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TRAFFIC CONGESTION at the intersection of US Routes 17-74-76 was eased this week by the installation of signals at the Brunswick County intersection. There are no signals at the NC 133

intersection nearby, although the regulation of traffic at the larger intersection is expected to make traffic flow more smoothly from the Southport-to-Wilmington road.

Hospital Open House For 12-Bed, \$86,000 Addition

Open house for a 12-bed addition to Doshier Memorial Hospital will be held Thursday and Friday, with the unveiling of a plaque that will recognize contributors to the \$86,000 facility.

L.T. Yaskell, chairman of the hospital board of trustees, said the new unit not only will help meet a growing demand for space at Doshier Memorial but will allow for a much-needed expansion of the obstetrics facility. "On

behalf of the board of trustees and the hospital staff," Yaskell said, "I would like to extend a sincere thank-you to everyone who helped make the new building possible."

Included in the list of benefactors is Mrs. Debra Paxton, Dr. William Doshier, Mrs. Louise Lewis, the Katie Blake Memorial, the Duke Endowment, Carolina Power and Light Company and the Southport Jaycees.

Construction of the 12-bed

addition was started last December with the expected date of completion in April, but problems in getting the necessary materials caused the building to not be finished until last Friday.

There will be no formal dedication ceremony, but Yaskell encouraged everyone to visit the facility between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. either day.

The unit houses five semi-private and two private

rooms. One of the semi-private rooms is located in the rear of the building adjacent to a private examination area, both of which are available to Carolina Power and Light Company.

Other improvements at Doshier Memorial Hospital include a new electrical generator and a \$20,000 renovation to the operating room.

The new unit, Yaskell noted, "will enable us to expand the examination room, the labor room, two recovery rooms and the delivery room—all sections of the maternity complex now located upstairs."

The new construction was approved by the Medical Care Commission. Original plans called for the building of a \$70,000 obstetrics unit, but hospital administrators were informed the cost would exceed \$140,000. It was then decided that the 12-bed addition would be constructed and the old maternity area renovated.

County Road Conditions Stay 'Mired In Politics'

"Political football" is what William A. Kopp, Jr., termed current road construction in North Carolina, and the chairman of the Brunswick County board of commissioners said it is time the matter stopped being kicked about.

"I hope that someday we will have a governor—either Democrat or Republican—who can take the State Highway Commission out of politics," said Kopp, who agreed with other commissioners that the county is getting short-changed in the amount of gasoline tax returned here.

This year, the county will receive about \$51,000 for secondary roads, which commissioners understand is enough to pave two and one-half miles. The total is half what was allocated last year.

Commissioner J.T. Clemmons of Lockwood Folly Township, who brought the situation to light at the board's regular first-Monday session, said the amount was "utterly ridiculous. They're taking money that should be used to get people out of the mud and putting it on interstates and roads in the Piedmont."

Clemmons said secondary road construction in the county has "hit a staggering standstill."

The board adopted a resolution (to be sent to Gov. Robert Scott, State Highway Commission Chairman Lauch Faircloth and David Parnell of Parkton, the highway commissioner for this area) stating that "this board is not complaining of discrimination in the allot-

ment of funds in relation to other counties in this area," but that the board is objecting to the small allocation. The commissioners feel other southeastern North Carolina counties are in the same predicament.

"I just don't think we are getting our share," said

Clemmons. "You can't utilize that amount in a county as big as ours."

The amount, Kopp added, "will not scratch the surface" of what needs to be done.

The commissioners agreed that the county is not receiving a fair distribution (Continued On Page Three)

River Dredging

A special committee to negotiate for the possible dredging of Shallotte River and Shallotte Inlet has been authorized by the county commissioners to communicate with state and federal agencies and report to the county board.

The committee includes Shallotte area residents Billy Tripp, Raymond Carter, Harry Chadwick, Lloyd Milligan and Rodell Hewett.

The group, which will operate at its own expense, proposes to meet the local responsibilities of the dredging project.

Fund Sharing To Aid County

Brunswick County governments would receive \$341,050 if the revenue sharing bill recently approved by the House of Representatives is adopted by the Senate and signed by the President.

The preliminary figures were reported by Congressman Nick Galifianakis, among those who voted for the measure June 22 when it was passed by a 274-124 House vote.

Formally titled the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Act of 1972, the measure calls for North Carolina's state government to receive about \$36.3 million annually and Tar Heel county and municipal governments collectively about \$76.8 million. A total of approximately \$113.1 million in federal revenues would flow into North Carolina.

"This bill is not perfect, but it is an improvement over the present state and local tax situations," Galifianakis said. "It will equalize some tax inequities and will breathe new life into many of our hard-pressed local governments."

Town Creek Would Not Be Damaged By System

The proposed water supply system planned to service this area within two years will not include the blocking of Town Creek and will not involve the dumping of any waste material into the stream, according to a report made to the board of commissioners Monday by County Manager Jerry Lewis.

The county manager reported on a meeting held two weeks ago with officials of the Wildlife Resources Commission and the Department of Water and Air Resources in Raleigh about the use of the creek as a water supply in Phase I of a long-range plan to service this part of Brunswick County. Permits are necessary, Lewis said, before raw water can be withdrawn from Town Creek—hopefully by August, 1974.

The initial purpose of the water system is to provide fresh water to the immediate Southport area and to new industry locating here. The \$3.6 million project (which will cost the county nothing, says Lewis) will include a

400-million gallon impoundment area off-stream. The creek will not be obstructed, the county manager added, and no waste products will be dumped.

"The State Board of Health is extremely happy about that," Lewis added.

The Wildlife Resources Commission has asked that the reservoir be considered as a recreation area; commissioners noted that other areas allow paddle boats and craft with electric motors, but not the use of petroleum products which are difficult to remove from water.

The area of water impoundment has not been determined.

BRIDGE THREAT

The State Highway Commission is continuing an investigation of threats (reportedly with a gun) made to the tender of the Oak Island bridge the night of July 4. The commission promised to furnish a copy of its report, and said it was reviewing North Carolina statutes to determine if state employees are adequately protected.

Col. Sunder Begins Duty

Col. Charles H. Sunder assumed command of the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point recently during a change-of-command ceremony.

Col. Thomas G. Haake relinquished command pending his retirement on July 31. He will reside in Texas.

The new commander was born in Jeannette, Pennsylvania, and is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, graduating in 1948 with a BS degree. In 1957 he was graduated from American University in Washington, D.C., with a Master's degree in business administration.

Following his commission in 1948, he served two years patrolling the interzonal border with the U.S. Constabulary in Germany before his transfer to the Transportation Corps in 1950. His (Continued On Page Three)

DETENTION CENTER

Commissioners discussed the possibility of Brunswick County taking advantage of the Lower Cape Fear Juvenile Detention Center at a cost of \$15 a day for each youth. Chief District Court Judge urged the county board to look favorably on the matter.

The detention center, which is designed to segregate youthful offenders awaiting trial from hardened criminals, was financed by New Hanover County and the federal government.

Judge Walton stated in a letter to the board that the court would make limited and discriminant use of the facility, but the board members agreed that the possibility should be explored further. The local jails, the commissioners noted, are (Continued On Page Three)

GOP Party To Convene

Brunswick County voters have been invited to a Republican "Meet the Candidates" evening at the Agriculture Building in Supply at 8:30 p.m. next Friday.

The invitation was extended by Republican County Chairman Charles E. Blake of Southport following last week's meeting of the Brunswick County GOP executive committee.

Republican candidates for local offices will speak at the August 18 gathering. Plans are being made to have the party's candidates for state offices and the U.S. Congress visit Brunswick County later in the campaign.

The local Republican candidates include the five county commissioners—John H. Bray, Smithville; William A. Kopp, Jr., Town Creek; Vardell Hughes, Waccamaw; J.T. Clemmons, Lockwood Folly, and Robert Simons, Shallotte.

Other Brunswick County GOP candidates are Thomas J. Harrelson, Southport, seeking re-election to the State House of Representatives, and Arthur W. Knox, Bolivia, candidate for register of deeds.

Time And Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week plans were almost complete for the sailing regatta to be held in the Southport harbor. Governor Clyde R. Hoey was to fire the starting gun and a wide variety of entertainment was scheduled to take place during the three-day event.

A fishing camp at Holden Beach was to be constructed to provide the North Carolina prisons with seafood. The fishery would be located nine miles from the prison camp at Supply and would be operated by convict labor.

The Southern Kraft Corporation was still looking for a site for a loading dock in the vicinity of Southport; a Southport citizen, Frank M. Sasser, was elected district commander of the American Legion; W. R. Lingle had been named principal of Southport High School by the local board.

Thirty years ago this week, a complete investigation of the U.S.O. Club in Southport was ordered by Governor J.M. Broughton. The request was made to the U.S.O. Headquarters in New York. There was a restriction that prohibited dancing in the building because it was against the policy of the sponsoring organization, the Salvation Army. The club was for service men and it was felt that dancing should be allowed if they wanted it. The operating personnel had been dismissed because of this incident.

The tobacco markets in the area were to open soon and a 59 million pound crop was expected for the border belt region. This was an eight million pound increase over 1941.

The local pogie boats were skipping over the fine schools of bluefish and Spanish mackerel to concentrate on menhaden.

The Navy was appealing to private owners for the use of ship-to-shore radio telephones; weather bureau statistics showed that July had been one of the hottest months during

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GRAND OPENING of the 12-bed addition to Doshier Memorial Hospital will be held Thursday and Friday. The \$86,000 unit, which will provide much-needed space at the

hospital and make possible an expanded obstetrics service, was financed through donations recognized by the plaque (insert).