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THE AGONY OF THE MOMENT was exceeded only by the relief that the dread measles shot didn't really hurt at all. German and red measles vaccinations were offered to under-12

year olds throughout Brunswick County by the Health Department, as require by law before children can attend school.

## Saturday Will Be Time Of Decision For Voters

Months of political handshaking and "y'all come" rallies end Saturday when voters decide who they want to hold office in Brunswick County and the state.

A record turn-out is expected in the county, where 12,345 are registered to vote. Mrs. Vivian Tatum, executive secretary of the Brunswick Board of Elec-

tions, reported that 1,700 persons have registered since the last election, mostly in the last few weeks before the April 7 deadline.

County-level elections include the choosing of two Board of Education members from the following eight candidates: Bill Sue, Donald White, Ted Caudill and Mrs. Dorothy McKeithan, all of

Northwest Township; and W.T. Bowen, Jesse Simmons, Willie Long and Earlie J. Smith of Waccamaw Township.

In other county contests, Herman Strong, Wayland Vereen and Bobby Thorsen are seeking the Democratic nomination for county commissioner from Smithville Township. Also, Andrew

Gray and John W. Reeves are vying for the Lockwood Folly Township nomination, and W.A. Stanley and C. Drew Long are competing for the Shallotte Township Democratic slot.

Unopposed for county board Democratic nominations are Lonnie C. McCoy, Jr., of Northwest and Ernest M. McGee, Jr., of Town Creek. The incumbent board of commissioners, Republican and unopposed, includes W. A. Kopp, Jr., of Town Creek; John Bray, Smithville; Vardell Hughes, Waccamaw; J.T. Clemmons, Lockwood Folly and Robert Simmons, Shallotte.

Democrat Durward Clark and Republican Arthur Knox are unopposed for their parties' nomination for Register of Deeds. Also, Republican Thomas Harrelson and Democrat James Prevatte, both of Southport, will meet in the fall general election for the N.C. House of Representatives seat for Brunswick and Pender counties.

Doran Berry, Hector McGeachy and Charlie Rose, all Fayetteville attorneys, are seeking the 7th District seat in Congress, which was vacated when Alton Lennon announced his retirement. The winner goes against either William Nixon or Jerry Scott, the Republican candidates, in the November election.

An interesting contest has developed in the State Senate race between Arthur Williamson, Dennis Grainger and Bobby Sessions. The winner will be opposed by Republican J.W. Suggs for the Senate post representing Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties.

Other contests in which Brunswick County voters can cast ballots include those for governor, lieutenant governor, U.S. Senate and several other state offices. Margaret Harper of Southport is a candidate in the race for lieutenant governor, where a second primary is expected.

## One-Lane Bridge Said Adequate For Beaches

State Highway engineers have announced that a survey of traffic at Oak Island showed the temporary bridge there can handle the same number of cars that used the permanent span last summer.

The one-way temporary bridge was built to link the island and mainland after an errant barge demolished the regular drawbridge last fall.

James H. Medlin, highway division engineer, said that 5,448 vehicles crossed the

temporary bridge on the Saturday before Easter without undue delay and that on Good Friday and Easter Sunday the number was "about 5,000."

He said traffic counts taken last summer showed that some 5,500 cars used the bridge daily and that "we can carry that many over this new structure without undue delay." He said the survey showed that the present structure can accommodate 7,000 vehicles during daylight hours this summer with little or no inconvenience.

Medlin said that he observed the operations at Oak Island during the Easter weekend and, except in one or two instances, all vehicles were able to pass over the structure on one signal cycle.

However, he pointed out that during the Easter weekend, the U.S. Coast

Guard had special regulations in effect that limited the opening of the bridge for water traffic between noon and 6 p.m.

"There will be some slight delays whenever the bridge has been opened for water traffic and then is opened with a backlog of vehicles," he said.

After the permanent drawbridge was knocked out, the single lane barge bridge was put into place with traffic signals at each end. The signals are timed so as to accommodate the maximum number of cars.

Plans for a new bridge are being designed, and a public hearing to explain the project will be held on May 24 at the Brunswick county-Southport High School in Southport. The new bridge will be erected just west of the temporary bridge.

## Bank Is Disappointed About FDIC Rejection

Recently when the board of directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation denied the application of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company to establish a full-service bank at Long Beach the decision drew angry response from residents and officials of that resort area.

Jack Hayward, city manager at Long Beach, became the spokesman for the community, and this week L.R. Bowers, president of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company released a copy of the report of the FDIC directors pertaining to this decision. In a cover letter to the Long Beach town official Bowers stated:

"We refer to our application to the Federal

Deposit Insurance Corporation to establish a full-service bank in your good town which has been denied.

You are now fully aware of the reasons for the denial which we have researched thoroughly and apparently have no recourse to change. We are fully as disappointed as the citizens of Long Beach in this decision. We feel that we have been diligent in our efforts to be a progressive and aggressive bank in Brunswick County and that we have demonstrated our interest in giving the best banking service possible. We particularly believe that our policy toward beach loans has been liberal and hopefully instrumental in the development of Oak Island.

Following is a copy of the FDIC report denying the application:

"Pursuant to the provisions of Section 18(d) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1828), Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Whiteville, North Carolina has filed an application with the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation for consent to establish a branch at 5710 East Ocean Highway, Long Beach, Brunswick County, North Carolina.

## Books Given As Memorial

As a part of National Library Week, the Southport Baptist Church, in a special memorial service held on last Sunday evening, dedicated the 40 volumes recently given to the church library in memory of Mrs. Laney Southerland, Mrs. Nell Pendergraph, Mrs. Florence Peardrick and Mrs. Dorothy Bogie.

Rev. John C. Dean, pastor, led in the service, taking the text for his message from Jeremiah 30:2. Special guests of the church for the occasion were members of the families of those being honored and included Charles W. Southerland, Mrs. Laura S. Watts, Mrs. Lucy Southerland of the family of Mrs. Laney Southerland; L.M. Pendergraph, Mrs. Brenda P. Garner, Mrs. F.H. Abrams of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. N.H. Butler, of Fayetteville, and Mr. and Mrs. James T. White of Raleigh, of the family of Mrs. Nell Pendergraph; and Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Doshier, Mrs. Gertrude Doshier, and Mrs. Jimmy Davis of the family of Mrs. Florence Peardrick.

The Round Table Book Club of the Baptist Women is the sponsoring group for the church library and Mrs. Susan Carson is Director of Library Services.

## Fire Truck Supper Set

Lunch and dinner will be served at the Tri-Beach (Holden Beach) Fire Department Saturday with the proceeds going toward the purchase of a new fire truck, it has been announced by Mrs. Ina Belle Fulford, secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary.

"The truck was ordered today and came off the assembly line with the best fire-fighting equipment to aid those in the surrounding area that might need it," said Mrs. Fulford.

"All the volunteer firemen are soliciting funds in the area to help pay for this truck. Our present truck is in need of repairs and each time we go out to a fire, we spend numerous hours on repairs,"

## Four Injured In Boat Crash

A freak motorboat accident Sunday afternoon injured four Southport men, two of them seriously.

John Richards reportedly suffered a broken back and Ben Blake was severely cut

by the boat's propeller. Bill Blake and Skeeter Trott were treated at New Hanover Memorial Hospital and released.

According to a report from the Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Rescue Squad, the four men were cruising the Cape Fear River after a fish fry near Navassa. The spokesman said that the four men were heading up the Cape Fear River when the boat apparently struck a submerged object and veered sharply towards shore.

The craft plowed up a steep embankment, throwing Richards from his seat at the rear of the boat to the front of the craft and then into the river. The motor was thrown forward, the propeller blade cutting Blake's leg.

The boat reportedly was traveling about 25 miles an hour when the incident occurred.

Richards was rescued from the river by a second boat, which then carried Richards and the badly-injured Blake to the Acme-Delco-Riegelwood Rescue Squad station. Squad members returned to the scene to get Bill Blake and Trott.

All four were taken to the Wilmington hospital by the rescue squad.



## Campaign Diary

By MARGARET HARPER

Saturday is the big day. If I told you I am not excited over the prospect I wouldn't be telling the truth. This time I know I have a good chance to win, and I certainly expect to be eligible for the second primary. Reports from across the state indicate this is true.

What I am chiefly interested in right now is a big vote here at home. I know there are at least two serious efforts to win votes in Brunswick for other candidates for lieutenant governor, but I am counting on my friends and neighbors for their support. The overwhelming vote from my homefolks in the first primary is the strongest foundation upon which to build an effective campaign for the second primary.

When I left off last week I was getting ready for a busy day in Montgomery and Moore counties. Kitty Reid met me at Southern Pines and we shook hands with people at Voit Gilmore's shopping center until time to go to Sandhills Com-

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The ruins of St. Philips Church at Brunswick Town provided the backdrop for a special service Sunday with members of the state and local Historical Societies in the congregation. That group also had lunch in Southport and toured

places of historic interest in this area. The Wilmington Episcopal Development Commission sponsored the worship service which they hope to make an annual event.