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SOUTHPORT POSTMASTER Mrs. Margie Livingston puts up the morning mail, the only delivery made here each day. A new postal system, which forwards all outgoing mail to Fayetteville, is designed to ultimately speed delivery, but the positive effect has not been felt so far. The problem, according to Mrs. Livingston, is that the present post office is overworked and understaffed.

New Postal System Brings Once-A-Day Mail Delivery

Don't rush to the Southport post office to mail a letter because it won't leave until late this afternoon.

And don't wait for the afternoon mail to come. There won't be any.

The change to once-a-day mailing is intended to expedite the delivery of mail in the Southport area. So far, the most noticeable difference has been a delayed mail delivery and a backlog of third-class mail. "We can't tell how the new system is working yet," said Postmaster Mrs. Margie Livingston. "There are still some flaws to work out but eventually it should speed mail delivery."

The rapid growth of the Southport area has complicated the matter. "Volume is the problem right now," the postmaster said. "It's simply taking more time." During June, 108,379 pieces of mail were sent from the local post office and 291,394

were received. All 650 boxes in the post office are rented and there is a long waiting list. "There were about 300 boxes rented five years ago," Mrs. Livingston noted.

The Southport Post Office has qualified for "first-class" standing with receipts of more than \$75,000 during the past year. The current year figure is \$25,000 above that, Mrs. Livingston said.

"I can remember when we passed \$8,000 to be a second-

class post office."

Under the present system, which became effective July 1, all outgoing mail, except that put in the Southport slot at the post office, is sent to Fayetteville for cancellation and distribution. All the local post office employees must do, Mrs. Livingston explained, is place the mail in trays, saving several hours per day work that used to be spent cancelling mail.

"We are trying to

reschedule working-hours," the postmaster continued, "trying to use the employees to the greatest advantage." Not having to cancel mail will help, but still there are only three employees, counting the postmaster, to wait on customers and put the mail in the boxes.

Mrs. Livingston said the volume of mail "has doubled in the past year." As another example of the increase, she said the number of boxes on

the Long Beach route has doubled to 800 since work on the CP&L nuclear power plant began four years ago.

This time of year is even busier than Christmas, according to the postmaster. "Sometimes it seems that people come to the beach just to write letters back home," Mrs. Livingston said.

The Area Mail Processing, which is what the U.S. Postal Service calls the new system, also affects post offices at Shallotte, Winnabow, Ash, Supply, Leland and Bolivia. All mail from these offices will be processed for outgoing dispatch through the Fayetteville post office.

"The program is intended to speed the ultimate delivery of mail and gain maximum efficiency and economy through full utilization of Fayetteville's modern post office," said Carl Ulsaker, regional postmaster general for the Southern Postal Region.

All Southport mail deposited at the local post office will remain for cancellation and dispatch if put in the proper slot. Mail dropped in the box outside the post office, however, would be channeled through Fayetteville.

Ulsaker urged customers to stop using only the word "City" as an address. "Obviously, he said, 'in this new system a letter with just 'city' would lose its identity."

For the local post office, mail is dispatched at 4:20 p.m. The once-a-day mailing should not inconvenience any customers, said Mrs. Livingston. "What many people never realized," she noted, "is that mail sent from here in the morning usually sat in the Wilmington post office all day."

Towns Get Top Priority In Regional Water Study

Several Brunswick County towns and beaches have been named top priority areas in the Cape Fear Council of Governments' regional water and sewer study.

Calabash, Shallotte, Supply, and Long, Holden, Ocean Isle and Sunset beaches were listed as "immediate priority" items in the study. Recom-

mendations are that these areas receive water and sewer systems as soon as possible. The study noted serious health and pollution hazard problems because of the soil conditions, the low-lying area, the high water table and the proximity to productive estuarine fish and shellfish areas.

The main water supply for

these as well as other locations in Region "O" (Brunswick, Columbus, Pender and New Hanover counties) would be the planned Kings Bluff pipeline.

The 48-inch line, which could carry up to 45 million gallons per day, would accommodate the area's expected industrial and domestic requirements through 1980. Initial cost of construction is estimated to be \$10 million.

A second proposed project includes a 36-inch line to connect at Leland to bring water to a point just north of Southport, where a storage tank would be located. Cost of this project would be an estimated \$6.5 million.

The county is working on a separate pipeline to bring water from Town Creek. County Board Chairman William Kopp has said the project would meet the immediate needs of the Southport and beach areas and would be phased into the larger Kings Bluff system later. Cost of the county project, to be funded largely through federal agencies, is about \$4 million.

The Cape Fear Council of Governments' study is based on an agreement between the council and HUD to promote comprehensive water and sewer planning on a region basis.

The study was prepared along Environmental Protection Agency guidelines, as well as those of HUD, which state that no grant may be made unless the project is included in an effective plan for pollution control, and unless it is included in an effective regional plan certified by the governor or his representative as being the official abatement plan for the area or region.

County Adopts Official Budget

County commissioners, who earlier set a \$1.42 tax rate, formally adopted an almost \$4 million budget during a special meeting held here on Monday.

The board of education budget was increased \$32,000 but the addition did not change the tax rate. Increased revenues were found in unexpended balances and \$29,000 in insurance money received from fire damage to the Shallotte school.

Total of the county's budget (Continued on Page 4)

County Visit By Jim Hunt

Jim Hunt, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, will be in Brunswick County on Tuesday as part of his 100-county "thank you" tour of the state.

Hunt, a Wilson attorney and economist, will be at the courthouse in Shallotte from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Odell Williamson, Brunswick County Democratic chairman, said the purpose of the visit is to let the candidate meet and thank the voters here.

In the spring primary, Hunt led a five-candidate race for the state's No. 2 spot. He carried 85 counties and received 44 percent of the vote. Roy Sowers, who ran second, said it was clear to him that Hunt's support "came from all segments of our party" and declined to call for a runoff.

Williamson said Hunt's visit here was to be "very informal." He said it was a chance for Hunt to thank his workers and supporters here and welcome new supporters into his campaign.

Hunt's schedule calls for him to visit every county in the state during July and early August.

All residents of the county are welcome to come by and meet Hunt, Williamson said. He added that he especially hoped supporters of all other candidates in the May primary would attend.

Preparations Are Made For Opening Of Schools

Preparations for the opening of Brunswick County schools next month are being made by the board of education, which met twice recently to discuss the new consolidated schools and the employment of new school personnel.

Jack Croft, architect for the consolidated high schools, met with the board on June 27 to discuss the findings of the final inspection at the North Brunswick and West Brunswick schools, grassing of the playing fields at the three schools, water treatment equipment at South Brunswick High School, and the grading and grassing of school grounds other than the athletic fields.

Croft was instructed to let bids for the grading and grassing of the three athletic fields. Other action by the board included the employment of Jesse A. Francis as principal of Brunswick County-Southport Middle School, and the acceptance of resignation from Lenora Gore at Union School.

The following cafeteria managers were employed for the school year:

Bolivia — Mrs. Frances Potter, BC-S — Mrs. Mary Evelena Bernard, Leland — Mrs. Geneva Williams, Lincoln — Mrs. Janie Smith, Shallotte — Mrs. Lina Hawes, Southport — Mrs. Mazie

Willis, Waccamaw — Mrs. Georgia Hughes, South — John Gladfelder, West — Mrs. Gracie Gore.

Teaching contracts were awarded to the following:

Bolivia — Gertrude Williams, ESEA Title I reading library; BC-S — Donna Jean Sparks, ESEA Title I reading library; Leland — Nellie Hewett; Lincoln — Gwen Brown, ESEA Title I kindergarten;

North — Robert Ransom; Shallotte — Myrtle Smith; Southport — Lenora Gore, Barbara Warren and June C. Kraycirik, ESEA Title I kindergarten.

Later in the meeting, Supt. Ralph King was authorized to allow for grading and grassing at three new schools which did not include the playing fields.

At the July 5 meeting of the (Continued on Page 4)

Local Artists Set Workshop

The Southport Associated Artists has scheduled Barclay Sheaks to hold an art workshop here August 13-18. Sheaks will hold two sessions a day, one on painting with acrylics and one landscape painting.

The sessions will be \$35 per person for five classes, either morning or afternoon.

Those interested in the workshop may write or call Mrs. Ormond Leggett, Southport, N.C., 28461, Telephone: 457-6393; or Mrs. Paul Gotthief, Caswell Beach Rural Rt., Southport, N.C. 28461, Telephone: 278-5471.

Sheaks is a graduate of Virginia Commonwealth

University. His work is well-represented in various public and private collections throughout the country. He has had numerous one-man shows and has been represented in various commercial galleries, art centers, and museums across the U.S. He has served as artist-in-residence for the humanities center at Richmond, Va.

His works have been exhibited at numerous museums, galleries and art centers including the Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., Virginia Museum, Norfolk Museum, National Academy of Design, Parthenon Museum, Montgomery Museum, The Butler Institute of American Art, Mariner's Museum and National Traveling Shows sponsored by the Smithsonian Institution.

He currently has a one-man show of paintings traveling to leading museums, colleges and art centers across the U.S. He has won numerous prizes and awards in his field.

At this time he is associate professor of art at Virginia Wesleyan College. A resident of the lower peninsula of Virginia for the past 20 years, he has a summer studio at Poquoson, Virginia, on the Chesapeake Bay and a winter studio in Newport News, Virginia. Each year he spends some time lecturing and teaching seminars and workshops on art at various institutions, museums and galleries.

Sheaks has recently written a book, "Painting with Acrylics from Start to Finish," published by Davis.

Time And Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week, interest was mounting in the regatta to be held in the Southport harbor by the Carolina Yacht Club. It was to be held the middle of August and entries from all over the state were expected.

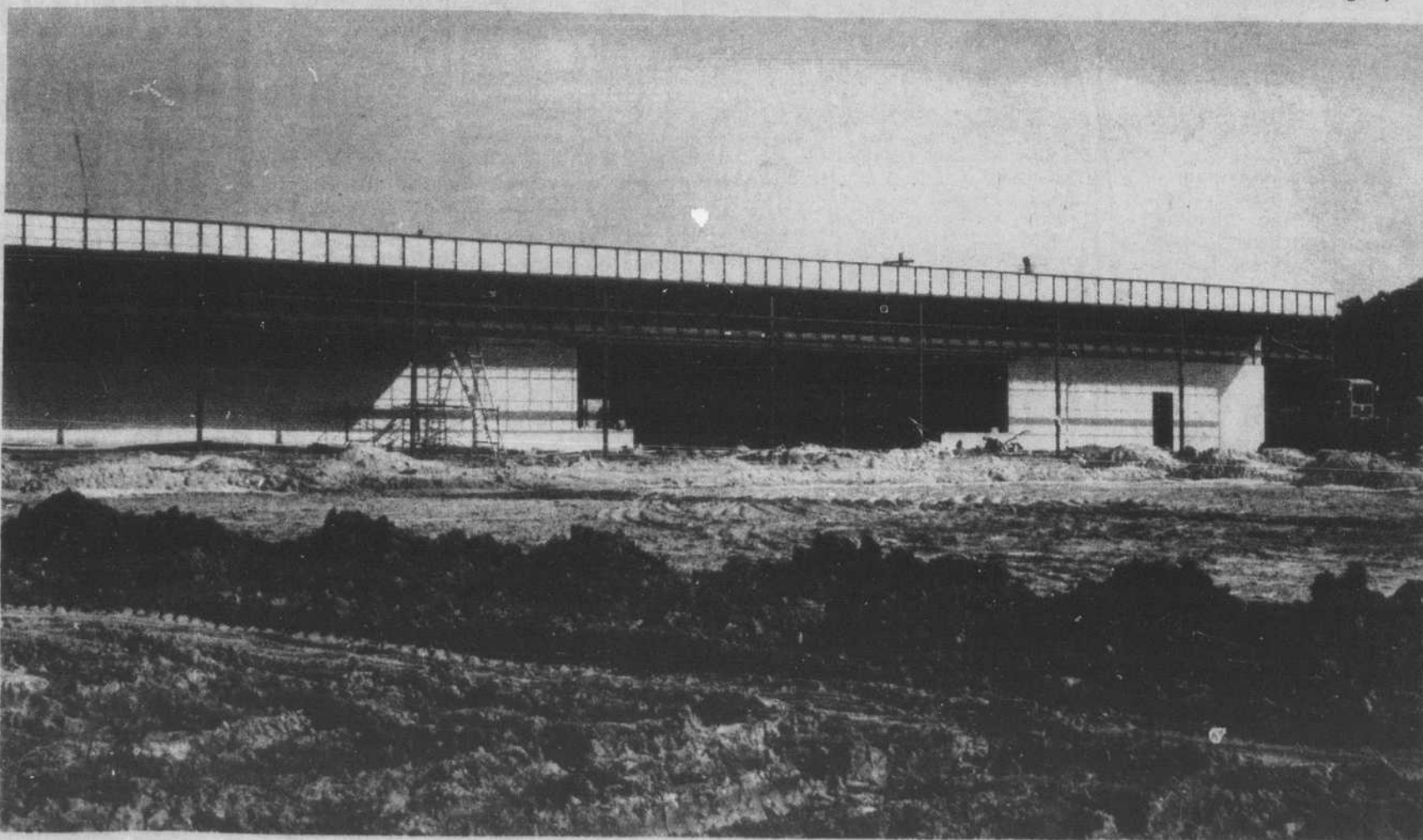
A "floating prep school" stopped at Southport during the week. It was actually a sailing schooner used as a school, owned by a man and woman who also served as teachers.

Lights and water were now available to the residents of Ft. Caswell. This was made possible by the construction of a 70,000-gallon water tower and the installation of a diesel engine to provide the electricity.

Bill Wells, local shrimp fleet owner, was trying to find a name for a new shrimp trawler. It was suggested that he use Summer Girl III to continue that namesake. He immediately dismissed the idea because he thought that it was unlucky. The first Summer Girl sank off Wrightsville Beach and the second burned while in South Carolina.

Thirty years ago this week a canvass was made throughout Brunswick County for recruits to make surgical bandages for the wounded service men overseas. Brunswick was one of 20 counties in North Carolina asked to ease the strain on the Red Cross workers, who were making 90 percent of all surgical bandages.

Complete reorganization of the Southport Civilian Defense (Continued on Page 4)



KIRBY'S FOOD CITY, one of the more popular Brunswick County markets, is scheduled to reopen August 1, according to owner Floyd Kirby. A fire last spring destroyed the store and

Gibson's, located in the same shopping center. The new Kirby's, which includes 18,000 square feet, will be located at the intersection of US 17 and NC 130 in Shallotte.