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In Our Opinion...

Rerouting I-40 Would Help

Any improved or new highway linking the state's southeastern region with the west would be a quantity conducive to greater industrial development, a boon to agriculture and a blessing for those who would enjoy coastal recreational resources.

The reminder has been over-worked time and again, but the truth remains... ingress-egress routes to this region are still near the primitive stage in comparison with highway advances in other areas.

Consider this one, interstate 40 already ties eastern Tennessee with western North Carolina, and plans are in the making to extend the route by Raleigh to the coast. Presently, plans call for I-40 to cross I-95 near Smithfield and continue on to the Morehead City.

But people south of that line are working for a change so that the route would hit 95 in the Four Oaks vicinity and follow a line from there direct to Wilmington. It would skirt

White Lake east of the Cape Fear River and that would put the road about 40 miles distant from the Whiteville section. Would this be an advantage to Brunswick? It would, and especially so for local traffic bound for Raleigh and other Piedmont manufacturing and processing centers. Reverse traffic would have the same advantage.

The new highway 74 now under construction from 95 south of Lumberton to the Whiteville area, only two lanes, will help but it is not the full answer to this area's needs. Commercial and pleasure traffic has reached such proportions in the southeast that a two-lane road is out of date even before it is completed. All who drive know this to be true. It may be shorter to reach 95 by 74, but when it comes to making time, a few miles more makes a great difference.

The quest aimed at rerouting I-40 through Four Oaks to Wilmington makes good sense for all people along the line, near and not so near.

County Schools

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school survey report prepared by the North Carolina School Planning Committee, and school in-

spection tours conducted on April 21 and 28, and the 1971-72 school budget.

In December the Brunswick County Board of Education requested the assistance of the North Carolina State Department of

Public Instruction, Division of School Planning, in making a comprehensive analysis of the Brunswick County School System. The purpose of the survey was to establish a basis for short range and long range planning for total school improvement in the county.

The survey was conducted by a team of professional educators coordinated by Lacy Presnell, consultant with the Division of School Planning. Other members of the survey team included Mrs. Nedra Mitchell, Mathematics Consultant with State Department of Public Instruction, James Manning, former superintendent, Martin County Schools, and Perry Harrison, Superintendent, Chatham County Schools.

Areas of study included in the survey were the community, school finance, school system, school facilities.

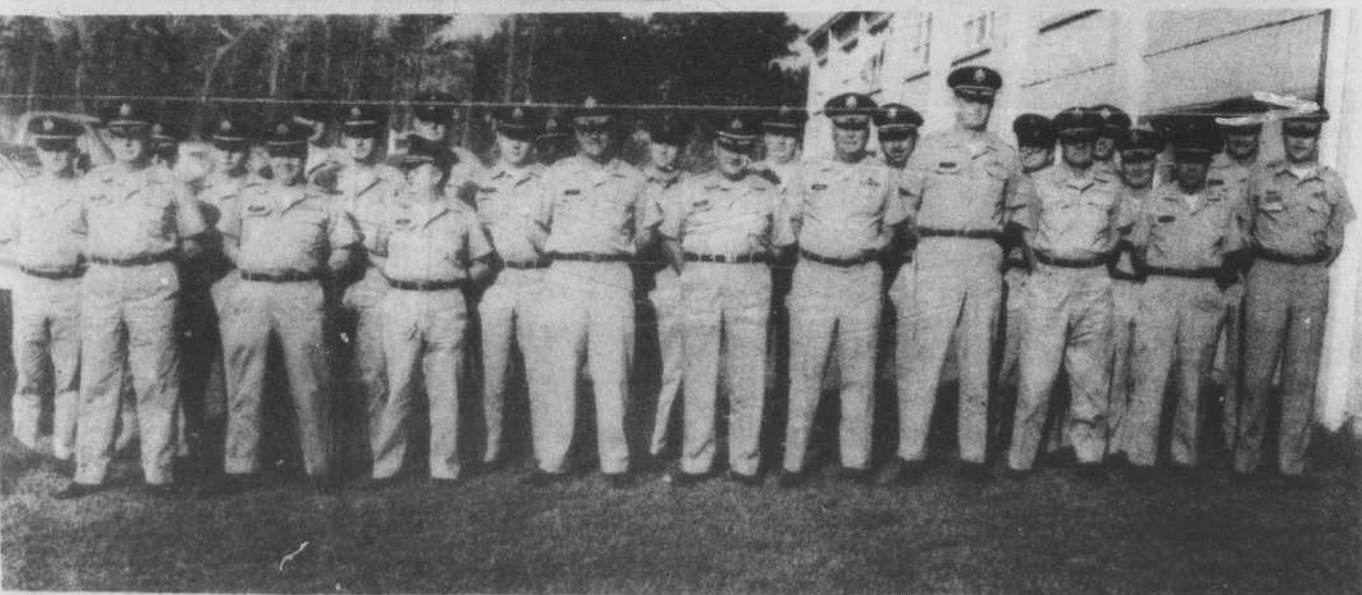
The survey also included a summary of findings for each of these areas and recommendations for total school improvement.

Members of the Brunswick County Board of Education recently completed an annual inspection of each of the eight county schools. The school visits were made during the last two weeks of April.

The purpose of the school tour was to permit board members to actually observe each of the schools in regular daily operation. Conferences were held with each school principal to determine strengths, weaknesses and needs of each school program. In an effort to make an assessment of physical facilities the board inspected



Being sworn in as a member of the Board of Aldermen last Wednesday was a proud moment for J. Harold Davis, first Negro to be elected by citizens of Southport to serve in this office. On hand to witness the ceremony was his mother, Mrs. Lois Davis Price. An interesting sidelight is that Mrs. Price once worked as a maid for Mrs. Dorothy R. Gilbert, who is shown here with Alderman Davis. He recalled that once he worked as a shoeshine boy in the barbershop formerly owned by her husband, the late J.A. Gilbert, who was a former Mayor of Southport and later a member of the Board of Aldermen. As Alderman Davis remarked, "It just shows how times have changed".



The Senior Army Reserve Unit from Mobile and Baldwin Counties, Alabama, is currently undergoing on-the-job training at Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point. The 1184th United States Army Terminal Unit arrived at Sunny

Point on May 2 and will complete their Annual Training on May 15. This photo shows the assembled unit together with the Commanding Officer and the Deputy Commanding Officer of Sunny Point.

Time And Tide

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Washington Times-Herald—about Southport and local fishing, of course; and there were a couple of editorials, one about our need for more feeding facilities, the other about our need for more rooms for overnight visitors.

The year was 1946, the date May 8. The board of Conservation and Development was scheduled to hold a meeting here on the afternoon following this publication of The Pilot. There was a front page business announcement: Williamson Motor Co. was in operation at Shallotte. Sunday was National Hospital Day and was being observed at Doshier Memorial Hospital.

There was a story giving a summary of recent progress at Shallotte; Joe Y. Christian, Southport boy, had graduated the week before from the Merchant Marine Academy; and a record 24 Brunswick county men had been accepted for enlistment in the Regular Army through the recruiting office in Wilmington.

It was berry picking time in Brunswick, and our front page picture for May 8, 1951, was taken at Magnolia Dairy showing hands picking strawberries in the field and a close-up of the more meticulous packing operation beneath the shed. The late H.W. Hood had been elected Mayor of Southport and the late Thomas B. Carr had led all other candidates for the board of aldermen.

Sport fishermen were having unusually good luck with bluefish, with one boat reporting a catch of 372 fish Sunday; Jerry Ball was coming to Southport for one of his ever-popular benefit performances; and banks were to close on May 10 in observance of Confederate Memorial Day.

Five years later there was a front page story quoting the officer in charge of Fifth Coast Guard District as saying that there were no plans to move the Coast Guard 83-footer from Southport. A contract had been let for star route mail service to Long Beach from the Southport office.

The first catch of menhaden for the season had been reported, and the late Capt. J.B. Church had described them as being good size for this time of year; Mrs. Thomas St. George had won the sweepstakes prize at the Southport Flower Show; and William Warnett had the distinction of being the first Civil Service employee at Sunny Point.

Our issue for May 10, 1961, was just before commencement exercises were scheduled to get underway in Brunswick County High Schools. Southport club women were planning a natural garden at Brunswick Town, and this later developed into the Nature Trail. Odell Williamson had been re-elected mayor of Ocean Isle Beach; Union High School students on a trip to Washington had seen Commander Alan Shepard, one of the original astronauts; and pretty Nancy Bellamy of Shallotte was shown in a picture with a prize winning white face from her father's herd.

On the front page of The Pilot for May 11, 1966, there was a picture of the dredge Richmond at work in the old Southport Yacht Basin. There also was a front page photo of young Mike Dixon proudly displaying some freshwater fish he had caught while on a trip with his uncle, L.T. Yaskell.

The Division of Commercial and Sports Fisheries of C & D had announced a program of marking shrimp to check their migratory habits; visitation at Brunswick Town Historic Site had shown a marked increase; and a large number of political ads made it clear that a Democrat Primary was in the offing.

the buildings at each school. Board members expressed approval of the up-keep and general conditions of many of the school facilities. However, it was apparent that at some of the school buildings, due to age, type of construction and lack of proper care, there condition was inadequate and unsatisfactory.

The board also visited each of the three high school sites and expressed satisfaction as to construction progress on the buildings.

The board was accompanied on the school tour by school Superintendent Ralph C. King and Associate Superintendent Robert C. Elkins.

Honors For

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contact Kenneth, Mrs. Ward, or Mr. Register or call me at the Farm Bureau Office, and we will be glad to give you the information needed or send it to you by return mail," said Mrs. Hewett.

The Founders' Award is presented annually to Heart Volunteers "for distinguished leadership in the Heart Cause" over a period of years or for exceptional service in one year.

PTO Planning Spring Carnival

Parent-Teacher Organization is sponsoring a Organization is sponsoring a spring carnival at the school from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday. The purpose of this carnival is to raise enough money to make the final payment on



Not Exactly News

Sylvia James was so excited when she got back to work Monday at the Clerk of Court office she could hardly talk. Her mother goose was hatching a nest of eggs she had been hovering for several weeks. When she finally had to leave home the score was four down and two to go... Judy Young told us Monday that the tennis courts on the Garrison were full up Sunday. "Actually," she said, "there was a waiting list". And that's the best way. When you are playing and the losers have to sit down, there is an added incentive to try hard.

Mr. and Mrs. F.W. Wimberly of Long Beach went fishing Saturday afternoon in Davis Creek. They didn't have any luck with the fish, but they found a pair of false teeth that someone had abandoned on the beach. That is a "found" item in today's want ads that should be pretty interesting to the owner... Cheryl Blackman, French teacher at Brunswick County-Southport High School, has a visiting professor lined up for a Monday morning session. He is Representative Tommie Harrelson, who speaks that language fluently.

Last year Johnnie Swain retired as the town plumber after years of faithful service and everyone agreed that he was entitled to rest. Monday we caught him in strict violation of his new status. He was on top of his house, shingling his porch roof. And that's no life of ease... One of the most colorful flower gardens around Southport is in the yard of Mrs. Roy Swain, who has a beautiful array of lilies in bloom.

Miss Libby Walton served last week as a page in the State Legislature and her appointment for this honor came from Senator S. Bunn Frink. It is doubtful if any youngster ever enjoyed the experience more than she did... That reminds us that three of the hardest-fought political battles waged in Brunswick County in recent years were between her father, Judge Ray Walton, and Senator Frink, who ran against each other on three occasions for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate.

Mrs. Goley Stanley showed us a bobcat kitten Tuesday that didn't look exactly like a full-blooded cat. It was born without a tail; it had pointed ears; it didn't walk on the balls of its feet, but on the entire last joint of its hind legs; and instead of a conventional "meow", it gave forth with a rasping, wild animal sound. She thinks the mother may have mated with a bobcat... And what better way to announce that "Aristocats" is the movie at the Amuzu Friday and Saturday of this week.

sweeping across the Jewish and Slavic life.

"A visit to the Georgia coast is like a journey back in time, a pilgrimage to regain the squandered legacy of beauty, history and sea wilderness irrevocably lost to most Americans", writes Betsy Faner in THE LOST LEGACY OF GEORGIA'S GOLDEN ISLES. The author takes the reader into the almost forgotten world of beauty. She writes of the missions built by the Franciscans in 1546, the ghosts, slave songs, relics of old mansions, wild natural beauty, and wilderness creatures of Georgia's off-shore islands. Today most of these islands retain their historic and natural beauty. This volume will be of particular interest to those who enjoy visiting these islands.

Republican

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term in Congress. In the 92nd Congress, Brodyhill will serve as the ranking minority member of the Commerce and Finance Subcommittee which has authority over legislation dealing with the nation's commerce, securities and exchanges, motor vehicle safety, trading with the enemy and War Claims Act, consumer protection policies and travel and tourism in the United States.

Congressman Brodyhill also serves as a member of the House Committee on Small Business and various other committees.

He is married to the former Louise Robbins of Durham and they have three children.

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