

# THE STATE PORT PILOT

A Good Newspaper In A Good Community

VOLUME 42 NO. 42 14 PAGES TODAY WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 1971 SOUTHPORT, N. C. 5c A COPY PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY



Scene At Jaycee Horse Show

Taylor Field was the scene of busy activity Saturday afternoon during the course of the Jaycee Horse Show. This candid shot gives a panoramic impression of what was going

on. Scores of horses and hundreds of spectators enjoyed the festivities.

## Easy Win For Banker

# Voters Name Lowe Mayor Of Southport

Lester V. Lowe was elected Mayor of Southport Tuesday as a record number of citizens cast their ballots in this municipal election.

Elected to serve as members of the Board of Aldermen were Mrs. Dorothy R. Gilbert and Al Martin from Ward No. 1 and Harold Aldridge and Harold Davis from Ward No. 2. Martin and Davis will be new members of the board.

The large number of candidates probably accounts for the fact that 720 voters visited the polls. Five candidates sought election as mayor while there were five candidates in each of the two

wards, with two vacancies to be filled from each.

In the race for mayor Lowe



Lester Lowe

had 303 votes, which were about equally divided between the two wards. The second high man was Robert Tharp, who had 123 votes, followed by W.R. Thorsen with 118, James K. Porterfield with 75 and William Crowe with 72.

Mrs. Gilbert led the field among candidates from Ward No. 1 with 302 votes. Martin had 275 votes to edge out W.L. Hufham, a member of the present board, who had 252 votes. Dempsey Hewett had 188 votes and Bill Miller 79.

In Ward No. 2 Aldridge, who has 16 years of service as an alderman, was high for all candidates for this position (Continued On Page Four)

MAYOR	Ward I	Ward II	Total
Crowe	40	32	72
Lowe	154	40	303
Porterfield	35	40	75
Tharp	12	111	123
Thorsen	38	80	118

ALDERMEN-WARD I			
Gilbert	127	175	302
Hewett	93	95	188
Hufham	132	120	252
Martin	116	159	275
Miller	31	48	79

ALDERMEN-WARD II			
Aldridge	171	161	332
Clark	60	87	147
Davis	86	222	308
Koontz	96	108	204
Smith	78	71	149

## Voter Turnout High In County

Brunswick County towns elected their city fathers for the next several years Tuesday with voter turnout good. All 47 of the registered voters at Holden Beach cast ballots during the municipal election there.

Incumbent town commissioners Hugh Dutton and J.D. Griffin won re-election and Mayor John F. Holden was unopposed. Other members of the town council are Charles Saddington, Mrs. Doris Newman and Ernest Madlin.

Unsuccessful candidates were Kermit Coble, Mrs. Gladys Hare and Milton Harper.

**SHALLOTTE**  
Robert Hawes, Harry A. White and Michael Russ were re-elected to the town council by 47 voters who cast ballots Tuesday. They had no opposition.

**BOILING SPRING LAKES**  
94 of 117 registered voters cast ballots Tuesday in the Boiling Spring Lakes town election. Paul Day, Alfred Switzer and Oscar Williams were successful in their bids for the vacant seats on the town board, defeating Fred Beck, incumbent John Cobb, Lester Mason and Jane Mellan.

**LONG BEACH**  
The beach voters elected its first mayor Tuesday with O.G. Coleman, Jr., defeating E.W. Morgan, 261 to 83. Of the 388 registered voters, 344 cast ballots.

Winning four-year terms on the town board were Herman E. Joyce and Mrs. Virginia Christenbury. Other candidates were James H. Ratcliffe, Lewis H. Conley, Robert L. O'Quinn, R.M. Ferrell and John J. Burke.

**YAUPON BEACH**  
Clarence Murphy, Gib Barbee and Jack Allen were elected to the three open seats on the Town of Yaupon Beach board Tuesday. As top vote-getter, Murphy was re-elected mayor. Of the 187 registered voters, 171 voted.

Losing candidates were Weyland Vereen, the Rev. Shuler, R.T. Dixon, Luke Appling and A.C. Harris.

## Board Increases Valuation Of Island To Asking Price

E.J. Prevatte, secretary of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation, plans to appear Monday before the Brunswick County Board of Equalization and Review to protest recent action of the Board of County Commissioners increasing valuation of Bald Head Island from \$380,000 to \$5.5 million.

"It is unfair and it is unrealistic," Prevatte said with regard to this action. "It is against the policy which has prevailed in the past to encourage development of our natural resources. Raw, undeveloped land has been improved and placed on the market and buildings and

improvements that have been made have been fairly taxed. "I point with some pride to the rapid growth in our tax valuation during the past few years as a justification for this policy," the former county attorney said.

If the action is upheld, it will raise the yearly property tax bill for Carolina Cape Fear Corporation from \$3,610 to \$52,250 if the present county tax rate were retained. The move to increase valuation was unanimously passed by the five-member county board last week.

Any decision can be appealed to the State Board of

Assessment, a group of state tax officials, and from that board to state courts.

The \$5.5 million figure has been mentioned for nearly a decade as the asking price for the island, although it was purchased for payment of less than \$40,000 back taxes by Frank Sherrill in the 1930s.

Sherrill sold the island in 1969 to Carolina Cape Fear, headed by William R. Henderson of High Point, but no sale figure has been revealed.

Henderson recently told a General Assembly hearing the island was worth \$20 million now and that his development plan could eventually involve as much as \$280 million.

Besides putting a new twist on the Bald Head Island question, the action of the Brunswick commissioners could open a rare test of the taxing powers of local governments over the plans of recreation area developers, land speculators and subdivision builders.

The \$380,000 figure was set in 1967 following countywide revaluation. Prevatte contends there has been no construction on the island and no subdivision lines laid out.

But board members contended they had powers under state assessment laws which say they can reappraise property "which has increased in value...by virtue of circumstances other than general economic increases," or when the previous figure was "manifestly unjust when compared to similar property in the county."

Jim Jeffries, the Brunswick County tax supervisor, said the action of the commissioners was not necessarily against Carolina Cape Fear plans.

"It is the general consensus of the board to see the island developed, not necessarily condemned," he said.

Gov. Bob Scott, backing conservationists, has proposed that the state attempt to acquire the island by condemnation.

The big jump in valuation for the island, if it stuck, could also lead to a reduction in the county's current \$1.90 tax rate. Next year's rate hasn't been set, pending outcome of the hearing.

## Board Studies County Budget

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday for a general discussion of the forthcoming 1972 fiscal budget. It was noted that most county departments were projecting increases in the cost of operation with the greatest increase being by the Board of Education whose initial request for funds would require \$1.25 per \$100 tax levy compared to the current 96 cents per \$100 levy.

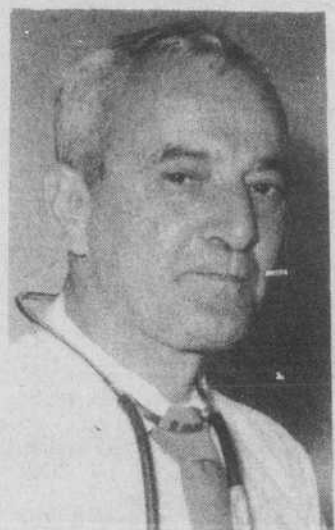
The mosquito control program for the forthcoming season was discussed and plans are being made to implement this program in the near future.

County Manager Jerry Lewis gave the status of the Sanitary Landfill Program and pointed out that a request has been made to Farmers Home Administration for a grant and loan to implement this program as well as a request to the State Board of Health to meet with the commissioners for presentation of the Sanitary Landfill. (Continued On Page Four)

## Dr. Hornstein Back In Town

Dr. N.M. Hornstein has moved back to Southport to engage in the practice of medicine and has opened an office on Howe St. next door to Western Auto.

This is the fourth time Dr. Hornstein has moved here. This time he returns from Shelter Island, N.Y. He has



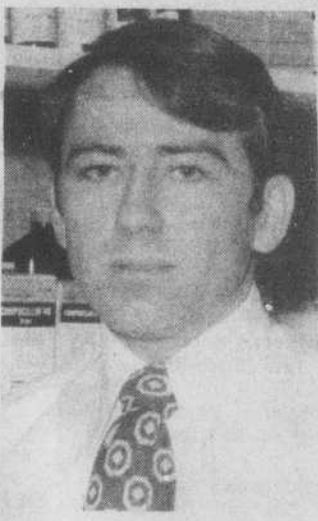
DR. HORNSTEIN

spent the past two and one-half years practicing in that state, at Shelter Island and earlier at Baldwinville.

"They say that a rolling stone gathers no moss," Dr. Hornstein said Tuesday, "but I believe that being away for two and one-half years was a great help to me. I had an opportunity to learn a lot about new techniques and practices."

He made it clear that he is glad to be back and that he thinks life here in Eastern North Carolina is great. He has rented the former Mit-

(Continued On Page Four)



Ed Kirby

## New Druggist In Southport

Freeman Edward Kirby was born and reared in Brunswick County so when he received his degree in pharmacy from the Medical College of South Carolina in 1968 he knew that it would be only a matter of time before he returned to go into business for himself.

That was this week in Southport in the same building where Watson's Pharmacy was situated for so many years. The name has been changed to Southport Pharmacy.

Kirby graduated from Shallotte High School and from Louisburg College (Continued On Page Four)

## Time And Tide

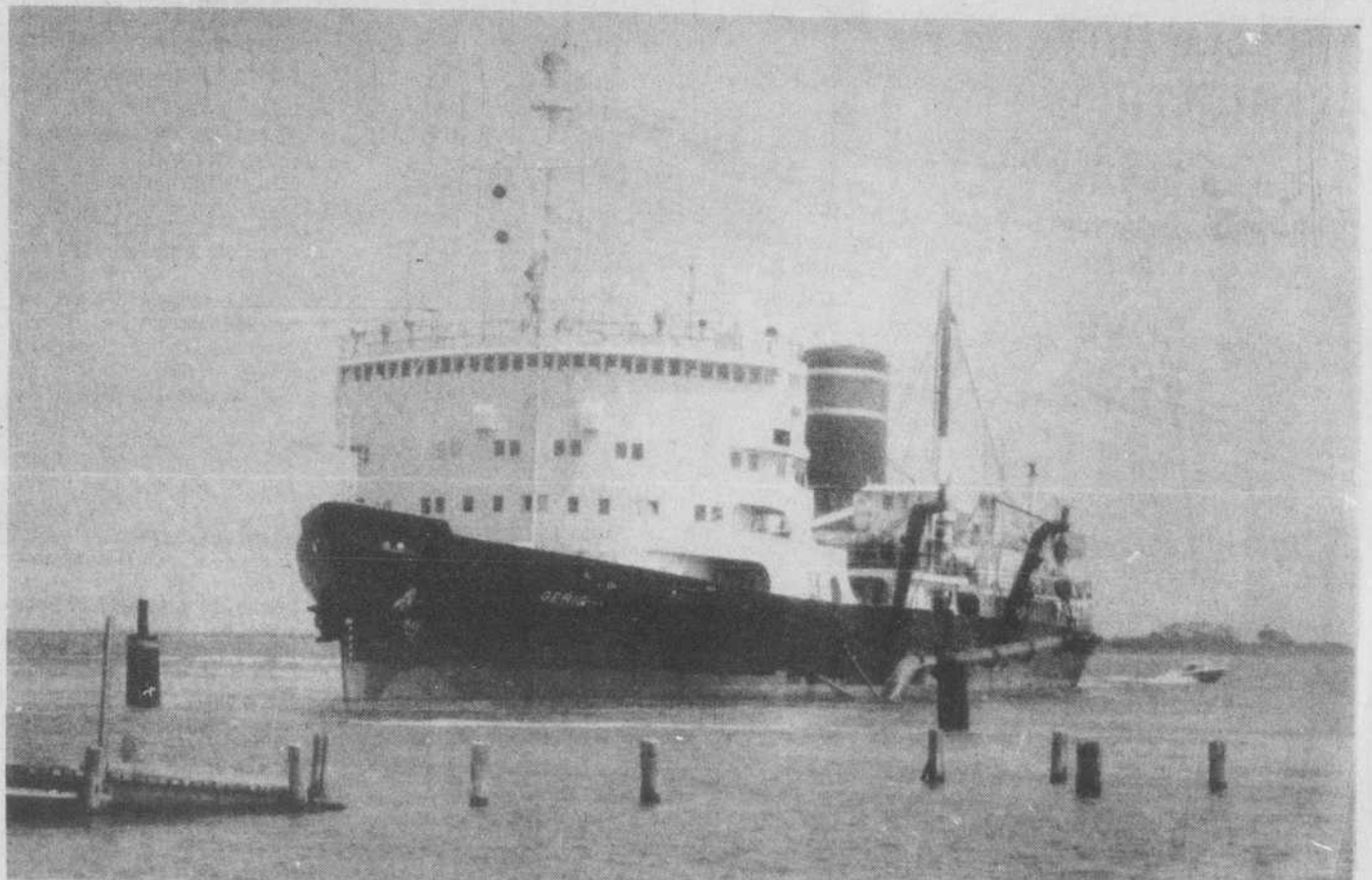
1936 was election year, and on one side of the front page of The Pilot for May 6 there was announcement of the Republican slate of candidates, which had been named in convention on the previous Saturday, and on the other side of the page there was an article listing 8 additional candidates for Democratic nominations. Among them was Harry Robinson, who was running for sheriff.

The late Sheriff Jasper Russ had arrested the late Congressman Marion A. Zioncheck; E. D. Bishop had been re-elected mayor of Shallotte; and April had been an unusually dry time that year, with only 1.56-inches of rainfall here.

Announcement on the front page of The Pilot for May 7, 1941, indicated that a Navy Section Base would be established at Fort Caswell. The late John D. Eriksen had been re-elected mayor of Southport and all six members of the board of aldermen had been returned to office with him.

Defense Saving Stamps and Bonds had gone on sale for the first time during the past week at the Southport post office, and there had been a healthy demand; there was a sombre note in a front page headline: "Thirteen Percent Of The South's Timber Is Destroyed By Fire"; and a quail had flown against the window of a store in the Southport business district.

In The May 1, 1946, issue of The Pilot announcement was (Continued On Page Four)



## Dredge Works Close To Shore

This is the USE Dredge Gerig working close to the shoreline Saturday as the big hopper dredge deepened the north edge of the Cape Fear River

channel to project depth. Many persons stopped on Bay Street to get a close-up view of this big vessel at work (Photo by Spencer)