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## Farm Safety Being Stressed

By KENNETH HEWETT  
President Nixon has proclaimed July 25-31 as National Farm Safety Week. This draws national attention to the rural accident situation and promotes intensive, year-round accident prevention programs in rural communities everywhere.

In our county, the Brunswick County Farm Bureau promotes safety and each year urges the farmers to purchase the Slow-Moving-Vehicle signs for their tractors, combines and farm trailers, enabling the motorist to recognize they are moving slowly and the danger involved in passing without looking, etc.

Our Busy-Bees 4-H Club promotes safety all year long. They are selling flares for your car or boat to help people know you are in trouble, during an accident on the highway, a flat tire, or a stranded boat in the ocean. If you would like one of these, call a Busy Bees 4-H'er.

Farmers face a variety of hazards — complicated machinery, livestock, heavy supplies and potent chemicals — and that is part of the reason why agriculture is the nation's third most dangerous industry.

Industry has long used personal protective equipment to minimize the loss of life, limb, time and money caused by accidents. "And farmers can afford to do no less," said Ira L. Chadwick, president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau.

Feet are particularly vulnerable to injury on the farm. They can be crushed by dropped or falling objects, stepped on by livestock, run over by farm vehicles and caught in machinery. Nails and other sharp objects can cause puncture wounds. Safety shoes with metal toeboxes and reinforced soles can minimize these injuries. Eye injuries are also common among farmers. Flying or protruding objects, chaff, dust and the like make

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### District Meeting

A District Workshop for Woman's Club officers was held Thursday at Trinity United Methodist Church in Southport. Mrs. Bobby Jones, left, is president of the host club. Mrs. Stuart Warren, center, of Clinton is district president. On the right is Mrs. George Ross of Wilmington, an officer of the State Federation of Woman's Clubs. (Photo by Spencer)

## Bald Head Future Bright -- From Henderson's View

The first round in the fight over Bald Head Island has ended.

Later this week, the North Carolina General Assembly will adjourn without any decision about the future of the controversial piece of property just off the Brunswick coast at Southport. The closest thing to agreement — Sen. Frink's bill to prohibit the state from condemning the island — was batted down in the calendar committee. An appropriations bill for \$4.7 million to purchase the island was never brought to a vote.

So the question is still at hand: will Gov. Scott's succeed with his "secret plan" to buy the property with private funds, or will developer William Henderson build the multi-million dollar resort he has in mind for the 12,000 acre island?

Henderson, president of Carolina Cape Fear Corp. that owns the island, said this week that he will continue his push towards development with more than 500 prospective customers for island lots that could cost as much as \$25,000 apiece. The

original plans required that either a ferry slip or airport be constructed, but Henderson has indicated that cottage owners would be brought to the island by boat.

The Scott administration has tried to thwart development tries by denying access by either ferry or plane, and even has fought the developers' plan to rebuild a damaged pier. Condemnation has been the ultimate threat, but Henderson has said that it could cost the state as much as \$20 million to carry through this plan, and few believe the state is willing to pay that much.

Henderson's firm reportedly paid \$5.5 million for the island last summer.

The would-be developer indicated in Raleigh this week that a golf course and clubhouse will be ready for use next summer.

A surprise endorsement of development has come from a UNC professor of ecology and botany who contends that the island is not a unique showplace of nature. He said decisions based on "ignorance and emotion" are a greater threat to the island than Henderson's bulldozers. His report was written for the Department of Conservation and Development, a strong ally of the governor's public ownership plan.

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## Dramatic Rescue Effort Saves One; Another Dies

By JAMES F. HOWARD

On the waterfront it only takes one small cry for help to set the wheels of rescue in motion. Sunday night at about 10:30 the cry was heard. Capt. Jesse Doshier was sitting with me on our front porch when the plaintive wail came drifting on the wind across the choppy waters of the Cape Fear River. We immediately ran to the old city pier from where the cry seemed to be coming, when it was determined that the call for help was coming

from across the waterfront canal. Capt. Jesse went back to the house to place a call for assistance while I remained on the waterfront to try to more accurately pinpoint the call of distress.

Within two minutes policeman Ray Becraft of the Southport Police Department was on the waterfront with a powerful flashlight. When that light did not pick up the man in the water, Officer Becraft radioed the police station to notify the Coast Guard. Once again, within

minutes, the Coast Guard patrol boats were soon coming out of their channel toward the scene of distress.

In the meantime Charlie Swan had also heard the cry for help while sitting on his front porch with Richard Dowling. They rushed to the docks in the vicinity of Dick Skipper's slip at the Yacht Basin, and when they could still hear the cry for help Richard took Capt. Swan's outboard motor boat and put off into the channel. He found

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## 'Town Of Leland' Vote Top Issue

The people of the Leland area have been given the privilege of deciding for themselves whether their community will be incorporated.

A referendum of the issue will be held August 3, with the books now open for voter registration. The local option was secured for the Leland area residents by Rep. Thomas Harrelson, the county's spokesman in the House of Representatives.

If the voters decide to incorporate the town, an election will be held August 31 to choose a mayor and five commissioners.

The information pertaining to the matter was released by the North Carolina General Assembly.

The Board of Elections of Brunswick County will conduct a special election on August 3 for the purpose of submitting to the qualified voters of the Leland area the question whether or not such areas shall be incorporated as the Town of Leland. The polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

A new registration of all qualified voters in the described area will be conducted for the purpose of registering the names of those who desire to vote in the special election, and in the first election of town officials in the event the special election results in incorporation. The registration book for such new registration will be open through Saturday, each day from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Saturday, the books shall be kept at the polling

place. Saturday, July 31 will be challenge day.

Subject to a favorable vote on the question of incorporation, the election of town officers will be conducted on Tuesday, August 31. Candidates for election to town offices on August 31 must file with the board a notice of candidacy not earlier than August 4 and not later than 5 p.m. on August 13.

The Board of Elections of Brunswick County would conduct an election for the purpose of electing a mayor and five commissioners for the Town of Leland. Such election shall be conducted within the area described as the corporate limits of the Town of Leland. On election day, the polls shall be open from 6:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

The registration book used for the special election on the question of incorporation shall be used for the election of officers for the town, and no new registration shall be necessary; provided, however, that the registration book shall be open between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. from August 14 through August 21 for the purpose of registering any qualified voters who are not then registered.

The registrar and judges of election, the polling place, and the place or places of registration for the election of town officers will be the same as those for the special election on the question of incorporation.

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## Extra Money

# Penny Tax For Brunswick Okayed By Commissioners

The one-cent local sales tax resolution was passed Monday by unanimous vote of the Board of County Commissioners following a public hearing attended by about twenty persons of whom only three spoke against the levying of this tax by this method.

Effective date of the new tax will be September 1, 1971.

Present and speaking in favor of the levying of the one-cent tax by board resolution were the mayors of several municipalities. Included were Mayor Lester V. Lowe of Southport, Mayor Arthur Greene of Boiling Spring Lakes, Mayor Beaman Hewett of Shallotte, Mayor John Holden of Holden Beach and Mrs. Wood, Mayor of Sunset Beach.

The only dissenting expression came from W.R. Thorsen, Southport school teacher, Sheriff Harold Willetts and Grover A. Gore, Southport attorney. Each of these men made it clear that he did not oppose the levying of the tax, but that it was felt the proposition should be submitted to the voters. Each

of the three said that if a vote were called on the proposal, he would advocate its passage.

Reasons advanced in favor of the sales tax levy were that it has been or will be levied in adjoining counties; that a sales tax is the fairest of all taxes in that everyone pays his proportionate share of the cost of government; that Brunswick has a disproportionate percentage of tourist dollars, meaning that out-of-county residents will pay into

the Brunswick County fund realized from this source.

It is estimated that this one-cent sales tax will bring about \$225,000 per year.

In opposing the idea of levying the tax by resolution Thorsen said that historically this is a bad move. "England made the mistake of levying taxes without consulting the people about 200 years ago," he recalled. He admitted that the county needs the added revenue, particularly for school im-

provement, but he thinks the people should be permitted to vote on the issue.

Sheriff Willetts said that rarely does he agree with Mr. Gore, but that in the matter of putting the one-cent sales tax to a vote of the people he was in full agreement with the man who heads the Democrat party in Brunswick County. He says he thinks the people should be given the chance to vote on the tax. If it is put to a vote, he said he will support the proposition.

Gore said he felt the commissioners should put the proposition to a vote. "If you do, and if you will let the people know that if they approve this tax there will be a reduction in their property tax, I think it will carry." If you will do this, I will work for the passage of the proposition," he said.

The point was raised as to what money received from this source will be used for and County Attorney Thomas Horne said for "authorized governmental expenses." It never became fully clear what is included in this term.

The suggestion was made that the idea of levying this tax, whether it be by resolution of the board or by vote of the people, would be made more acceptable if a statement is made showing where it will be spent and for what. "It ought not to be treated as a quarter-million dollar surplus," was the idea expressed.

Ralph King, superintendent of Brunswick County Schools, and two of his board members, Mrs. John Madison and

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## Time And Tide

There was a couple of interesting front page pictures in the Pilot for July 22, 1936. One showed a fine catch of sheephead which had been caught at Holden Beach; the other showed the Southport-Wilmington mail bus with driver, Rollie Walton, standing beside his vehicle with a mail pouch in his hand.

Southport had been the scene of a summer session of the N.C. Fisheries Commission with members of the Board of Conservation and Development present. Homecoming Day had been observed at New Hope Presbyterian Church at Wimbobow on the previous Sunday; and Shirley Temple was playing little girl roles, her current hit being "The Princess Comes Across."

July 23, 1941, and the front page picture showed small grain harvest in progress in Waccamaw township. Shallotte was the scene of a school bus drivers training program for that week.

Both the city of Southport and Brunswick County had levied their new tax rates, each set at \$1.60 per hundred. Dan Gregory and his orchestra were to play for a dance at Long Beach; State Highway officials had promised to investigate the condition of the pontoon bridge over the intracoastal waterway near Southport; and another anniversary had been celebrated at New Hope.

Preliminary clearing had started at the site of two blueberry farms near Southport. That was in 1946. Heavy rains had caused considerable damage to crops on Brunswick county farms during the past few days.

In fact, rains had hurt more than farming: Residents of the Waccamaw section were complaining that high water had

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## Mrs. Livingston Is Postmaster

The appointments of six postmasters were announced this week by Carl C. Ulsaker, Regional Postmaster General of the Southern Postal Region.

Mrs. Marjorie P. Livingston, postmaster, Southport, Mrs. Livingston was born in Southport and graduated from high school there. She began her postal career in September 1942 as a clerk and has worked continuously since then in the Southport Post Office. In March 1963 she was promoted to the position of assistant to the postmaster. She has served as Officer-in-Charge of the Southport Post Office since July 1970.

In accordance with the merit selection procedures of the Postal Reorganization Act, these postmasters were selected either by the National or Regional Management Selection Board, or in the case of fourth class post offices by the Regional Postmaster General, and appointed by the Postmaster General.

The appointments are not subject to Senate confirmation.

## Great-Grandmother Earns High School Diploma

A great-grandmother who once taught in a one-room school, has earned her own high school diploma — more than 50 years later.

She is Mrs. Flossie Brady Inman, 70, of Whiteville, and she describes her achievement as the fulfillment of a long-held hope. Mrs. Inman becomes the oldest North Carolinian to complete a high school course of study, a record of distinction which she says makes her feel "very honored."

She completed her high school studies recently as a

student in the Adult Education division of Southeastern Community College, which offers high school diploma courses in several centers, in cooperation with the public school systems in Columbus county and the City of Whiteville. She was a student in Southeastern's Uptown Adult Education Center, and she attended classes two days a week, six hours per day. She needed five months to complete the necessary requirements for a diploma.

She met recently with college and school officials, and expressed her keen delight in going back to school and in finishing her studies. She was congratulated by Dr. Tom Cottingham, president of Southeastern Community College; Walter Brown, vice president and dean of instruction, and William L. Wilson, director of Adult Education. Also present was John Hicks, superintendent of Columbus County schools, who will award diplomas to Mrs. Inman and her classmates at special exercises in October.

Mrs. Inman will be 71 years old on August 10, a spry, stimulating conversationalist with a sense of humor, and a full awareness of today's trends, fads, and problems. She says her high school diploma culminates a longing "for self-satisfaction." She added that if Southeastern Community College had not been established, she would never have had such an opportunity to fulfill her dream. "I'm proud of Southeastern. I never thought I would live to see this happen in Columbus county," she said, "but it has, and many adults have responded."

She is a great-grandmother and proud that she finished her high school work the same year in which her younger great-granddaughter also was graduated from high school, though they were separated by many miles. The great-granddaughter lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

In recounting her experiences in Southeastern's adult education program, Mrs. Inman said the work was hard, but enjoyable. She said spelling and vocabulary

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**EARNs DIPLOMA** — Mrs. Flossie Brady Inman of Whiteville has completed the high school diploma program offered by Southeastern Community College's Adult Education division, in cooperation with the school systems of Columbus county and the City of Whiteville. At age 70, she has the distinction of being the oldest North Carolinian to complete the high school diploma program. On the left is William L. Willson, director of Southeastern's Adult Education division, and on the right is John Hicks, superintendent of the Columbus County schools.