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A \$1,500 CONTRIBUTION from Brown & Root, contractors for the Carolina Power and Light Company nuclear plant here, was presented this week to the Frying Pan Lightship Commission. L.A. Ashley, Jr., representative of Brown & Root,

presents the check to Southport Mayor Dorothy Gilbert. The vessel, now located on the Southport waterfront, will be restored as a nautical museum.

Open House Sunday

Student Enrollment Up As New Schools Open

School opened in Brunswick County last Thursday for a record 6,330 students, including 2,000 at three consolidated high schools described by Supt. Ralph King as "catalysts for harmonious relations between faculty and students."

King called the first day "a smooth opening," which takes on greater significance with the opening of the new North, West and South Brunswick schools, busing of Southport and Shallotte students for the first time, and a realignment of elementary school districts that he said "may be a blessing" for Southport.

First day enrollment totaled 6,330, up from the 5,924 recorded the first day of school last year. Attendance on Friday increased to 6,678 — only for less than reported during the final month of the 1971-72 school term.

Of the new high schools, West Brunswick had the largest enrollment — 836 on Friday, while North Brunswick reported 651 and South Brunswick, 599. Other schools in the county, with attendance listed for Friday, include: Bolivia 1-8, 644 students; Brunswick County-Southport Middle School (5-8) 429; Leland 4-7, 614; Lincoln 1-3, 443; Shallotte 4-8, 982; Southport 1-4, 495; Union 1-3, 553; and Waccamaw 1-8, 432.

For the first time this year, students living within the Southport and Shallotte town limits are eligible to be bused to school. This, plus the separate bus system for high school and elementary students, has created some difficulties that Supt. King thought should be eliminated soon. "We are asking the parents to be patient," he said. "It is not an easy task."

The separate bus system is a new concept, he added, for which planning and coordination are required. There are some adult drivers for elementary students, but King would like to see all high school drivers relieved of the duty of driving younger students to different schools. To make a full school day, high school drivers who bus younger students must begin their pick-ups earlier in the morning and end later in the afternoon, King explained. "This isn't fair to anybody."

The superintendent said there is a good possibility that additional teachers may have

to be hired with local funds, since the state teacher allotment is practically used

up with students already. The "blessing" King noted at Southport came in the form

of realigned districts that displaced as many as 100 students to the Bolivia school. The local facility (trailers and subdivided rooms in the old gym) has been overcrowded since the old school burned several years ago, which ironically had much to do with the passing of a bond issue that resulted in the new high schools.

Of the new high schools, King said the atmosphere has given students a "common goal" that in turn promotes learning. A problem which students experienced on the first few days of classes was becoming oriented in a new building, King noted.

The public is invited to an open house at the three new schools, scheduled Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. "We feel these facilities represent a giant step forward in providing expanded educational opportunities in Brunswick County. The people will be justly proud of these new school facilities."

The Brunswick County Board of Education cordially invites you to attend the simultaneous open-house observance of the three new and modern high school plants:

North Brunswick High School
Leland, North Carolina

South Brunswick High School
Boiling Spring Lakes
Southport, North Carolina

West Brunswick High School
Shallotte, North Carolina

on Sunday the tenth of September
nineteen hundred and seventy-two
from two o'clock to five o'clock
in the afternoon

Schools Get Extra Grant

Brunswick County schools will receive an additional \$10,683 in federal assistance under the Urban and Rural Grant Program to help support new or expanded projects for pre-schoolers and youngsters in elementary school during the 1972-73 school year.

Urban and rural school districts in North Carolina serving the highest concentrations of children from low-income families will receive a total of \$1,259,588 under grant allotments announced by the U.S. Office of Education.

The awards are being made under a recent amendment to Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act providing special additional grants to eligible urban and rural school districts.

The funds will be used to help defray the costs of compensatory education programs and are in addition to \$60,191,973 in Title I grants previously allotted North Carolina schools for the 1971-72 school year.

To be eligible for a grant under the Urban and Rural program, a school unit must have 20 percent of its school-age population drawn from low-income families, or 5,000 such children who comprise five percent or more of the total school-age population. The amount each school unit receives under the special program is limited by the unit's basic Title I grant and the total funds available for the fiscal year.

County Taking Shots At Road Construction

Upset with alleged discrimination in the allotment of State Highway Commission funds for secondary road improvement, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners has instructed the county attorney to proceed with action leading to a law suit against the administrative unit.

The action was spurred by the SHC's allotment of \$51,000 to Brunswick County for secondary road improvements this fiscal year. The total is half of the previous year allotment and reportedly would pave only about two and one-half miles of road.

While their primary concern is Brunswick County, the board members have insisted that all eastern North Carolina counties have been

discriminated against as money has been channeled into road construction in the Piedmont area of the state.

The board passed a resolution giving attorney Thomas Horne permission to proceed, legally, with building a case in support of the board's position. Horne, obviously pleased with the challenge, said there was no precedent for the action and getting relief would not be a simple matter.

J.T. Clemmons of Lockwood Folly Township, who has offered the hardest criticism of the State Highway Commission, said that unpaved road were okay in the horse-and-buggy days "because the pavement might break the horses' hoofs, but we aren't living in the horse-and-buggy days anymore."

Clemmons said he was upset because towns in Brunswick County are getting more road funds from the Powell Bill than the county is getting.

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Jail Break Short Lived

A manhunt that involved seven law enforcement agencies nabbed two prisoners who escaped from the Shallotte jail last Wednesday night.

Raeferd Clayton Piver, who is awaiting trial for murder, and breaking and entering suspect Earl Wayne Scallen were apprehended in Waccamaw Township about 7 p.m. Thursday, about 18 hours after their escape. Piver is charged with murdering a Wilmington service station attendant near Supply, and is also being held for New Hanover County authorities in connection with the death of a Vietnam veteran in June.

A spokesman for the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department said the two escapees offered no resistance when located by the search party. Involved in the manhunt were personnel of the N.C. Highway Patrol, Shallotte and Long Beach police departments, the SBI, the South Carolina ATTU, (Continued On Page Two)

Time and Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week the season's second deep sea expedition had departed from Southport. Those on the trip were members of the Dolphin Club, comprised mostly of New Hanover County fishermen. The first expedition two weeks earlier had provided to be a worthwhile venture as some 60 fishermen took part in the Gulf Stream trip.

Battery Island, located in the Southport harbor, was recognized as bird rookery and it was felt that the island should be made into a preserve because of the rare birds that existed there.

Water spouts appeared near the mouth of the Cape Fear River. Capt. Robert Thompson, piloting a tanker less than a mile away, said that the spout lasted about ten minutes and

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Downtown Takes On New Look

If you have been out of touch with business in Southport lately, maybe you should clip this story and keep it as a directory for who's where, with whom, doing what.

Like, for instance, the law firm of Frink and Foy no longer has offices in the Smith Building, nor does A.H. Gainey have his law office upstairs in the old post office building on Moore Street. These law firms now are consolidated under the title Frink, Foy and Gainey and are located in the old State Port Pilot office.

And whatever happened to the newspaper office and the Stevens Agency? In case you

haven't heard, they now are located next door to the ABC Store on Howe Street in the old Waccamaw Bank building which made such big news last summer when it was moved from its former location across the street.

Dempsey Hewett has given up the barber trade and has gone into the store business at Supply. In fact, he is operating the supermarket which formerly was Watson's, previously Kirby's. Bill Ross still is doing barber business at the same old stand, although he slips out several times a day to cross the street to help his wife, Zona, with her duties at

Southport Florists.

Gilbert's has gone from the old post office building and now is situated in a new shopping community on Howe Street. James Wolfe pulled stakes from his office on Moore Street and is in the same building, as is Foxy Howard and his H&S accounting service. This formerly was in the Church building at the stoplight. The replacement for Gilbert's is a fabric shop being operated by Gwendolyn Dixon.

When James Wolfe moved out, Johnnie Barbee moved in from his office on the corner of Moore and Howe. Then Robert Hill Construction

Company occupied the corner slot.

Dan Harrelson tore down three frame buildings on Howe Street to make room for an addition to his store and across the street the Curiosity Shop has acquired the Kilpatrick home on Moore Street, and now is channeling its overflow stock into this remodeled building which has retained its residential characteristics.

And that's about all for the moment, although we hear there still are a few more changes in prospect for the business community.

Senate Hopeful Sees Progress

U.S. Rep. Nick Galifianakis got so wrapped up talking about fiscal responsibility, more and better roads and the Brunswick County potential for development that he almost forgot to get in the chow line.

The time was Saturday afternoon and the place the Lions recreation park at Shallotte where several hundred Brunswick Democrats and additional political candidates had come together for their biggest rally of the year and to dine on fried spots, slaw and hushpuppies all washed down with gallons of pop.

But why hurry anyway. Brunswick County manager for Galifianakis, hustling Mack Hewett, had seen to it that there would be no shortage of food and plenty eased up for seconds, even thirds.

Along the way, fore and aft "come and get it," affable

Nick charmed his fellows with the prediction that one day and soon Brunswick County with its vast store of natural resources would play a leading part in realizing the full development of the North Carolina coast.

Of course this was soothing (Continued On Page Two)

City Recreation Interest Grows

An average of 300 Southport area young people participated each week in the city's Summer Recreation Program, according to Director Anthony Davis.

This fall, the following activities will be available to the youngsters:

Volleyball, ping pong, football (officials and monitors will be furnished), horseshoes, basketball, badminton, quiet games, chess, ceramics, music (listening and dancing), and puzzles.

Dredge Award

Congressman Alton Lennon has announced an award of \$70,507 by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to Intracoastal Dredging Company of Wilmington for the dredging of Lockwood Folly River.

The project includes the dredging of the river from the Intracoastal Waterway to Varnumtown. Project depth is six feet with a two-foot overdraft.

The company's dredge is on the site and work is expected to begin within the next few days. The project calls for the removal of 65,000 cubic yards of shoal material.



CANDIDATE FOR THE SENATE Nick Galifianakis was special guest at a Saturday afternoon fish fry and political rally held by Brunswick County Democrats. As a U.S. Senator, the Congressman said, he will give top priority to

the development of North Carolina so closely linked to the ocean. "One of my first tasks in the Senate," he noted, "will be to promote better highways to the coast and expand oceanographic facilities."