J., to Florida for coastwise small craft. Good progress was reported on the beautification project for Franklin Square here in Southport.

There was a front page feature, complete with picture, of Randolph Scott, star of action movies, who had been stationed at Fort Caswell during World War I. That week had brought the biggest production of shrimp for the season, with headers being imported from out in the county to help with the packing; and G.W. McGlamery was listed as one of the outstanding candidates for the local CCC basketball team.

An explanation of why some yachts tied up here to spend a few days each fall was given in our issue for November 20, 1940. The story said that the insurance contract on these vessels made a penalty charge if they were South of Cape Fear prior to November 15 each year. Presumably that—in those days—was the deadline for hurricane danger. The late W.B. Keziah had been made a Life Member of Outdoor Writers Association of America, being one of only six men to be thus honored.

Carl Goerch, former editor of The State Magazine, had found himself stranded over at Bald Head Island, but managed to come up with material for one of his funny experiences; a sunrise Thanksgiving service was being planned at Southport Baptist Church;

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## Open House In Shallotte

This is the new office building in Shallotte for Security Savings & Loan Association, a Brunswick county financial institution which was organized in 1911. Open house will be held Friday and not

only will this occasion mark the sixth anniversary of opening of the Shallotte office, but it will celebrate the 59th anniversary of the parent organization. (Photo by Spencer)

## Twin Anniversaries

# Open House At Shallotte S&L

Open house will be held Friday at the new building of Security Savings & Loan Association at Shallotte and this occasion will not only mark the sixth anniversary of the opening of that office, but will observe the 59th anniversary of the founding of this financial institution.

That was on October 11, 1911, and the name of the financial firm was Southport Savings & Loan Association. The first president was M.C. Gutrie, S.B. Northrop was vice-president, D.I. Watson secretary-treasurer, and directors including A.J. Robbins, Richard Doshier, W.J. Weeks, J. N. Daniels, J.A. Doshier and J.J. Garrett. The firm of Cranmer and Davis were appointed to serve as attorneys for the association.

The installment of weekly shares in the amount of 25-cents per share was begun. The first monthly business meeting was held on the evening of November 10, 1911, when the first loan was approved for \$500 to Mrs. R.W. Davis.

The salary for the secretary-

treasurer was \$5.00 per month.

The first audit report was made December 31, 1913, and showed loans made to that date amounting to \$13,612.40, with a total of 448 shares outstanding. The balance of cash on hand was \$75.02.

A further look at annual audit reports show that on December

31, 1960, the assets of the association had reached \$322,000; by 1960 the total assets had spurred ahead to \$2,576,000.00 and present assets are \$7,344,000.00. Presently mortgage loans total \$6,285,000.00 with savings totaling \$6,320,000.00. The cash reserve is \$436,000.00.

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## Weather Experiment

Checking a sophisticated version of a weather vane is Aaron Padgett, Carolina Power & Light Company environmental engineer. The vane transmits wind speed and direction to recording devices 40 feet below Padgett at a weather station near the construction site of CP&L's Brunswick Nuclear Electric Generating Plant in Southport.

# Weather Station At CP&L Plant

As part of a total environmental study, Carolina Power & Light Company is conducting a weather survey near the construction site of its Brunswick nuclear electric generating plant near Southport.

Aaron Padgett, CP&L environmental engineer, is directing the survey. Padgett gathers data for the survey at a weather station near the construction site. The weather station measures wind velocity, wind direction and temperature differences at various levels on a 350-foot tower. Electronic

equipment records the measurements 24 hours a day.

According to Padgett, operation of the weather station to obtain weather data is a part of an overall environmental program designed by Carolina Power & Light Company and approved by the Atomic Energy Commission. The program will provide information for the design and operation of the nuclear plant.

The first of the two nuclear units at the Brunswick plant is scheduled for operation in 1974. The plant is the first nuclear generating unit in North Carolina.

## Mrs. Hewett Is Heart Chairman

Mrs. Freeman E. Hewett has been named president of the Brunswick Heart Association, North Carolina Heart Association President Dr. J. Dewey Dorsett of Charlotte announced today.

Mrs. Hewett has served in this position for the past two years, having been chairman for a number of years before this. She also acts as the publicity chairman, helps with her local community drive and has her 4-H boys and girls helping all during Heart Month as a special project.

She is the musician at Shallotte First Baptist, teaches the Juniors in Church Training, is Busy Bees 4-H leader and has been named Most Representative Leader and Most Outstanding Leader of the Southeastern District, serves on the Southeastern Advisory Board, is secretary of the Brunswick County Democratic Party, secretary of the Democratic Ladies, secretary of the Lockwood Folly Seafood Plant, a member of the Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad, a member of the Civil Air Patrol, is society editor of the Brunswick Beacon, and a correspondent for other papers, has a full time job as secretary of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau, is the mother of six children and now has 2½-month old grandchild. "With all the jobs I undertake, being a mother is first, and then

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## Leland Man New Trustee

Governor Bob Scott has announced the appointment of V.A. Crech, Jr., of Leland to the Cape Fear Technical Institute Board of Trustees. He replaces Kirby Sullivan of Southport who resigned.

Crech owns a real estate business in Leland. He is currently serving as County Commissioner, and is a Policy Board Representative of the Cape Fear Law and Order Committee. He is also a member of the Southeastern Economic Development Commission.

Crech will serve the remainder of the term expiring June 30, 1975.



V. A. CRECH, JR.

## Federal Funds To Brunswick Schools

A total of \$6,446,476 in federal funds has been received by 80 of the 152 administrative units of the state's public school systems since the program began in September.

The Emergency School Assistance Program—Title IV—was requested by President Richard Nixon and approved by Congress earlier this year. The funds are to be used to assist school units in carrying out their desegregation program.

School units in Brunswick County have received 43,812.

Robert Strother, Special Assistant to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said that 92 written requests for projects have been received; and although none have been rejected, there are 12 requests "in holding" which means they are either still being reviewed or being delayed—pending more information.

The smallest grant received was for \$8,000 for Albemarle City and the largest was Charlotte-Mecklenburg with \$708,100.

All requests were included in one or more categories. Strother said the categories and total amounts include: special community programs, \$922,687; special pupil personnel services, \$1,890,885; special curriculum