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Heavy Snow Recorded

Weekend's Icy Weather Coats County Landscape

A snowstorm which swept up from the south along the Atlantic coast dumped a record-breaking snow on Brunswick County Friday and Saturday. Although no official measurements were available, the snowfall ranged from 4 to 6 inches in depth in this area.

Two other factors were involved in this unusual winter weather: the first was gale-force winds which came along with the sleet and snow on Friday night and left the white coating garnished with green leaves from liveoaks and pine trees; the other was extremely cold temperatures, down to 20-degrees or below from Saturday morning through Tuesday. Moreover, on two of those days the mercury barely climbed to the freezing mark.

The storm reached Southport Friday morning in the form of a cold rain, turning to ice about noon. This

precipitation continued throughout the afternoon, changing to sleet in the meantime.

Friday night, the sleet turned to soft snow, leaving the ground covered Saturday

morning. But snow continued to fall during the day and on into Saturday night, and the frozen ice base from the night before provided a good foundation for having the snow accumulate.

On Saturday in Southport there was very little vehicular movement and most of the pedestrian activity was confined to the kids in the snow and the young-at-heart who joined them at brief intervals. Stores were open but business was light.

On Sunday morning things were at a complete standstill, with churches in the community cancelling both Sunday School and church programs. Announcements were made that schools would not be open Monday.

There were scattered reports of damage from the wind. Temporary roofing blew off the George Parker home on Fodale Avenue in

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Bridge Project Delay: 30 Days

The State Highway Commission has moved swiftly to readvertise the Oak Island Bridge project after the Federal Highway Administration refused to accept a current bid because it was "too high."

John Davis, chief engineer for the SHC, said the bridge project is being placed on the February letting list in the

hope of getting a bid that will be acceptable.

In refusing to concur in the SHC's recommendation that the January bid of Triplett and Ryan, contractors from Chester, South Carolina be accepted, T.J. Morawski wrote Davis that the project should be readvertised.

"It appears to us that readvertising the project will prompt other bidders to be more competitive," Morawski, FHWA division engineer, wrote Davis. "We agree it is urgent that the bridge be opened to traffic as soon as possible."

The bridge has been a problem since September, 1971, when a barge knocked out the existing bridge, leaving the residents of Oak Island with no connection with the mainland.

Ferries were rushed to the site and were used until engineers could construct a barge bridge, which accommodates one-way traffic. That has been used since, and on some days last summer more than 8,000 cars crossed it in a single day.

Davis said that if an acceptable bid can be obtained this month that it will simply delay completion by one month.

Pilot Names Staff Writer

Bobby Hill, a December graduate of North Carolina State University, has joined the staff of The State Port Pilot.

According to Publisher James M. Harper, Jr., Hill, who received his B.A. degree in English literature, will work as a general assignment reporter and feature writer, and also will assist advertising manager Ed Harper. "With the addition of Hill to our staff," said the publisher, "we will be able to provide more comprehensive, more complete coverage of news in Brunswick County."

Among Hill's duties, Harper added, would be the coverage of all town governments in this section of the county.

The 24-year-old State graduate is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Bob G. Hill of Tishomingo, Okla. He also is a graduate of State's ROTC program and has received an Infantry commission.

Hill's wife, Lela, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Burns of Riegelwood. She is a graduate of Peace College and Holding Technical Institute in Raleigh.

The Hills plan to reside at Yaupon Beach.



A WORKMAN SHOVELS snow and ice from in front of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company building in downtown Southport following a heavy dose of inclement weather over the weekend. Schools in Brunswick County remained closed through Wednesday and motorists were

forced to delay travel for several days. The conditions weren't as bad as in Columbus County, however, where as much as 14 inches was recorded; or in nearby South Carolina, where motorists were stranded on Interstate 95 for several days.

Manpower Unit Operating Here

In a move within the Employment Security Commission of North Carolina to better serve the rural areas, a "Rural Manpower" unit was opened Tuesday in the Southport City Hall.

The office will be open 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., five days a week, Monday through Friday. Hughlon B. Garriss of Wilmington will head the local ESC office.

The Rural Manpower unit here will be tied to a "Job Bank" computerized system in Wilmington. The Commission office will attempt to bring jobs and workers together throughout the Southeastern part of North Carolina. The services will be available to residents of Southport and Brunswick County rural areas.

This office was opened through the cooperative efforts of the Southport Board of Aldermen and the Rural Manpower unit located in Shallotte. Southport city officials provided the off-

space in City Hall.

Jim Wells, an ESC administrator in Wilmington, said the Southport office is part of an ESC move to expand rural services. Formerly, Southport area residents had to go to Wilmington or Shallotte to apply for jobs or manpower through the ESC. Wells said, "This is a new movement in North Carolina's rural areas to provide the same services offered in the heavily-populated areas." The ESC hopes to provide these same services with a limited staff.

Federal Day Off

Federal employees will be given the day off Monday in observance of George Washington's birthday.

Employees at the Military Ocean Terminal, Sunny Point, will not be expected to report for work, and window service at the post offices will not be available that day. Mail will be put into the boxes as usual, however.

School Fight Involved Few

L.R. Biggerstaff, principal of South Brunswick High School, said Tuesday that trouble among high school students last Thursday was less serious than has been described, and said that he anticipates these matters will be under control when school resumes following the break brought on by winter weather the first of this week.

"In the first place," he said, "there never was an uprising. What it amounted to was a confrontation between a group of black students and white students of high school age. The incidents did have racial overtones, but it involved only a small minority of the high school enrollment."

"It is true that several students received injuries, some of them painful, but none of them serious," said

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Board Asks Extension For Numbering System

The Town of Yaupon Beach has asked for a 60-day extension to work out a house and vacant lot numbering system for that Oak Island community.

Commissioner Bill McDougle explained that it will be necessary for Yaupon

Beach officials to assign house numbers in order to facilitate the delivery of mail. This is in accordance with an order from the Post Office Department, which will work out some type of box numbering system that cannot be changed even if house

numbers are later assigned. In view of this, Commissioner McDougle asked for a 60-day extension to work with the house numbers. This will not only facilitate mail delivery, but also will aid other deliverymen and out-of-towners trying to locate people or property.

Commissioners Jack Allen and Frank Aman are setting up the house and vacant lot numbering system. When ready, Yaupon Beach residents will be notified and can get their proper house number at the Town Hall.

The Board of Commissioners passed a resolution supporting the Brunswick County Commissioners in designating February as clean-up month.

All Yaupon Beach residents are being asked to clean beer cans, bottles, drive-in carry-out trash, etc. from in front of their house and vacant lots across the street or next door, as the case may be. The trash should be placed in plastic bags and left at the curb.

Wednesday, February 22, has been declared pick-up day for this trash and the town packer truck driver, Robert (Continued On Page Seven)

Third Judge A Possibility

Representative R.C. Soles, Jr., has introduced a bill in the House of Representatives that would add a new judge to the 13th Judicial District. Included in this district are Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties.

Prior to redistricting, Soles represented Brunswick County in the State Legislature. Soles currently represents Sampson, Bladen and Columbus counties.

Soles said, "If this bill is passed, the 13th Judicial District will be authorized three District Court Judges rather than the present two judges." Soles also said that he has been assured that his bill will receive support from other members of the General Assembly and from the Courts Commission.

Because of the heavy case load handled by the two District Court judges, the 13th Judicial District has the

number one priority in the state for an additional District Court judge, Soles stated.

The two current judges of the 13th District are Giles R. Clark of Elizabethtown and Ray H. Walton of Southport. They were elected for four-year terms this year and were unopposed in both the Democratic primary and the general election.

If the proposed bill passes, the new judge will have to file for election in the 1974 primary. The new judge would serve for a term of four years.

Judgement List Report Is Made

The second of three sessions of Superior Court in Brunswick County was held last week with Judge Edward B. Clark of Elizabethtown presiding.

Another term of civic court will be held in Brunswick County Courthouse, Southport, starting Monday. Following is a list of judgments for the term just ended:

Claude Calvin Hewett, Supply, DUI. PG-90 days suspended two years, \$100 and court costs, not operate motor vehicle in North Carolina.

Herman Rudolph Nelson, Leland, DUI. PG-\$100 and court costs.

Otto Charles McDowell, DUI, PG - \$100 and court costs, surrender driver's license for 12 months.

William Alton Dixon, Savannah, Ga., non-support

of children. Pled Nolo Contendere. Six months Brunswick County jail suspended five years upon conditions that he pay court costs and pay \$50 per week for support of two children.

Henry Henderson Benton, Supply, DUI, resisting arrest. Motion to quash second count (resisting arrest) was allowed. Defendant found not guilty of DUI.

Henry Henderson Benton, Supply, following too close. PNG-NG.

Henry Henderson Benton, Supply, Resisting arrest. PNG-NG.

Edmond Anthony Lesniak, driving after revocation. Remanded to District Court to comply with District Court judgment (\$200 and court costs.)

Grant Doughty, Wilmington, NOL. G-\$25 and (Continued On Page Seven)



OPENING A NEW OFFICE in Southport this week is the Employment Security Commission, which will locate in the City Hall. Being welcomed by Alvin Korngay, left, city manager of Southport, is Tom Adams, head of the Farm

Placement Division of the organization, who said the location of an office in Southport will make it possible for residents of the area to obtain ESC services without traveling to Wilmington.

Airman Cited For Heroism

Master Sergeant Leon Fullwood of Southport has received the Silver Star for gallantry as a U.S. Air Force pararescueman on an HH-53 Super Jolly Green Giant Helicopter in Southeast Asia. Sergeant Fullwood, son of Mrs. Josie Fullwood of Southport, earned the medal — the nation's third highest for heroism in combat — during a mission to rescue a badly-injured American airman downed in enemy territory Dec. 10-11, 1971.

Sergeant Fullwood (descended from the hovering helicopter on the hoist-

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