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## Bizarre Traffic Death Reported

A 43-year old man was killed early Sunday morning after a bizarre incident on US 17 about two miles south of Bolivia.

Joe Carr was killed when he walked into the path of a passing vehicle, according to Highway Patrol Trooper W.C. Fulghum.

The trooper reported that Rita Brown was driving south on the highway and saw Carr sitting in the northbound lane of the road. She stopped a short distance down the road, turned around and went back to what the trouble was.

She told Trooper Fulghum that she stopped behind another vehicle and saw the unidentified driver attempting to get Carr out of the road. Carr fought him away and as the man returned to his vehicle, Carr walked between the two stopped cars.

A vehicle operated by Leslie Sykes, Jr. of Leland then approached in the southbound lane, Fulghum said, and Carr walked in front of it. The driver swerved, but too late to avoid hitting Carr. Sykes' vehicle sideswiped the Brown car but none of the drivers were hurt.

## Hankins Takes Assistant's Job

Jonathan Hankins, a Southport man who has served as principal of Union School at Shallotte, has accepted the assistant superintendent's job in the Orange County school system.

He joins Supt. George Williams, a former superintendent of schools in Brunswick County.

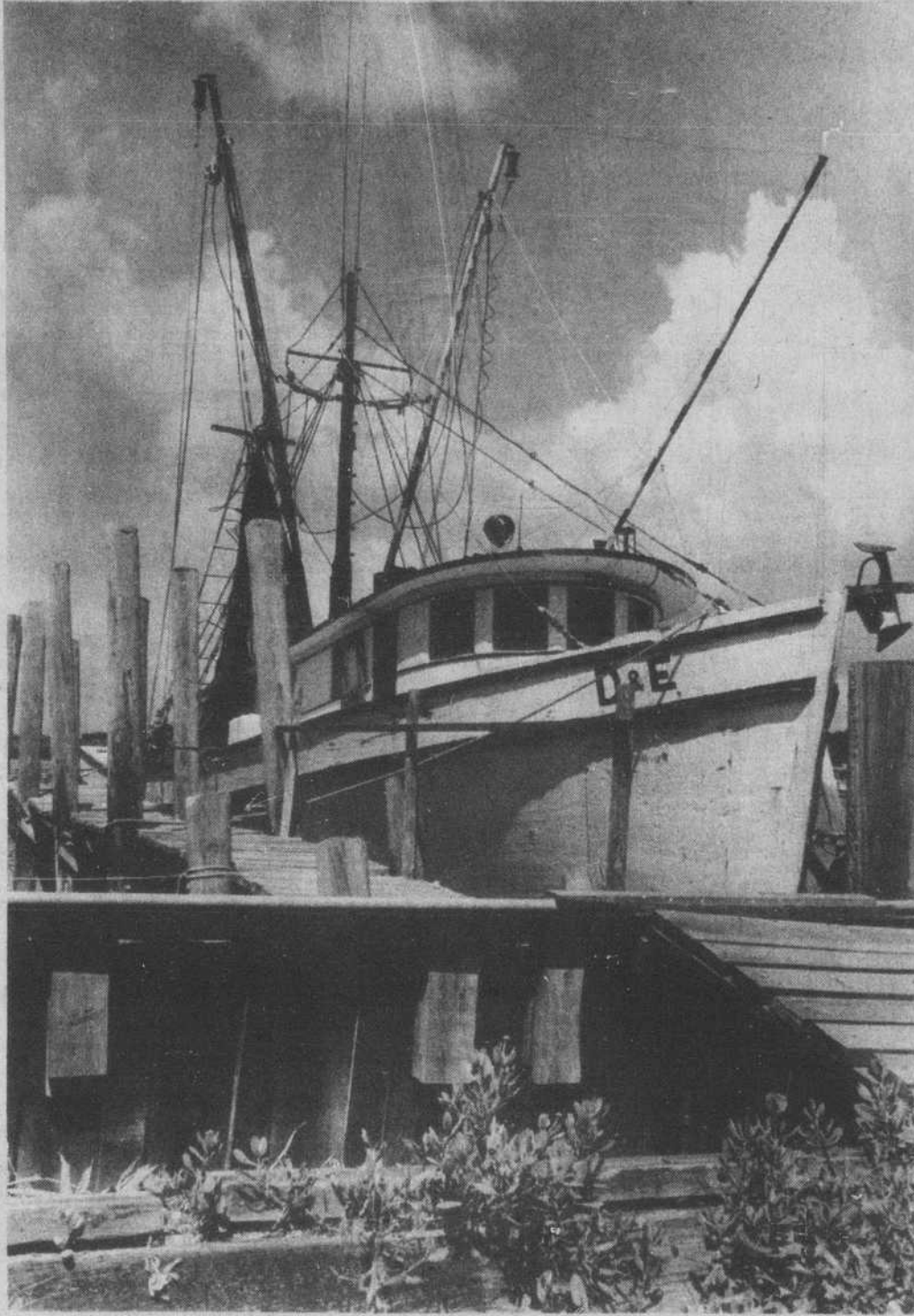
Hankins was named last week at a special meeting of the Orange County Board of Education to fill the vacancy left when the former assistant resigned to take a superintendent's job in Maxton.

Hankins, a 44-year old native of Brunswick County, received his bachelor of science degree from Harper's Ferry College and his Master's from North Carolina Central University. He later returned to the Durham school to get his

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JONATHAN HANKINS



Shrimp Boat Dock

This is a good year for shrimping at Southport, and here one of the big trawlers is shown at berth at the old Southport Yacht Basin after a long day's work. Two seafood houses are operating here this season. (Photo by Maury Faggart)

## Shrimping Is Best Here Since 1965, Report Says

So far this year North Carolina shrimp fishermen have had their second best catch in 11 years, according to Dr. Thomas Linton, N.C. Fisheries Commissioner. Only the 1965 catch was higher.

Shrimp catches are up along the entire coast, he said. He compared the average January-June catch of the last 10 years with the catch this year: the southern

district's 1971 six month catch of 240,471 pounds (heads on) was a 276 percent increase over the 10 year average; the central district's catch of 795,978 pounds was a 69 percent increase, and the northern district's 28,754 pounds was a 68 percent increase. Landing records were compiled by the National Marine Fisheries Service, Beaufort. This is evidently a good

year for shrimp, however, Dr. Linton said, a good year does not explain the large increase in the southern district. He believes the large increase there is reflective of protection of shrimp by establishing nursery areas.

Nursery areas were established in the southern district last year. Nursery areas protect small shrimp, fish, crabs, etc. The areas are closed to shrimping. The nursery areas were identified through efforts of the N.C. Division of Commercial and Sports Fisheries estuarine inventory survey. Division Fisheries inspectors have endeavored to keep nursery areas closed to shrimping, he said. By not allowing shrimp gear to be used, small fish, crabs, and other sea life are also protected.

The North Carolina estuarine survey in the central district has been in progress for six months and a few nursery areas have already been identified there, he said. Dr. Linton said the estuarine survey has not expanded to the northern district due to lack of personnel and funds.

## Time And Tide

Those who have suffered from the heat for the past can take comfort from the fact that thirty-five years ago this week the temperature climbed to the 90-degree mark here in Southport. That was in the year 1936, and the fact was recorded in our edition for August 5.

A Farm Bureau had been organized in Brunswick; the editor had warned tobacco farmers against celebrating their first sales by the use of intoxicating beverage in the excess; and Eleanor Howe and Hannah Reese had come through to win the woman's double championship for the Southport Tennis Club.

The big news on the front page of The Pilot for August 6, 1941, was that tobacco had sold for a 40-cent average on the opening of the Georgia market. Sharing this top-headline billing was news that Southport Attorney R.I. Mintz had been ordered to report for active duty with the U.S. Army.

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## 'Coffee House Ministry' Open For Business

By M.W. WARREN, JR.

Youth and adults gathered together at Oak Island Sunday to consecrate a dream — a new youth center, "The Agape Inn."

Agape which comes from the Greek word meaning, "self-giving love," is the newest in Coffee-House ministries sponsored by the United Methodist Church of the North Carolina Conference.

The Center, though sponsored by Ocean View, is a creation of the entire Oak Island community encompassing Yaupon Beach and Long Beach and the nearby Southport com-

munity. The building, constructed in three months with volunteer workers will encompass many activities and groups. At night it will be a youth center, a place with live entertainment, a vehicle for individual self-expression, and a place for quiet meditation. Some functions in progress are periodic folk-masses; encounter sessions; movies, both entertaining and educational, with emphasis on drug education and prevention of drug abuse.

By day, it will be a meeting place for adults who seek simply a quiet place to talk, drink coffee, play checkers,

and simply to get to know one another. This is planned for September when school begins and the building is unused.

During the summer, a trained staff including a student from Duke Divinity School will be involved in Crisis-Intervention, work i.e., rap sessions, quasi-counseling, and in general, ministering to youth of the area in whatever manner is required.

The Center is open from 4-12 p.m. each day, and for the public except at certain times when special programs are in progress such as UMYF, encounter sessions, closed

meetings and the like. There is no charge except for dances, movies, drinks and sandwiches. However, donations are appreciated as approximately \$1000 remains to be raised for the immediate program and the completion of the building.

Future plans necessitate additional funds for an expansion of the present physical plant and the programs. This will be necessary as the population of the area increases and the demands grow. For the present, furniture is needed and books for a proposed library.

The Center was con-

## Leland Voters Reject Town Concept By 250-116 Vote

Voters in the Leland area made it very clear Tuesday that they don't want anything to do with their community being a town.

In a referendum to decide whether the Leland area would be incorporated, voters rejected the idea by a 250 to 116 margin. There had been 420 persons registered to vote, according to county Board of Elections chairman H. Foster Mintz.

The section that would have been incorporated includes the general area between Sturgeon Creek and the new US 74-76 route through the northeast section of Brunswick County.

The bill that gave the voters the right to decide on incorporation was introduced in the state House by Rep. Thomas Harrelson of Brunswick County

and was approved by the General Assembly. The legislator offered no opinion of whether the area should be made a town; "There was interest in incorporation," he said, "and I believe it is good for the people to decide for themselves."

Mintz supervised the referendum, while George Hoffis and J.L. Sessoms served as judges, Mrs. William Sue acted as clerk and Mrs. Augusta Bordeaux was the registrar.

The legislation passed by the General Assembly allowed for a vote by the people and then, if the vote on incorporation passed, an election would have been held the last of this month for a mayor and five commissioners. All provisions of the legislation that pertained to action after the Tuesday vote have been voided.

## 'Secret' Bald Head Plan Is Expected From Scott

Failure of the General Assembly to appropriate funds to condemn Bald Head Island apparently has not deterred Gov. Scott's plan for public ownership of the property near Southport.

"As long as I'm governor, there's not going to be any development on Bald Head if we can help it," Scott said last week. On Saturday, the chairman of the Board of Conservation and

Development told of a mid-August meeting in Raleigh at which a private group would map strategy for conserving the 12,000-acre tract just off the Brunswick coast.

Gilliam Horton of Wilmington, chairman of the C&D board who also heads a special corporation to protect the Tar Heel environment, spoke at the close of the Department's quarterly meeting at Wrightsville Beach.

"We've been in close contact with foundations," Horton said, "and we are just about ready to begin our fund drive." The announcement coincides with the "secret plan" that Gov. Scott spoke about last month.

Speaking in Raleigh last week, Gov. Scott said his administration is working to set up means through which the state can purchase the island through private subscription. The comment as in response to a question concerning the "secret plan".

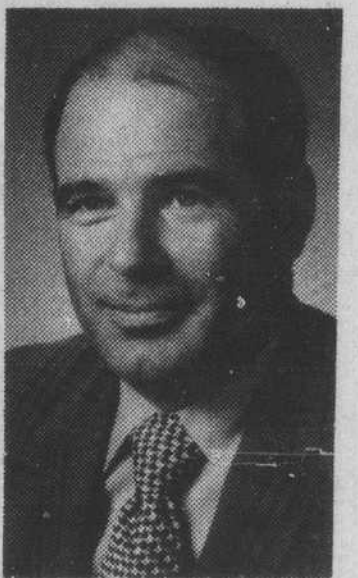
The Governor noted that Carolina Cape Fear Corporation, which owns the island, remains steadfast in

its position to not sell the property to the state. The reported purchase price of the island was \$5 million, but Williams Henderson, president of the development firm, has estimated it would cost the state upwards to \$20 million to completed procedures for ownership through condemnation.

Scott said the controversy may drag on for years. The argument is whether development of the island would rob the public of a seashore area and destroy marine life in nearby waters; conservationists take this stand, while developers and a number of legislators disagree.

R.C. Soles, Jr. and Thomas Harrelson, Brunswick County's two spokesmen in the state House, are both in favor of developing the island, and Sen. S. Bunn Frink (D-Brunswick) introduced a bill that would prohibit the state from condemning Bald Head. It passed the Senate but was lost in the House calendar committee.

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HAROLD BANKS

## Harold Banks Is Transferred

Harold Banks has been promoted to manager of quality assurance for Carolina Power & Light Co., according to W.B. Kincaid, manager of CP&L's power plant design and construction department.

A native of Indiana, Pa., Banks previously was resident engineer for quality assurance at CP&L's Brunswick nuclear plant at

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## School Reading Program Completed In Brunswick

Mrs. Frances B. Stone, ESEA Title I director, reports that a successful reading program was held in Brunswick County Schools from June 14 through July 23. This program was funded by Title I for students who needed additional instruction in the basic reading skills. A total of 355 students from the first three grades were enrolled and 25 teachers were employed. Bus service was provided and a snack and lunch were served each day.

"It is felt that this was an enjoyable as well as a profitable experience for the boys and girls who participated," said Mrs. Stone.

**SOUTHPORT SCHOOL**  
With the theme in the Summer Reading Program being "Dive Into Summer — Read" the students at the Southport Elementary School did just that.

Not only did instructors give service to the students in the reading program, but to members of the com-

munity at large. Students came in to read for pleasure. Teachers came in to get books and other materials to use in their Summer School courses.

One of the closing activities was "Story Book Parade". Each student was dressed in a costume of a story book character from a book they had read, and paraded down the main street of Southport. After the parade, parents and students were served

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At Youth Center

This is a scene at "Agape Inn", the Youth Center at Oak Island, which was consecrated Sunday with the Rev. W. Junius Neese, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Wilmington District, participating.