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Local Academy Has Headmaster

Robert L. Shuford, III, has been elected by the Board of Trustees as Headmaster of Fort Johnston Academy. The Academy is located in Southport.

Shuford attended Swarthmore College, received his B.A. degree, and his M.A. degree from the University of Munich in Germany. He is a candidate for the Doctor of Philosophy Degree, having completed all academic requirements for the Ph. D. except the submission and defense of his completed dissertation. His dissertation topic is Die Register Innozenz III. als Grundlage fuer die Staatsauffassung Friedrichs II. The Letters of Innocense III as Basis for Frederick II's — of Hohenstaufen — Conception of "State".

Shuford's fields of Study were Latin, German, and European history. He has traveled extensively in Europe and Canada, and has lived in Germany for six years.

He speaks five languages fluently, Latin, German, Ancient Greek, French, and Russian.

He has been graduate lecturer at the University of Munich, Research Associate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and has taught and served as principal at Lord Berkeley Academy, near Charleston, S.C.

Shuford is 31 years of age, single, and a native of Tryon. He is the son of Mrs. Helen Gottfried Shuford Brown of Rye, New Hampshire, and the late Robert L. Shuford, Jr.

Fort Johnston Academy will begin its second school year in September and will offer grade levels 1-10. Anyone desiring information about the Academy should contact Shuford at the school.



Sencland Director Quits; Allen Is Interim Director

By ED HARPER

Before the Sencland meeting began Tuesday night, the executive director said he wouldn't stay without the overwhelming support of the poor and his board of directors.

He does not have it. Charlie Mumford, whose resignation becomes official August 1, has announced that "Friday at 5 o'clock will be the last time I work for Sencland Community Action as its executive director." He will be replaced by agency

planner George Allen, who will serve as interim director until a new executive director is named by the board of directors.

Ordinarily, the deputy director would fill the vacancy but Mumford has fired A.P. Worley from that position. Worley's accusations against his former boss plus an obvious split among the board along racial lines are the primary reasons for Mumford's resignation.

"This agency doesn't need a director for the blacks or a

director for the whites," he said. "It needs a director for the people." President Fairley Newton called the board "the epitome of racism."

Mumford, who earlier said he would resign if that's what it took to save the agency, was asked to stay by representatives of the poor. The board, with just over half of its members present, voted 9-4 to reject Mumford's resignation but the executive director said he could not in good conscience serve when one-third of the board members vote against him.

In contrast to the past few meetings when comments from the audience were anti-Mumford, the crowd of 150 was almost unanimous in its support of the executive director. For the first time in many months, a representative of county government was present.

A majority of the Sencland staff approved a status of the agency report that called on the board to "join the cause of alleviating poverty so that all men — no matter what race, creed or color — will be racially undivided and rich in opportunity and personal pride." The question of whether a divided board sets

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Sight Conservation is a major concern for the Southport Lions Club and here three of its members are participating with James A. Muldrow, left, Social Worker for the Blind, in presenting a white cane, identification card and radio to Bobby Jones, second from the right.

Lions Assist In Sight Program

The Southport Lions Club, in cooperation with the State Commission for the Blind, have embarked upon a project to present identification cards, white canes and radios to each blind person in the Southport area.

James A. Muldrow, Social Worker for the Blind, works in Brunswick County two days each week and he has cooperated with local Lion Club members in this project. Sight Conservation always has been a project of major concern for Lions Clubs and during the past few months former president Fraser Law of the Southport Club has maintained an active interest. Ira Butler, Jr., was chairman of the White Cane Drive this year, and incoming president John Barbee plans to continue the emphasis on sight conservation.

W.E. Early is executive director of the State Commission for the Blind and Muldrow is worker for that agency in Robeson, Columbus and Brunswick Counties.

Beginning in mid-May, the North Carolina State Commission for the Blind began issuing personal iden-

tification cards to all legally blind citizens in North Carolina who request them.

The identification card project was authorized by our nine-member Commission on the recommendation of their Blind Advisory Committee. Purpose is to provide an easy means of personal identification for the legally blind. As you know, most people use their driver's license for this purpose. It is the Commission's intention that the official Commission for the Blind identification card will serve the same purpose for legally blind citizens. The card will bear a photograph and physical description of the holder, as well as an individual number. It should be

False Alarm

The fire alarm in Southport Monday afternoon was turned in by someone who saw smoke pouring from a room at Franklin Park Motel. What they did not know is that the fogging machine had just passed and smoke was going in the front door and out the back window.

Others in the picture are Ira Butler, Jr., chairman of the White Cane Drive for the Southport Club. Next to him is John Barbee, president of the local club; and on the right is Col. Fraser Law, outgoing president of the club. (Photo by Spencer)

Shalotte Youth Gets Top Honor

Kenneth Hewett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Hewett of Supply, received one of the highest awards that a 4-H member can receive Monday night in Raleigh.

He was tapped into the North Carolina State 4-H Honor Club, an exclusive club of outstanding 4-H'ers throughout the state. He was one of 27 out of a membership of approximately 70,000 4-H'ers chosen for the honor. The membership is limited to those young people who have done an outstanding job over several years.

Kenneth is the first 4-H'er from Brunswick County to have received this honor. Recently, he was elected District vice-president and received a 4-H Development Fund Scholarship of \$500. He plans to attend North Carolina State University this fall.

A delegation of six 4-H members and one adult leader are representing Brunswick County at North Carolina 4-H Congress in Raleigh this week.

The Brunswick County delegates are among some 1,400 club members, leaders and extension agents participating in the annual four-day program which began Monday on the North Carolina State University campus. The program consists of recreation, discussions, competition, election of state officers and a lot of fellowship.

"North Carolina 4-H Congress offers an excellent opportunity for personal growth and development," commented Dr. Chester Black, State 4-H leader. "It is an event that 4-H'ers look forward to each year with great anticipation," he added.

During the week state winners are determined in some 30 demonstration programs and various judging activities. Among the events in which Brunswick County 4-H'ers are participating are Auto Skill Driving, Key Award Banquet, State Recognition Banquet, and Officer Election.

Members of the Brunswick County delegation attending are Teresa Gilbert, Kenneth Hewett, Phyllis Hewett,

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Penalty Greater For Late Property Taxes

Brunswick County property owners will be affected by the new laws passed by the 1971 legislature regarding local property taxes.

For property owners the message is clear: you're going to have to pay the tax you are assessed and pay it on time—or face a much higher interest charge.

And the deadline for making payments without penalty has been moved back from February 2 to January 1.

Also, all public sales of land for unpaid taxes will be conducted prior to June 30 of the year following the one for which the taxes were assessed, or in other words in the same fiscal year.

The changes constitute a part of the effort to help governmental units that rely on the property tax to realize the maximum benefit from the source of income.

Homer G. McKeithan, Brunswick County tax collector, was in Chapel Hill Thursday receiving a briefing on the new Machinery Act provisions at the Institute of Government.

The state's new tax law, adopted by the General Assembly after two years of study by a special commission, represents the most significant changes in a long while in local tax assessments and collections.

The statute is complex, and focuses sharply on the delinquent taxpayer, the fellow who has been letting his taxes run over the

deadline and paying a penalty. The man who pays promptly need only concern himself with the change in dates.

Whereas property taxes have been due October 1 in past years, they will now come due September 1. McKeithan said that the tax bills are supposed to go out by that time but in view of the changes this year they may be a little late.

In past years, taxpayers have been given until February 2 — through February 1 — to pay without penalty. The new law says that the taxes must be paid by December 31 to avoid a penalty of two percent. For each additional month of delinquency the taxpayer will be charged three-fourths of

one percent. Therefore, a person paying one year late would pay 10 1/4 percent interest instead of six percent as at present.

Effective July 1 The new law became effective July 1. It abolishes the early payments discounts which have been taken by some taxpayers in past years, except by special action of the County Commissioners. The board will continue to allow discounts this year as in the past. Those who paid prior to July 1 received two percent off. Lesser discounts will be permitted until the due date for taxes. However, if discounts are allowed next year it will require passage of

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Three Teenagers In Jail Break

A wave of crime hit Brunswick County over the past few days, reaching a peak Saturday night when three teen-age prisoners escaped from the Brunswick County Jail in Southport after stealing the pants and gun from a deputy and making off in his automobile.

The vehicle later was found abandoned near Highway No. 17.

The three teen-agers, all juveniles, had been arrested for auto theft several days

ago. Their names are Chester Young, Billy Thompson and Brian Gervais, all from Flint, Mich.

Earlier in the evening officers had been called to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Harrelson at the Robin's Nest, where a small safe was stolen and hauled away in the family car. The vehicle was located a short distance away and the safe was recovered. It had contained no money.

Apparently nothing else was missing from the Harrelson home, although it was obvious that it had been thoroughly ransacked by some person or persons who apparently were searching for money.

That same night thieves entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith at Long Beach and stole about \$400 and other valuables.

Last Thursday the home of Vester Beck at Calabash was robbed of a large sum of money, reported to have been \$3,000, plus a pistol. Beck was not at home at the time, with the robbery having occurred between 5 and 11 o'clock.

Vote Tuesday

Voters in the Leland area of Brunswick County will go to the polls Tuesday and decide whether they want their section incorporated as a town.

A public hearing was held last Wednesday and there was no strong sentiment either for or against the proposal. A bill calling for a vote on the matter was introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly by Rep. Thomas Harrelson of Southport.

If the vote is in favor of the incorporation, the election of a mayor and five commissioners will be held August 31.

Teachers End Lengthy Service

At the end of the school year, Lincoln Elementary School saw the retirement of three teachers who have served many years in the schools of Brunswick County. They are Mrs. Addie May Woodside Butler, Mrs. Beatrice Hines Evans and Mrs. Mary Smith Austin.

Mrs. Butler has taught in Brunswick County 18 years. A native of Southport, Mrs. Butler attended East Carolina Teacher's College. She is the mother of three children and the grandmother of nine. Mrs. Austin plans to enjoy her retirement by spending more time with her grandchildren and visiting her grandchildren who live in California. She also plans to sew, work in her garden and just enjoy herself.

Retiring from her second grade position is Mrs. Beatrice Hines Evans, who has been teaching in Brunswick County since 1940. Mrs. Evans was born in Wilmington and is a graduate of Elizabeth City State Teacher's College. She plans to enjoy her retirement by working on the Evan's farm in Bolivia and just being with her husband and daughter.

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Also retiring from her second grade classroom is Mrs. Mary Smith Austin. She has taught for 24 years in North Carolina, sixteen of them in Brunswick County. A

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On May 27 at 7:30, the faculty of Lincoln Elementary School held a retirement dinner in honor of these teachers. The dinner was held at Harold's Fish Camp in Leland. The decorations were of an under-the-sea theme, featuring beautiful deep-sea creatures. The menu featured seafood. After introductions by Mistress of Ceremonies, Mrs. Melissa

Padgett, there was music by Mrs. Allie Peterson and Mrs. Vila Thomas, a poem by Mrs. Margaret Bland and grace by Mrs. Lottie Galloway.

Lincoln Principal James F. Clemmons presented each retiring teacher with a silver pin, suitably inscribed. Superintendent of Schools Ralph King told of a plaque that would be dedicated to each of them.



Three teachers who retired this year as members of the faculty at Lincoln Elementary School at Leland are, left to right, Mrs. Beatrice Evans, Mrs. Addie May Butler and Mrs. Mary Austin.

Time And Tide

July 29, 1936 — Championship play was in progress for the women's doubles, in the Southport Tennis Tournament. Favored were Hannah Reece and Eleanor Howey (Eleanor McAuley.) Their most serious competition promised to come from Marion Watson and Elizabeth Watson (Elizabeth Griffin), a sister tandem.

Prospects for the future Brunswick population were not good, based upon the headline covering vital statistics for the six months period just ended: "Fewer Births and More Deaths In Brunswick This Year." The County Commissioners had just adopted a tentative budget calling for a tax rate of \$1.50 for the coming year, and the tax valuation was \$6,300,000.

July 30, 1941 — There was bad news in The Pilot for prospective young bridegrooms who had just received their greeting from Uncle Sam: "Getting Married At Last Minute Won't Help Boys," it said. A highway improvement project was in progress on route No. 74-76, bringing the roadway to a

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