



The Way It Was

Several years ago there was a going boatworks on the waterfront between Howe St. and Davis St. and it turned out a fleet of big, powerful shrimp trawlers that changed the concept of this type of work boat in this area. Lewis J. Hardee was the

proprietor and Robert Spaulding, a Negro from Florida, was the boat builder. When the last of the fleet was completed the big, unsightly shed which had housed the operation for several months was torn down. That portion of the waterfront along Bay St. now is completely uncluttered.

County Babe Ruth League Season Is Now Underway

The Brunswick County Babe Ruth League was organized this year with six teams representing all parts of the county. There are two teams from the Shallotte area: the Shallotte Buccaneers coached by Robert Bellamy and the Shallotte Athletics coached by Dickie Powell.

From Leland, the boys are coached by David Milligan. The Town Creek team is coached by Ronnie Benton

and Frankie Rabon. The Riegelwood team is coached by Ken Myers and Edward Duncan, and the Southport team is coached by Gene Warren.

These boys started their games May 21: Bucs 11, Riegelwood 9; Southport 7, Athletics 5; Leland 11, Town Creek 1.

On May 24: Bucs 3, Athletics 1; Southport 5, Leland 5, tie.

May 28, at Town Creek:

Town Creek vs. Bucs; at Shallotte: Athletics vs. Leland; at Southport: Southport vs. Riegelwood;

May 31, Shallotte: Bucs vs. Southport; Town Creek: Town Creek vs. Athletics; Leland vs. Riegelwood;

June 2, at Shallotte: Bucs vs. Riegelwood; at Southport: Southport vs. Athletics; at Town Creek: Town Creek vs. Leland.

Eligibility For FHA Expanded

Residents of urban areas who plan to relocate in rural communities of under 10,000 population are now eligible to apply for housing loans from the Farmers Home Administration, rural credit service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, North Carolina State Director James T. Johnson announced today.

"Many families in cities want to move to the countryside but lack opportunity to obtain home financing," Johnson said. "Loans may now be made to families who lack adequate housing and will become owner-occupants in a rural community, without regard to the location of their present residence or employment."

Johnson explained that rural housing loans are limited to families who are unable to obtain financing from other sources. They may be used to build new homes, buy existing homes, remodel and upgrade rural dwellings, and build rental housing projects.

Johnson said the rural housing loan program involves about \$1.5 billion in financing for the nation during the current fiscal year and is scheduled to increase to \$1.6 billion in 1972.

Applications are accepted at the 73 offices of the Farmers Home Administration, Johnson said. The office serving Brunswick County is located in Lewis' Shopping Center in Shallotte.

Some five million job openings are expected in the crafts during the 1970's, the Labor Department reports. Some 85 per cent of these openings will occur among five occupational groups: construction craftsmen, mechanics and repairmen, foremen, metal-working craftsmen, and printing craftsmen.

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours were furnished to The State Port Pilot by the Cape Fear Pilots Association.

High	Low
Thursday, May 27,	
11:03 a.m.	5:04 a.m.
11:21 p.m.	5:04 p.m.
Friday, May 28,	
11:51 a.m.	5:52 a.m.
12:09 p.m.	5:52 a.m.
Saturday, May 29,	
12:45 a.m.	6:40 a.m.
1:00 p.m.	6:40 p.m.
Sunday, May 30	
1:00 a.m.	7:22 a.m.
1:33 p.m.	7:34 p.m.
Monday, May 31,	
1:39 a.m.	8:16 a.m.
2:27 p.m.	8:28 p.m.
Tuesday, June 1,	
2:27 a.m.	9:04 a.m.
3:15 p.m.	9:28 p.m.
Wednesday, June 2,	
3:21 a.m.	9:52 a.m.
4:09 p.m.	10:22 p.m.

Record Flounder Caught Here

Leo Dowling of Southport is shown here with the 12-lb, 2-oz flounder he caught one day last week. The big fish was 29½-inches long and was the largest flounder that has been caught in Brunswick County waters this season. (Photo by Delores Spencer).



Mrs. Willie Conner

WILMINGTON — Mrs. Willie Brice Conner, 64, died last Thursday. Final rites were held Sunday at 3 p.m. at Winter Park Pentecostal

Holiness Church by the Revs. Ezra Fann and Ralph Jernigan, with burial in Oleander Memorial Cemetery.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred F. Conner; a son, James E. Conner of Castle Hayne; a daughter, Mrs. Alfreda C. Moore of Leland; and three sisters, Mrs. Lena Sullivan of Castle Hayne, Mrs. Ruth Futrell of Wilmington and Mrs. Jessie Carr of Wallace.



The visit here this week of the Coast Guard Academy training vessel the Eagle has public attention focused on the Southport waterfront. Visiting aboard this sailing ship is a unique experience for even those people who have some knowledge of conventional boats. They simply are not making ships like this any more.

Several other ships got in on the act Tuesday afternoon

as they passed through the Southport harbor, giving visitors the impression of busy shipping activity.

Prior to letting down the gangplank for visitors to come aboard, one of the cadets suffered a moment of embarrassment when he lost his hat overboard. There was no chance for recovery, and he watched it float away on the incoming tide.

The first sign of the Eagle's crew was on Sunday afternoon when a motor launch showed up at the City Pier with a work crew, who proceeded to make soundings to determine the depth of water at the mooring.

It was not until later that it was discovered that these men actually were from the Coast Guard training ship, which at the time was anchored off the sea buoy.

The visit of the Eagle to Southport held special significance for Mr. and Mrs. John Sprouse of Greensboro. They had been in Wilmington for a telephone Pioneers

meeting when they learned that the big sailing ship was due in Southport Tuesday. They have a son who is a cadet at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and they knew he was on this cruise. They arrived here Monday to wait until the ship docked.

For them it was a case of so-near-but-yet-so-far as they rode over to Fort Caswell Sunday afternoon to see the Eagle riding at anchor at the entrance of the Cape Fear River channel.

Two things about the Eagle made a particularly strong impression on us. The first is that most of the men sleep in hammocks. The second is that there are very few power gadgets aboard. This includes the steering mechanism, and it sometimes is necessary to have six men at the helm.

Because this is true there are three wheels, and each has a platform on both side.

The tall masts, towering 150.3-feet, had waterfront spectators looking up at the men manning the rigging. Another focal point of interest is the bronzed eagle which forms the figure head.

Spectators who expected to see the Eagle come into the river under full sail were doomed to disappointment as she was nudged into her berth by a tug. The docking pilot was Capt. Roy Daniels.

Leopard Spots

By LESLIE ZACHARY

The BCSH Kindergarten commencement exercises will be held May 28. The program will be divided into two parts. The first will be a skit from Sesame Street, followed by the presentation of the Kindergarten diplomas to the 33 students. The program will start at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the BCSH gymnasium. Everyone is invited to come and watch the youngest of the BCSH family graduate into their first year of elementary school.

The 1971 annual, the "Leopard", arrived Monday of last week. They were presented to the BCSH students during a 45-minute presentation program by the BCSH seniors Tuesday.

The BCSH exams will begin Friday of this week and will continue through Tuesday of next week. Of course, everyone is really looking forward to this last segment of the 1970-71 school year.

The "Leopard Spots" readers will be interested to learn that next year the column will be written each week by Miss Faye Small. Faye will be a senior at BCSH next year. She is 17-years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Small of Long Beach.

Faye is very interested in writing and is considering journalism as a future. She has already made a good start for herself. In her sophomore year she won a BCSH library essay contest that was sponsored by Mrs. Stanley, the school librarian. The essay was on "Book Power".

Faye also entered the national Pepsi-Cola essay contest last year. The subject was "Why You've Got A Lot To Live." She was chosen as one of the 14 finalists in the contest and was presented an Award of Excellence.

This year, Faye wrote a play for a Christmas program that was presented at the Oak Island Baptist Church. The play was entitled "Where is Christ Today?" It was sent off to a church magazine company to be published. Since then, Faye has received letters from different church magazines expressing a desire to publish the play for her.

I feel sure that Faye will prove to be a fine school reporter and I hope all of the community will show her as much interest and enthusiasm as I have been shown the past three years.

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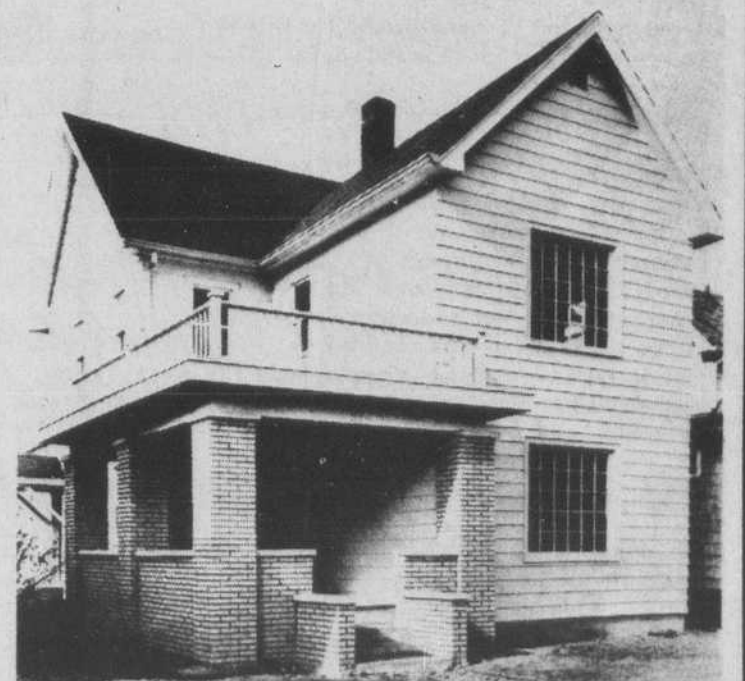
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