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Derelict

This is a scene in Lockwoods Folly River near the bridge over Highway 211 at Supply. The probability is that this boat was tied up at this

point for safe harbor, then became a victim of decay and neglect as she gradually sank to the bottom of the stream. (Photo by Spencer)

Beach Trash Collection Schedule Twice-A-Week

The regular monthly meeting of the Yaupon Beach Commissioners was held at the Town Hall, January 3 with Mayor Clarence Murphy presiding. All commissioners were present, including Jack Allen, Frank Aman, Gibson Barbee, Jackie Herring and William McDougle.

A letter received from the U.S. Coast Guard regarding the scheduling of bridge openings for pleasure craft on the Intracoastal Waterway was read. They required, among other things, 15 minute interval traffic count and bridge opening count, so the Commissioners agreed to wait for a reply to their letter to the State Highway Commission before acting on the Coast Guard letter. Mayor Murphy stated that at the time the barge-bridge was installed, the State Highway Commission had said they would take a traffic count at peak hours, if necessary. Commissioner McDougle remarked that the boats seemed to leave the Boat Harbor in Southport about the same time as the people on the island were leaving for work and the bridge openings were causing delays and people to be late. Therefore, it was considered advisable

to wait for any suggestions that may come from the State Highway Commission.

In anticipation of the increased population during the summer season and the addition of the Oak Island Drive and Quail Hollow Drive sections which were annexed into Yaupon Beach on January 1, the schedule of trash collection was reduced to twice a week. Property owners will be advised of the new collection days.

It was voted that the 1972

River Industry Attracts Nader

Two members of Ralph Nader's staff met Saturday with residents of New Hanover and surrounding counties about plans for a Water Action Project and how it might be made to work in North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Pigott of Southport attended both the morning and afternoon sessions and when at the conclusion of the meeting mention was made that this type of activity must be

funded, they became the first to make a cash contribution. They were there to represent a large group of boatmen and fishermen from Brunswick County.

Robert Michaels and David Zwick, Nader staffers coordinating the organizing effort, met with concerned environmentalists at 11 a.m. Saturday, and continued their talks throughout the afternoon.

Basically the information passed by Michaels was that "If the people want a Clean Water Action Project, they must provide offices, expenses, and salaries for a regional group which then would in turn have national backing."

"We want the Clean Water Action Project to be a North Carolina project—not a Michael's project—not a Nader's project—but your project," Michaels said.

Michaels of Washington, D.C., said the project's goal is to set up regional offices across the country staffed by lawyers, chemists, ecologists and others whose duties will be restricted to combating water pollution.

"We want to prove to ourselves and to others that something can be done about water pollution," Michaels told a group of conservationists, business representatives and city, state and federal officials.

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39 Foreigners At Historic Site

Thirty-nine students from 19 different nations recently visited Brunswick Town State Historic Site while participating in the third annual Christmas International House sponsored by the Winter Park Presbyterian Church in Wilmington.

This program was begun six years ago to provide international students attending colleges and universities throughout the country with a place to spend the Christmas holidays. The Winter Park church has sponsored the program in this area for the past three years.

While in Wilmington as the guests of various families, these students are given tours of many points of interest in the Lower Cape Fear area.

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County Welfare Office Has Backlog Of Cases

By ED HARPER

Many welfare recipients in Brunswick County are being underpaid, according to Department of Social Services director Mrs. Emma Chadwick.

"It has been our experience," she said, "that because of the increase in the cost of living some recipients are not being paid as much as they should be. I don't think we have a problem with ineligibles, though."

Brunswick is among ten North Carolina counties identified by Clifton Craig, commissioner of the state Department of Social Services, as having many ineligibles on the welfare rolls and having a large backlog of cases. A quality control check reported that ten percent of the North Carolina recipients of Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) were ineligible and another 33 percent were paid either too little or too much.

Mrs. Chadwick said she does not doubt that the figures are accurate, but added that they don't tell the whole story.

"We do have overdue reviews, but we are working on them and clearing them up. Like any agency," she continued, "the work becomes more complicated all the time and our staff is working hard to learn the new procedures."

Mrs. Chadwick said there has been a lot of turnover in her staff and when new workers are being trained, the learning is doubly hard.

"We really need some more staff," she stated. "An eligibility specialist for the AFDC program would be a tremendous help to the county."

The Social Services director said the Brunswick County commissioners had provided her department money to hire an eligibility specialist but the decision was made to employ a much-needed clerical worker instead. "The commissioners are familiar with our needs," she added.

Mrs. Chadwick has been aware of the problems of her department all along; a release of the statewide survey called the public's attention to the situation and

touched-off an exchange of charges among state officials.

After Craig blamed the situation on "improper management" by the county Departments of Social Services, the president of the N.C. Social Services Association said the state and federal welfare agencies must share equal responsibility for the reportedly high rate of errors.

"It's a part of the whole welfare system," said

association president E.C. Modlin. "There is no one single answer."

John T. Morrisey, executive director of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners, said Craig should "quit picking on the counties."

"He should look at the whole rotten, lousy welfare system and quit picking on the counties," said Morrisey, not mincing any words. "It's not a question of whom to blame for mistakes, but how

to improve a misadministered system."

Craig replied that people are always insisting that problems be brought into the open, "but when we expose the problems they don't like it."

"It was just making a truthful statement. The records show that there are errors on the county level. If we find fault that the county has made, I don't know anything—but to say the counties are in error."

Five-Year Development Plan Being Formulated

The Brunswick County Extension staff has begun work on a new five-year program to help develop the county's economic, natural and human resources.

The Brunswick County program is part of a statewide extension effort, which was officially launched in Raleigh today (Thursday). The program has been named IMPACT '76, because it is

expected to have a big impact upon the state by its termination date of 1976.

A.F. Martin, Brunswick County Extension Chairman, said IMPACT '76 establishes goals in five major areas: agriculture, family living, 4-H, community resource development, and environmental quality.

"We planned our local goals with the help of

Brunswick County people," Martin explained. "We invited groups of people in over a 12-month period and sought their opinions on our needs and opportunities."

Statewide, more than 10,000 local citizens helped the Agricultural Extension Service plan for IMPACT '76.

Martin describes some of the specific objectives of IMPACT '76 in Brunswick County in the following paragraphs.

"The most important problem areas were identified by the Extension Advisory Committee. The County Extension Office plans to assist the people of Brunswick County by providing them with educational information and encouraging them to adopt new practices that will provide a better way of life. The following is a listing of the major areas for educational effort of the Extension Service.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND MARKETING—Rising costs of production continue to plague farmers along with low prices for farm produce. The Extension Office plans to encourage practices that will lower costs of production and to encourage some growers to add new enterprises to supplement income. The management, mechanization, record keeping and marketing. The major em-

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Rourk Doubts Sheriff's Word

Sheriff Harold Willetts "may as well get ready to be haunted by the mistake" the commissioners have made concerning the county jails, according to former board chairman George T. Rourk of Leland.

Rourk, chairman of the county board when the jails now under construction were being planned, was unseated in the last General Election. His objection was to published statements attributed to Sheriff Willetts that concerned financing of the facilities being constructed at Southport and Shallotte.

In a prepared statement, Rourk said, "As chairman of the former Democratic board of county commissioners, I take exception to some of the

statements made by Sheriff Harold Willetts in an article appearing in the Wilmington newspaper concerning the new jails.

"Willetts stated that only \$25,000 was left by the former board for jail building. This is not true. Included in the 1970-71 was ten-cent levy for jail building."

This levy would be equivalent to \$72,000, Rourk said.

"A grant of \$8,400 for architect fees was obtained and a grant of \$44,500 for actual structures was obtained and \$28,000 was included in the contingency fund for this purpose. This makes a total of \$152,900," Rourk noted.

The former chairman said the amount was more than

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Time And Tide

The date was January 13, 1937, and Southport would have the U.S. Navy Submarine Perch as a visitor the following day. There was a front-page streamer in The Pilot saying so, and a story detailing some of the entertainment that had been planned for officers and members of the crew.

Offices for the City of Southport had been moved into the first floor of the old Southport High School building in Franklin Square. That big, frame building had been abandoned several years before as suitable quarters for a school, but had been renovated with WPA funds for use by the American Legion and the city administration. A decision had been reached not to dynamite the wreck of the Greek ship Mount Dirfys, which had sunk in Frying Pan Shoals a few weeks previously. This was good news for fishermen, for it preserved new feeding grounds for game fish which fed on barnacles.

Front-page news in The Pilot for January 14, 1942, told of wartime restrictions; Tire rationing was in order, and only two certificates for the purchase of new tires had been issued; there was a great demand for scrap metal, and drives for collection were on; and the county agent was warning farmers to protect and plan to get full use from their farm machinery.

A front-page headline: "Weather Is Good For Hog Killing"; some shrimp were being caught here, with enough sea mullet

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International Exchange Students

Students from 19 nations visited Brunswick Town recently during the Christmas International House sponsored by Winter Park Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Neal McMillan and some

of the 39 students are shown here as they begin their tour of the site. (Brunswick Town Photo)