ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Author will sign new book

C. H. Scott, author of Tales from the Tropics, will be at Little Professor Book Center December 18-19 to sign copies of his books.

Scott, the son of actor Randolph Scott, was born and reared in Beverly Hills, Calif., but relocated to Long Beach to write. His first book is a collection of seven short stories drawn from his 32 years as a sailor. They are sailing stories, "but a whole lot more than that," he said, describing them as "good stories ... designed to make people smile."

Scott will be at Little Professor from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, December 18,

and from 2 to 5 p.m. Saturday, December 19.

Meyers wins award for play

L. Donald (Dutch) Meyers of Long Beach is the winner of the 1992 Wachovia Playwrights' Competition.

Meyers will receive \$200 and his play "Hambone" will be performed during the next year as a staged reading or a full production. He also won the 1990 competition for his one-act play, "Toy Boat on the Rappahannock", which was performed off-Broadway.

Meyers is a playwright and non-fiction writer. His articles have appeared in numerous magazines including Family Circle, Popular Science and Popular Mechanics. He has also written numerous books.

Hughes teaching art classes

Artist Rusty Hughes will teach three classes this winter under the auspices of Brunswick Community College.

Two painting classes will be offered, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday. A drawing class with a live model will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesdays. They will all be held at BCC's Southport annex.

Students can register through the December 14, 15 and 16 classes. The cost is \$25 for the semester; there is no charge for persons age 65 and over. More information can be obtained by calling Hughes at 457-5010, even-









Southport students perform

Four Southport Elementary School students will appear in the Christmas musical "Santa's Christmas Tree".

The musical, a Thalian Association Children's Theatre production, will be staged at 7 p.m. Friday, December 11, and Saturday, December 12, at Kenan Auditorium on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

The students participating are Jaryn Harrison, Andrew Hunt, Arthur and Morganna Bridgers.

Tickets are available from some Wilmington merchants; there is no

Island craft shop has classes

An on-going class in decorative art and tole painting is offered at the Oak Island Senior Citizens Craft Shop.

The class is taught by Bette Turner from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays. There is no charge. More information can be obtained by calling Turner at 278-6293.

A decorated T-shirt class is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 16. More information can be obtained by calling instructor Sunny Young at 278-3000. There is a \$3 table fee for paints. Participants must supply their own pre-washed T-shirt or other knit shirt.

Nell Moretz teaches painting at the Long Beach Recreation Center from noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays. More information can be obtained by calling 278-5518.

Holiday sale of miniature art

Miniature art for holiday gift giving is the theme of the December exhibit

at Franklin Square Gallery.

All works of art are less than 12x12 inches, or three inches in the case of pottery, and most are on sale for under \$20. The gallery will receive 30 percent of the proceeds from the sale of items.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

'Fly Wright' musical staged

The Thalian Association's production of "Fly Wright: A Story of Two Brothers" opens Thursday, December 10, at Thalian Hall,

The two-act play is an original musical based on Wilbur and Orville Wright's quest for flight and the effect flight had on them and their family. It was written, scored, directed and choreographed by Frank Trimble, assistant professor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Vicki Bridgers of Southport is among the actors in the musical.

The musical will be performed at 8 p.m. December 10 through December 13, with a 3 p.m. matinee on Sunday. Tickets are \$12 and \$10 for adults, \$10 and \$8 for students and \$6 for students through grade eight.

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Thank You

Members of the Southport Woman's Club wish to express sincere thanks to all participating merchants in Southport-Oak Island area and to residents who shared their Christmas memorabilia, collections and talents making Holiday House a tremendous success.

> Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to All! Jean Rhudy & Betsy Snyder Co-Chairmen



Pilot John Martin (left) and Brunswick County Airport commissioner Jim Young took this Long Beach youngster for a "See What Santa Sees" flight last week, and awarded the boy an honorary flight certificate. The airport is offering the flights for \$15 to benefit needy children and families in the county.



Den 15 performed the closing ceremonies after Southport Pack 238's November 20 meeting. The theme was "Indians and Turkeys"

Precautions make Christmas merrier

Every year in late December, the warmth and happiness of the holiday season is tempered with tragic stories about people who've lost their homes or, worse, their lives in fires accidentally set by Christmas decorations

People can help make sure this Christmas season is safe as well as happy by following a few simple precautions for using electric decorations and lights:

 Check all strings of lights for broken or cracked sockets and frayed wires before using them.

Make sure all sockets on strings of Christmas lights have bulbs.

*Attach no more than three light strings to each extension cord. More than three may overload electric circuits. Miniature lights save energy and also reduce the chance of overloads and fires.

Place the tree, strands of lights and extension cords where they won't be walked on or knocked over.

•Keep the lights away from flammable materials, like cloth or paper decorations. •Check the water in the base of a live tree daily to keep it from

drying out. Dry trees become extremely flammable. Turn off the Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed. Make sure the smoke detector is in working order, with a fresh set of batteries.

*Keep space heaters away from the Christmas tree and other flammable materials.

 Make sure small children are supervised when near a lighted tree, decorative lights or extension cords.

 Make sure outdoor lights and extension cords are rated as weatherproof. And don't replace bulbs when the electricity is on.

