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## School Districts Outlined In County

"The new consolidated schools will give everybody a fresh start," Brunswick County Supt. Ralph King believes. "A student can say, 'This is our school.'"

With such hopes, teachers and more than 2,000 youngsters expected to occupy the new buildings can look forward to the opening of school later this month — August 28 for instructors and August 31 for students. The schools already are furnished (including desks and chairs) but King said personnel will stay busy all month moving books and other supplies to the new quarters.

South and West Brunswick high schools will accommodate grades 9 through

12, but North Brunswick is planned for grades 8 through 12. "It is our feeling, as well as the state's feeling," King explained, "that the maximum number of students should be exposed to the best possible facilities, and that's what we have done there."

The "practical capacity" of the high schools is 1,000 for West Brunswick and 750 for the other schools. "We expect a little growing room," the superintendent noted, "but not a great deal."

King said anticipated enrollment for West Brunswick would be 900, compared to 881 at the end of this past school year. South Brunswick, which had 604 at

the end of last year, is expected to house 650, while North Brunswick should have about 650 to 675 (including the eighth grade) — up from the 630 reported at the end of the 1971-72 school term.

"The growth factor is certainly a variable," King said, "but we don't expect as much increase as last year."

Something new for students of the immediate Southport and Shallotte areas will be school bus service, which by state law is provided for students who live more than a mile and one-half from school. The state has approved the purchase of three new buses, to be paid for by the county. High school students and elementary students will ride separate buses with only a few exceptions.

Some high school students will continue to drive buses for younger students, but King said the county Board of Education remains hopeful that adult drivers can be found.

King said he does not anticipate as much growth in the Southport area as last year, pointing out that the increase of students slowed near the end of the school term. Recent growth of the Southport area is reflected by the increase in elementary school students from 648 to 837 between May, 1971 and the end of school this year. The consolidated school, however, will greatly reduce the overcrowded conditions here.

"Last year was a struggle," said King, looking back.

This year, grades 5 through 8 will be housed in the Brunswick County-Southport Middle School, the building formerly occupied exclusively by high school students. Grades K (kindergarten) through 4 will again be placed in make-shift

the Midway". Something was said, according to the defendant, about going to another location in Whiteville.

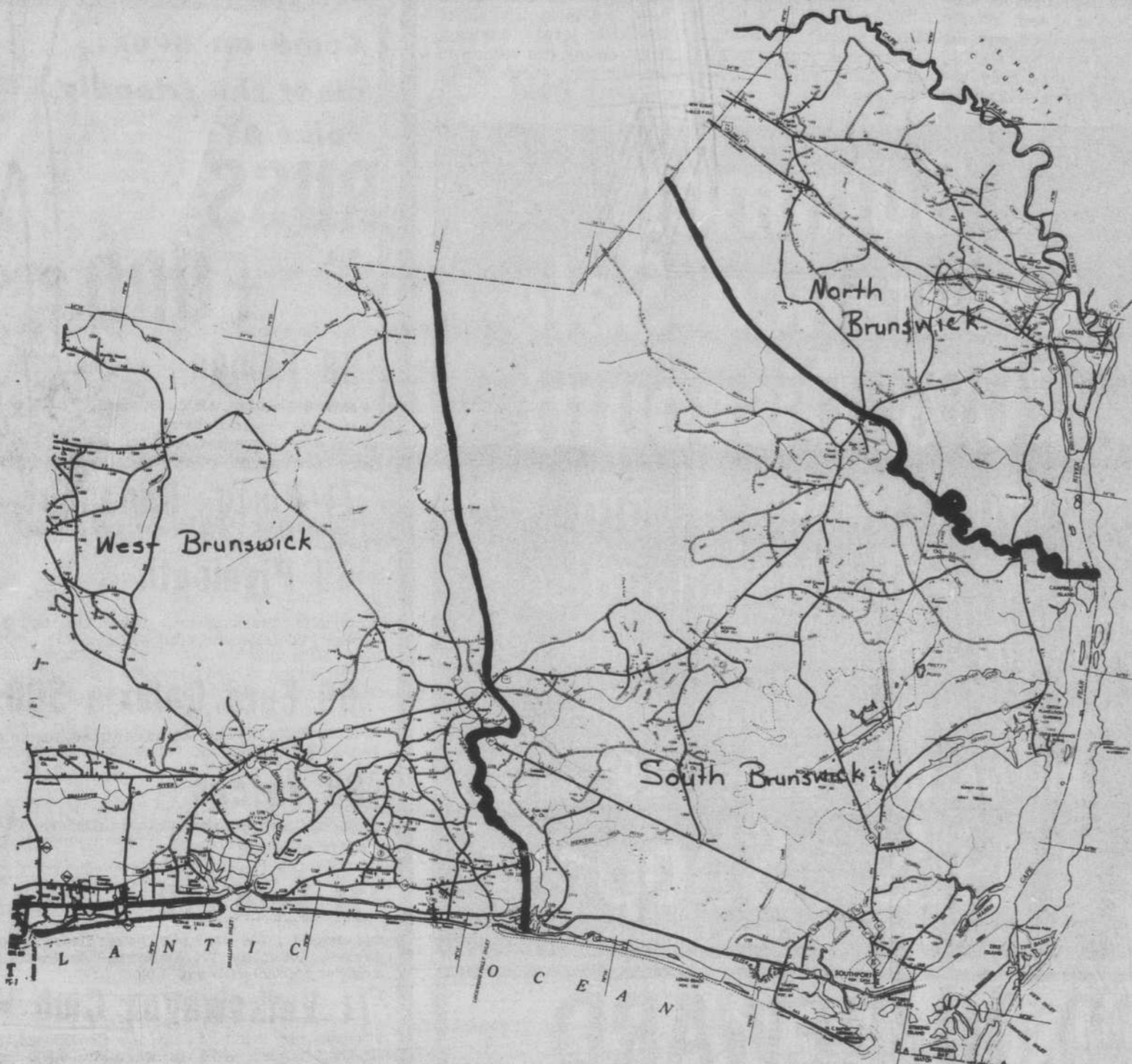
The two groups left the Midway in three vehicles: Herring, Sammy Hodge, John Sellers and D.C. Hodge in a white pick-up truck; Roderick Batten, James Godwin and John Blackwell in a yellow '67 Ford.

The yellow Ford was last to leave, with the Herring truck closely followed by the Batten truck. The defendant stated, said Richardson, that after the vehicles had traveled about 2 1/2 miles, Jimmy Batten attempted to pass the Herring truck but collided with the rear end of that vehicle when Herring slammed on brakes.

The Batten truck deflected off the Herring truck, and both came to rest on opposite

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THE BOARD OF EDUCATION has designated school districts for Brunswick County consolidated high schools that will be used for the first time this year. According to Supt. Ralph King, busing will be confined to the particular school district, with no cross-busing necessary to achieve racial balance. The board has rejected a

request from residents of the Town Creek section who wanted their children admitted to the North Brunswick school, which is much closer to their homes than South Brunswick. West is expected to have the largest enrollment (about 900) when school begins August 31; the other schools expect enrollments of 650 to 700.

## Lightship Project Enters Phase II

Phase II of the Frying Pan Lightship project, which includes the sandblasting and painting of the exterior and main deck of the vessel, now is underway.

The first stage of the project to make the lightship a nautical museum was completed just before the Fourth of July weekend when the vessel was moored at the

### Group Sets Farm Tour

The Brunswick Soil and Water Conservation District will sponsor a farm tour on Friday, August 18.

The group will meet at the site of the old Food City — Gibson's stores in Shallotte at 2 p.m.

"We plan to see coastal bermuda pasture management, water disposal systems, minimum tillage, forestry practices, tobacco harvester operation, sanitary landfills, and beach erosion control measures," said James D. Bellamy, Jr., of the organization.

"Anyone interested in

## Workshop Held For Instructors

An in-service workshop for kindergarten teacher and assistants was held at the Brunswick County Educational Media Center near Bolivia last week.

The program, funded by ESEA, Title I, was conducted by Miss Eileen J. Miller, consultant in Early Childhood Education for the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction, and Mrs. Elizabeth Frazier, lecturer in Early Childhood Education at University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Some of the topics pursued during the week were: Trends, Purposes, Methods,

foot of Howe Street in Southport. Responsible for that work were Von Oesen and Associates of Wilmington, Lincoln Construction Company, Diamond Construction Company, McLean Construction Company, Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point, the U.S. Coast Guard and Newell's Chain Saw Service.

Also, donations have been received by the finance committee, including contributions from City Cab Company, \$50; Bill Ezzell, \$10; James Tyer, \$10; Mrs. Marcellus Cox, \$10; Cape Fear Realty, \$20; Mary McHose, \$10; Dot Gilbert, \$10; James H. Davis, \$10; Mrs. Ruth McHose, \$100; Suzanne Connell, \$10; City of Southport, \$300; Ressie Whatley, \$10; Jo-Jo Fullwood, \$5; Al Martin, \$10; Cathy Holth, \$10; A.E. Huntley, \$10 and an anonymous \$5 contribution. A newsboy donated 60 cents, while a collection box at the lightship has netted \$7.71.

Phase III of the lightship conversion will include the sandblasting and painting of the afterdeck and radio

beacon room and the installation of lights; Phase IV, the renovation of the pilot wheelhouse and the commanding officer's quarters; Phase V, renovation of the lower deck and ward rooms; and Phase VI, renovation of the crew's quarters and all areas forward of the ward room, including the galley.

The 133-foot vessel, which has a 30-foot beam and masts rising 78 feet above the water, was placed at the end of Frying Pan Shoals in 1930 and

## Stiller Cited For Heroism

Kenneth Stiller of Southport, a civilian employee of the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point, has been recognized by the Army for his efforts in averting a disaster in December, 1971 at the depot near Southport.

The award was made in conjunction with a change-of-command ceremony at the terminal last Friday. Col. Thomas Haake, the retiring commander who termed Sunny Point the most efficient terminal in the country, relinquished command to Col. Charles H. Sunder.

Stiller shared the heroism award with James A. Underwood and William E. Stanley. According to reports, the men were assisting in the loading of two million pounds of ammunition aboard a ship when a fire erupted nearby. Stiller was not present at the ceremony but another of the men said, "Our only chance was to stay and fight. You couldn't run far enough to save yourself."

The Wilmington Star, in a Tuesday editorial, noted that another six to eight million pounds of ammunition were stored nearby. "It is difficult to imagine what could happen

remained until replaced by a Texas Tower installation in the sixties. Though not old in comparison with other area landmarks, the lightship has played an important role in the history of the Lower Cape Fear region.

The ship is intended to provide a site for a general museum that would relate the story of the Cape Fear area beacons. The lightship is expected to be popular attraction, drawing many tourists to the area.

if all the ammunition caught fire and exploded," the editor stated.

"The honors paid these men are well-deserved," the editorial continued. "The community should be proud of men who respond when the

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## Bond Sales Exceed Goal

Sales of U.S. Series E and Series H Savings Bonds in Brunswick County for June were \$11,910. January-June sales totaled \$51,301, representing 102.22 percent of Brunswick County's goal of \$50,190.00, according to Rhone Sasser, county volunteer chairman.

Sales of Series E and H Savings Bonds for the first six months of 1972 in North Carolina came to \$42,912,204 — the best since 1945, and 14.7 percent above the same period last year. This represents 59.8 percent of the state's 1972 dollar goal of \$71,700,000. June sales of E and H Bonds came to a record \$6,488,084. Sales of Series E Bonds alone amounted to \$6,375,584, topping all June

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## Search Finds River Victim

The Coast Guard has recovered the body of a Kings Mountain man who is believed to have drowned while swimming near Ft. Caswell last week.

The body of Paul Gladden, 20, of Kings Mountain was spotted in the Cape Fear River near Sunny Point around Friday.

A 44-foot boat was dispatched by the Oak Island Coast Guard Station, and Gladden's body was pulled from the river.

Brunswick County Sheriff Harold Willetts said the young man apparently drowned on July 26 while swimming with friends at the Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell.

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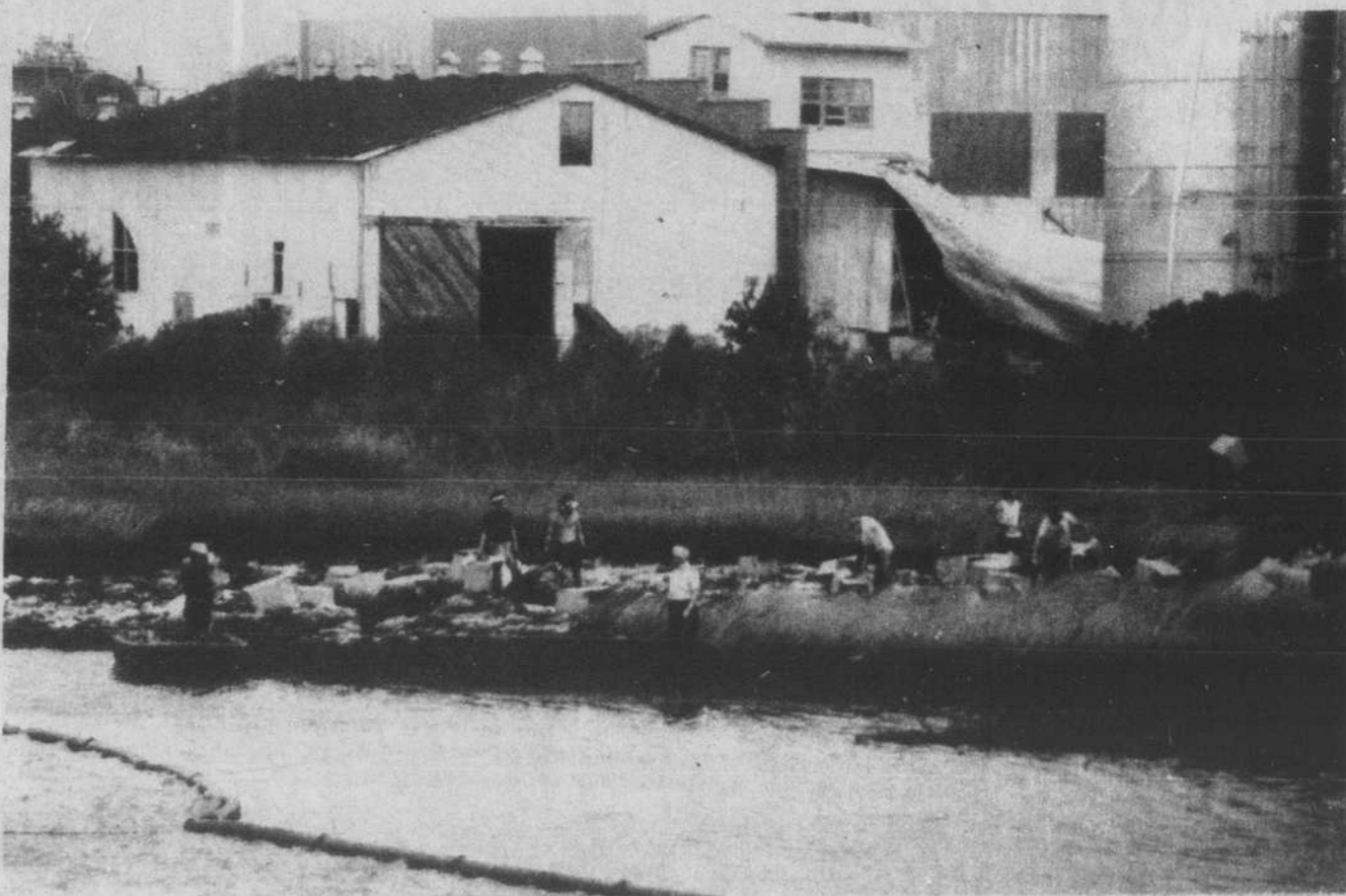
## Time And Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week, plans for the sailing regatta to be held in Southport had been completed and thousands of visitors were expected to attend the event. Judging from an incomplete entry list, between 40 and 50 boats were expected. The Southport harbor had been picked as the ideal location for such a regatta. The newspaper that week was filled with pictures of yachts that were already entered, including an upside down view of the sailboat "Swift".

The Brunswick County tax rate was to remain at \$1.50 for the following year, based on the \$7 million county valuation.

An appeal was made to Gov. Clyde R. Hoey for the recapture of Melvin Mintz, an escaped convict, who had been terrorizing the citizens of Maco by riding up and down the road shooting his pistol; a Reidsville youth had confessed to the breaking and entering of two Brunswick County plantation homes from which he stole \$125 and several valuable articles.

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CLEAN-UP WORK CONTINUES on the Intracoastal Waterway where about 15,000 gallons spilled several weeks ago from tanks leased by Standard Products for the storage of "stick-water," the leftovers of fish, and Bunker C type

oil. A strong southwest wind and quick action by Waccamaw Construction Company kept the oil away from the large marshes lying to the south of the waterway.