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## In Our Opinion...

### Facing Up To The Dope Problem

Within the past few days two events have helped to establish communications between two groups in Southport who are most seriously concerned with the drug problem. They are the young people and the law enforcement officers.

On Thursday Lt. Grohman of the New Hanover Sheriff's Department, sponsored by the Southport Lions Club, talked to several groups of students at Brunswick County-Southport High School, and one of his major points of emphasis was that law enforcement officers are out to help solve this problem in order to protect the lives and safety of the boys and girls.

On Sunday night Chief of Police Walton Willis and a representative from the U.S. Customs in Wilmington spoke to a group of

young people and parents at Trinity United Methodist Church. Once more the law enforcement officers stressed their desire to help, not punish, youthful drug offenders. It was apparent that during the meeting a bridge of confidence was being erected, and following the principal session some of the young people stayed behind to talk to the two men who had conducted the discussion.

The drug problem is one from which no person or group of persons is immune. No longer is it something that is happening in other places like New York and California. At both sessions it was made clear that dope has made the local scene.

We commend the leaders who have led the way to come to grips with this problem, here and now.

### Distinguished Visitors

Any words of welcome we may extend on behalf of the Citizens of Southport and Brunswick County to the officers, members of the crew and Coast Guard Academy Cadets aboard the Eagle may appear to be superfluous by the time they get into print. By now each man in the ship's company knows that he is an honored guest and that the residents of this community are a hospitable people.

We realize that it is unusual for this distinguished vessel to make a three-day visit to a town the size of Southport, but what we lack in size and variety we try to compensate with friendliness and an abundance of recreational facilities.

Within one block are two first class tennis courts, and if the Cadets failed to bring along their tennis rackets there are several they can borrow. Nearby there are two splendid golf courses, and any men aboard ship who desire to play will be able to do so, and again we believe equipment will be made available. And horses. Unless they

### Driving Bill With Teeth

Any bill that would save 500 lives a year, as estimated, certainly should have first priority in the legislative halls of this state.

State Senator Hargrove (Skipper) Bowles of Guilford county has introduced such a bill and it pertains to people who drive while under the influence of an intoxicant...the better term, drunk driving.

Actually, the Guilford senator has entered two bills with the first one saying a driver charged with driving under the influence of alcohol must take the breathalyzer test or lose his license for six months.

Even if he had not introduced a second stiffer one, the one mentioned would go a long way toward reducing slaughter on our highways.

The second bill applies in most part to repeating drunk drivers. It provides:

—A three-day jail sentence for the

visit a port in Texas it is doubtful the cadets will be where there are more horses per capita; and horseback riding privileges should be easily arranged. And for a postman's holiday, there are the nearby beaches, plus plenty of pretty girls.

Add in some social events, starting last night with a dance at the Community Center for the Cadets, and you begin to get the idea that this should not be a dull three days for the boys.

We hope it will be a pleasant stay for the men on the Eagle, for it surely is an honor to have them. We appreciate every bit of special effort that was made to make this visit possible, starting with Congressman Alton Lennon, members of the crew of the USE Dredge Gerig, right on down to the city force, which had a multiplicity of small duties to perform to help make this event a success.

We think this visit by this great sailing ship is something each of us will remember with pleasure for a long, long time.

second offense of drunk driving in a three-year period.

—A third offense would result in a 30-day jail sentence, fourth a 60-day sentence and a fifth offense a six-months jail sentence.

—A sixth offense of the kind would mean permanent loss of his driving license with no appeal within five years. There are accompanying fines and requirements but these mentioned are the heart of his second bill.

If the Bowles bills would save even one life they deserve adoption because, he says, more lives are lost in this country every year because of drunk drivers than are lost in Vietnam. Yet millions howl about the killings in Vietnam and say or do anything about the slaughter on our highways. Neither is necessary, but let's be realistic, we can do something about unprovoked death on highways in this country.

## Oak Island Club

The May meeting of Oak Island Homemakers Club was held at Ocean View United Methodist Church with Mrs. Mary Alma Connor presiding. The devotional was presented by Mrs. Mary Gilbert.

County Extension Agent Mrs. Mary Russ presented a program on "Freezer Facts" which was an informative refresher course on food freezing. Mrs. Russ pointed out that the practice of

freezing fish in water in milk cartons is not recommended by the N.C. Dept. of Agriculture due to the difficulty in sterilizing the cartons. This may allow the occurrence of Botulism bacteria which will cause death almost immediately if consumed by humans. Mrs. Russ emphasized the need for complete sterilization and told of a clean plate being exposed to open air for five minutes and without being

washed afterward showed development of three or four kinds of bacteria which would cause food spoilage. "With the air pollution we have now we should be doubly careful about preparing foods", she advised.

After the program Mrs. Staley read the minutes and called the roll. There were fourteen members and two visitors present. The visitors were Mrs. Amy Barnard and Mrs. Thelma Phillips. Mrs. Daisy Slate gave the treasurer's report.

Mrs. Russ explained the East Carolina Crafts

## Time And Tide

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henceforth the observance would be on the last Thursday in November; there was a full page co-op advertisement for the forthcoming Southport Flower Show; and the child of Deputy Sheriff Drew Long had been treated for rattlesnake bites.

May 22, 1946, and the pavilion at Long Beach had changed hands. The new owner was the late John F. Garrell of Whiteville. Work had started on a brick building at Shallotte, to house a branch office of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co.

Glenn Tucker had headed the Cancer Crusade in Brunswick and had reported collections totaling \$239.62—an amount which was \$39.62 above the assigned quota; a hot political campaign was in progress in Brunswick, and our advertising section was filled with promises; and the N.C. Bird Club had been back to Brunswick county for another field trip.

Some headlines from The Pilot for May 1961: "The Rev. Taft Hewett Moderator"—he had been elevated to that role in the Brunswick Baptist Association to succeed the Rev. H.M. Baker. Another headline: "Rev. H.M. Baker To Leave Local Church"—this popular minister had accepted a call to Round Hill Baptist Church near Rutherfordton.

"Safety Patrol Ends First Year Service"—this was at Shallotte, and the sponsoring organization had been the Shallotte Business and Professional Woman's Club. "Visitors From Distant Places"—and the story was about two men who had been here during the past week, one from New Zealand, the other from South Africa. "Blueberry Crop Ready To Pick"—this was at Southport, at the two farms near town.

The date was May 23, 1956 and the following Saturday was the time for the Democratic Primary Election. A bumper crop of blueberries was being harvested from the two farms near Southport; and a warning had been issued that the Coast Guard was checking boats for safety devices.

A party fishing on the previous Saturday with Capt. Ray Stubbs aboard the Bessie-Ray had caught 345 bluefish; Bobby Thorsen had written from Alaska to say that The Pilot was good reading by the time it got that far from home; and the editor had some kind words to say about a recent Brunswick County Edition of The State Magazine.

A front page story in The Pilot for May 24, 1961, reported that hundreds of herons and other birds on Battery Island across the Cape Fear River from Southport had been either killed or critically injured during the severe hailstorm of the previous week. Another front page story, with illustration, reported that Mrs. Gilliam Horstein of Southport had won the Ethel Parker Cup, awarded each year by the State Federation of Women's Clubs for the best oil painting, other than a portrait, submitted by club members.

Vacation Bible School was scheduled to start here on the following Monday; H. Foster Mintz was leading the drive for funds for the Battleship Memorial here in Brunswick County; and all of the columns in The Pilot that week were filled with anecdotes about the hailstorm.

The Pilot for May 25, 1966, had a strong political flavor, with the Democrat Primary scheduled for the following Saturday. The advertising section was filled with political advertisements. The editor got into the swing of things when he endorsed two Brunswick County residents who were running for district offices.

Brunswick County 4-H members were selling auto tags extolling the virtues of "beautiful, Bountiful Brunswick County"; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Royal were on their way to Panama Canal Zone for a visit; and the Southport-Fort Fisher Ferry was doubling its number of daily round trips across the Cape Fear River.

Workshop to be held in Greenville June 22-24 which is open to any one interested in the crafts offered, provided they will return to their local area and teach the craft to others. For more information contact Mrs. Russ at Extension Office in Supply. Club members voted to pay \$15 toward the expenses of one member to attend. Any member not present and interested in attending the workshop should contact Mrs. Connor by June.

Mrs. Pinkerton suggested the club should start work soon on the Christmas project. A nominating committee was appointed for nominating officers for the coming two years. Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Ethel Staley and Mrs. Vada Day. White Heath won the door prize, given by Gay's Gift Shop.

The June Club meeting will be a ferry trip to Kure's Beach with lunch at Smitty's. Members should plan to meet at Ocean View Methodist Church at 10 a.m. in order to get the 11 a.m. ferry.

### Baseball For Teenage Boys

A Babe Ruth baseball team has been organized in the city of Southport to play in the Brunswick County League.

The team includes 15 boys, ranging from age 13 to 15, but has inadequate funds and has been unable to obtain a sponsor.

Anyone wanting to sponsor or help the team financially is requested to contact Bill Phillips at 457-6032, Gene Warren at 457-6493, or Kenneth Price.

The official season started May 21. Southport won their first game with the Shallotte Athletics, 7 to 5. The second game with Leland was tied, 5 to 5. Other teams participating in the league are Riegelwood, Town Creek and Shallotte.

The Labor Department has classified drug abusers as handicapped. Those who have been rehabilitated or who are undergoing rehabilitation treatment are entitled to special counseling and job-placement assistance through the public employment service.



By DOROTHY B. DAVIS

A variety of books were given in memory of Miss Dorothy Swain. Since Miss Swain had worked with the Department of Welfare, now the Department of Social Services, the Staff of the Brunswick County Health Department requested a book dealing with this area. THE HERITAGE OF AMERICAN SOCIAL WORK was purchased. Four historical periods are used and are based on turning points in social welfare history. These readings demonstrate that contemporary issues in social work are similar to those which have been confronted in the past. The editors have provided a comprehensive documentary history of social welfare in the United States.

LILIES, by Carl Feldmaier, was given by Joe and Cassie Cochran. This is a comprehensive guide to lilies and covers every aspect of their cultivation, propagation, breeding, and use in the garden and house. The author has been growing lilies for over thirty years and his many beautiful hybrids have won him international reputation.

George and Kathryn Savage purchased WILD FLOWERS TO KNOW AND GROW, by Jean Hersey. This book shows you how to identify, grow and protect wildflowers. In these days of more and more informal gardening, there is an increasing interest in growing these lovely plants. There is also information on making terrariums and enjoying native plants as food.

If you are interested in crafts or need a project the book MAKING DOLLS, by H. Witzig and G. E. Kuhn, will show you how to make all kinds of dolls from twigs, wooden dowels, stockings, foam rubber or wire frames. This book was presented by Leila and Dallas Pigott.

KNIT TO FIT, by Ida Riley Duncan, is a comprehensive guide to hand and machine knitting and crocheting. For the creative knitter, this book

## Not Exactly News

We wouldn't want anybody to think the visit of the Eagle is the only thing that is happening this week in Southport. More than a little interest is focused upon the old Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. building at the corner of Moore and Howe streets, the one that recently was abandoned when that institution moved into its new quarters next door. A crew is at work getting this building ready to be moved to a new location on the other side of Howe St. and the boys in the barbershop are making book it can't be done... We'll let you know next week!

Sunday was a good day for sports fishing off Southport. Not only did king mackerel catches range from 85 to 136 fish per boat, a party fishing with Capt. Basil Watts aboard the Idle On caught a 17-lb. bluefish, which very well may be the biggest one of its kind ever brought in here... Several times each day we see activity buses from high schools upstate who have brought boys and girls to this area on field trips. Brunswick Town is a surefire attraction, and once they have come this far the kids always want to have a look at the ocean. Thus most of the travelers also include a side trip to the beach... Incidentally, although we are intensely sports minded, we are glad to see that activity buses are being made available to other student groups.

Frank Jackson is the first man to call our attention to the absence of the 14-A buoy across the river at Battery Island. Later inquiry revealed that this out-of-place aid to navigation was moored to the dock at Fort Caswell... Incidentally, we hear that one of the river range lights near the ferry slip on this side of the river was run down and demolished within the past few days.

Remember the yacht that had run aground over in the western marsh which we reported last week? Well, later that day Capt. Dick Skipper pulled the craft back to the safety of deep water. Later it was determined that the only trouble seemed to be a slight vibration, so the captain decided to proceed on his trip north... Incidentally, last week we wondered how he managed to get where he was in the first place. It turns out that he had been traveling outside, and got mixed up on the lights when he got in the river.

When the Eagle is gone she will not be forgotten. She had no more than tied up when Lew Hardee was down on Bay St. doing some sketches in preparation for a watercolor... "Cold Turkey" is the movie for Sunday and Monday at the Amuzu.

gives clear, outlined diagrams and illustrations and has been called "the first truly scientific book of knitting". Augusta and Merritt Moore donated this selection.

If you are planning on a family trip or are looking for some family games, FAMILY GAMES AMERICA PLAYS by Walter Gibson, will be the answer. There are group games, games for two, board games, card games, games that require just pencil and paper, and games that require nothing but your quick mind. John Carr and Dorothy Davis gave this book.

### CAPTAIN DAVIS

Captain Carrie M. Davis of New York, a member of the Air Force Reserves, attended the recent Aerospace Medical Association (AMA) meeting in Houston.

Captain Davis was one of more than 400 reservists who met with active duty personnel for the eighth reserve forces medical symposium held in conjunction with the annual AMA scientific meeting.

The four-day symposium provided a discussion of activities, problems and future programs of the reserve medical services and a better understanding of their mobilization commitments.

Captain Davis is a psychiatric nurse with the 35th Medical Services Squadron at St. Albans (N.Y.) Naval Hospital.

She is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Willie B. Pugh, Supply.

A 1948 graduate of Central High School, Whiteville, she attended Washburn University, Topeka, Kan.

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