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## Board Favors Statewide Bond

The proposed ESEA Title I project for the 1971-72 school year was presented to the county Board of Education during its regular meeting last Monday.

Mrs. Frances Stone, director of the program, told board members that the project would be the same as last year's and would include the following areas of instructional services: reading, supportive services and health, library, audio-visual and teacher aides. Salaries of the reading coordinator and library supervisor will be based on the state schedule.

A project evaluator will be added to the program, Mrs. Stone reported. She also reviewed the summer program now underway in Brunswick County schools.

Teacher resignations were accepted from the following: at Brunswick County-Southport, Glenda Scott, Janet Shew, James S. Shew, Franklin Barbee, Patricia Foy and Leahna White.

Supplement for coaches at Brunswick County-Southport high school was the reason for a group of parents to meet with the board. Mr. Davis acted as spokesman for the group that represented the Organization for Better Education, and was told by the board that the matter was

one for the local school committee and the principal to consider.

The board approved the following teachers for the next school year: BC-SH—Ann Sinclair, Susan Greene and Phyllis Barbour; Southport Elementary — Sandra Bohart, Sandra Latcher and Sally Ward.

The board decided to support a \$200 million bond issue that would benefit all school units in the state. The matter is now in the General Assembly, where a decision is expected to allow the matter to be put to the people.

Supt. Ralph King reported on the status of consolidated school construction in the county. Every phase was on schedule, he stated.

## Heritage House Asks For Items

A principal feature of the Southport Fourth of July celebration will be the Heritage House sponsored by the Southport Woman's Club. Mrs. Bobby Jones is president of the club and Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., is serving as general chairman.

Articles for exhibit are welcomed not only from club members but from anyone who has interesting or historical items. These are to be taken to the Community Building between 8 and 12 o'clock on Saturday, July 3. The show will be open to the public that day from 1 until 6.

On Sunday, July 4, the show will be open from 1 until 6 o'clock. On the 5th of July, the day of the parade, the show will open at 9 in the morning and continue until 6 in the afternoon except that it will be closed while the parade is in progress.

## River Claims Youth's Life

A drowning in the Waccamaw River Thursday afternoon claimed the life of a 13-year old Brunswick County youth who was swimming with a companion.

Bennie Ray FormyDuval of Rt. 1 Ash drowned about 4:30 p.m. just off NC 130 while swimming with Richard Faulk, 16, also of Rt. 1 Ash. The youth's body was recovered about 6:45 p.m. by diver Ernest Best of Rt. 1 Whiteville.

The mishap occurred in the river which separates Brunswick and Columbus counties. Because the youth entered from the Columbus County side the case was turned over to Columbus authorities. Coroner Buell Lanier ruled that the death was due to accidental drowning.

The Whiteville and Shallotte rescue squads participated in the search for the FormyDuval youth along with sheriff's deputies from both counties. The body was removed from the Columbus County side of the river.

According to reports at the scene, the boy had returned home about three o'clock Thursday afternoon from a trip to the mountains.



Getting Ready To Move

Tomorrow (Thursday) is the day! The day for moving the old Waccamaw Bank and Trust building across the street to its new location, that is. Here Contractor Carlton Barbour, right, is watching his big man, Willie, yield the sledge hammer as he pries the building from its foundation. (Photo by Spencer)

## Appreciation Dinner Held For First Negro Official

On Saturday night, June 6, members of the Voters League of Southport said an official "thank you" to the registered voters for their support to recently elected Alderman James Harold Davis. Mrs. Mattie L. Hewett, president of the Voters League, along with her committee and with the

help of the wife and mother of the honoree, prepared the buffet consisting of turkey with all the trimmings. The occasion was termed appreciation dinner.

The master of ceremonies was Eugene Gore, who led a short devotion. Following the devotion a welcome was extended by Miss Regina

White, secretary of the Voters League. Gore then proceeded to introduce one of the guests of the evening, Representative Thomas Harrelson, young business man of Southport. Representative Harrelson introduced the speaker of the evening, Representative Joy J. Johnson of Robeson County. Johnson is also a recently elected representative, a minister in Fairmont, who received his A.B. degree from Shaw University of Raleigh, and his D.D. degree from Friendship University. He was voted "Man of the Year" in Fairmont for 1970 and 1970 ambassador of Good Will in Robeson County.

Representative Johnson challenged our people to stop building walls that hinder success and to build bridges to help cross over into a better day. He spoke of barriers that frequently block the way when people could realize a more profitable life in their community and city.

Representative Johnson said Davis is the first black man to be elected to office in the City of Southport because many of the citizens believed it was time for them to deviate from the path they had been pursuing. The speaker was interrupted on several occasions as the audience indicated their approval of his remarks by their outbreak of applause.

The response to the address was made by Mrs. Elizabeth

banking seminars. Lounge facilities with vended food services are adjacent.

Noise is often a major factor in this sort of operation but where noise-producing equipment is located, such as the large bookkeeping and proof-machines area, carpeting and other noise-reducing means will be used.

The Computer Room with

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## Public Hearing Thursday Incorporation Of Leland Question Put To Voters

A public hearing has been called on legislation introduced by Rep. Thomas Harrelson that would grant the people of the Leland community the right to vote on the question of incorporating the Town of Leland in Brunswick County. The public hearing will be held by the Senate Committee on Local Government on Thursday at 4 p.m. in the State Legislative Building. According to Rep. Harrelson, he introduced this bill at the request of numerous citizens of the Leland area. As it was originally written, the proposed area of incorporation included both the Leland and Elah communities.

However, according to Harrelson, there was some opposition from members of the Elah community who felt that if the election produced a favorable vote and the town of Leland was in fact incorporated, the residents of the Elah section would not receive the same services as the residents living around the Leland school proper.

Out of respect for the wishes of the Elah residents, Rep. Harrelson said he had the bill amended so that the only people affected by the proposed election would be those people in the Leland community.

The bill was introduced on April 8 and since then has moved rather slowly because of some opposition to the measure, Harrelson said. He added that the bill was delayed for three weeks in order to allow people representing both sides of the question the time to prepare for a public hearing which was held on May 6 before the House Committee on Local Government.

After questions regarding the proposed evaluation of the area were resolved, the bill was passed from the committee to the House floor, and was passed by the House on May 14.

The opponents of the measure requested another public hearing before the Senate Committee on Local Government and this was granted at the request of Senator S. Bunn Frink, who also represents Brunswick in the General Assembly.

Harrelson said that as a result of the many delays, the election date, as originally proposed, will have to be

changed in order to give the people of Leland the time to consider the advantages or disadvantages of the incorporation. He has made arrangements with the League of Municipalities to hold a public hearing in the Leland area if the bill passes.

Harrelson said that the League of Municipalities is a on-partisan state-wide group representing all the municipalities of North Carolina, and that the League simply presents a factual program but takes no stand on whether any particular area should or should not be incorporated.

## Cutter Mendota July 4 Highlight

The Coast Guard cutter will be at Southport the weekend of July 3-5 as part of the Fourth of July Festival. Everyone is invited to visit the ship during its stay in Southport.

The Mendota was built in 1944 at the Coast Guard Yard, Curtis Bay, Maryland, and was commissioned on June 2, 1945. It is one of twelve cutters built by the Coast Guard for convoy duty in the North Atlantic during World War II, but never saw actual duty as she was converted for peace time activities soon after she was commissioned.

For the past 25 years, the Mendota's main duty has been to stand ocean stations along the East Coast. These stations, in addition to the rescue and assistance to aircraft, include in taking of oceanographic data,

providing hydrographic observations, weather data to the U.S. Weather Bureau and the navigational aid to military and civilian ships and aircraft.

The Mendota is 255-feet long with a beam of 43-feet and a draft of about 16 feet. She operates with a crew of 130 enlisted men and 13 officers and maintains a high degree of military readiness.

## Organize New Crafts Coop

The Brunswick Crafts Cooperative has been formed in this county and the organizational meeting was held Friday night at Longwood.

The cooperative was organized under a grant for \$15,000 received from SENCLand Community Action. The idea behind the movement was to assist the low income residents of this area to earn additional money through training and development of skills which will enable them to produce useful and attractive articles in ceramics, sewing and upholstery. Later it is hoped to expand into other crafts, including wood-carving and working with seashells.

William Burney from Royal Oak Community has been a leader in this movement and served as acting chairman prior to the Longwood meeting Friday night Zack Smith from Zion Hill Community has been serving as acting treasurer. Ms. Jennette King of the Ash-Kingtown Community has served as secretary. Other members of the acting board of directors were Willie Marlow of Little Prong; Earl Gore of Longwood; James

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## Academy Holds Annual Meeting

Fort Johnston Academy, Ltd., held its annual membership meeting on Monday night.

The Academy was founded in 1970 as a co-educational day school to provide quality education for all children who qualify academically. The purpose of the school is to equip each student with a background to enable him to receive further formal training either in college or technical schools depending upon the desire of the individual. In the first year, the academy had an enrollment of 77 students in grades 1 thru 9.

The academy functions with a board of trustees of 15 members, elected by the general membership, who

serve on rotating terms of 1, 2 and 3 years with 5 new members elected each year. The new board members elected at this year's annual meeting are Betty Cochran, Sam Rees, Jr., and Trudy Hufham. Thomas Bowmer and Joe Young were re-elected.

The new slate of officers elected to serve for the ensuing year are A.H. Gainey, Jr., chairman; Betty Cochran, vice-chairman; Edythe Smith, secretary; and Pauline Swain, treasurer. Elected to serve on the executive committee with Chairman Gainey and Vice-Chairman Cochran are Thomas Bowmer, Pauline

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## Youth Center At Oak Island

This is the Oak Island Youth Center building, now nearing completion. It is sponsored by Ocean View Methodist Church of which Rev. Whit Warren is pastor and has been built with volunteer labor, mostly from the youths. Contributions of paint, chairs, tables and other furniture and equipment still are needed. (Photo by Spencer)

## Time And Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week lights were being installed on the tennis courts at Southport. That information came from a front page story in The Pilot for June 17. Two Southport youths, Tommy Thompson and Harris Sentelle, had sailed from Southport to Wrightsville Beach the hard way—outside.

Charlie Doshier of Southport had been the first World War 1 veteran in Brunswick to receive his bonus bonds; on the society page there was an account of the wedding of Miss Virginia Dodson to Colon Mintz; and in the advertising section there was a description of a kerosene-burning refrigerator, a real luxury for people who lived where there was no electric current available. This was the year 1936.

On the front page of The Pilot for June 18, 1951, there was a photo of the graduating class from the School of Nursing at James Walker Memorial Hospital. Two girls from Brunswick County were included: Ada Marie Bennett of Shallotte and Lucille Alberta King of Freeland. Capt. W.H. Barnett and 10 men of the crew of Oak Island Coast Guard Station had been transferred, leaving A.E. Huntley in charge of the local unit.

A party fishing with Capt. Victor Lance aboard the Moja had brought in the first sailfish of the season; the Southport Volunteer Fire Department had run into a perplexing problem when called to put out a fire in a privy; and J.J. Hawes had a special on "E.V. Stock & Cattle Power" at his store in Supply;

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## Dinner Speaker

Representative Joy J. Johnson, standing, was speaker at Southport Voters League Appreciation Night. Seated at the head table are Eugene Gore, master of ceremonies; Alderman J. Harold Davis; Representative Thomas Harrelson; and Mrs. Mattie Hewett, president of the Voters League.