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## Plan Attack On Measles

Members of the Junior Woman's Club of Bolivia are continuing their support of the Brunswick County Health Department's all-out effort for the eradication of rubella, or German measles.

Dr. John R. Black, director of the Columbus County Health Department, said no reports of German Measles, or rubella, have been received this year, but that doesn't mean the disease is not here. "People can have rubella and not even know it," he stated.

The danger is that the common childhood disease may be contracted by expectant mothers, who may not know they have the disease that could harm their children.

National and state authorities have warned that 1971 may be the year when rubella threatens with the worst epidemic in its history.

In the last national epidemic, in 1964, the U.S. Public Health Service estimates that 50,000 unborn infants were killed or crippled as a result of rubella. A recently-developed vaccine is expected to help minimize the tragic potential of the disease.

Parental permission for each child is necessary. "The goal is to prevent an epidemic of Rubella as occurred in 1964-65, which cause thousands of infants to be born with cataracts, hearing defects, heart defects and mental retardation," Dr. Black said.

On the basis of past trends, the next epidemic of rubella could occur as early as spring of 1971. The disease tends to occur at epidemic levels every six to nine years but the reason for this is not known.

## Public Hearing For Island Pier

The application of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation for an approval of plans for an existing pier in Bald Head Creek will be considered at a public hearing in the Community Building at Southport, April 7.

## Southport Youth Has Scholarship

John Ethan Hankins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Hankins of Southport, is the recipient of a 1971 Morehead Scholarship to study at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Hankins, who attends Taft School in Watertown, Conn., is among 102 young men named Tuesday to receive the awards, valued at \$9,000 apiece for North Carolina residents.

The awards honor John Motley Morehead, benefactor of the University.

## Town Water System

## \$213,000 Grant, Loan For Yaupon Is Okayed

A \$160,000 and \$53,000 loan grant to the Town of Yaupon Beach to construct a rural community water system have been approved by the Farmers Home Administration, reports James T. Johnson, the state director.

The loan will enable the town to drill two deep wells, erect a 75,000-gallon elevated storage tank, install appropriate water treatment facilities, and install more than seven miles of pipeline. Fire hydrants also will be installed to aid in fire protection.

The system will bring



## New Commanding Officer

Col. Thomas G. Haake has assumed command at Sunny Point Army Terminal and is shown above, left, in a change of command ceremony with Lt. Col. Jack Biggerstaff, who has been acting commander since the retirement of Col. Robert D. Reid.

## New Commander For Sunny Point

Col. Thomas G. Haake assumed command of the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point Friday.

Lt. Col. Jack Biggerstaff, deputy commander, had been the acting commander since the retirement of Col. Robert D. Reid on February 28.

Colonel Haake was born in 1919 in Kansas City, Missouri. He attended Conception Junior College, Conception, Missouri from 1938 until 1940, enlisting in the U.S. Army in

1942 and commissioned a second lieutenant in the Transportation Corps in 1943. He is also a graduate of the University of Maryland (BS degree), attended Transportation Corps Advanced School and the Command and General Staff School.

Colonel Haake entered the Army in the Quartermaster Corps, taking his basic training at Fort Warren, Wyoming. During World War II he spent three and one-half years in the Southwest Pacific area, being assigned to port units in Australia, New Guinea, Hollandia and making the invasion of the Philippines at Leyte in 1944.

Colonel Haake reverted to inactive reserve status in April, 1946. In 1951, he was called to active duty and assigned to New Orleans POE. Other assignments were Operations Officer in support of the Northeast Air Command at Thule, Greenland and Harmon AFB, Newfoundland; and Training Officer, 4th Terminal Command at Fort Eustis, Virginia. In 1957 Colonel Haake gyroscoped to Germany with the 6th Transportation Battalion. While in Germany he commanded the 126th Transportation Company, activated the 377th Heavy Truck Company and served as Adjutant and Operations Officer of the 38th Transportation Truck Battalion.

Upon his return to the United States in 1960 he was assigned to the Office of the Chief of Transportation, Plans Division. In 1964 he spent one year in Korea as Troop Commander of the

community Building at Southport, April 7.

All interested parties are invited to be present, or to be represented, particularly the officials of any state, county, city, town, or local association whose interest may be affected by the pier, to express their views fully and publicly regarding the impact of the structure on the public interest.

Factors affecting the public interest include navigation, fish and wildlife, water quality, economics, conservation, aesthetics, recreation, water supply, flood damage prevention, ecosystems, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people.

Comments on these factors as they relate to the approval of the pier and its intended use as stated by the applicant "to provide marine ac-

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## Realtors In Dinner Meet

The would-be developer of Bald Head Island will address the Brunswick County Board of Realtors and about 100 other persons Thursday night.

The occasion is the regular meeting of the county realtors, but more attention will be focused on the session because of guest William Henderson, president of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation. The island at the Cape Fear River mouth has been the topic of continued discussion by developers who want to locate a plush resort on the sub-tropical piece of real estate, and conservationists who want the island left in its natural state.

C.B. Beasley of New Bern, president of the North Carolina Association of Realtors, will attend the dinner meeting, which was opened to the public on a Dutch-treat basis.

Carolina Cape Fear Corporation has bought the island from Frank Sherrill for a reported \$5.5 million and has started work preliminary to the development of the island. The state has attempted to block access to the property, and the next step appears to be request to the North Carolina General Assembly to condemn and buy the island, thus saving it for all the people. Also, the conservationists claim that the development of the island would damage the marine life in the area, but Henderson denies this.

Philip King, program chairman for the Board of Realtors, said more than 100 reservations have been received for the 7 p.m. meeting

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## Time And Tide

In The Pilot for March 11, 1936, there was a picture of Joe Jelks, Southport boy, who had been selected Best All-Round boy in the senior class at Wake Forest College. The late Kelly Milliken had been appointed Brunswick County Tax Collector, replacing the late L.C. Brown who had resigned that post.

Bingo Burris was repairing the old Abrams dock at the foot of Davis St. preparatory to opening a seafood house; another nautical note was that "City Alderman Sam Watts is busy these days getting a Hudson (automobile) motor in shape to put in a day party boat."

Bolivia boys and Waccamaw girls were tournament winners in the 1941 playoffs in Brunswick. That was front page news in The Pilot for March 12. An interesting front page feature had quoted a Philadelphia radio announcer as referring to Bald Head Island as "A tropical paradise." The entire script for the show was quoted. Capt. Victor P. Lance had indicated his intention of basing his sports fishing vessel here during the coming season.

There was a local discussion over lay days for quail hunting during the coming season, with Brunswick having been exempted from a bill introduced in the State Legislature.

The old R & S. Amusement Co. of Leland had a new attraction for the coming season—a couple of lion cubs—and their picture was on the front page of our edition for March 6, 1946. Charlie Swan and Andy Dowling had begun work on a new shrimp dock in Southport.

It had required two overtime periods for Bolivia boys to defeat Shallotte 21-19; renovations and repairs were underway at Amuzu; and Japanese cherry trees were blooming at

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## \$740,000 Water, Sewer

## City Gets First-Round Approval For Project

A \$740,000 water-sewer project for Southport has received first-round approval by the Cape Fear Council of Governments.

The plan was approved by the Council executive committee that met Thursday in Whiteville. The proposal now goes to the state for approval and then to Washington for final review.

Original plans called for a \$480,000 sewer system project, but City Manager C.D. Pickrell presented a revised plan after being informed that a better project could be set up on the basis of a more complete plan. Under the overall plan, the city can undertake any part of the project.

Southport had prepared the smaller project plan because of limited finances, Pickrell said.

Brunswick County and its municipalities are eligible for 70 percent financing from HUD for such projects. The city also has funds from a bond issue passed some time ago.

The revised project calls for \$600,000 for a sewer system, \$100,000 for water lines and \$40,000 for storm sewers.

Beverly Paul, executive director of the Council of Governments, said projects such as the Southport proposal are figured so that should a larger unit decide to develop a sewer project, the old and the new projects could be integrated.

The reason for the review by the COG is that the organization has been designated by Gov. Bob Scott as the regional clearing house

for federal program review in Region "O", which includes Brunswick, Columbus, Pender and New Hanover counties.

What this means is that the Council of Governments will, as required by federal law, review local government applications for federal funds in the four counties.

Such grant programs are:

water and sewer grants, landfill grants, transportation grants, health grants, and others.

During the past year the CFCOG reviewed \$9,440,000 of these Federal projects in Brunswick and New Hanover counties, as prior to the Governor's regional designation the COG was responsible for federal

program review in those two counties—the standard metropolitan statistical area of Wilmington.

This review procedure consists of an evaluation of each project to determine its conformance to existing plans and development trends. However, this review responsibility does not include veto authority, rather only comments pertinent to the project desirability which are made to the federal agency involved.

In so doing, the staff is able to spot any conflicts or omissions in a proposed project and recommend where changes need to be made in order to resolve these conflicts and strengthen the project so that it may conform with the long-range planning goals which attempt to provide orderly growth, thus saving both time and money and eliminating inadequate and deficient programs.

The clearinghouse function (Continued On Page Two)

## Education Board Adds Black Man

The first black man on the Brunswick County Board of Education was appointed Thursday at the request of a group of interested citizens.

William T. Bowen, 52-year old farmer in the Ash Community, was named to fill the unexpired term of Delmas Babson, effective April 1. His selection met the requirements earlier set by the board that the new member be of a minority race and reside in Waccamaw Township.

The vote of the four other board members was unanimous.

The Board considered two persons for the appointment—Bowen and Louis Stanley. Members agreed that "both were men of leadership and dedication and either would serve the county with merit as a member of Board of Education."

Bowen was the only nomination and he was ap-



W.M. T. BOWEN

pointed by acclamation. Bowen has been active in school matters and interested in providing improved educational opportunities in the schools. He has served (Continued On Page Seven)

## Sgt. Henry Given Medal

Staff Sergeant Frank P. Henry was honored at a ceremony at noon Sunday with the presentation of the Army Commendation Medal. The award was made by Mayor E.B. Tomlinson, Jr., at City Hall in Southport with Major Kenneth Johnston and Capt. Robert Harris of Fort Benning, Ga., in attendance. Also present were members of the family of the recipient and a number of his friends.

Following is the text of the citation:

During the period 15 November 1968 to 27 February 1971 throughout the cited period he consistently obtained outstanding results through his untiring efforts and professional ability. Always willing to give of his off duty time, he spent many hours of concentrated effort to insure that every subject within his area of responsibility received the maximum attention necessary to obtain optimum results. By his sincere desire and ability to provide only the latest information to his students, they proceeded from his area of instruction as some of the best qualified soldiers in the United States Army. Having been assigned to his position without

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## Harrelson Introduces Election Reform Acts

If anyone should introduce a bill to change election laws, it's Thomas Harrelson.

The young Southport Republican, who represents Brunswick and Columbus counties in the North Carolina General Assembly, proposed three bills on Friday. "These are the first of a series of bills I will introduce which are designed to eliminate fraud and forgery and other questionable practices from elections," he said.

Harrelson defeated incumbent Democrat Arthur Williamson for the House seat, but not until after a

hearing by the State Board of Elections in Whiteville January 12-14. The contest, which the state board earlier had declared a tie at 5,452 apiece, was awarded to the Republican after the board heard testimony that fraud and forgery may have occurred in South Lees Precinct.

Harrelson's election wasn't simple. First, the unofficial election returns showed Williamson to be the narrow victor but the Brunswick County canvass put Harrelson

ahead by five votes. The following day, the Columbus County canvass showed the Chadbourne farmer-businessman ahead by two votes.

The Republicans charged fraud and forgery and submitted enough evidence for the State Board of Elections to allow a recount. This trimmed Williamson's margin to one and coupled with a "spoiled" ballot that was allowed for Harrelson, the vote was declared a tie. (Continued On Page Two)



## Receives Medal

Staff Sergeant Frank P. Henry is shown here as he is awarded the Army Commendation Medal during ceremonies at noon Sunday at City Hall in Southport. Making the presentation is Mayor E.B. Tomlinson, Jr. (Photo by Spencer)