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Admiral Receives Key To City

Rear Admiral Ross P. Bullard, left, is shown here receiving a key to the city from Mayor Lester V. Lowe while in Southport for a luncheon

engagement Tuesday. With him was Captain Joe Fox and on the right is C.D. Pickerrrell, Southport City Manager. (Photo by Spencer)

New Position For Mrs. Stone

Mrs. Frances B. Stone has been appointed assistant superintendent of Brunswick County Schools in charge of federal programs. The action was taken by the Brunswick County Board of Education at a special meeting on August 18.

Mrs. Stone, a native of Newberry, S.C., is the former Frances Louise Baker. She and her husband, Henry C. Stone, make their home in Shallotte, where she is active in church and community activities. She received an A.B. degree from Newberry College, and a M.A. degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A well known educator in Brunswick County, Mrs. Stone has worked in public education for over 40 years, all but three of which have been in the Brunswick County Schools. She served as a classroom teacher until her appointment as Director, Title I, ESEA, for Brunswick County in 1966.

She is a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society, the North Carolina Association of Educators, and the National Education Association.



MRS. FRANCES STONE

Coast Guard Admiral At Oak Island For Inspection

Rear Admiral Ross P. Bullard, new Commandant of the Fifth Coast Guard District, paid an official visit to Oak Island Coast Guard Station Tuesday and at noon was a luncheon guest of Mayor Lester V. Vowe and City Manager C.D. Pickerrrell.

A part of the amenities for this occasion was an exchange of gifts. Mayor Lowe presented Admiral Bullard a

Key to the City of Southport and the admiral reciprocated by presenting a plaque to the City of Southport for the many courtesies extended to representatives of the Coast Guard over the years.

Accompanying Admiral Bullard on this visit was Captain Joe Fox.

Admiral Bullard was born at Decatur, Illinois, where he was graduated from Decatur High School in 1932. A Bat-

talion Commander as a Cadet, he was graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., with a B.S. Degree and a commission as Ensign on May 29, 1939.

Prior to and during the early part of World War II, he served on board the Coast Guard Cutter Spencer, first at Cordova, Alaska, and then in the North Atlantic on convoy escort duty. From July 1943 to April 1944, he was Administration and Organization Instructor at the Coast Guard Training Station in St. Augustine, Fla. He then returned to combat duty on board of the Cutter Spencer in the capacity of Executive Officer. At the war's end he had collected three combat stars for European campaign operations and six combat stars for Pacific campaigns.

In December 1945, he was assigned to the Demobilization Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C. Between January 1950 and May 1952, he commanded first the tender BALSAM and then the 255-foot Cutter KLAMATH in the North Pacific and Alaskan waters, including Bering Sea Patrol duty with the latter vessel.

After completing a year as student at the U.S. Navy Post Graduate School of Communications, Monterey, California, he was assigned to the Communications Division at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, D.C., in July 1953. During that assignment he first served as Liaison Officer in the Office of the Director of Naval Communications, Plans and Readiness Branch until November 1954, when he became Assistant Chief, Communications Division. In June 1958, he returned to sea duty in command of the 311-ft. ocean station vessel CASCO, based at Boston, Mass.

From February 1960 to August 1962, he served as Commander, International Ice Patrol with offices in Woods Hole, Mass., and at Argentia, Newfoundland. (Continued On Page Four)

Headstart Goes To Year-Round

The Headstart program for children of low-income families will begin operating on a year-round basis as the only means of continuing the service to pre-schoolers.

The Sencland Community Action board of directors has approved the conversion on two conditions: that the program be located in suitable quarters in each of the four school districts in Bladen, Brunswick and Columbus counties, and that the program can be started without a one-year wait.

Mrs. Colene Baldwin, who made the report to the board, said she has been told the program could begin within three months after approval by the governing agency, Sencland.

Previously, the program had operated only in the

summer months and served about 1,300 children. The new program will continue for 36 weeks but will serve only 200 to 226 children, operating on the same \$285,568 federal allotment as the summer six-week program received.

"The selection will have to be more selective," said board chairman Jackie Stephenson, commenting that fewer children will be served. According to reports, the program had included poor children and some of higher-income families, but in the year-round program with fewer children, the very poor will be served first.

The program provided young children with health and basic educational services, preparing them for entrance into regular school the following year. According to Mrs. Baldwin, the program will include 40 workers in all, with four professionals working out of the Sencland office to oversee the Headstart program. The school units served are Columbus, Brunswick and Bladen county units and the Whiteville city system.

She said the year-round plan has the full support of the poor communities, but it is understood that at least one of the school systems is unhappy with the proposed conversion. Formerly, the program was administered through the schools while (Continued On Page Four)

Time And Tide

There was bad news on the front page of The Pilot for August 26, 1936; the U.S. Quarantine Station here was to be abandoned. Across the page there was a picture and an article about the famous Indian Trail Tree which stands in the yard of the Cramer property.

Brunswick County deer hunters had learned that the season would not open until October 1, in contrast with former opening dates of September 1; one local boy had won six cartons of Luckies in the Hit Parade Contest for that week; and Carey and Hannah Reese had won the mixed doubles championship of the Southport Tennis Club.

Late in August 1941, things were much as they are now: A front page picture in The Pilot showed farmers receiving checks for tobacco sales; school officials still were trying to complete faculty vacancies; and people were paying their taxes — one Leland man with three bags filled with pennies, weighing 28-lbs. in all.

An experiment was being conducted in an effort to discover some practical use for shrimp heads; a group of photographers models were headed for Bald Head Island for some publicity shots during the coming week-end; and a marauding bear in the Freeland community had turned on some would-be protectors of the corn crop and had almost added meat to his diet.

It was the last week in August, 1946, the 28th day, to be exact, and three schools still were looking for teachers. The September term of Superior court was slated to convene on Monday, with the late Judge John J. Burney presiding. Charter had been received for the Brunswick Cold Storage

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Sencland Budget Ideas Presented

Trying to do the same job with \$140,000 less, Sencland Community Action plans to reduce salaries for its higher-paid workers while giving more to staff members who are the "backbone of the agency."

Mrs. Jean Turbeville, chief financial officer of the three-county, anti-poverty agency, said she "was not dealing

with the person, but with the position" in adjusting salaries. George Allen, acting executive director of Sencland, said he did not know why there had been differences in the pay for senior staff members.

Annual pay for the program directors will be \$8,000 a year if the budget is approved. The salary for the executive director would be increased from \$12,900 to \$13,500 because, Mrs. Turbeville reported, the pay had been among the lowest in the state for the position.

At the Tuesday night meeting of Sencland, the list of candidates for executive director's job was cut to three: Thomas W. Tucker, 47, of Waterboro, Conn.; Kenneth R. Williams, 32, of Winston-Salem; and Richard D. Mills, 28, of Tabor City.

Allen's name was added by the screening committee, but he has announced he will resign from Sencland as soon as the agency "gets back on its feet." The 14 board members present offered their thanks to Allen and the staff for the work they have done for the agency since Charlie Mumford resigned effective August 1.

In explaining the reduced Sencland budget, Allen said "we will have to cut the garment to fit the cloth." The administration budget has been reduced about \$10,000 from the \$79,000 allotted last year.

The tentative budget was prepared as part of the pre-

Wild Chase In Brunswick

A wild, two-county chase ended near Supply Monday night when the subject gave himself up to area law enforcement officers.

Eugene Blanding is in New Hanover County Jail under \$10,000 bond on charges that he resisted arrest, stole a Wilmington city police car, assaulted a police officer with a deadly weapon intending to kill him, and damaged city property. There are other charges stemming from the chase that began in Wilmington.

Police officers, in response to a call, arrested Blanding and charged him with disorderly conduct. When they started to jail, the prisoner struck one of the officers with his fist, wrestled the officer's gun loose from the holster and fired the weapon.

Blanding ran to the police car nearby and fled in the vehicle. One of the officers fired six shots but was unable (Continued On Page Four)



Accepts Award For BEMC

Chairman Gwyn B. Price of the N.C. Rural Electrification Authority (left) presents a certificate for 25 years meritorious service as an electric co-op director to C.D. Branch of Evergreen. Branch is president of the Board of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation of Shallotte. The presentation was made at a meeting of Tarheel Electric Membership Association in Durham Aug. 17-19. Brunswick EMC serves over 15,000 consumer-owner members in Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus and Robeson counties. Robert G. Hubbard is Brunswick EMC's general manager.

Food, Medical Service Ending

The Emergency Food and Medical Service program offered by Sencland is running out of time, and the agency board of directors took steps Tuesday night to see that the money gets gone, also.

Mrs. Delilah Blanks, reporting to the Sencland board on the status of the program, said it is understood the Emergency Food and Medical Service will not continue past the current program year that ends November 31. Of the more than \$80,000 budgeted this year, however, there remains \$31,000 in the account and the federal government either wants it spent or given back.

The board decided to use it here, and approved the recommendations of Mrs. Blanks and representatives of the three counties with whom she has conferred.

There will be some in-

crease in the operating expenses of the program, but there are three significant changes relating to food stamps and the reduced-price lunches for school children in Columbus, Brunswick and Bladen counties:

—The agency will employ three recruiters who will help poor people receive food stamps. Mrs. Blanks said these workers would be properly instructed so that people eligible for the coupons would be brought to the Department of Social Services, and not those who just "want to have" food stamps.

—Mrs. Blanks said Bladen and Brunswick can process food stamp applications as they are received, but reported that Columbus County is about 30 days behind. Therefore, the board okayed the employment of an "eligibility specialist" to (Continued On Page Three)

Coastal Study Contract Okay

A telephone call received this (Wednesday) afternoon from the office of Congressman Alton Lennon in Washington, D.C., advises that a contract has been awarded Alpine Geophysical Associates, Inc., for offshore testing and investigation in connection with the Brunswick County Berm and Dune project.

The contract calls for \$158,580. Of this amount \$43,000 will come from the berm and dune project fund and the balance from the Corps of Engineers fund for sand inventory.

The operation calls for

offshore testing to determine the location, amount and quality of material which may be available for erecting erosion protection along the beaches of Brunswick County. This will be determined through 480 cores from borings and from the use of seismographic equipment which reveals geological data through sound.

The project is scheduled to get underway Friday and 50 days have been allotted for completion. At the conclusion of the project, together with an analysis of the findings will be submitted by the contractors.



Certificates Of Loyal Service Awarded

Seven employees of J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital were awarded Certificates of Loyal Service last week. The combined years of service for the employees is 110 years. Each employee received a letter of appreciation, Certificate of Loyal Service, and a hospital emblem pin or bracelet showing the number of years employed. Vera McKeithan in addition received a \$25.00

savings bond due to her long employment. From left to right are L.T. Yaskell, chairman of the Board of Trustees, who made the presentations to Mrs. McKeithan, 25 years; Mrs. Mable Joyner, 20 years; Mrs. Recie Rees, 15 years; Mrs. Ruby King, 15 years; Mrs. Elena Gore, 15 years; Mrs. Geneva Floyd, 10 years; and Mrs. Zettie Simons, 10 years.

School Bells

School bells will ring in the new year for more than 6,000 Brunswick County youngsters Tuesday morning, according to Supt. Ralph King.

The first day of school will end early but students begin regular classes Wednesday. The county's 270 teachers report for work Monday.

Parents are reminded that all immunization requirements must be met before their child can enroll in school, and health department personnel or school principals can furnish the needed information.