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## Voters Return To Polls Saturday For 2nd Ballot

Candidates who seek a second chance at their party's nomination on the November ballot have called for runoffs, to be held this Saturday on the county, district, and state levels.

There is only one county contest slated, involving Wayland Vereen and Herman Strong, who are vying for the Democratic nomination for commissioner from Smithville Township. In the first primary May 6, Vereen led Strong by a slim 13-vote margin.

The election will be county-wide. Races for two other township nominations involved two candidates and no runoff resulted, but Bobby Thorsen ran a strong race in Smithville, though finishing third, and received more than 1,000 votes.

In the 7th Congressional District, Hector McGeachy has called for a second primary to oppose Charlie Rose, who almost won the Democratic nomination on the first ballot. McGeachy, who has gained the support of retiring incumbent Alton Lennon, barely edged Doran Berry for second place and trailed Rose about two-to-one, but feels that he can win enough of the third man's vote and sway enough support away from Rose to win.

The nomination for governor is open in both the Democratic and Republican parties.

Skipper Bowles led Lt. Gov. Pat Taylor by about 60,000 votes in the first primary while picking up 45

percent of the total vote, said he is continuing to campaign on the issues, not personalities. Taylor, who said he was out-spent and out-fought in the first primary, hopes to make a better showing with the support of losing candidates Wilbur Hobby and Reginald Hawkins.

Republicans Jim Gardner and Jim Holshouser are involved in a fierce battle in the last week of campaigning.

Gardner, who edged Holshouser by about 1,200 votes on May 6 but failed to get a majority, has accused his opponent of distributing Wallace - and - Gardner bumper stickers to discredit his campaign. Holshouser said he is willing to forgive

Gardner the interest of party unity.

Other races on the state level involve Billy Creel and John Brooks, competing for the commissioner of labor seat, and Russell Secrest and John Ingram, vying for the insurance commissioner post.

In the U.S. Senate race, Nick Galifianakis held a substantial lead over B. Everett Jordan in the first primary, but the incumbent saw indications that he might win if another vote was held.

In the first primary, the county favored Bowles for the Democratic nomination for governor, Gardner for the Republican nomination, Rose for Congress, Secrest for insurance commissioner, Creel for commissioner of labor and Jordan for U.S. Senate.

A light turn-out is usual for second primary elections, but in the first primary fewer than half of the county's 12,000 registrants voted. Depending on the weather, that figure could be surpassed.

Polls in Southport will be at the courthouse for voters living east of Howe Street and at the stoplight corner for those living to the west. Oak Island voters will cast ballots at the Long Beach town hall.

## GOP Officers Are Selected

Charles Blake of Southport was reappointed chairman of the Brunswick County Republican party at the county convention held last Saturday at Shallotte.

Mrs. Betty Smith of Southport was named vice-chairman and Mrs. Marge Mooney of Supply was named secretary.

Delegates to the district convention, held tonight (Wednesday) in Whiteville, are L.C. Babson, Linda Packer, Mavis Freeman, Marge Mooney, Betty Smith, Charles Blake, John Bray, J.T. Clemmons, Judy Cowan, Susan Edgerton, Bill Ezzell, Jeannette Galloway, George Inman, Homer King, Arthur Knox, Bill Kopp, Johnny Mills, Karen Perry, Dewey Sellers and Harold Willetts.

Alternates named Saturday include Jerry Lewis, Reba Sellers, Elizabeth Willetts, Barbara Gore, Donald Willetts, Gail Kopp, Linda Mooney, Thomas Horne, Mrs. George Inman, Jim Jeffries, Pam Jeffries, Luke Appling, Ruby Babson, Jacqueline K. Blake, Shannon Bray, Katherine Clemmons, David Clemmons, Elizabeth Clemmons, Paul Day, Cleon Evans and Connie Evans.



THE NC 211 BRIDGE across the Carolina Power and Light Company canal near Southport should open Thursday morning, providing a second route to town and eliminating much of the

congestion of Brown and Root traffic. The bridge is completed, but must pass inspection of the State Highway Commission before the detour signs are removed.

## Former Southport Girl Is State Nurse Of Year

Mrs. Rebecca Helms Thompson of Lumberton was named North Carolina Nurse of the Year by the North Carolina Medical Society at its annual meeting in Pinehurst last Wednesday.

She is a former Southport resident, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Helms of Long Beach.

The annual award by the Medical Society was presented by Dr. Alfred R. Pittman of Lumberton.

"There has been an unprecedented outpouring of endorsements from the physicians of Robeson County as to Mrs. Thompson's

professional competence and commitment, and from her fellow citizens as a worthy and compassionate practitioner of the healing arts," Dr. Pittman said in presenting the award.

A native of Albemarle, Mrs. Thompson was graduated from Southeastern General Hospital School of Nursing in 1964. While a staff nurse in Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport she married and returned to Lumberton where she has risen promptly and deservedly to positions of high responsibility and service, Dr. Pittman said.

According to the citation presented to Mrs. Thompson, "She has continued her professional education through numerous post-graduate courses, has made herself expert in the emerging fields of specialty nursing in intensive care and coronary care, and serves now as supervisor of both these units in Southeastern General Hospital.

During these years Mrs. Thompson has mothered two daughters and has maintained an active life with her family, according to the citation. Her husband, a young civic worker on his own, has been joined by his wife in many community and church activities.

In addition to much work in professional training of her hospital co-workers, Mrs. Thompson has also devoted attention to indoctrinating lay groups in emergency medical care, and has been active in professional nursing groups and volunteer health organizations and campaigns.

## Pageant Entry Deadline Today

Deadline for contestants to enter the Miss Fourth of July pageant is Thursday. Interested young ladies are asked to contact either Emily Blake or Connie Young.

Each contestant must be sponsored by a member of the Southport Jaycees and must be 17 by September, at least a rising senior and not more than 22-years old.

## Time And Tide

There was a picture of the late Dorothy Bell (Mrs. W.W. Kauffman) on the front page of The Pilot for June 2, 1937, announcing that she was valedictorian of her graduating class at High Point College. There was another picture, this one of the new Cape Fear Pilot Association boat, christened the R.R. Stone.

Ambassador and Mrs. Joseph Daniels had visited Southport and has been guests of honor at a reception at the home of Judge and Mrs. E.H. Cramer; Bingo the Irish setter, owned by the late Mayor John D. Erickson, has been returned after being missing for three months; and there was a cigarette advertisement quoting an endorsement from the late Lou Gehrig.

World War II was going on back in 1942, but most of the front-page news in The Pilot for June 3 was about politics. The late J.W. Ruark had defeated the late Walter Stalaland for the nomination for State Senate; W.J. McLamb had gained the nomination for House of Representatives and Dillon L. Gainey had been nominated for the office of sheriff on the Democrat ticket.

One front-page headline called plane spotters the "Minute Men of War"; beachcombers were being urged to save significant objects they might find washed upon the shore during the summer vacation season; and a Shallotte youth, Wingate Swain, was planning to enter medical school in the fall.

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RIBBON-CUTTING ceremonies at the new Western Auto store were performed by Southport Mayor Dorothy Gilbert, John and Shannon Bray,

who operate the store on North Howe Street, watch from the right.

## Island Bridge Won't Start Until 1973, SHC Reports

An estimated crowd of 200 persons attending a public hearing conducted by officials of the State Highway Commission here Wednesday concerning the location and plans for the Oak Island bridge appeared to favor the decision to build the new bridge adjacent to the site of the old structure, but there was a groan when announcement was made that completion of the project appears to be at least two years away.

## Highway Bids Are Received

Lincoln Construction Company and Columbus Contractors, Inc., have submitted the apparent low bids for work on US 74-76 near Leland.

Lincoln submitted the apparent low bid of \$1,617,369 for roadway construction while Columbus Contractors estimated \$579,737.78 for structures. The work includes 1.136 miles of grading and structures for the relocation of US 74-76 and US 17 from about one mile east of state road 1437 eastward to a point about one-half mile west of existing US 74-76.

Final completion date is to be November 1, 1973.

The bids, which were received last week by the State Highway Commission, will be reviewed tomorrow (Thursday).

Following opening remarks by Highway Commission David Parnell of Parkton, during which he introduced other highway officials present, R.W. McGowan, assistant chief engineer in charge of pre-construction, took charge of the meeting.

He read into the record certain facts and findings included in preliminary planning and study of ecological impact, reported on some of the plans for drainage and landscaping, then opened the session to statements, which were made a part of the record of proceedings.

First to take the mike was Paul C. Plybon, who said he represented 6000 property owners at Long Beach, who called for the bridge to be constructed at the Yellow Banks instead of at the old location.

Plybon listed six reasons why residents feel the bridge should have been built at the Yellow Banks site: (1) sheltered approaches; (2) economics of constructing a bridge of several hundred feet vs. several thousand; (3) aid community in ironing out certain ecological and economic functions; (4) elimination of traffic at the local airport; (5) shorter distance for tourists from upstate; (6) with the problem involved, the ideal solution would be to build a bridge in both places.

Next to speak was Latham Brooks of Raleigh, representing the Baptist State Convention at Ft. Caswell. He commended highway officials for plan-

ning the bridge location, and said he was doing it on behalf of "hundreds of thousands of people in the state who use Fort Caswell."

"I wish all those who wish more facilities luck, but I commend the building at the old bridge site," Brooks said.

He said in an ordinary season, the Assembly Grounds served 10,000 to 12,000 people. "The bridge is in the proper location where it's been and it will serve Fort

Caswell in the proper way," Brooks said to a round of applause.

Ernest Parker, a Southport attorney representing 700 citizens and residents of Southport, Fort Caswell, Yaupon Beach and Long Beach, said he would like "to point out that 90 per cent of the business and permanent population on the island is located east of the yellow

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## Plans Made To Berth Lightship

The Frying Pan Lightship Commission has applied for a Department of the Army permit to dredge a slip for the lightship, which will be preserved as a historic museum on the Southport waterfront.

Plans submitted with the application show a slip located at the foot of Howe Street alongside the existing pier extending into the Intracoastal Waterway. The slip is proposed to measure approximately 400 feet long, 30 feet wide, and is to be dredged to a depth of 14 feet below mean low water.

Approximately 4,000 cubic yards of material is proposed to be removed by dragline and placed above the mean high water line behind a rock retaining wall adjacent to and just east of the slip.

The purpose of the work is to provide a permanent berthing facility for the lightship, which is to be maintained as a historic museum and tourist attraction.

The North Carolina Division of Commercial and Sports Fisheries is currently circulating the application to all state agencies to insure that the various agency interests are satisfied prior to the issuance of a State permit for the work. A review of water quality considerations will be made by the N.C. Office of Water and Air Resources during the state review process. No federal permit will be issued until written assurance is received that the coordinated viewpoint of the state is favorable.

The applicant has requested that the review of this matter be handled expeditiously in order for the work, if approved, to be

accomplished as soon as possible to allow the placement of the vessel in its berth prior to the annual observance of Independence Day on July 4.

## Party Caucus Renames Odell

Odell Williamson was elected chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic party at the annual convention held in Shallotte Saturday afternoon.

Williamson had served the latter part of the past two-year term as chairman due to the resignation of Grover Gore, attorney of Southport.

Other officers elected were Ollie Hickman of Bolivia, first vice-chairman; George Rourke of Leland, second vice-chairman and Mrs. Faye Ingram of Freeland, third vice-chairman.

Mrs. Ouida H. Hewett of Shallotte was re-elected secretary and A. Clement Holden of Supply was elected treasurer. Franklin Randolph of Bolivia and Mrs. Naomi Henry of Winnabow were elected to the state Executive Committee.

Harold Robinson of Supply and Arizona Hartfield of Shallotte were elected to the state Senatorial Committee. Mack Hewett of Shallotte and Loree Gore of Longwood were elected to the Congressional District Committee, and Edward Clemmons of Bolivia and Homer Anderson of Shallotte were elected to the Judicial Executive Committee.

Delegates elected to attend the 7th Congressional District (Continued On Page Four)

## \$100 From Students

## Rescue Squad Given Donation

The Juniors Betas of Waccamaw High School have presented a check for \$100 to the Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad.

The 21 boys and girls, members of the seventh and eighth grades, were unanimous in selecting the rescue squad as the beneficiary of their fund-raising efforts during the past school year. They felt that the volunteer organization was providing a service that might be needed at any time by anyone in their com-

munity. "We'd like to challenge other school groups to top our donation next year," said Junior Beta President Stan Walton, "because we know that even though it's possible others might be able to raise more money than we did, our community would still be the big winner."

A national organization, the students must have average grades of 90 or better before they are invited to join Junior Betas. They must maintain an 85 average to remain in the club.