

# The State Port Pilot

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## Belief In The Future

"We are not where we'd like to be, but by trying hard, I believe we can make it."

The speaker was Franklin Randolph, president of SENCLand Community Action Inc., and the scene was SCA's annual meeting Tuesday night at Southeastern Community College. His first words were underscored ironically by a small turnout, but his next words ("I believe we can make it") carried the true feeling of the evening.

Randolph, an articulate and intelligent spokesman for the black SENCLand Community, noted that "some people are doing their best to tear it (SENCLand CA) up." He did not sound angry, only determined; he and his fellow members of the agency have put in "a lot of hard work and sweat", he added, with the implication that they're not about to quit now.

The "goals of peace and harmony ... among SENCLand employees" have not been forgotten, he asserted, though as in any young agency, there are still problems there, he might have added.

Faced with realignment of their three-county district, SCA Inc.'s 23-member board of directors is calmly awaiting approval from the Atlanta OEO office for the new North Carolina plan, which would align all community action agencies into existing regional groups. Bladen County would be removed from SENCLand, with Columbus and Brunswick shifted to a new four-county group with Region 'O' fellows Pender and New Hanover.

Funding for the year beginning December 1 is still not assured, but SENCLand is determined to keep working for as long as it can. If the money comes, the work will go on uninterrupted; if not, SENCLand will likely look elsewhere for capital.

In its brief history, SENCLand Community Action Inc. has already had more than its share of controversy. A repetition of the troubled past is not necessary here, for the good that the agency has accomplished for the poor in this area far outweighs the more obvious headlines and rumors of the past. Despite the seeming impracticality of some of its suggested

programs, despite the financial troubles, despite the often strained communications lines between the agency and the general public, SENCLand has successfully undertaken the near-hopeless task of instilling self-respect into the souls of the poor.

If some of its aided "clients" at Tuesday night's annual meeting sounded like contestants on the dreadful old "Queen For A Day" TV series, with their almost improbably miserable histories, it is because poverty and discrimination have long been a way of life for SENCLand's "clients".

And there is no way to comprehend the extent of the suffering of the hopelessly poor until you get down on their level and try to look up. It is difficult to believe that such a life can be allowed to exist for anyone in the richest country in the world.

SENCLand, however, is not really waging a "war on poverty". Poverty can never be eliminated. No matter how high the standard of living is raised, there will always be people on the bottom of the social and economic ladder.

Instead, SENCLand is waging a battle which can be won — the battle to give the poor back some measure of self-respect. It may not guarantee them a job, or feed their children, or pay their bills, but it can give them the incentive to look up and try.

Dr. Tom Cottingham, president of Southeastern Community College, expressed this ably Tuesday night: "They (the poor) are beginning to have some self-confidence, and I believe SENCLand is doing this for its people. It is changing their focus of control from 'E' (external) to 'I' (internal)."

Dr. Cottingham, Franklin Randolph, SCA Executive Director Robert Clark all know the importance of giving a person self-confidence and self-respect. It can change his entire life.

"...By trying hard, I BELIEVE we can make it," Randolph said.

The key word is believe. And, despite its shortcomings SENCLand Community Action Inc. is making believers of the poor.

## Be Sure To Vote

In the final analysis, the only thing that counts about an election is the vote. You can talk and listen all you want to, but when it is all over the results will come out of the ballot box.

This does not mean you should not be willing to discuss the issues and to do everything you can to be intelligently informed when you cast your ballot. You should. But if after all of this preparation you fail to go to the polls and vote, you will have accomplished nothing.

It is impossible to exaggerate the importance of a free election. This is a priceless heritage which has come down to us from our forefathers. Nobody now is threatening to take this from us by force, but there are signs of losing this freedom through neglect.

The lifeblood of a democracy comes from periodic elections. It is then that the office holder, or the aspirant for public office, must come before the people and have his records and credentials examined. Sometimes this election process appears to be unreasonable, but the results are what guarantee the checks and balances of a two-party system.

There is one more important thing

to remember you have no moral right to criticize the results of an election in which you did not participate.

Be sure to vote next Tuesday.

### Beach Women

### To Help VFD

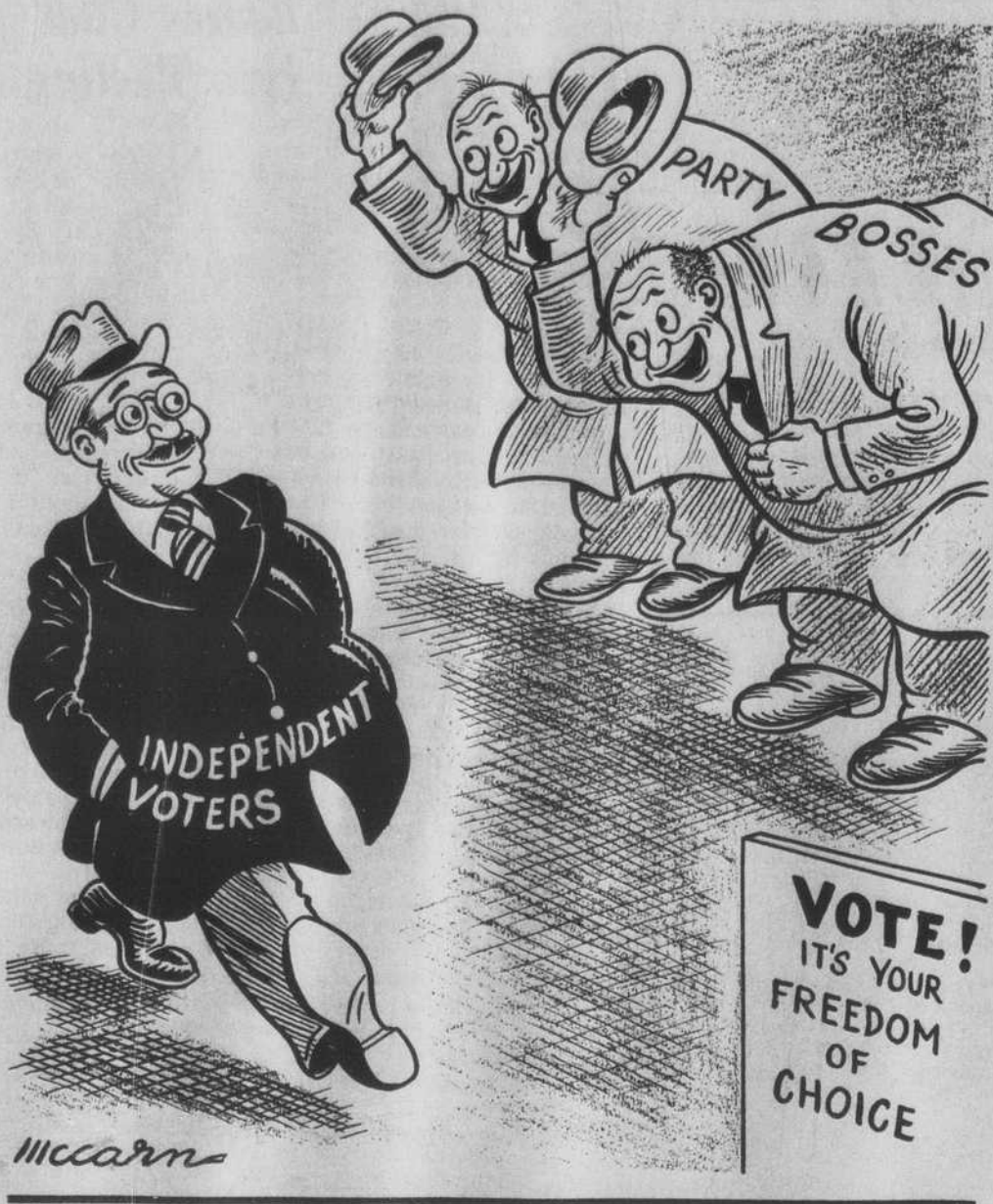
The ladies of the Yaupon Beach Volunteer Fire Department will sponsor a benefit card party Friday, Nov. 10, at the Southport Jaycee Building, starting at 7:30 p.m.

Proceeds will be used for equipment for the Yaupon Beach Volunteer Fire Department.

Any card game may be played. Door prizes and other prizes will be awarded. The party will be for both ladies and gentlemen.

Beginners in bridge are welcome and will be given assistance if desired. The ladies will try to have extra players to complete any table.

Further information is available from Rebecca Widenhouse at 278-5571; Blanche Broadway, 278-5439; or Jeanette Morgan, 278-6466.



## About Books

By DOROTHY B. DAVIS

Only two more weeks left for the Children's Hour. It has really been successful. If your child has not attended, then he has missed a great deal.

Several weeks ago I mentioned that our easy books collection was very slim. Four donations for easy books have been made by Mrs. A.P. Henry, Jr.; Alice and Harold St. George; Thomas and Florence Sigman; and Dr. and Mrs. Samuel R. Tipton. The staff is grateful for these gifts and I know that our young readers will be delighted.

Thirty-seven books were purchased. Two classical favorites, THE THREE LITTLE PIGS and HENNY PENNY adapted by Paul Galdone, are still very much in demand. In A HOT THIRSTY DAY three small boys decide to sell lemonade to earn some money. Have you ever found yourself full of polka dots? In THE POLKA DOT CHILD by Luciana Roselli, Lisa wakes up to find

herself covered in red polka dots. What else! The measles. TWO PESOS FOR CATALINA by Ann Kirn tells the charming story of a Mexican girl who suddenly had two bright silver pesos of her very own.

Karen Gunthorp's books are written simply and the illustrations are appealing to children. All of her books in our collection deal with animals. Included are: A FOREST OF BOXES; THE LITTLE CUCKOO; DANIEL'S NEW HOME; THE HOUSE IN THE TREE; SPRING COMES TO THE FOREST.

For younger children needing simple factual information the "What Is" series meets the need. Books purchased for the library from this series include: WHAT IS ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION, WHAT IS A SOLAR SYSTEM, WHAT IS GRAVITY, WHAT IS A MACHINE, WHAT IS A SEASON, WHAT IS SPACE, WHAT IS AN ATOM, WHAT IS A ROCKET, WHAT IS A TREE, WHAT IS A ROCK, WHAT IS A REPTILE, WHAT IS A BIRD, WHAT IS A CHICKEN, WHAT IS A TURTLE WHAT IS A COW, WHAT IS A BUTTERFLY.

These new books will certainly find their way into the hands of our young readers as they are now on display in the library.

Books about Cowboy Sam are quite popular. Among these books are COWBOY SAM, COWBOY SAM AND SHORTY, COWBOY SAM AND SALLY, COWBOY SAM AND THE RUSTLERS, COWBOY SAM AND THE INDIANS, COWBOY SAM AND THE AIRPLANE, COWBOY SAM AND FREEDY, COWBOY SAM AND PORKY, COWBOY SAM AND THE RODEO, COWBOY SAM AND THE FAIR.

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## Not Exactly News

During the World Series it sometimes looked like Cash Caroon was doing both the pitching and the catching for Oakland, what with the long sideburners and mustaches being sported by Rollie Fingers and Gene Tenace ... Rickie Parker of Southport is making a strong bid for a starting spot on the Southeastern Community College basketball team.

Recently on a Piedmont Airlines flight into Wilmington, Mrs. Gladys Wolfe of Southport had as her traveling companion a Mrs. Jurgensen who was on her way home from Washington, D.C., where she had been to visit her football playing son. Gladys told Mrs. Jurgensen how pleased she was to meet her since Sonny was the favorite hero of her grandson, Daniel Malyvac. They said goodbye at the airport following this pleasant interlude, but the next day the Southport lady received an autographed photo of the Redskin quarterback in the mail. Mrs. Jurgensen had sent it to be delivered to Danny ... He like thousands of other sports fans will be disturbed to learn that the injury Jurgensen sustained Sunday in the game against the New York Giants probably will keep him out for the remainder of the season.

We saw a young man waiting in front of the Southport barber shop Tuesday morning. He wanted to know when did they open up. We told him he might have a long wait, that Bill Ross was leaving on a trip out west to be gone a week. With an anquished look the young fellow exclaimed "I've got to get my hair cut before I can go back on the job." We gave him directions how to get to Davis barber shop on St. George Street and he mounted his motorcycle and headed out Howe Street with his long hair floating in the breeze ... Bill and Jimmie Kenney are on a flying trip to Arizona and Nevada, and since their itinerary includes a stop at Las Vegas, we think we gave the haircut prospect some sound advice.

Wherever you see small groups of men and women gathered together this week it is a safe guess that the topic of conversation is politics. The vote in the general election next Tuesday promises to be the biggest ever cast in Brunswick County ... Good weather this fall has permitted building to continue without interruption at the beaches.

We almost hesitate to write this, fearing it may bring on a cold snap, but this is November 1 and there has been no sign of frost in this area so far ... There has been plenty of rain in other parts of the state lately but the dry spell continues in this part of Brunswick County.

## Public Opinion

To The Editor:  
I read your editorial "On A Clear Day" with interest and I question your conclusion that industry is not moving fast enough. This is certainly not the case with Federal.

So these things have to take time even with the best of intentions. And I also might add, they cost a lot of money. I would like to invite you to our mill so that we can show you what we are doing to protect the environment.

Sincerely,  
R.H. Aranow  
Personnel Manager  
Federal Paper Co.

## Time and Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week deer hunting was appraised as being the most popular sport of Brunswick County residents. The abundance of these wild animals in rural Brunswick had attracted many sportsmen from the upper portion of the state.

Southport had escaped the early frosts of the winter season during a cold spell recently. Bald Head Island showed evidence of its mild climate by the watermelons that were still flourishing there.

There were conflicting theories on how a 100-pound bag of grits was brought up in a shrimp trawler net one day during the week. Crawford Rourk hauled in this unusual catch. This and other strange catches, such as various denominations of money, had shed an unusual light on the fishing in this area.

Thirty years ago this week a liberty ship constructed in Wilmington was given the name of a Brunswick County native, deceased Governor Benjamin Smith. Smith was born in Brunswick County in 1750. He was governor of North Carolina during the years of 1810 and 1812 and died here in Southport in 1826.

Plans were being made for the county-wide recognition of Armistice Day. A guest speaker was to be present in each of the schools of Brunswick to present a speech concerning the patriotic event.

A scrap drive by both of the city's schools was apparently having great success; the production of surgical bandages was proceeding satisfactorily; and Mrs. Thomas St. George had assumed her duties as superintendent of Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Twenty-five years ago this week A.P. Henry, Jr., Winabow citizen, reported that he had killed a eight-point buck in self-defense. Young Henry reported that when he had decided to walk down the road toward the sound of baying hounds obviously after a deer, he found himself in the middle of the road with the big buck bearing down upon him. Rather than be run over, A.P. shot the deer in the leg and wounded him so severely that the buck was chased down less than a mile from the spot.

A photograph of Price's Creek Lighthouse appeared on the front page; Southport was struck by a fierce storm; Walter Stanaland had assumed his position of sheriff after the death of former sheriff John G. White.

Twenty years ago this week, information was being gathered and plans were being made concerning the dredging to be done at the proposed Sunny Point Army

Terminal a few miles north of Southport. Numerous surveys and borings revealed that suitably hard rock was to be found no less than 52 feet below the surface, so a rock bottom for the channel was announced as being impossible. A detailed explanation of the complex railroad system, to be located at Sunny Point, was also presented.

Fishing for the month of November was expected to maintain the successful pace it had experienced during the past several weeks; the artesian flow of the Bouncing Log Spring near Southport was also brought to the readers' attention. Its 42 million gallon per day output and its undetermined source have brought wonder to the minds of scientists who had attempted to solve the mystery.

Fifteen years ago this week, record king mackerel catches ranging from 30 to 60 and occasionally more were reported from each boat out of Southport during the past week. Good fishing and weather made for fishing continued to prevail and the fine catches were expected to continue throughout the month.

Information was being gathered as part of the preparation to deepen the Intracoastal Waterway along the eastern seaboard of North Carolina; a new smoked fish industry was interested in coming to the Southport area.

Ten years ago this week a front-page photo showed city workmen getting one of the batteries at Fort Caswell ready for use as a fallout shelter capable of protecting most of the residents of this area in case of emergency. The general election was slated for the following Tuesday.

The feature in the Pilot that week was on spot fishing; king mackerel still were being caught in great numbers here; and Southport had defeated Acme-Delco 33-0 as Earl Clewis earned "Dolphin of the Week" honors.

Five years ago this week Commissioner of Agriculture Jim Graham told members of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation that farming in North Carolina was in trouble. Robert Hubbard, general manager of BEMC, noted there were more than 14,000 members of the organization. A cannonball had been dredged from the Cape Fear River during work to deepen the channel.

The head boat Tradewinds had been added to the Southport fishing fleet; American Education Week had been observed locally; Brunswick County was over its goal in the sale of U.S. Savings Bonds; and the Southport-Fort Fisher ferry had stopped service for a month because of annual maintenance and repair.