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## When Lightning Strikes

During one severe thunderstorm last summer lightning struck one of the giant liveoak trees in Franklin Square. That was the day it died, and

now it stands, gray and gaunt with a backdrop of its patriarch cousins in the background. (Photo by Spencer)

## Board Adjusts New-School Budget

The Brunswick County Board of Education met November 1 and accepted resignations from Martha Ann Crockett, and Dennis Pierce, teachers at BC-SHS, and Mary Burney, clerical worker in the county office.

The following teachers and county office personnel were employed: B.C.-S.H.S. — Jerry Ellis, teacher; Leland — Robert Sellers, teacher; Lincoln — Mary L. Sandlin, teacher; County Office — Rebecca Chapman, food service clerical; Norma Wall, bookkeeper; Josephine Collins, book clerk and clerical.

The board approved the following list of substitute teachers and substitute teacher aides: Lincoln —

Juanita Robinson, Joyce Hairston, Carol Holley, Daisy Oliver, Susan Medlin, Peggy Limos, Naeine Russ; Shallotte — Catherine Benton, Louise Holden, Angelo Ventrillo, Luervenia Moses, Barbara Hewett, Christine Dunn, Karen Crews; Southport — Clara L. Goins, Wendell M. Watson, Mary Slade Jackson; Union — Edna J. Bennett, Zebulon G. Reed; Waccamaw — Polly Milligan, Ora Ann Mintz, Carolyn Babson, Madeline Phelps, Mae Milligan, Shirley Ward, Kathy W. Formyduval, Jacqueline B. Smith, Vicki H. Smith, Martha Babson, Betty Smith, Doshia B. Marlowe, Jeanette Evans, Dorothy Lee Slade Frink, Lillian Vann.

Board members voted to accept recommendations of the Health Department to delete tuberculin skin test for pre-school entrance requirement and adding rubeola (red measles) to the immunization list a state requirement.

The board sanctioned the following change orders in area school building contracts and budget amendment: For laying concrete court, walks and planters (omit footings on planters and start masonry on slab) North \$10,960.82, South — \$12,122, West — \$11,009.84.

For building additional walls with doors in room 209, North — \$6,198.27, South — \$6,676, West — \$6,176.

For laying vinyl tile including Room 212 and extending to include rooms 213 thru 220 and omitting from room 133 — 1825 sq. ft. minus 1187 sq. ft. X .38 cents; North — \$7,726.48, South — \$7,500, West — \$10,217.

For completing storage room over food storage (room 222) North — \$1,274.12,

South — \$1,045, West — \$1,045. Totals: North — \$26,159.69, South — \$27,343, West — \$28,447.84.

Budget amendment (carry-over funds to Capital Outlay): New building and grounds — concrete front courts and planters (N-S-W) \$34,092.66; Shop wall partitions (N-S-W) \$19,050.27; vinyl tile installation (N-S-W) \$25,443.48; Storage room over food storage (N-S-W) \$3,364.12; heating plumbing and electrical equipment, electrical wiring for shops (N-S-W) \$10,049.47; source of funds, unencumbered balance, \$92,000.

The board authorized transfer of insurance funds of \$178,789.27 saving certificate from regular capital outlay to capital outlay building fund. Members also approved N.C. Public Schools local school fund budget for the 1971-72 school year.

The board discussed and gave tentative approval to 1972-73 school organizational patterns for all county (Continued On Page Six)

## Yaupon Passes Dog, Gun Laws

The regular monthly meeting of the Yaupon Beach Town Council was held November 1 when two important control ordinances were passed.

Dogs running at large having dangerous or destructive tendencies, as outlined in the ordinance, shall be declared to be a public nuisance. Upon written detailed and signed complaint made to the Police Department, the Chief of Police after investigation, shall notify the dog owner who has 48 hours to destroy or restrain the dog from running at large.

It is unlawful for dogs in heat to run at large unless under control by the owner or member of the family by leash, chain or other method.

If the dog owner refuses to abate the nuisance, as ordered, he shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, punishable upon conviction by a fine not exceeding \$50 or imprisonment not exceeding 30

days, as provided by North Carolina General Statutes, Sec. 144.

It is unlawful to use any airgun, BB gun, slingshot, grit shooter, bow and arrow, etc. within the town limits. This ordinance applies to any instrument for projecting missiles likely to do injury to persons or property.

By approval of the commissioners, dog license tags have been ordered for the year 1972 and all dog owners in the Town of Yaupon Beach must register their dogs and purchase license tags.

An ordinance controlling unlawful assembly and disorderly conduct proposed by Police Chief Leo Thomas was tabled pending further study by the commissioners.

The Yaupon Beach Town Meeting is held on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. and Mayor C.E. Murphy invites all interested citizens of Yaupon Beach to attend. The meetings are open to the public.

## Federal Aid For Bridge Is Possible, Says Scott

A high-level bridge to connect Oak Island with the mainland may be financed with federal money, according to Gov. Bob Scott.

Scott, speaking to the State Highway Commission Thursday, said "the federal government finally got around to taking a look" at the Oak Island problem, which left the 2,000 island inhabitants with only a makeshift link with the Southport area.

Vehicular travel to and from the island was cut-off September 7 when a tug and barge crashed into the swing bridge that provided the only access. Temporary ferry service provided some relief to the islanders while a one-lane bridge was being installed at the old bridge site.

The ferry service was criticized by the Oak Island residents as slow and unreliable; the noted improvement of the one-lane bridge is that it is safer.

Businesses on the island,

many of which close shop after Labor Day each year, have complained that the situation is an emergency because their activity has been curtailed. The more relevant complaint is that Gov. Scott was slow in acting; particularly, that he refused to declare disaster status for the island.

Scott said Thursday that he has been informed by Francis Turner, director of the Federal Highway Ad-

ministration, that the bridge could be replaced with emergency funds.

The N.C. Highway Commission has filed a lawsuit against the owners of the tug and barge, claiming \$1 million damage. The understanding is that the federal government would pay for the cost of replacing the bridge — less any settlement from the lawsuit. Officials reportedly aren't overly optimistic, however,

about getting much money from the shipping company.

Estimated costs for a concrete and steel, high-level structure range from \$2 to \$3 million. The location mentioned most frequently for the new bridge is the Yellow Banks, a section near the western end of the island. There is no highway link in that area but such a route would benefit travelers from upstate, although a site near the present bridge location would provide better access to the Southport area where many of the island inhabitants work.

The expected federal aid would probably not speed-up completion of the high-level span, so islanders and tourists will have to get by with the one-lane bridge now available. The facility is adequate for normal traffic, but during the early morning and late afternoon when construction workers are on the move, the traffic is a major problem.

The problem is expected to be compounded during the summer vacation months. Some officials have estimated it will take up to three years to construct the high-level span, which would allow water traffic on the Intracoastal Waterway to move without the bridge having to be closed to vehicular traffic.

Referring to the criticism leveled at him by the island residents, Scott said the harsh words were unjustified, and he commended the State Highway Commission for their prompt action in restoring the transportation link to the island.

## Time And Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week the new flatbed press at The News Reporter plant in Whiteville was used for the first time to print The Pilot. The most significant change was in the size of the paper, which now went from seven to eight columns. There had been a general election the day before, and the late Clyde R. Hoey had been elected Governor of North Carolina.

The season's first frost already had hit here, on October 30; the James Roosevelt yacht, Half-Moon, had been in the Southport harbor; and a missing shrimp trawler had been found by the Coast Guard after her skipper had swam ashore to notify them of her position.

Five years later, on November 5, 1941, the Outdoor Writers were back in Southport and with them was the late Dr. T. Gilbert Pearson, noted ornithologist, who was back in his favorite haunts. State American Legion officials were coming here for a District meeting and there was a front page story telling that the CCC camp at Bolton soon would be closed.

In connection with the coming of the Legionnaires we had one of the most ambitious co-op advertisements we ever carried in this newspaper. It was a double page spread, and there were 24-advertisers. The central theme was a welcome to the veterans at their meeting here.

The Pilot for November 6, 1946, showed scenes from the Halloween Carnival at Southport, Janice Swan was the queen, Gene Fulwood was the king, and the crown bearer was Little Michael Hardee.

Shallotte citizens were seeking dependable telephone service; the annual homecoming had been observed at New Hope Presbyterian Church at Winnabow; and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Livingston had purchased the Episcopal Rectory. On the

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## Frink Named To Fish Study

S. Bunn Frink, Senator from Brunswick County, has been named to serve on the commission to establish the North Carolina Fisheries Study Commission.

The veteran lawmaker was named to the post by Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor, who told Frink, "I am sure that you will do a fine job and contribute much to this commission."

Also this week, Frink received a commendation from the Department of Veterans Affairs for his service in the N.C. General Assembly as chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans and Military Affairs. The citation noted Frink's service in the U.S. Navy during World War I and in the Coast Guard during the second World War, plus his accomplishments in the North Carolina legislature.

The North Carolina Fisheries Study Commission, according to a bill of the General Assembly, noted that many North Carolinians earn their livelihoods by harvesting and placing into commercial channels the production from the marine resources of the state.

The ratified bill added that "many of these North Carolinians do not share in the increase that reasonably should accrue to them."

The committee, which shall consist of a chairman and ten members, including three senators. The committee will serve until its report to the governor and other officials on or before December 1, 1973.

The committee will have the following duties and responsibilities:

Sec. 3. The chairman and members of this Commission shall serve until their report (Continued On Page Six)

## Professor Talks Of Early Settlement On Cape Fear

By KATHY CARSON

The story of the ill-fated English settlement at the mouth of Town Creek is well known to those interested in the history of the Lower Cape Fear. This was not, however, the first attempt to establish a colony in this area. Two years before the Town Creek settlement and even before the Royal Charter which granted Carolina to the eight Lords Proprietors, the first of three expeditions from New England arrived at Cape Fear to explore in the hope of finding land suitable for establishing a colony. Dr. Louise Hall of Duke University has done extensive research in early Carolina history, and at the November meeting of the Brunswick County Historical Society she presented the story of these New England expeditions, using slides of early maps and documents to illustrate her lecture.

The first group of "Adventurers about Cape Fear"

set out from Charlestowne, Massachusetts in August 1662. Reaching the Cape Fear in September, they were driven back to sea by a hurricane, and it was not until October 4 that they first entered the river and began exploring upstream. The land appeared suitable for farming and raising cattle. After a second exploratory voyage, the third expedition set out from Charlestowne, with their goods and livestock, to establish a settlement in the Lower Cape Fear.

Why was this colony never established? The only clue to

this part of the story is a document drawn up by the captain of one of the ships and a group of his passengers. According to the terms of this agreement, the captain was to take this group to the Roanoke settlement but if they were unable to enter the Roanoke River within four days after their arrival, he was to take them back to Massachusetts. This document, dated April 4, 1663, was written on board the ship then at "Cape Fear." A note written by another member of the expedition explains (Continued On Page Six)



## Talks To Historians

Dr. Louise Hall of Duke University was the speaker Monday evening at the monthly meeting of the Brunswick County Historic Society which met at Woodburn.

## "Orderly Growth"

## Reader Recommends Planning

James L. Grubb is a former official of Look Magazine. Each summer he and his family spend their vacation in Brunswick County, hence he has a personal knowledge of local conditions. This week we received the following letter from him, and since it sometimes is well to see ourselves as others see us, we decided to lift it from the Letters to the Editor column and use it on the front page:

I was impressed with your October 20 editorial "Orderly Growth". As you so rightly point out, not only will Southport itself undergo dramatic changes in the next few years, so too will Brunswick County.

I am a "commuter" to this, my adopted region. I was a guest and visitor for the second time this year early in October so some of the scenes I depict are fresh in my mind. I hasten to add, I'm

also a property owner, taxpayer and have been an annual vacationer here over the past ten years.

Some well-chosen words in your editorial come to mind: "... not only quality and durability, but a pleasing appearance"

Southport, Oak Island, Long Beach, Yaupon, as well as Caswell Beach have a generous sprinkling of fine people who do give a damn about "how she goes" (the quotes are mine). I know they have a great deal of pride in the place where they live.

With leadership (more than is now evident) and some kind of on-going organization, positive steps should be taken NOW to see to it the impression of quality, durability and a pleasing appearance really become a way of life in this lovely area.

Right now I'd say it's on the downgrade.

When you view the junk and rubbish at low tide on the Southport docks you just know, somewhere

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