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Senator Frink Introduces Bill Encouraging Island Development

Legislation that encourages the development of Bald Head Island was introduced in the General Assembly today (Wednesday) by Sen. S. Bunn Frink of Brunswick County.

The veteran legislator cited

Black, White Teachers Not Balanced Here

At a recent professional meeting at Bolivia the teachers of Brunswick County Schools were advised that in order for the school system to be law abiding and in compliance with Federal Guidelines, it would necessitate the reassignment of approximately 32 teaching positions.

Superintendent of Schools Ralph C. King read to the assembled teachers the directive received from the Office of Civil Rights, Department of Health, Education and Welfare which stated the non-compliance status of the Brunswick County School system relative to current staff assignments in the various county schools. The text of this directive is as follows:

"Faculty Desegregation—Faculty members have not

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numerous reasons why the 12,000-acre tract near Southport should be developed. He said the controversial island is not unique, as conservationists and the governor have argued in their fight to preserve the island. On the contrary, he said, the island is polluting itself.

Development would give the state a location where conventions could be held. "North Carolina does not have a major seashore convention facility," said Frink. "More than 45 percent of the visitors to the Myrtle Beach complex are from North Carolina and they spend more than \$50 million in that area each year."

Last summer, Carolina Cape Fear Corporation announced that it had purchased the island from Frank Sherrill and the reported cost was \$5.5 million. The State government had been aroused and insisted that access to the island will be denied, this to deter any development.

"The county commissioners of Brunswick County have consistently over the past 40 years encouraged the development of Bald Head Island," Sen. Frink stated. "They now encourage its development and they have offered every assistance available for such purposes. The people of Brunswick County are as nearly unanimous in their approval

of the development of the island as any group of people could possibly be. Brunswick County's delegation to the General Assembly unanimously supports the development of the island."

The county is also represented in the legislature by Reps. Thomas Harrelson, Republican, and R. C. Soles, Democrat of Columbus.

Sen. Frink suggested that the state has too many other needs to spend at least \$5.5 million to condemn and buy

the Brunswick County island.

"There are so many critical and urgent needs which cannot be adequately met without raising taxes such as education, mental health programs, facilities for the deaf, school teachers and other state employees needs which in the real public interest have a much higher priority which should be met with funds that may be available," he said.

The text of Sen. Frink's bill follows:

"AN ACT TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF BALD HEAD ISLAND AS A MAJOR RESORT AREA AND TO PROHIBIT STATE CONDEMNATION OF SAID ISLAND"

"Whereas, the eastern coastal area of North Carolina is sparsely inhabited and relatively undeveloped economically and vitally needs economic development and people to promote the

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Complete School Report Presented County Unit

The results of a comprehensive school survey of the Brunswick County School system conducted recently by the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, Division of School Planning, reveal basic data regarding the community, school finance, the school system and school facilities. The following is a summary of findings for these areas. These findings are conclusive statements developed from considerable research and evaluation of data collected from various local, state and federal agencies:

THE COMMUNITY
Brunswick County has experienced a growth of population during each of the decades since 1920.

The county showed a gain of population of 3,945 from 1960 to 1970. The increase was from 20,278 in 1960 to 24,223 in 1970 which

represented a 19.5 percent gain. All Townships, except Waccamaw, had increases of population during the 1960's. All towns except Bolivia and Shallotte had increases of population

Big Day At Dixon Chapel

There will be an all-day worship service, dinner on the ground and an afternoon Baptismal Service at the Dixon's Chapel Methodist Church in Varnamtown, Sunday, announced Rev. Tracy Varnam, pastor.

Rev. W.B. Gregory, former pastor, will bring the 11 o'clock morning message. "He is now in Garland but is no stranger to the area, having worked here with the folks for a number of years," said Rev. Varnam.

Some of the groups invited to sing are The Gospel Echoes, the Young Spirituals, The Richardson Family and many others of the area.

We invite all members, former members, pastors, and everyone in the surrounding areas to come and fellowship with us. The baptismal service will follow the song fest at 3:30 p.m. at Brown's Landing, Rev. Varnam said.

Fight Ends With Death

Billy Wayne Ward died of a pistol wound in his chest and two other persons were admitted as patients with serious injury at Doshier Memorial Hospital early Monday night as the result of an altercation which occurred on the Somerset Landing Road late in the afternoon.

No charges had been made up until this (Wednesday) morning but Coroner Lowell Bennett has ordered an inquest into the shooting.

Ellen Tippett was admitted to the hospital for treatment for severe head injuries, reported to have been inflicted with a bumper jack. A man was admitted for treatment from being shot in

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Reorganization Plan Is Heard

Mayor Lester V. Lowe and members of the new Southport Board of Aldermen held their first regular meeting Thursday night at which reorganization of the board was the first order of business.

during the 1960's. Northeast township experienced the largest increase from 1960 to 1970. The increase from 2,169 to 3,356 was 1,187.

There were 501 persons commuting into the county for employment and 1,307 commuting out of the county for employment in 1960. The county had a net loss of 806 out-commuters.

Adjoining counties—Bladen and Columbus—experienced loss of population in the 1960's; and Pender and New Hanover counties reported a growth of population.

The operatives category of occupation in 1960 represented the largest number of employees with 985 or 18.2 percent. The second largest category was the laborers, excluding foremen category with 13.4 percent. The smallest category was the private household workers category with 227 or 4.2 percent.

The birth rate has decreased from 20.3 per 1,000 people in 1967 and 1968 to 19.5 per 1,000 people in 1969. The death rate for the same period has increased from 8.9 in 1965 to 10.7 in 1969.

The median number of school years completed by those 25 years of age and older in 1960 was 7.5 for Brunswick County as

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Sailing Ship Coming To Southport

This is the sailing barque Eagle, U.S. Coast Guard training ship, which will arrive in Southport Tuesday for a three-day visit. Aboard will be 168 cadets from the Coast Guard Academy's second class. A round of special events has been planned for the entertainment of officers, cadets and of the crew.

Coast Guard Sailing Ship Here On Three-Day Visit

The Coast Guard Academy's world famous sailing barque Eagle will arrive in Southport Tuesday for a three-day visit.

The three-masted square-rigger departed New London May 16 on her current cadet training cruise, with Southport the only planned port of call.

While in Southport, the ship will moor at City Pier. She will host a reception for local officials upon arrival and then will be open for inspection by local citizens. Visiting hours will be from 9 to 12 in the morning and 1 to 4 in the afternoon.

The only square-rigger actively sailed under the American flag, the 295-foot vessel is manned by 168 Cadets of the Academy's second class, as well as a nucleus of about 60 officers and enlisted men. She is under the command of Commander Harold A. Paulsen.

The Coast Guard Academy's summer Cadet training cruises play an important role in the overall education at the New London school. Their mission is to build strong bodies and alert

minds and to induce a love for the sea in the service's future career officers. The main emphasis during the cruises is on seamanship, starting under adverse conditions and dependability. While some Cadets sail the Eagle, others are visiting European ports aboard the icebreaker Mackinaw in the Great Lakes.

On the Eagle, Cadets assume the duties of ordinary seamen and petty officers, performing general maintenance, going aloft in

the rigging and standing watches. Upper classmen act as senior petty officers and officers, standing officer-of-the-deck watches and engineering officers watches. The experience is the practical application of classroom education and is the basis for the making of a career officer for the Coast Guard.

In addition to the current Southport cruise, the later trips planned will be to New York, Boston and Norfolk, Virginia.

Nixon Praised By Rep. Broyhill

North Carolina Congressman James T. Broyhill, in a speech Friday night at Chez Steak Restaurant, Yaupon Beach, stressed the accomplishments of the Nixon Administration in winding down the Vietnam war, promoting a healthier American foreign policy, and

proposing constructive changes in the organization of the Federal government.

Addressing a Republican dinner gathering, the Lenoir legislator also commended the Administration and the District of Columbia Police Department for the handling of the thousands of demonstrators who flocked to the nation's capital recently for the avowed purpose of disrupting the operations of the Federal government.

"Freedom of speech and peaceful assembly are American birthrights. Freedom to disrupt the activities of government and to halt the free movement of people is not freedom — it is chaos," Broyhill declared. He called the violent demonstrators "troublemakers who should be dealt with accordingly."

Affirming support for President Nixon's actions in reducing American involvement in Vietnam, Broyhill stated: "On the whole, President Nixon has built a record of initiative in his efforts to conclude the war, and his achievements should be given the credit they deserve."

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Time And Tide

On the front page of The Pilot for May 17, 1961, there was a picture captioned "Winter Wonderland" and it showed the ground covered with ice and drifted high against a fence. It had resulted from a severe hailstorm which had hit Southport and the surrounding area the night before. Miss Brenda Gail Tripp of Shallotte had won the Star-News Spelling Bee and a trip to the National finals in Washington, D.C.

The Southport Woman's Club was planning a fashion show; a series of photos showed the grass planting process at Oak Island Golf Club; and there was a feature story about the construction plans for Fort Anderson, the Civil War fortification at Brunswick Town.

On the front page of The Pilot for May 18, 1966, there was a picture of a fish cleaning operation down at the old Southport Yacht Basin. Never before had there been so many king mackerel, with one charterboat bringing in a catch of 200. Also on the front page was a picture showing Joe Walton receiving the Jaycee of the Year award from G.W. Fisher.

Another front page photo was "A Portrait of a Local Lobster", a cousin of the Florida lobster caught by John Potter near the Cape Fear Light Tower. It was an election

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BEMC Office Building Opens

Grand opening for the new Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation office building at Shallotte will be held this Sunday from 2 until 6 p.m.

Only 32 years ago the rural folks of this area got together and decided to build and operate their own electric system to supply low cost electricity they couldn't get elsewhere. Today Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation provides electric light and power for 16,808 member-owners in Brunswick, Columbus and parts of Bladen and Robeson counties with central station electric service.

BEMC was organized in 1939, and has grown from a handful of members, a few miles of line and little equipment to a sizeable investment over the past 32 years. And, this new investment in lines and facilities will bring the total plant value to over \$10 million. In number of

members, miles of line, and increased usage of electric power, the growth of the cooperative has been phenomenal during the past 20 years.

In 1960, there were 5,874 members. Now there are almost 17,000. There were 1,235 miles of line — now 2,406. The average KWH usage in 1950 was 88 KWH — now, 578 KWH per member per month.

In order to effectively plan for the future, additional facilities and substations are being planned to meet the growing needs of BEMC members.

Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation was organized to serve the underserved, and has come a long way in our communities, making possible lights, refrigeration, all-electric farm and home living — hundreds of other time, labor, energy and money - saving devices and equipment, that didn't even exist 32 years ago.



Open House Sunday

Open house will be held Sunday afternoon from 2 to 6 o'clock at the new headquarters office building of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation in Shallotte. This is one of the most

modern office buildings in Brunswick County, and customers and friends are invited to visit this new facility during open house.

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