

Time and Tide

55 years ago

It was October 27, 1943, and it was Navy Day. In keeping with the spirit of things, the *Pilot* that week ran two pictures of Navy personnel on the front page. The first of these was an artist's impression of a white-hat boarding his ship, complete with sea bag, and the other was a photo of commander G. T. Campbell, commanding officer of Caswell Section Base, who had in three months raised the base's district rating from last place to the top position.

John D. O'Daniel had entered the Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point; Orton Plantation had been ranked as the second most interesting tourist attraction in North Carolina -- the Wright Memorial was first -- by *The State* magazine; and the Red Cross knitting contest was to close on Saturday night.

45 years ago

It was October 28, 1953, and the cover photo that week showed the Southport Masonic Building. The same photograph was to be shown on the area television station serving Southport. The local shrimping fleet had high-tailed it for Florida; and the Southport school was prepping for the annual Halloween carnival.

The current run of bluefish was still keeping local charter boatmen busy and, to add to the confusion, king mackerel were showing up in large numbers. The Brunswick Baptist Association had held its annual meeting; and our editorial writer had sensed a downward trend in the economy.

35 years ago

The threat of Hurricane Ginny had caused the Frying Pan Lightship to pull anchor and head for safe harbor, tying up at a dock in Wilmington. We got a picture of that vessel as she came into the local harbor and it was in the *Pilot* for October 30, 1963. The late-season storm had huffed and puffed, and had left a lot of water in her wake, but no great wind damage resulted.

The blow had caused Southport's homecoming game with Bolivia to be postponed until Monday night and rain still caught the halftime activities in their final stage. Ellen Newell was crowned homecoming queen.

25 years ago

October 24, 1973, and the Southport Jaycees were on the front page, with several of the members shown placing trash containers in strategic locations in the downtown area. Not to be outdone in civic activity, six members of the Green Thumb Garden Club were shown installing a hanging basket the club had donated to the Southport-Brunswick County Library.

The Long Beach town board had asked for longer postal hours and more post office mailboxes to serve residents of Oak Island; a six-foot alligator had been caught, brought by *The State Port Pilot* office to have his picture taken, then turned loose in the Cape Fear River near the moored Frying Pan Lightship; the fact that municipal elections were upcoming was attested by the number of announcements by candidates contained in our advertising columns that week.

20 years ago

There was joy at South Brunswick High School when the Cougars defeated Hallsboro High for the first time, 6-0. That was big news in the *Pilot* for October 25, 1978, and we had a picture of the crowd reaction, plus a front-page photo of Sandy Randolph, homecoming queen. William Turner, a member of the faculty of North Brunswick High School had been named NCEA teacher of the year for Brunswick County.

"Hee Haw" star Roy Clark had spent the night at Southport Marina aboard his new yacht *Mean Queen III*; "Pudding Lane," a musical by Lewis Hardee, was doing well as an off-Broadway show in New York; and the North Carolina Symphony chamber orchestra was to appear in concert at Hatch Auditorium at the Baptist Assembly the following Saturday night.

15 years ago

A news flash on the front page of the *Pilot* for October 26, 1983, reported an armed robbery which had occurred that morning at the Bolivia office of UCB. We had a picture of grading operations at Brunswick County Airport where the landing strip was being paved.

Scenes from the movie "Firestarter" were to be filmed at Orton Plantation and a mock replica of the big house itself was being erected as a burnt offering in the climactic scene; the N. C. Department of Transportation had approved eight bridge replacement projects in Brunswick County at a scheduled cost exceeding \$20 million; and "Heritage Days" were to be observed during the coming weekend at Brunswick Town State Historic Site.

10 years ago

Work on the \$6-million land trestle on the Sunny Point railroad through Boiling Spring Lakes had been completed and Brig. Gen. Dane Starling of the Military Traffic Management Command Eastern Area had officiated at ribbon-cutting ceremonies. That was a story and photo in the *Pilot* for October 26, 1988. The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council had closed the king mackerel season and this action had drawn heated protest from both commercial and sports fishermen.

Nothing had happened to the spot season and we had a picture of fishing poles as thick as pickets on a fence at Ocean Crest Pier; a new proposal had been made to erect an inn on the waterfront in Southport; and from the "Not Exactly News" column that week we learned that there had been no killing frost to that date -- just like this year.

5 years ago

It was October 27, 1993, and state officials were still studying how to combat the gypsy moth invasion which had commenced at Sunny Point in July. A plan was expected by year's end. Martin-Marietta opponents were hoping to adjust zoning rules to forestall limestone mining; CP&L had perfected a plan to repair a cracked reactor shroud at the Brunswick Nuclear Plant; and Southport's Riverwalk had been dedicated on Saturday.

Municipal elections were coming Tuesday, and candidates' statements of intent were featured prominently in that edition; road work on Yaupon Drive was being touched up by painters that week; and though Long Beach and Caswell Beach wanted Halloween celebrated on Saturday, Yaupon Beach officials said they were leaving that decision up to citizens.

Obituaries

Marie Agnes Mount Welsh of Southport

Marie Agnes Mount Welsh died Sunday, October 25, 1998.

She is survived by her husband, Walter N. Welsh; four daughters, Merle Anne Welsh of Rochester, NY; Karen Marie Ettinger of Lake Oswego, OR; Laurie Jean Witmeyer of Rochester, NY; and Wendy Victoria Manley of Bourne, MA; and five grandchildren, Matthew and Erin Witmeyer, Christian and Amanda Ettinger and Lucas Nathaniel Manley.

Mrs. Welsh was a 1934 graduate of Rutgers University and spent all of her life as an active environmentalist and recycler. As the spouse of an Episcopal priest for 58 years, her concern for the poor and dispossessed was the mark of her share of the ministry. As a citizen of Yaupon Beach she started the first local clean-up drive and served thousands of hours as a volunteer at Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport.

The Burial Office and Episcopal Eucharist was celebrated for her at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Southport today (Wednesday) at 2 p.m.



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Ottis Richard Wright Sr., 85, of Tabor City

Ottis Richard Wright Sr. of Tabor City, 85, died October 23, 1998, at Columbus County Hospital, Whiteville. Born February 12, 1913, he was the son of Mayon A. Wright and Lillian Ward Wright.

He is survived by his widow, Dottie McKeithan Ward Wright of Nakina; one son, Richard Wright and wife Jenny McKinnon Wright of Tabor City; and a daughter, Martha Eagle and husband Gene Eagle of Southport, his children by Olive Battle Wright, who died December 28, 1994; two sisters, Dessie Wright Spivey of Tabor City and Lorena Wright Williams of Rocky Mount; grandchildren Elizabeth and Sarah Wright of Tabor City and Eleanor, Lee Ann and Eugene Eagle of Southport.

Wright was a lifelong farmer in the Vinegar Hill community; a veteran of World War II and attended Mill Branch Primitive Baptist Church.

Funeral services were held Monday at 2 p.m. at the Inman Funeral Home, Tabor City. Officiating were elder George Paul and the Rev. Glenn Lane. Interment was in the Wright Family Cemetery. Pallbearers were James Wright, Lavern Spivey, Donald Spivey, Kenneth Coker, Henry Rowan and Gene McKeithan.

Memorials may be made to the Wright Cemetery Trust Fund, c/o Lavern Spivey, 6065 Richard Wright Road, Tabor City, NC 28463.

Lakes resident Ernest Conrad Bratt Jr.,

Ernest Conrad Leonard Bratt Jr., 82, of Boiling Spring Lakes died Saturday, October 24, 1998, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center.

Funeral mass was conducted at 11 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, where he was a member, with Fr. Michael Connolly officiating. Burial will be at a later date in St. Philip's Episcopal Church Memorial Garden. Serving as pallbearers were Roger Roy, Eric Roy, Chad Randall, John Randall, David Anderson and Doug Spencer.

Bratt was born June 12, 1916, in Boston, MA, a son of the late Ernest Conrad Leonard Bratt and Emma Linnell Bratt, and moved here in 1981 from Charlotte. A U. S. Navy veteran, he was former president of Southern Textiles Corp. of Charlotte.

Survivors include a son, Mark Bratt of Gastonia; two daughters, Karen A. Bard of Little River, SC, and Patricia Mary Hurlbut of Glen Cover, Long Island, NY; a brother, Kenneth Bratt of Derry, NH; two sisters, Florence Fenstermacher and Audrey Nordley, both of Boiling Spring Lakes; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Muir Bratt, in 1997. Memorial contributions may be made to Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 5269 Doshier Cutoff Road, Southport, NC 28461.

Lyda V. Fuller, 69, of Shallotte

Lyda V. Fuller, 69, of Autumn Care of Shallotte, formerly of Henderson, died Monday, October 26, 1998.

Born March 22, 1929, she was a daughter of the late Chalmers E. and Lyda Spencer Voils of Clarkton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Sidney White Fuller.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly F. Journagan of Raleigh, Cynthia F. Champion of Shallotte; a son, Joel S. Fuller of Valdosta, GA; two sisters, Melba V. Savage of Fairmont and Grace V. Griffin of Wallace; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Rose Chapel of First United Methodist Church, Henderson. Burial will be in the Union Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery.

Brunswick Funeral Service of Shallotte is handling local arrangements.

John Vincent Kelly, 47, of Long Beach

John Vincent Kelly, 47, of Long Beach died Monday, October 26, 1998, at his residence.

A memorial mass will be conducted at 9 a.m. Thursday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Eugene Gillis officiating.

Kelly was born June 4, 1951, in Waynesburg, PA, a son of Benjamin Frances and Gertrude Cecilia Demaske Kelly of Point Marion, PA, and moved to Long Beach in 1990 from Waterford, CT. He was employed as a nuclear engineer with the Florida Power Company.

In addition to his parents he is survived by his wife, Linda Faulk-Kelly of the home; a son, Joshua Kelly of Waterford, CT; a brother, Benjamin Kelly of Soddy Daisy, TN; two sisters, Diane England of Clarksville, PA, and Marcia Kelly of Point Marion, PA. He was preceded in death by a brother, Steve Kelly, and by a sister, Joann Ray.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 3173 Wrightsville Avenue, Wilmington, NC 28403.

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Ora Dare Jenrette Krushas of Mobile, AL

Ora Dare Jenrette Krushas, 83, died October 16, 1998, in Mobile, AL, where she had made her home since 1950. She was born May 22, 1915, and reared in the Longwood community of Brunswick County, a daughter of the late Henry D. and Annie Evans Jenrette.

She was the widow of William C. Krushas. Survivors include one son, W. C. Krushas Jr. of Pensacola, FL; two daughters, Burgette K. Mobley of New Haven, IL, and Barbara Cowart of Roswell, GA; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters, Gertha Ward of Southport, Loraine McKeithan McLamb of Little River, SC, and Betty Hart of Wilmington; four brothers, Henry Jenrette of Rockledge, FL, Ellis Jenrette of Smiths, AL, Howard Jenrette of Edgewater, FL, and Thomas Jenrette of Wilmington. A brother, Dupree Jenrette of Leland, and sister, Ann Caudill of Mobile, preceded her in death.

The funeral service and burial were held in Mobile.

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