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Present Financial Crisis

Physicians Want Hospital Nearby

Two matters of major concern with regard to the future of Doshier Memorial Hospital were discussed at great length at a meeting Tuesday night in Southport with no definite conclusion being reached to either question.

The meeting was called by L.T. Yaskell, chairman of the Board of Trustees for Doshier Memorial Hospital, and invitations were extended to members of the Board of County Commissioners, members of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Southport, trustees for the hospital, members of the medical staff and members of the business staff. About 25 persons were in attendance.

Attention was first directed to the location of a new county hospital, a project now under consideration by the county commissioners. Chairman Yaskell asked a direct question of Chairman W.A. Kopp, Jr., of the Board of Commissioners, concerning the report that a site near Supply has been approved by his board.

Kopp explained that no legal action has been taken regarding location of the hospital and that the report referred to is that of a site committee, a subcommittee of the committee named by the commissioners last year to investigate the feasibility and to make a recommendation regarding construction of a new hospital. Kopp declared that if and when a new hospital is constructed it must be financed by state and federal grants, by gifts or from tax revenue. He said that the latter course will be possible only through a vote of the people.

Dr. N.M. Hornstein, Dr. Fred Burdette and Dr. Norman Templeton made statements expressing concern over the proposed location, pointing out that the majority of the doctors now practicing in Brunswick County live at Southport and stating the obvious advantages of having a hospital located where it is quickly accessible to members of the medical and surgical staff.

J.T. Clemmons, vice-chairman of the Board of Commissioners, said the wishes of all of the people in the county must be considered in arriving at a decision as to the location of a new hospital, since it can only be made possible through a successful bond election.

Kopp agreed that before any definite decision is made the commissioners will meet with the doctors now prac-

ting in Brunswick County and with members of the board of trustees of the hospital.

At this point the discussion moved to phase two of the agenda, consideration of a

financial crisis now facing the hospital.

Dr. Hornstein charged that the hospital is on the verge of bankruptcy and cited the fact that several suppliers now

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Board Wants Pier Okayed

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners has asked the U.S. Secretary of the Army to reconsider his stand against development of Bald Head Island and approved a permit that would allow an already-constructed pier to remain.

The commissioners passed the resolution during their regular session on Monday. The resolution reads:

"Whereas, Smith Island, commonly known as Bald Head Island, is an integral part of the County of Brunswick, and the State of North Carolina, and

"WHEREAS, a corporation doing business under the name of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation has prepared comprehensive plans for the development of this island, and

"WHEREAS, the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners has reviewed these developmental plans and specifications which provide for the retention of

natural habitat to every extent possible.

"BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Brunswick County Board of commissioners do hereby go on record as requesting the

Secretary of the United States Army to reconsider his decision requiring dismantling of a temporary pier constructed to replace a deteriorated pier on a shallow waterway at Bald Head Island, and since said pier is inconsequential in size, offering no obstruction or danger to navigation or to the ecology of the affected area and thereby allow the Carolina Cape Fear Corporation to continue to utilize the existing facility until such time as comprehensive plans may be prepared reflecting the proposed final development for any marine facilities for which approval would have to be obtained from all cognizant county, state, and federal offices.

Recount Hearing

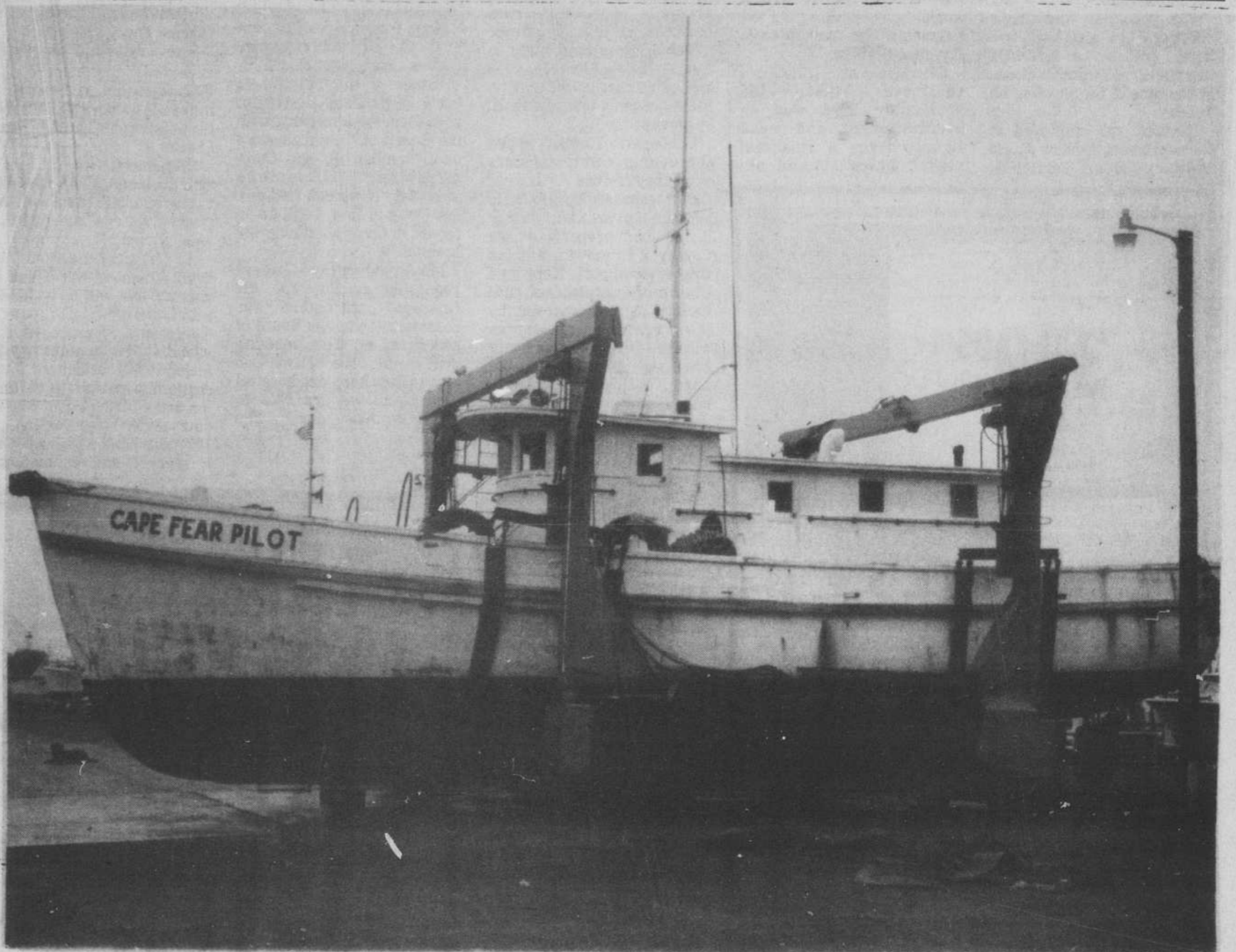
Whether or not a recount will be allowed in the Brunswick County contest for Register of Deeds will be decided on Monday when the State Board of Elections convenes in Raleigh.

Clark, who is authorized by law to remain in office until a winner is declared by the local Board of Elections, trailed Republican Arthur Knox by ten votes after the official canvass. He alleges no fraud, only the possibility of human error in the tallying of such a large volume of votes.

Kopp Reelected

William A. Kopp, Jr., was re-elected chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners as the all-Republican body began a new two-year term on Monday. J.T. Clemmons was named vice-chairman of the five-member board.

Among business discussed at the regular county board meeting was possible reapportionment of the county. Now, one of the county's six townships is always a representative on the board. The matter was referred to the county attorney for further study.



ONE OF THE BEST features of the Southport Boat Harbor operation is the heavy-duty lift, here being used to haul a Wilmington-Cape Fear Pilots Association vessel from the

water for repairs. The photograph was taken by H.A. Schmidt, manager of the boat harbor for the State Ports Authority.

Wife Killed By Husband

Southport Police have arrested 28-year-old Richard Farmer and have charged him with the shotgun slaying of his wife here on Sunday morning.

Police Chief Herman Strong said that a call was received by officers at approximately 11:40 a.m. Sunday from residents of Stuart Road informing them that a man was shooting his wife in his front yard.

City Patrolman Frank Hamel and Highway Patrolman Steve Patterson answered the call and found Mrs. Shirley Farmer, 27, lying in her front yard. She had been shot twice, once in the right thigh and again in the head. The officers said Farmer was standing nearby with a 12-gauge shotgun in his hands.

Strong said Farmer surrendered himself to Hamel and Patterson without a struggle and is being held in the Brunswick County Jail in Southport. Mrs. Farmer was pronounced dead on arrival at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

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Republican Official:

GOP Election Fraud Charge 'Uncalled For'

An official of the Brunswick County Republican Party has termed "unnecessary and uncalled for" the charges against Democratic election personnel that were made in connection with GOP candidate Arthur Knox's narrow margin over incumbent Register of Deeds Durward Clark.

Linda Packer, vice-chairman of the Brunswick County Young Republican Club who headed Governor-elect Jim Holshouser's campaign in this county, said she did "not wish to be associated with the reckless attacks" against Board of Elections Chairman Hubert Bellamy, Democratic Board Member A.H. Gainey, Jr., and Southport Precinct Registrar Mrs. Jean Fullwood.

The charges against the

Democratic election officials were filed by Wilmington Attorney George Clark in support of a request that Durward Clark be denied a recount of the ballots cast in the November 7 general election. The incumbent county official, who trailed Knox by ten votes after the

official canvass of votes, asked for a recount on the basis that human error was possible in the counting of so many complex ballots. He alleged no fraud.

Instead, Attorney Clark filed a brief that included affidavits that alleged Gainey wagered money on the out-

come of the election; that Gainey and Mrs. Fullwood placed seals on the ballot boxes just prior to the time of the official canvass; and that Bellamy said to Gainey after the unofficial totals were announced, "I've got some ballots in my pocket and I'll

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Dock Permit Denied; Court Battle Expected

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has rejected a permit that would allow Carolina Cape Fear Corporation to build a pier from the well-publicized Bald Head Island development into the Cape Fear River.

Col. Albert Costanzo of the Corps' Wilmington office issued the ruling on Monday, denying permission to build a pier that would be used to land construction material and equipment on the island. The request was made in August.

Delay in consideration of

the permit, according to Costanzo, was based on his office awaiting a ruling from the U.S. Secretary of the Army, Robert Froehke, on another permit request for a Bald Head Island pier that was already constructed.

On Nov. 15, Froehke rejected an application for a 20-foot pier on Bald Head Creek on the north side of the island. The pier was built in early 1971.

In addition, the Army Secretary expanded his opposition to the pier to include all development on the island as "contrary to the public interest."

In direct acknowledgement to the initial pier rejection, Costanzo ordered the present pier on Bald Head removed by January 1, 1973.

In a policy statement, Costanzo reported the local Corps on Engineers office will only consider for approval in the future "those applications for permits for work in the navigable waters associated with a different concept of development of the island."

The pier rejection virtually assures a major legal fight over development of the island. Following the initial permit rejection, officials of the Southport-based Carolina Cape Fear Corporation indicated the ruling would be challenged in the courts.

Major Joel T. Callahan,



Board of Commissioners Chairman Kopp Speaks Of A New Hospital ... Doshier Memorial Trustee L.T. Yaskell Listens.

