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They're Saying It Can't Be Done

The big topic of conversation in Southport this week is the project to move the old Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. building from its location on the southwest corner of the Howe St.-Moore St. intersection to a new site across the street next door to City Barbershop.

There are a lot of people who do not think this can be done, but this does not include Carlton Barbour, who is in charge of the work crew which has been busy for the past ten days getting the building ready for its short journey. He is a calm man and says with confidence, "I know we can move it."

In preparation for this move it has been necessary to undermine the present foundation and to remove the concrete floor. On Monday workmen began to demolish the front end of the building where the vault was located. For this

operation an air hammer was brought into play.

This led one local wag to say "Now I know how they plan to move the bank — one brick at the time".

There are some who side with Barbour, but even they want to be on hand when the actual moving begins, and they have asked to be informed ahead of time. Right now it appears that this operation should take place sometime Monday. Barbour says that once the building is jacked up and placed on dollies, the actual trip will not take very long. So those who want to see the bank building in motion should check with this project early Monday morning.

If — and when — the move is successful the building will become the new office for The State Port Pilot.

That's why we are very much interested in the success of this operation.

Woman Held For Shooting

Murder charges have been filed against a Somerset Landing woman and assault charges against three Shallotte men following the May 17 shooting death of Billy Wayne Ward.

Ellen Tippett, 25, is scheduled to appear at a preliminary hearing June 14 in Shallotte on the murder charge. She was admitted to Brunswick County jail and bond was set at \$2000.

Three members of Ward's family were charged with assault. J.C. Ward and Donard Ward of Shallotte, charged with assault with a (Continued On Page Four)

School Board Asks That County Allow Penny Tax

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Education have gone on record as favoring a 1-cent sales tax, with the money being earmarked for school purposes. At their last meeting they passed the following resolution:

"Being cognizant of the financial responsibility placed upon the Board of County Commissioners in meeting fiscal budget recommendations from various county agencies and adhering to the present ad valorem tax rate, the

Brunswick County Board of Education does request the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners to levy a one-cent sales tax so as to provide the financial assistance needed in meeting the educational needs of the county—both short and long range, and the needs of other local agencies without increasing the ad valorem tax rate, rather the Commissioners, can over a period of time, reduce the tax rate providing the one cent sales tax is levied."

In other action, Barbara S.

Rourk was approved as substitute librarian for Leland School.

They accepted the following teachers' resignation: Bolivia — Ann H. Evans; Shallotte — Carolyn H. Sheffield, Mary C. Stanland; Southport — Elizabeth Dean, Alma Caviness (retiring), Dorothy Blue; Union — Elizabeth Kay Brannon, Nina E. Britt, Bobby D. Golden, Ann S. White.

Reassignment of teachers in accordance with HEW (Continued On Page Four)

Sail Ship Eagle Departs After Port-Of-Call Visit

A strange quiet settled over Southport about the middle of the day Friday and things began to get back to normal after three days of entertainment and excitement brought on by the visit here of the U.S. Coast Guard Training Ship Eagle.

The crowd gathered at the dock Friday morning to see her off may have been just a little disappointed when the ship failed to hoist her sails, but they reckoned without the wind, which was almost dead calm. So this distinguished sailing vessel moved out to

sea under auxiliary power.

On hand for her departure was Congressman Alton Lennon, whose efforts had largely been instrumental in having her come in here in the first place. He followed her out to the sea buoy as guest of Col. Thomas G. Haake aboard the fire boat from Sunny Point, with Mayor Lester V. Lowe and other officials also aboard to

wave a last farewell to the men of the Eagle.

"I am pleased with everything that happened while the ship was here," Mayor Lowe said later. "It was a situation where one-hundred per cent cooperation made everything turn out almost perfectly. It was an honor to have that ship and its men as our guests, and I honestly believe they had a

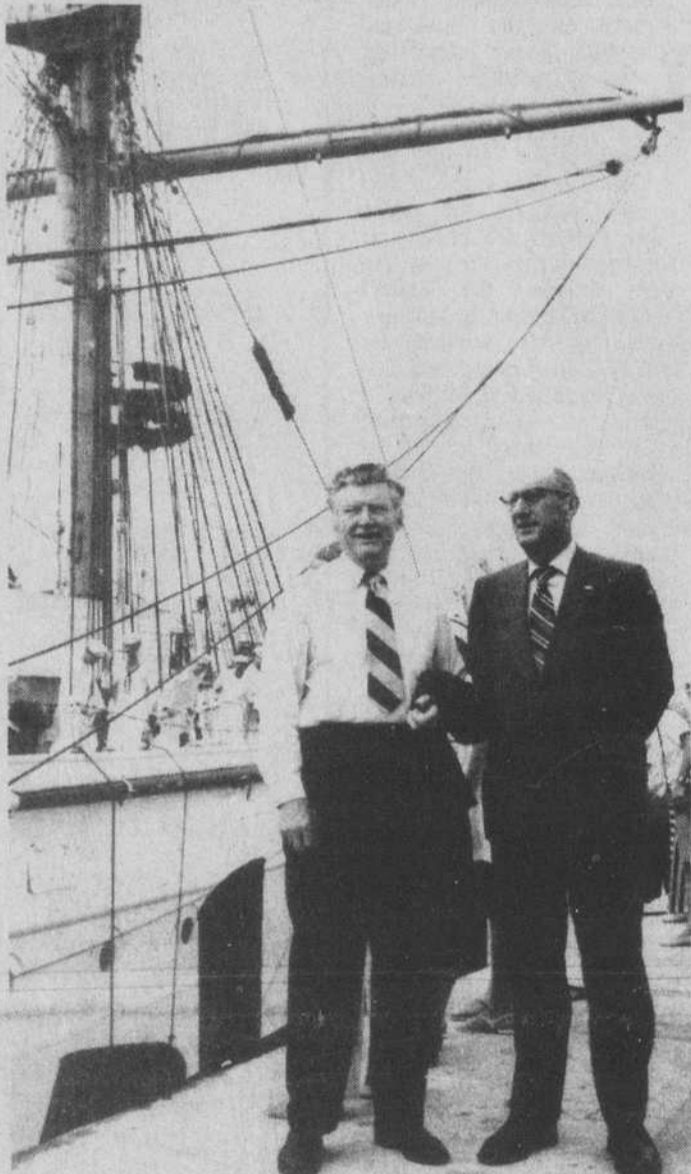
good time."

One event that helped get things off on the right foot was a dance honoring the U.S. Coast Guard cadets last Tuesday evening at the Community Building. The Jaycettes were hostesses, with the Junior Woman's Club helping with refreshments. The Jaycees helped ees helped keep things interesting for the members of the ship's crew when they hosted a party for these men on Wednesday evening and staged a softball game for them on Thursday.

Meanwhile, officers and cadets found Southport people to be very hospitable and their time here was filled with entertainment.

Two events marked the visit as unusual. Commander Harold A. Paulsen presented a plaque to members of the Southport Jaycees in recognition for their unusual efforts to make this visit successful. He said this was the first time this has been done.

The second was the fact that during her brief stay here more than 3,600 persons went aboard the vessel as sightseers.



Congressman & Mayor

Congressman Alton Lennon showed up in Southport Friday morning to see the Eagle off on her return trip to New London, Conn. He is shown here with Mayor Lester V. Lowe, standing on the City Pier with the sailing ship in the background. (Photo by Delores Spencer)

Child Dies In Accident

A six-year old child was killed Sunday afternoon when she was hit by a car in the Tranquil Harbour section of Long Beach.

Glenda Cockran was pronounced dead on arrival at Doshier Memorial Hospital after the 7:20 p.m. mishap that occurred on 78th Street. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen D. Cockran.

Driver of the automobile was Carey Dickson Aldridge, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Aldridge of Southport who now lives at Long Beach. The child apparently ran from between two parked cars into the road.

No charges have been filed against Aldridge.

New System At Terminal Increases Ammo Loading

More than half the ammunition shipped from this country leaves through the Sunny Point terminal, and now the system is being improved to handle even greater loads.

The new system, which was put into operation on Friday, is called Containerized Ammunition Distribution System (CADS). Ammunition is pre-packaged where it is manufactured, shipped by rail to the terminal near Southport and loaded aboard cargo ships.

The new method reduces the amount of handling time by almost half and reduces the risk accordingly.

The operation on Friday was witnessed by transportation officials from other terminals and Congressman Alton Lennon, who lauded personnel of the Sunny Point terminal.

"This facility, which has been in operation little more than 15 years, has risen to the point that it now handles approximately 55 per cent of all the ammunition exported from the United States," Lennon said. "This is a great tribute to the people who are here now and have been here in the past."

Lennon, who has been familiar with Sunny Point since it was first authorized in the early 1950s and dedicated and began operation in September of 1955, said the new containerized process shipment of ammunition will not only reduce the time of handling of

the cargo but ultimately reduce the cost of handling substantially.

"I've always had a great interest in the operation here," Lennon said. "It means a great deal to the economy of the area. Sunny Point provides a lot of employment. That's what I'm interested in."

Lennon said Sunny Point

will continue to grow. He said the current appropriations requests include funds for additional construction projects at the terminal.

"I'm very proud of the people here," he said. "They projected themselves so fast they have moved ahead of operations which were begun many years before this one was even started."

Time And Tide

Back in 1936 Vacation Bible School in Southport was a cooperative venture, with all Protestant Churches participating. Our June 3 issue reported that the Rev. J.D. Withrow was serving as superintendent that year. May had been a dry month with just .12-inches of rainfall reported. The following Saturday was the date for the Democratic Primary election.

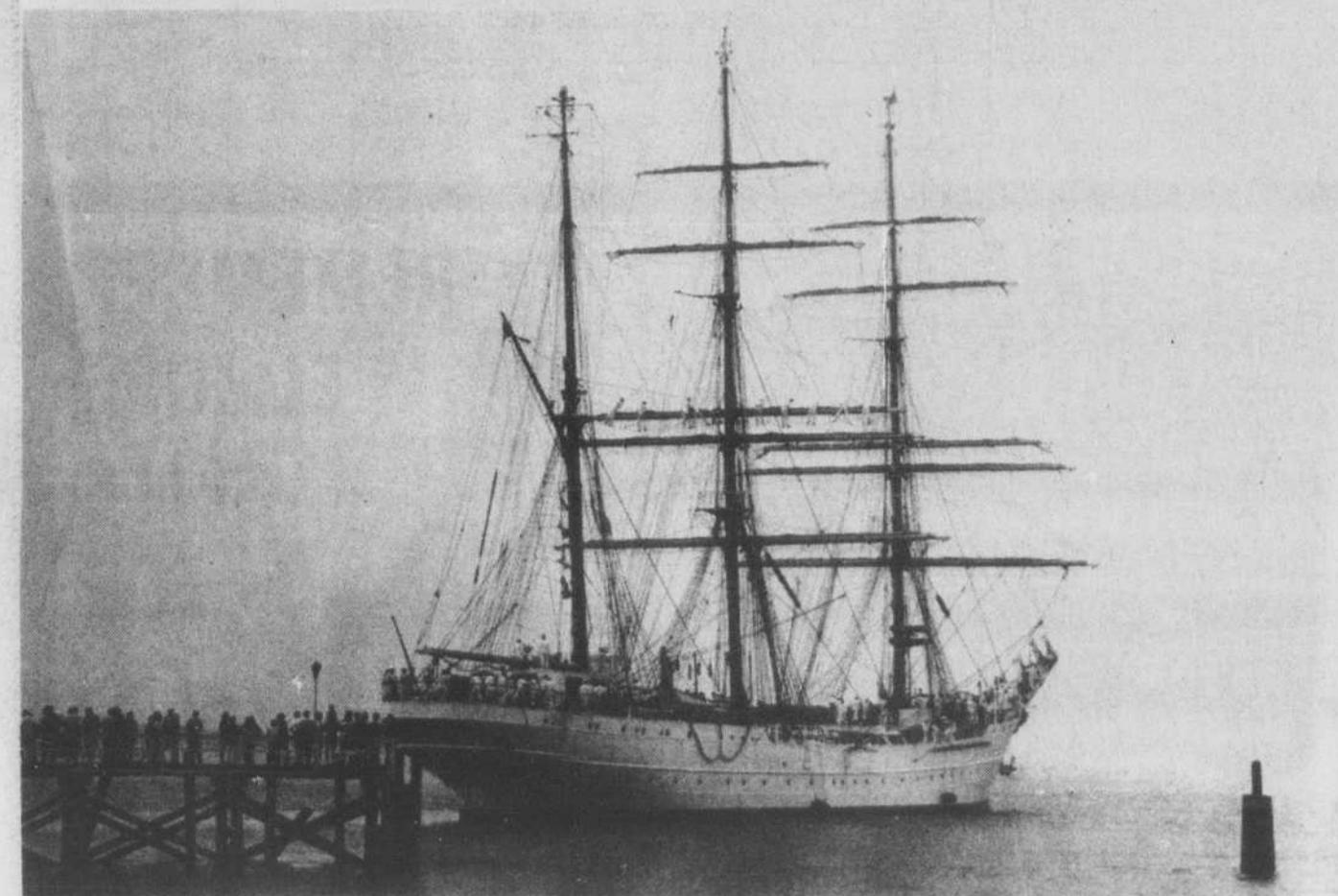
Register of Deeds R.I. Mintz was at a loss to explain the drop in the number of divorce actions and marriages in Brunswick during the first five months of the year; and the editor was praising the efforts of his staff of country correspondents—in the obvious hope of adding to their number.

June 4, 1941, and the menhaden boats were in operation here. If fact, a headline in The Pilot called the "Fish Boat Whistles Music In The Air". A group of Greensboro fishermen, taking advantage of the fishing fee plan at Orton pond, had come away with record catches of crappie and goggle-eye perch.

Joe Leighton had played for the Southport Flower Show Ball during the past week and had made such a big hit that he and his orchestra had been booked for an engagement at Long Beach Pavilion. Marrying was in the news, with a headline pointing out that "No Advantage For Couple To Leave State To Marry." And once more May had been a hot, dry month.

There was distressing news on the front page of The Pilot for May 29, 1946; Oak Island Coast Guard Station had gone on care take status, with only two men in the crew. However, there was an added word that this move possibly was only temporary. The Democratic primary had been held on the previous Saturday, and a second race was in prospect.

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The Eagle Departs

This is the U.S. Coast Guard Training Ship Eagle, a three masted barque, which spent three days last week in Southport while her officers and crew and the 168 cadets from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy were guests of organizations

and citizens of this community. A large crowd gathered on the City Pier to say goodbye to their new friends as the sailed Friday morning. (Photo by Delores Spencer)