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New Members Are Sworn In

Wilbur E. Rabon has been elected chairman of the Brunswick County board of education and Mrs. May Barbee serving as vice-chairman.

Rabon, Mrs. Barbee, Dr. John T. Madison and William T. Bowen were sworn in by magistrate Ernest F. Gore. All were elected last year except Bowen, an appointed member from the Waccamaw District.

Bids for carpeting three consolidated high schools will be awarded next meeting after two of the low bids are examined more closely. The apparent low bid of \$22,164 by Traid Carpet Center of Asheboro and the second low bid, \$23,116 by Kimball's of Shallotte, will be examined by the schools architect, and he will prepare a detailed analysis for the board.

Other bids were in the \$26,000 to \$28,000 range, except for a \$23,515 bid by a Siler City firm. Kimball's was the only bidder from Brunswick County.

The board approved George Price, Lincoln, and Mrs. Myrtle Carroll and Mrs. Esther Mae Willetts, Bolivia, as substitute teachers.

A budget review was held by the board, which approved the budget for the driver training and safety education program. This program is (Continued On Page Three)

Audit Reveals Everything OK

Members of the Board of County Commissioners have disclosed that a special audit recently conducted by an independent auditing firm failed to reveal any evidence of misappropriation of funds in the office of the Brunswick County Tax Collector.

Because of allegations that there was a shortage in this office, the Board of Commissioners authorized the employment of an independent accounting firm to run a detailed audit on the Brunswick County Tax Collector's office during the period of time in which the alleged misappropriation of funds took place. This audit has been completed and the results indicate that there has been no misappropriation of funds in the Tax Collector's office. The audit covered the period of time from August, 1968 to March, 1969.

It had been alleged that there were changes in the penalties to compensate for funds which were misappropriated. The results of the audit indicated that there had been some slight changes made in the penalty in order for the turnover sheet to balance. However changes range from 1 cent to less than \$1.00 and the amount of funds involved were insignificant considering the total amount of tax funds collected during this period of time, according to the auditor's report.

Copies of this audit are open for public inspection in the County Manager's office in Southport.

The auditing firm made certain recommendations as to procedural changes in the Tax Collector's office and these changes are currently being implemented to insure a more effective operation of this office.



New Jaycee President

William D. Ezzell, left, was installed as new president of the Southport Jaycees at the annual banquet Saturday night. The installing officer was District Vice-President Roger Averett, center. Looking on is outgoing president Robert Howard, who served as master of ceremonies for the banquet. (Photo by Spencer)



Install Jaycette President

District Jaycee Vice-President Roger Averett installed Emily Blake, center, as the new president of Southport Jaycettes during the banquet festivities Saturday night. At the right is Jean Kenney, outgoing president. (Photo by Spencer)

Jaycees, Jaycettes Pick New Officers At Banquet

Rep. Thomas Harrelson addressed the 11th annual Jaycee-Jaycette Installation Banquet on Saturday. Jaycee President Robert Howard introduced

Harrelson after the invocation by Rev. John C. Dean and the buffet banquet. Rep. Harrelson pointed out the many services that the Jaycees have performed for

Southport during the past year and gave a brief outline of the routine of a representative in Raleigh. Each Jaycee was urged to think seriously about running for public office.

Miss 4th of July, Dianne Rees, attended the banquet and expressed her gratitude for the support the Jaycees and Jaycettes have given her during the past year.

State Jaycee vice-president, Roger Averett, was a special guest and installed the officers for the coming year. He prefaced the installation with a few words about what it means to be a Jaycee.

He gave the oath of office to the following new officers: president, William D. Ezzell; first vice-president, Irvin Smith; second vice-president, John Richards; secretary, James F. Howard, Jr.; treasurer, W. Jack Keith; directors, Lee Aldridge and Leonard Lewis. (Continued On Page Three)

DuPont Plant Expands Again

The Du Pont Company announced today an expansion of its Cape Fear "Dacron" polyester plant located in Brunswick County.

C.E. Dickey, plant manager, reported that the new capacity would be for production of additional "Dacron" polyester filament yarn.

The new facilities are expected to be in operation in 1972. Additional operating and maintenance personnel will be required, with hiring

to begin in late 1971 or early 1972.

The market for "Dacron" polyester filament yarn has been strong in an otherwise disappointing year for manufacturers of man-made fibers. This yarn is used in knit fabrics which have been bestsellers in apparel for both women and children. Recently, similar fabrics have been used by manufacturers of men's suits and slacks and are gaining (Continued On Page Three)

Island Should Be Bought, Gov. Scott Says...Officially

Gov. Robert Scott has officially called for the condemnation of Bald Head Island as a means of protecting the North Carolina coastline from the threat of man.

In a message to the North Carolina General Assembly last Thursday, Gov. Scott said the beaches must be protected from wind and wave erosion and from the destructive force of hurricanes.

"Probably the greatest threat to these areas is indiscriminate and unwise development," he said. "This development involves dredging and filling our marshlands and tidelands." Thus, the proposed condemnation of Bald Head, the

sub-tropical island located at the mouth of the Cape Fear River near Southport.

The governor proposed a complete environmental program that would protect the state for "the countless tomorrows to come." The state acquisition of Bald

Head Island has been the major goal of Scott's administration.

First efforts of Charles Fraser to develop the island about two years ago were thwarted by the state's firm stand against the developer of South Carolina's Hilton

Head Island Complex. Then last summer, William Henderson of Carolina-Cape Fear Corporation announced that his firm had purchased the island from Frank Sherrill for an estimated \$5.5 million.

Scott and other members of the state departments have continually said the island will not be developed; Henderson has insisted that the state cannot deny his firm access to its own property, and that whatever dredging that would be done would not damage the marine life in the area.

Chances of compromise seem nil.

The governor told the joint session of the legislature that Henderson's firm has not been willing to sell to the state at a reasonable price and that he proposes that "the state initiate condemnation proceedings to bring the island into state ownership."

Henderson has further argued that the state must show a need for the island before it can be condemned, and he believes the state cannot show such a need.

Many Brunswick County officials are in favor of the development because of the added taxes it would provide for the county.

Scott said he is instructing the Department of Administration to appraise the value of the island, which he hopes to turn into a wildlife refuge and research facility. This would determine how (Continued On Page Two)

Landfills Would Cost Much Less

A revised system of six Brunswick County landfills would cost much less than a plan offered by the State Health Department, the commissioners have been told.

The second plan for the solid waste disposal system would cost \$66,000, of which the county may be asked to provide only \$11,000 at the start. According to Paul Butler of the Division of Community Planning, North Carolina Department of Local Affairs, the balance could be obtained by a \$33,000 grant from Farmers Home Administration and a \$22,000 loan.

The original sanitary landfill proposal quoted a capital investment of \$107,000, with an annual operating cost of about \$46,000. Butler said the estimated capital investment of \$66,000 for the revised plan could be above the amount that would be needed.

The plan submitted by Butler would locate six landfills in the county at points where most of the population would be within eight miles of a landfill. Municipalities would continue to collect trash to carry for the landfills, and house-to-house collection in unincorporated areas would be continued by private contractors.

Although funding is not immediately available, Butler said, several steps in the planning phase could be started immediately.

County Board Chairman William Kopp said he hopes the commissioners will approve the plan at a meeting scheduled for next Monday. On that day, the county sanitarian is expected to report to the county board regarding the solid-waste disposal plan, and a meeting with mayors of Brunswick towns will also be held to discuss the solid waste disposal system.

Program At Local Library

National Library Week will get a send-off in Southport Sunday afternoon with a program for which Dr. J.R. Corbett of Wilmington will be the principal speaker.

Mrs. Edna Gause is Brunswick County chairman for National Library Week and is being assisted in this special observance by Friends of the Library, a volunteer organization which has been particularly active during the past year. Their principal project was to purchase and pay for a new

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DR. J. R. CORBETT

Harrelson Bill May Lead To Leland Becoming Town

Leland may be incorporated by virtue of a bill introduced in the N.C. House of Representatives by Thomas Harrelson of Brunswick County.

The local legislative bill calls for a popular vote and would set July 6 as the date for the referendum. The bill also calls for a new

registration of voters for the incorporation election and, if voters favored incorporation, for the first election of town officials.

Registration books would be open June 19 through June 26.

Harrelson said he introduced the bill as a result of numerous expressions of interest by citizens of the area in having a referendum on the subject.

Harrelson said, "At the request of citizens I will call a public meeting in two or three weeks at Leland. A representative of the North Carolina League of Municipalities will be present to discuss the pros and cons of incorporation."

"In addition, I intend to invite various municipal heads of Brunswick County to discuss the relative merits of incorporation. This would not be an attempt to sell the program but it would provide an open forum for the citizens of the Leland area to learn about what they will be voting

for or against."

Of the voters decide to incorporate the Town of Leland, the boundaries would be as follows until changed in accordance with Law:

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New Building Started Here

Groundbreaking ceremonies for a \$28,000 State Commercial and Sport Fisheries Division office at Southport were held Wednesday afternoon at 3 p.m.

On hand to turn the first shovel of dirt to begin construction was Roy Sowers, director of the Department of Conservation and Development.

Funds for the new office were appropriated in 1969 by the General Assembly. The facility, which will house the division's personnel from southeastern counties, will be located adjacent to the Small Boat Harbor.

Time And Tide

Remember Camp Sapon, and remember Capt. Fred B. Leitzey? Well, on the front page of The Pilot for April 15, 1936, there was an announcement that he was being transferred and that his relief was Lt. John L. Malone. An appropriation had been made for locating and marking wrecks in the Southport strapping grounds.

The final link of the Intracoastal Waterway had been completed and ceremonies on the previous Saturday had marked the occasion. Blue mold was posing a threat to Brunswick County tobacco production; Easter had been fittingly observed in Southport, with the editor taking his pen in hand for words of praise concerning local activities of the day.

The front page picture in our issue for April 16, 1941, showed the USS Dredge Comstock at a Philadelphia shipyard where she was being converted into an Army cargo vessel. There had

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Proclaims National Library Week

Mayor E.B. Tomlinson, Jr., of Southport is shown here with Friends of the Library members and other library officials as he proclaimed National Library Week. Seated next to him on the

left is Mrs. Edna Gause, Brunswick County Chairman for National Library Week. (Photo by Spencer)

Meeting Tonight Will Affect Future

What Brunswick County receives for highway, airport and waterway improvements during the next 20 years may be decided at a public hearing here Thursday night.

The hearing, scheduled for 7 p.m. in the courthouse, is the fourth held by the Regional Transportation Planning Committee "to listen to the public's opinion of the needs and priorities of Brunswick County."

V.A. Creech of Leland is chairman of the 13-member committee that also includes

Jackie Stephenson and W.E. McDougle from this county. The group was selected by the Cape Fear Council of Governments to determine what Brunswick, Columbus, Pender and New Hanover counties need in the way of transportation.

The local planning group is helping with the National Transportation Needs Study that will formulate a long-range plan for transportation throughout the country. All federal expenditures during the next 20 years will be

based on the needs and priorities cited in the study.

President Nixon asked each governor to present proposals for his own state, and Gov. Scott selected the Cape Fear Council of Governments to determine what this area needs. Chairman Creech said most of the state is being surveyed by the Planning Division, and that these four counties are fortunate to receive local attention.

Projects that could affect Brunswick County have been

outlined by the Planning Committee, and Creech asks for local comment on the proposals and which projects the local population considers most important. Some of the projects would include the Coastal Corridor highway, the Piedmont Corridor, and a connector with Interstate 20 that now ends at Florence, S.C.

The committee has suggested that the Cape Fear River be widened and deepened, that cargo han-

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