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Honor Jaycees This Week On National Level

This is National Jaycee Week and in Southport the citizens are taking stock of what the activities of this organization have meant to progress of this community since the local chapter was chartered in January, 1961. This would make this the tenth anniversary of the Southport Jaycees.

In observance of this occasion, Mayor E.B. Tomlinson, Jr., has issued the following proclamation:

"WHEREAS, the City of Southport, State of North Carolina, United States of America, is and forever shall be embellished with the cloak of community consciousness, and

"WHEREAS, Creating Environment for Change Through People is the theme of The United States Jaycees, and

"WHEREAS, there is now declared a state of honorarium upon civic pride and community involvement;

"BE IT HEREBY PROCLAIMED, that the month of January, 1971, is and it is hereby declared to be

"COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT MONTH

throughout the limits of the City of Southport, State of North Carolina, and

"BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that every Jaycee re-examine the worth of his organization and pledge himself to do all within his power to assure his community grows and prospers through Community Involvement.

"WITNESS my hand and Seal as Mayor, this day of January nineteen hundred and seventy-one."

The Jaycee Creed spells out the purposes and beliefs of this organization. It reads:

"That faith in God gives meaning and purpose of human life; that the

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State Easter Seal Child

Jackie Powell of Shallotte, who has been named State Easter Seal Child for 1971, is shown with her parents and officials of the Easter Seal Campaign. At the left is Attorney General Robert Morgan, chairman; Kelly Todd, Jackie, Mrs. Todd, and Mrs. A.P. Henry, a co-chairman of the Easter Seal Campaign.

County Jails Approved For Shallotte, Southport

The county Board of Commissioners have decided to cut the size of the proposed Southport jail and to begin construction of two identical structures—one here and the

other at Shallotte.

When the matter of the new jails came before the board at its meeting on Monday, J.T. Clemmons moved that the jail embodying the recommendations of the architect be started immediately at Southport to take full advantage of the \$44,500 state grant for construction. He proposed that construction of the second jail at Shallotte be postponed until 1972, bringing the immediate cost within bounds of the Brunswick County budget.

There was no second to the motion.

Commissioner Vardell Hughes offered a motion that the jails be equal in size, following the plans for the Shallotte jail, and that construction be started as soon as possible. This motion was approved.

The decision means that two 12-inmate jails will be constructed in Brunswick County. This will trim about \$60,000 from the initial estimates of jail costs.

The first plans, drawn up by the former Board of Commissioners, called for a 23-inmate facility at Southport, the Brunswick county seat.

District Courts are located in both Southport and Shallotte.

According to the commissioners' office, the two facilities will cost \$140,000. The 24-inmate total capacity in line with recommendations by the North Carolina Department of Social Services, based on the department's suggestion that one inmate capacity be provided for each 1,000 population.

The 1970 census lists Brunswick population around 22,000 persons.

The commissioners said that jail planning will take into consideration the possibility of expansion.

During their discussion, board members pointed out that the geographical size of the county imposes undo hardships on law enforcement

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Harrelson Awarded Seat; 'People Are Real Winners'

By ED HARPER

"It's the best thing that's happened to Columbus County since Southeastern Community College and Hardee's" is the way one woman explained it.

What happened is that Tommy Harrelson is in Raleigh and Arthur Williamson is at home. But the real winners, the woman said, are the people of Columbus County, both Democrats and Republicans.

"Before, people said they didn't vote because their vote wouldn't count. It looks like they were right."

The whole election controversy that started November 3 came to a head Thursday. Everyone in the District Courtroom—including Arthur Williamson—had a good idea what the decision would be. The veteran legislator announced that even if he were declared the winner he would not serve, and if he were seated by his fellow legislators he would

resign. Williamson said he was "shocked" that such fraud and forgery could occur in Columbus County.

The State Board of Elections, after hearing three days of testimony, decided to subtract four votes from the total credited to Williamson and one vote from Harrelson's final count. The board previously had declared the House race tied at 5,452 votes

apiece. During the public hearing in Whiteville, numerous election law violations were disclosed, plus the apparent fraud and forgery associated with the November 3 general election. The controversy centered on South Lees Precinct where Mrs. Alma Ward was the registrar, Mrs. Leah Ross the Democratic judge and Tommie G. Sarvis the Republican judge. It was Sarvis who alleged that his name had been forged to the poll book which included the names of seven persons who did not vote.

Testimony by an SBI handwriting expert showed that the name of Mrs. Ross also had been forged, and that the signature of Mrs. Alma Ward was genuine.

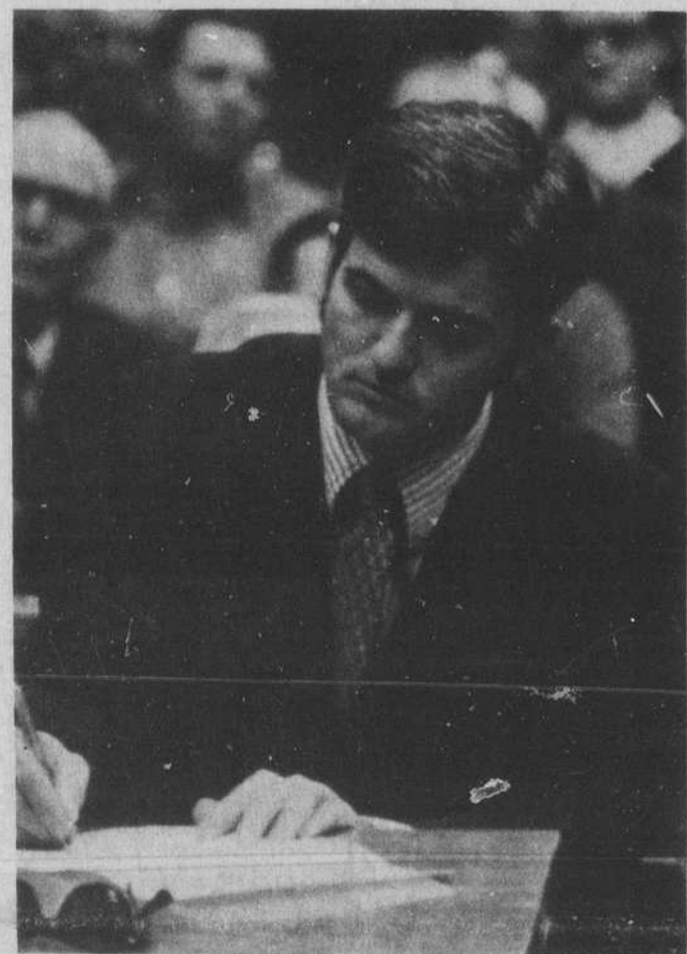
The State Board of Elections spent most of its time Thursday morning in recess while Mrs. Ward and her attorney decided whether or not she would testify, and while the board decided whether or not she would be granted the immunity from prosecution she asked for.

Attorney D. Frank McGougan of Tabor City, who represented the South Lees registrar at the public hearing, moved for a continuance of the hearing based on (1) a statement from the doctor concerning Mrs. Ward's health, (2) his having been busy elsewhere and not hearing any of the testimony offered Tuesday and Wednesday, and (3) Mrs. Ward's ninth-grade education limiting her ability to answer questions at the hearing.

After a closed session during which the State Board of Elections discussed the motion, Chairman Bryan Scott reminded McGougan that the state and federal investigations into the alleged fraud and forgery have been public knowledge for weeks, and that investigators have informed Mrs. Ward of her rights, including the privilege of having an attorney.

Scott told the attorney that Mrs. Ward had appeared before during the public hearing and had testified. On Wednesday, when called to testify a second time, she

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(Photo By Elgie Clemmons)

Thomas Harrelson...successful in his first political contest

County Lines No Bounds For Him

The victory of Tommy Harrelson over Arthur Williamson for a seat in the House of Representatives has been booked as the political counterpart of the David vs. Goliath fracas back in Bible days. At best, it is figured to be an upset win for a rank amateur over a seasoned politician.

There's more to this story.

When Tommy Harrelson was running for a seat in the General Assembly last fall he served at the same time as chairman of the Republican Executive Committee for Brunswick County and as such was captain and quarterback of the G.O.P. candidates. He came up with a good game plan, for all five of his candidates for the Board of Commissioners were elected in a Republican sweep unprecedented in recent years in Brunswick County politics. The re-election of Sheriff Harold

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Public Meeting For Shallotte

A series of public meetings will be held in Brunswick County by the Brunswick County Planning Board to get the views of citizens concerning the Sketch Development Plan recently submitted for its approval. Among the more important topics up for discussion will be a Countywide Zoning Plan.

The first meeting will be held at Shallotte High School on Thursday, January 28; the second will be held at Leland High School on Thursday, February 4; and the third will be held at Brunswick County-Southport High School on February 11. All meetings will be held at 7:30 o'clock.

Cooperating with the local board was the N.C. Department of Local Affairs whose representative, David L. Pugh, conducted the study. That state department, in conjunction with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, financed 90-percent of the cost of this study.

This was a service carried out under the auspices of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County whose members assumed the role of the membership of the Brunswick County Planning Board in order to provide legal leadership for this project.

Another matter which received high priority in the report to the Brunswick County Planning Board was a survey of existing housing in

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Shallotte Girl Poster Child

The 1971 State Easter Seal Child is Jackie Powell of Brunswick County.

She, along with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Todd of Shallotte, were guests of honor Monday night at a dinner meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the Easter Seal Society for Crippled Children and Adults held at the home of Mrs. A.P. Henry at Winabow.

Also present for the meeting was H.E. McNair, who presented the color film "A Touch of Happiness", a documentary report of one week at Camp Easter, a camp for the handicapped in the Sandhills of North Carolina.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. W. Alex Willis of Jacksonville, president of this 12-county organization. Included in the group with Brunswick are the following counties: Bladen, Carteret, Columbus, Curran, Duplin, Jones, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender and Sampson.

During the business meeting a report was made of services rendered during the past quarter by this organization. Plans also were discussed for the upcoming Easter Seals sales. Attorney General Robert W. Morgan is State Chairman this year and one of his two co-chairmen is Mrs. Henry.

Committee In First Meeting

A meeting of the 1971 Southport Fourth of July Festival Committee was held recently at the Jaycee Building and several important items of business were discussed and decisions made.

The dates for the 1971 Festival are July 3-5, with the parade being held on the morning of Monday, July 5. Most of the regular annual events, shows and displays will be open to the public beginning on Saturday morning and continuing through Monday.

This year each sub-committee is headed by a chairman and two co-chairmen and each coming year one of the co-chairmen will rotate to the chairmanship of his respective committee, with a new co-chairman being brought into the committee each year.

The festival officers and sub-committee chairmen for 1971 are as follows: Chairman, Wm. G. Faulk, Jr.; vice-chairman, Robert Howard; treasurer, Lester V. Lowe; general secretary, Kathryn Carson; finance committee, Al Trunnell; program, Jackie Stevenson; invitations & hospitality, Connie Young; reservations and booths, Becky Howard; special events, Robert Thorsen; parade, Jerry Sherrod; floats, Lelia Pigott; transportation, Helen Skipper; traffic control, Chief Walton Willis, Police Dept. and Fire Dept.; color slide program, Dorothy Davis; children's field events,

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Time And Tide

A picture of the Brunswick County Hospital (Doshier Memorial) appeared on the front page of The Pilot for January 22, 1936. It carried with it the story of the report of the previous year, and this reflected the great good for which this institution was responsible in the matter of the health of Brunswick County citizens. The Hungarian ship Csikos, aground in the Cape Fear since Sunday, had freed herself by her own power Tuesday night.

There was a front page story on how to set out a dogwood tree—no doubt inspired by an editorial of the previous week urging a program of beautification for Southport; news of international import appeared in The Pilot that week: Rudyard Kipling, famed English poet, was dead.

An influenza epidemic caused the Waccamaw High School to be closed temporarily during mid-January of 1941. This was reported in our edition of January 22 of that year. Another front page story had to do with a new theatre building for Southport, with work in progress to convert the former Northrop store

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Jaycees Go To Church

Members of the Southport Jaycees and members of their families attended morning worship services at Trinity United Methodist Church in a

body Sunday. This was a part of their observance of National Jaycee Week. (Photo by Spencer)