



## The Was It Was

Back in the early twenties Miller Hotel at the corner of Howe St. and Bay St. was the social center for Southport, and the lobby-dining room also did duty as a refreshment parlor. Standing behind the counter on the right is Leonard Miller, the proprietor, and beside him is his son, Joe. The two ladies

seated at the table on the left are Mrs. Anna Miller Davis and Mrs. Josie Jelks Powledge. The couples at the other two tables are unidentified. This photograph was loaned to us by Mrs. Davis, whose parents built and operated the hotel.

## Great-Grand

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were her easiest subjects, but decimals in mathematics were "very hard." She said, "decimals had been long gone out of mind, but I finally got 'em, with the help of my instructor."

Her course of study included social sciences, mathematics, and natural science. Her instructor was Mrs. Florence Marlow, a part

time instructor at Southeastern. Mrs. Inman paid tribute to her teacher for encouragement and help. Also, she said many of her friends and neighbors helped by arranging transportation, and in other ways encouraged her efforts.

Mrs. Inman is a native of Brunswick county, having been born in the New Life community between Exum and Makatoka. And it was near there that she had her

experience as a school teacher back in the days of World War I. She took an exam for teachers and passed, but had to wait until she was 18 to teach. She said school officials in the county asked her to teach, "because I guess they figured anything was better than nothing." She had only a seventh grade education at that point, being unable to go to high school since the nearest high school was 35 miles from her

home. "Anyway," she continued, "I taught one year at Exum, teaching the first three grades, and the next year I taught all seven grades at Makatoka."

Her husband, Jay Inman, died several years ago, and her daughter, Mrs. Oscar Edwards lives in Florida. She lives near Whiteville on a 23-acre farm.

What are her plans, now? Mrs. Inman says she may

take driver's education next, "so I can drive my car." She said that later, if she gets a driver's license, she hopes to take many courses at Southeastern. "Eventually I would like to do some kind of work in the educational field," she said.

Obviously, she views the future confidently and delightedly. Opportunity needs only to knock once for this 70-year-old who finds interest and excitement in

## Waterfront



If you haven't read the front page story about the tragic drowning Sunday night, it is recommended reading. Be sure to see the part about giving false cries for help in and around the water.

Chief Arthur Skipper and his crew at Oak Island Coast Guard Station had a busy night Sunday. In talking to him about the boating accident he told us about another boatman who was in trouble Saturday.

The fellow was from Fayetteville and he had just bought a new boat. Naturally, he brought it down to the ocean to try out. The principal service rendered by the Coast Guard rescue unit who went to his aid was to show him how to start his motor.

Talk has been revived about a project to do something with the Fryling Pan Lightship, and there are some local citizens who think the ship is worth saving. There is more than sentiment involved here, and anyone who seriously wants to help must be prepared to offer a solution to the financial obligations involved.

We are impressed that the Southport waterfront between Howe St. and Kingsley St. now is more uncluttered than it ever has been since photographs were being taken. In the past 75-years there has been a succession of shrimp houses, docks and small industrial plants that have blocked the view of the Cape Fear River. These now have been reduced to one crab plant and the new City Pier, plus the stubby remains

learning and knowledge. As the "baby" of the Class of '71, as she enjoys calling herself, Mrs. Inman is lively proof that it's never too late.

of one shrimp dock and the old Southport launching ramp.

There is sure to be resistance to the idea, but sooner or later we hope to see a waterfront motel with dining facilities overlooking the beautiful Southport Harbor. And the sooner it happens the better.

We never cease to be impressed with the increased capacity of the menhaden boats which operate here. From time immemorial the boats have signaled the size of their catch with blasts of their whistles, with each blast representing 100,000 fish.

When we first came to Southport in 1935 the three boats operating here were the Anderson, the Morehead and the Captain. The latter was a

smaller vessel, and the two larger ones could carry only 300,000 fish. Thus three blasts were the maximum you'd ever hear when the boats came in during the afternoon or early evening.

Over the years there has been a gradual increase in size of these vessels so that now it is not uncommon to hear 7 or 8 blasts following the usual three-blast prefix.

Sometime when we hear the count get almost up to 10 we have the feeling that the whistle must be stuck, or that somebody just isn't telling the truth!

## County Auto Tags Selling

Brunswick County 4-H are promoting their county again as they renew their 4-H Auto tag sale. The tag bears the inscription, "Beautiful, Bountiful, Brunswick County, North Carolina." They can be purchased from any 4-H member or from several businesses located throughout the county who are assisting the 4-H members in the campaign. The 4-Hers use this event to raise funds for educational tours, trips to various out-of-county events, and awards for various programs and events.

During a recent visit before the Brunswick County Board of County Commissioners, Kenneth Hewett, president of the 4-H County Council, discussed with the board the 4-H Program and the purpose of the tag sale. William A. Kopp, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, praised the county 4-H members for their efforts, enthusiasm and helping promote Brunswick County.

## Edmund P. Hewett

TABOR CITY — Edmund Pinkney Hewett, 79, of Sunset Beach, died in Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport, last Wednesday. He was the son of the late Jim and Merinda Simmons Hewett of Brunswick County. Final rites were held Friday at 11 a.m. at Ocean View Baptist Church by the Rev. Garland Long with burial in Register Cemetery.

Survivors include a brother, Lattimore Hewett of Shallotte.

## Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours were furnished to The State Port Pilot by the Cape Fear Pilots Association.

High	Low
Thursday, July 22,	
8:45 A.M.	2:52 A.M.
9:09 P.M.	2:52 P.M.
Friday, July 23,	
9:27 A.M.	3:34 A.M.
9:45 P.M.	3:34 P.M.
Saturday, July 24,	
10:09 A.M.	4:10 A.M.
10:21 P.M.	4:16 P.M.
Sunday, July 25,	
10:51 A.M.	4:46 A.M.
10:57 P.M.	4:58 P.M.
Monday, July 26,	
11:27 A.M.	5:22 A.M.
11:33 P.M.	5:40 P.M.
Tuesday, July 27,	
12:09 A.M.	5:58 A.M.
11:09 P.M.	6:22 P.M.
Wednesday, July 28,	
12:51 A.M.	6:40 A.M.
1:45 P.M.	7:04 P.M.

## People Decide Leland Issue On August 3

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entered upon the minutes of the Board oath of office prescribed by Article VI, Section 7 of the Constitution of North Carolina.

### "Sec. 3.6. Meetings of Board.

(a) The Board of Commissioners shall fix suitable times for its regular meetings, which shall be as often as once monthly. Special meetings may be held on the call of the Mayor or a majority of the Commissioners, and those not joining in the call shall be notified in writing. Any business may be transacted at a special meeting that might be transacted at a regular meeting.

(b) All meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be open to the public. The Board shall not be executive session or otherwise formally consider or vote upon any question in private session.

### "Sec. 3.7. Quorum; Votes.

(a) A majority of the members elected to the Board of Commissioners shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time and compel the attendance of absent members in such manner as may be prescribed by ordinance.

(b) The affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Board of Commissioners shall be necessary to adopt any ordinance, or any resolution or motion having the effect of an ordinance. All other matters to be voted upon shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present and voting.

"Sec. 3.8. Ordinances and Resolutions. The adoption, amendment, repeal, pleading, or providing of ordinances shall be in accordance with the applicable provisions of the general laws of North Carolina not inconsistent with this Charter. The ayes and noes shall be taken upon all ordinances and resolutions and entered upon the minutes of the Board. The enacting clause of all ordinances shall be: "Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Leland." All ordinances and resolutions shall take effect upon adoption unless otherwise provided therein, or unless some provision of the General Statutes provides otherwise.

### "ARTICLE IV. ELECTION PROCEDURE

"Sec. 4.1. Regular Municipal Elections. Following the initial election hereinbefore provided for, regular municipal elections shall be held on the Tuesday after the first Monday in May of each odd-numbered year, beginning in 1973. In the regular 1973 election and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Town voting at large two (2) Commissioners to serve for terms of four (4) years, or until their successors are elected and qualify. In the regular 1975 election and quadrennially thereafter, there shall be elected by the qualified voters of the Town voting at large a Mayor and three (3) Commissioners to serve for terms of four

(4) years, or until their successors are elected and qualify.

"Sec. 4.2. Voting. In the regular 1973 election and quadrennially thereafter, each voter shall be entitled to vote for two (2) candidates for Commissioner, and the two candidates for Commissioner who receive the largest numbers of votes cast for Commissioner shall be declared elected. In the regular 1975 election and quadrennially thereafter, each voter shall be entitled to vote for one (1) candidate for Mayor and for three (3) candidates for Commissioner, and the candidate for Mayor who receives the largest number of votes cast for Mayor shall be declared elected and the three (3) candidates who receive the largest number of votes cast for Commissioner shall be declared elected. In case of a tie between opposing candidates, the election officials shall determine the result by lot.

"Sec. 4.3. Filing of Candidates. Each qualified person who would offer himself as a candidate for the office of Mayor or Commissioner shall file with the Town Clerk a statement giving notice of his candidacy. Such notice shall be filed not earlier than the eighth Friday nor later than 5:00 p.m. on the third Friday prior to the election at which he offers his candidacy, shall be accompanied by payment of a filing fee of five dollars (\$5.00), shall be signed in the presence of the Town Clerk, and shall be substantially in the following form: "I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby give notice that I am a candidate for the election to the office of \_\_\_\_\_, Town of Leland, to be voted on at the election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_, and I hereby request that my name be placed on the official ballot for such office. I certify that I am a resident and qualified voter of the Town of Leland, residing at \_\_\_\_\_"

(Signature)  
(Date).  
"Sec. 4.4. Regulation of Election. All municipal elections shall be conducted in accordance with Article 3, Chapter 160, of the General Statutes of North Carolina, except as otherwise herein provided.

"ARTICLE V. TOWN ATTORNEY  
"Sec. 5.1. Appointment; Qualifications; Term; Compensation. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint a Town Attorney who shall be an attorney at law licensed to engage in the practice of law in North Carolina and who need not be a resident of the Town during his tenure. The Town Attorney shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners and shall receive such compensation as the Board shall determine.

"Sec. 5.2. Duties of Town Attorney. It shall be the duties of the Town Attorney to prosecute and defend suits for and against the Town; to advise the Mayor, Board of Commissioners, and other

Town officials with respect to the affairs of the Town; to draw all legal documents relating to the affairs of the Town; to draw all legal documents relating to the affairs of the Town; to draw proposed ordinances when requested to do so; to inspect and pass upon all agreements, contracts, franchises and other instruments with which the Town may be concerned; and to perform such other duties as may be required of him by virtue of his position as Town Attorney.

### "ARTICLE VI. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

"Sec. 6.1. Town Clerk. The Board of Commissioners shall appoint a Town Clerk to keep a journal of the proceedings of the Board and to maintain in a safe place all records and documents pertaining to the affairs of the Town, and to perform such other duties as may be required by law or as the Board may direct.

"Sec. 6.2. Town Tax Collector. The Board of Commissioners may appoint a Tax Collector to collect all taxes, licenses, fees and other monies belonging to the Town, subject to the provisions of this Charter and the ordinances of the Town, and he shall diligently comply with and enforce all the general laws of North Carolina relating to the collection, sale, and foreclosure of taxes by municipalities.

"Sec. 6.3. Town Accountant. The Board of Commissioners may appoint a Town Accountant to perform the duties of the accountant as required by the Municipal Fiscal Control Act.

"Sec. 6.4. Consolidation of Functions. The Board of Commissioners may, in its discretion, consolidate the functions of any two or more of the positions of Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector, and Town Accountant, or may assign the functions of any one or more of these positions to the holder or holders of any other of these positions. The Board may also, in its discretion, designate a single employee to perform all or any part of the functions of any of the named positions, in lieu of appointing several persons to perform the same.

"Sec. 6.5. Other Employees. The Board of Commissioners may create and fill by appointment such other positions as it deems advisable to insure the efficient administration of the Town's affairs, and may, in its discretion, appoint a person to supervise all Town departments and may delegate to such person the power of appointment and removal of department heads and employees, other than the Town Attorney.

### "ARTICLE VII. FINANCE

"Sec. 7.1. Custody of Town Money. All monies received by the Town for or in connection with the business of the Town government shall be paid promptly into the Town depository. Such institution shall be designated by the Board of Commissioners in accordance with such regulations and subject to such requirements as to

security for deposits and interest thereon as may be established by the General Statutes of North Carolina. All interest on monies belonging to the Town shall accrue to the benefit of the Town. All monies belonging to the Town shall be disbursed only in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Fiscal Control Act.

"Sec. 7.2. Issuance of Bonds. The Town may issue bonds for the purposes and in the manner prescribed by the General Statutes of North Carolina relating to the issuance of bonds by municipalities.

"Sec. 7.3. Purchases and Contracts. Purchases of apparatus, supplies, materials, and equipment, and contracts for construction or repair work, shall be made in accordance with the General Statutes of North Carolina relating thereto.

"Sec. 7.4. Independent Audit. As soon as practicable after the close of each fiscal year, an independent audit shall be made of all books and accounts of the Town government by a certified public accountant or a qualified public accountant registered under Chapter 93 of the General Statutes of North Carolina, who shall have no personal interest directly or indirectly in the affairs of the Town or of any of its officers. The Board of Commissioners shall select the public accountant, and the results of such audit shall be made available for inspection by any interested citizen of the Town, and may be published if so ordered by the Board of Commissioners.

"Sec. 7.5. Taxation. The territory within the corporate limits, and its citizens and property, shall be subject to municipal taxes levied by the Town for the fiscal year 1971-1972 and subsequent years. Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 105-347 (Levy of property taxes), as and if enacted by the Machinery Act of 1971, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Leland may levy rates of taxes on property for the fiscal year 1971-1972 at any time prior to September 28, 1971. The Town may obtain from Brunswick County, and the County shall provide upon request, a record of property within the corporate limits which was listed for taxation as of January 1, 1971.

### "ARTICLE VIII. CLAIMS AGAINST TOWN

"Sec. 8.1. Tort Claims. All claims or demands against the Town arising in tort shall be presented to the Board of Commissioners in writing, signed by the claimant or his attorney or agent, within ninety (90) days after such claims or demand is due or the cause of action accrues. No suit or action shall be brought on such a claim or demand within thirty (30) days or after the expiration of twelve (12) months from the time such claim or demand is presented. Unless the said claim or demand is so presented within ninety (90) days, and unless suit is brought within twelve (12) months thereafter, any action thereon shall be barred."