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## Juniors Name New Officers

Mrs. Sandy Spencer was installed as president of the Junior Woman's Club of Southport Friday night at the club's annual Christmas banquet at Jones Restaurant.

Mrs. Mary McHose, retiring president, presided over the candlelight installation following dinner. She introduced the guest of honor, Mrs. Margaret Harper, who installed the new officers. Mrs. Harper has been president of the Southport Woman's Club, District 11 president, and president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs. Each new officer was introduced by Mrs. Harper as her duties were described. They will be President, Sandy Spencer; vice-president, Susan Herring; secretary, Almeta Crowe; treasurer, Betty Trunnell; Newsletter Editor, May Barbee; Publicity Director, Fonda Stephenson.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the Club Woman of the Year award, voted on by the club members themselves. Mrs. McHose, last year's winner, presented the silver bowl to Mrs. Almeta Crowe. Mrs. Crowe is the only club member who ever received this award twice. She received the silver bowl once before in 1965.

Three new members during 1971 were given the pledge of membership and officially welcomed into the club by (Continued On Page Four)



Presents Gift To Library

Mrs. Mae Bamber, former Mayor of Southport, England, is shown here as she visited the Southport-Brunswick County Library Monday to present an autographed copy of "Southport (England) Architecture". With her in this picture

are Mayor Dorothy Gilbert, Postmaster Marjorie Livingston, Mrs. Bamber, City Manager C.D. Pickerrel and Mrs. Dorothy Davis, librarian. (Photo by Spencer)

## Past Southport (England) Mayor Pays Another Visit

Mrs. Mae Bamber, former Mayor of Southport, England, and long-time friend of South-

port, North Carolina, was a visitor in this city over the weekend and while here visited the Southport-Brunswick County Public Library for the purpose of delivering a book on the architecture of Southport, England, courtesy of the author.

Mrs. Bamber is on her way to spend Christmas with her sister in Florida.

The book is entitled "Thatch, Towers and Colonnades" and the author is Cedric Greenwood. In the past Mrs. Bamber has been responsible for a number of books being added to the shelves of the local library.

She was mayor in 1957-58 and in 1965 sent a teak-chest of books from various organizations and individuals in her city to the North Carolina Southport's Library.

She is a founder and former national president of the Transatlantic Brides and Parents Association. When she is in this country she tries to visit the four Southports, one in Maine, one in Connecticut, the North Carolina Southport, and one in Florida which is now a ghost town. While here she also presented to the editor of the local paper a copy of the Southport (England) Visiter, featuring their award winning design.

## Time And Tide

Our Christmas week issue of The Pilot for 1936 came out on December 24, and for this one time we used green ink, a sort of color printing that was 20 years before its time. May it never be said that The Pilot is not a pioneer! (confidentially, it was a sort of sickly green, barely legible. And we never have tried it again.) The Southport business district was decorated for Christmas, with colored lights across the streets at the four principal business intersections.

There was good news from the Post Office Department: Sunday morning delivery in Southport was scheduled to begin on January 3, 1937. Shipments of Christmas evergreens, principally, holly, was adding to the income of several Brunswick farmers; and Christmas vacation for Brunswick county school children had included those for the one-teacher unit at Bald Head Island.

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## Good Reaction To Bridge Site

Reaction to the announcement last week by the State Highway Commission Planning Board that a new fixed span bridge across the inland waterway to Oak Island will be in approximately the same location as the old bridge has met with general approval.

The citizens of Yaupon Beach understandably were pleased, for it means that traffic patterns to the beach area will be unchanged. Mayor C.E. Murphy spoke for most of his people last week when he said, "We couldn't be happier. Now all we want them to do is start to work."

This week City manager Jack Hayward of Long Beach declared that he and the majority of the people in that beach community are pleased with the speed that has been shown by the Planning Board. "We are delighted that the Planning Board has agreed upon the location of a high level bridge

to serve the island. We hope they will be able to begin construction soon."

When asked if he could be quoted he replied "You certainly may".

A spokesman for the State Highway Commission said this week that every possible effort still is being made to expedite this project, and this probably dates from Governor Bob Scott's original message to the Highway Department the day following the accident which destroyed the old bridge.

World from Raleigh is that an environmental study is a requirement for this project, but that orders have been given to move with red tape-cutting speed. Instead of the usual several months, it is anticipated that this phase will be limited to only a few weeks.

The bridge project is a major construction project, and the prospect is that it will require many months for completion.



Garden club members of Southport combined efforts Tuesday in their annual project to make Christmas wreaths to be placed on the doorways of the various church in Southport. Shown here, left to right, are Mrs. Dan Harrelson, Mrs. Fred

Willing, Mrs. Clint Bellamy, Mrs. Guy Garrett, Mrs. Robert Thompson, Mrs. Davis Herring, Mrs. Jack Vermillion and Mrs. M.M. McHose. In the foreground is Mrs. Lewis Hardee. (Photo by Spencer)

## Free Phone Service For County? Maybe

The possibility of toll-free telephone service for Brunswick County was discussed Monday by the board of commissioners and representatives of the Southern Bell and Atlantic telephone companies.

Many problems would have to be eliminated before such a county-wide service could be offered, the board was told by Ron Nance, manager of Southern Bell's Wilmington office, and George Harmon, district manager of that company.

Harmon said a cost factor would have to be studied. Initial studies could show there was not enough interest to establish the service, then if a service were established a large increase in phone calls would occur.

He explained that people who would have limited their calls because they were calling long distance would use the service much more frequently, thus creating a need for a larger number of circuits.

Cost of providing a toll-free service could increase rates by as much as 60 percent, he noted.

W.A. Kopp, Jr., chairman of the county commissioners, gave his reasons for wanting

toll-free services established. "For a long time there has been a sectionalism or split in Brunswick County and I feel it is in part due to a lack of communication within the county. Trying to get the county together is one of the objectives of this board, and I'd like to see it done during our time or as soon as possible."

Harmon said Southern Bell was considering giving people who make numbers of calls throughout the county a modified WATS arrangement for in-county calls.

County commissioners are studying possibilities for the service, and are awaiting results of another telephone company study. Also present was Earl Bellamy of Atlantic Telephone company, who agreed in-county service would cause problems, but said his company could handle it if Southern Bell decided it was feasible.

The county currently has service from Southern Bell and Atlantic Telephone, making it long distance to call each other's exchange. In some places it is long distance to call someone who live five miles away.

In other business Monday, the board chairman referred

to Corncake Inlet and its affect on pollution in the marshlands behind Bald Head Island.

"It is beyond me to realize how the government will not take into account the tremendous economic loss to the people of Brunswick County because of the polluted area in and around Bald Head Island which, in my opinion, has become so as a direct result of the closing of Corncake Inlet several years ago," the board chairman said.

"Public officials and private citizens of Brunswick County have plead, with apparent failure, for Corncake Inlet to be opened to achieve the same results to be achieved by the opening of Drum Inlet (further up the N.C. coast)," he added.

In a letter Col. Albert Costanzo of the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Kopp said the Cape Fear River has polluted the marshes and shellfish breeding areas near the island.

"Why then is it not feasible to open Corncake Inlet, thereby improving the salt water circulation so that these marsh areas will once again be productive?" he asked.



State Jaycee President Here

Avery Nye, state president of the Jaycees, visited Southport Thursday and was greeted by City Manager C.D. Pickerrell. On the right is William Ezzell, president of the Southport Jaycees. This was one stop in a tour of the state mapped out by President Nye, who is from Fairmont. (Photo by Spencer)

## Terminal Ships Go 'Piggy-Back'

A third packaging innovation was given its first try here Saturday when several flat cars piggy-loaded with large trailer vans were unloaded.

While piggy-back is nothing new in railroading, Leslie R.

Bellows, public information officer of the Military Ocean Terminal, said, "we haven't tried it."

Bellows observed this was an experiment on the part of the railroad (Seaboard Coastline) as well.

A tractor-truck was backed up a ramp from ground level to the level of the flat cars holding the trailers. It hitched on the trailers and pulled them off to their destination in the yards of the Terminal where they will await unloading on to ships.

The trailers carried about 40,000 pounds each and were loaded two to a car. Each trailer was 40 feet long.

"There can be a cost advantage to moving trailer this way," Bellows believes.

As far as the work at the Terminal goes, this method of cargo movements makes little difference. He added it might make a difference at some of the depots at which the ammunition is loaded into truck trailers or railroad cars.

Earlier this year the Terminal off-loaded its first LASH cargo on the 800-foot long LASH Italia. In this

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## Local Girl Star In Play

Rachel Ann Harrelson, daughter of Mrs. Edwin C. Harrelson, Southport, was one of the 24 students taking part in the production, "Alice Construction Co." Last week at N.C. State University. A junior at and sociology major, Rachel played one of the Alices and appeared in several scenes and dances, in each one a different character.

This is State's entry in the American College Theater Festival. Ten productions will be chosen for presentation in Washington in April at the John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, which presents the Festival along with the Smithsonian Institution.

To quote Bill Morrison, Entertainment Editor for New and Observer, Raleigh, "Alice Construction Co. is the most usual theater experience I've ever experienced. If it were possible to take this show off the Thompson Theater stage, I would give it to every person on my Christmas list. It's a psychedelic happening, a satire, a side show, a pleasure. It's a profusion of dazzling entertainments, funny or frightening interludes and memorable vignettes."

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## Shalotte To Handle Folders

Shalotte has been selected by the U.S. Postal Service to make available to the public the 1971 Commemorative Stamp Folders, marking the first time in history that such mini-albums have been distributed through post offices, the postmaster said.

"We are pleased that we can make available these attractive mini-albums throughout our area," he added.

The folders will contain all commemorative stamps issued in 1971, plus two Christmas stamps issued on November 10.

The starter kits will be sold in Shalotte at the post office

and in the following communities at the local post office: Burgaw, Wilmington, Tabor City, Wallace and Whiteville.

The kits contain 24 commemorative stamps and a mini-album with a description of each. They are primarily designed to encourage stamp collecting by young persons and will cost \$2.50.

"The stamp folders make it possible for young adults and collectors to purchase a full year's issue of commemorative stamps at one time," the postmaster,

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