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Shrimping is a way of life for men of the Brunswick County coast. Though not as productive in recent years, shrimp boats trawl the waters offshore; sometimes the nets are

hauled in empty but it is the shrimper's livelihood and he keeps trying. Here, a Southport shrimper prepares for a day's work.

Of Dream Harbor

Beach Residents Oppose Dredging

Holden Beach property owners have lost their first battle, and perhaps the war, in their attempt to stop a real estate development that would involve the dredging of canals in tidal marshes near the strand.

About 60 owners of property on the Brunswick

County beach attended a public hearing in Southport on Friday, opposing the development of Dream Harbor by a South Carolina man, Harold F. McNeill. Basis of their objection was that dredging of the property could (1) increase property damage in the event of a

hurricane, (2) create a maintenance problem because it reportedly has not been determined who would keep the canals open. (3) cause septic tank difficulties because the beach has no central water and sewer system at this time, and (4) necessitate a central water system for which funds are not available.

The objection, whether or not well-founded, apparently has come to late. According to the office of Attorney General Robert Morgan, as far as the state is concerned July 12 was the effective date of McNeill's permit and the 20-day period for formal objections has expired.

The public hearing on Friday was conducted by Dr. Thomas Linton, commissioner of the N.C. Department of Commercial and Sports Fisheries which denied McNeill's first three applications for a permit before approving the fourth on June 12.

Taylor McMillan, a Raleigh attorney who owns property on the strand, was the Holden Beach spokesman Friday. He asked for denial of the permit on the grounds the development would violate House Bill 705, which prohibits "adverse effects" on estuarine areas and protects private water supplies and public health and safety.

McMillan noted that the (Continued on Page 5)

Coast Guard Rescues Five

Found lashed together by a rope and clinging to a boat seat, five members of a Leland family were rescued early Sunday after 11 hours in the water off Cape Fear.

Carl Price, his wife Catherine and children Douglas, 13, David, 12, and Doris, 11, were reported in good condition following the rescue by the U.S. Coast Guard. The five wore life jackets.

The Price family reportedly left Southport about 8:30 Saturday morning on a fishing trip in their 17-foot boat. The boat capsized and sank about four miles southeast of Frying Pan Shoals about 3 p.m., Price

reported.

A Coast Guard spokesman said the Prices ripped out the front seat of the boat and used it as a life raft.

When the family did not return to the Southport Boat Harbor Saturday night, the Coast Guard was notified that the boat was overdue. A search plane was dispatched about 9 p.m., along with a 35-foot rescue boat. The plane was unable to locate the family and the Coast Guard boat was forced to return to port because of rough seas.

The 95-foot cutter Cape Upright was dispatched, and located the Price family about a.m. after Price observed the flashing blue light aboard the cutter and yelled until someone heard him.

The family used the rope to join themselves together so they would not be separated by the heavy seas.

Bridge Struck One Year Ago

Another weekend of regulated water traffic at Oak Island bridge has been granted by the North Carolina State Highway Commission.

The special regulations, which have been approved by the Coast Guard, provide that the bridge will remain closed to waterway traffic from 1 to 7 p.m. this Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Labor Day marks the first anniversary of the bridge being rammed by an errant barge on the Intracoastal Waterway. All vehicular traffic was halted for several months, and a floating, one-lane bridge is in service until a high-level bridge can be constructed, reportedly in about two years.

The bridge will be opened at 3 and 5 p.m. each of the three days to allow accumulated vessels to pass. Tugs with barges in tow will be allowed to pass on signal.

Time and Tide Work Is Progressing On Lightship Project

Thirty-five years ago this week, pre-historic fossils were found near Freeland. The remains of a monstrous alligator were found in the Waccamaw River basin and were verified by the curator of the state museum to be millions of years old.

A need was seen for large, fast sport-fishing boats to operate off Frying Pan Shoals. The secretary of the Southport Civic Club believed that the craft should be able to transport at least six persons and be capable of speeds not less than 15 knots.

The tug and barge that had run aground on Frying Pan Shoals had been freed more than two days after the incident; shrimping was expected to be heavy soon; in the month of August, not a single marriage license was issued to a white couple in Brunswick County.

Thirty years ago this week a Red Cross field worker, Lee Greer of Whiteville, reported on his duties as a water safety instructor. Greer was well known in Southport and well qualified as a water safety instructor, having once swam from (Continued On Page Four)

Holshouser: State Failed Residents Of Oak Island

Jim Holshouser, Republican candidate for governor, was in Southport Saturday morning as he launched a ten-day blitz expected to take him into every North Carolina county east of Raleigh.

The threat of rain cut down on the size of his audience, assembled on the lawn in front of the Brunswick County courthouse in Southport, but in a few minutes he addressed himself directly to some of the issues of the

current campaign. On a purely local level he referred to the problem of the bridge to Oak Island. "This is almost the anniversary of that accident," he recalled, "and no work has started to replace the bridge. The state has failed the people of Oak Island," he declared.

As for the fall campaign, he prophesied that his Democratic opponent will outstep the Republicans but, he said, "the hard work of this campaign will be at the

local level. I am counting on you. I'll be back."

Regarding highway construction: Don't you think it's time we had a road policy that's fair to everybody in the state? It's high time we had a governor who's interested in building roads on the basis of people's needs — not on the basis of politics.

"It's high time we had a governor who will see to it we get our money's worth for our tax dollars."

Concerning the presidential election, Holshouser said:

"Hargrove Bowles has already said he is going to vote for George McGovern. Hargrove is supporting a presidential candidate who is for amnesty for draft dodgers, who's for legalizing abortion, who's for legalizing marijuana, and who would virtually disarm America and turn us into one great big welfare state.

"So the choice becomes very clear — between President Nixon and Jim Holshouser on one side and George McGovern and Hargrove Bowles on the other."

Regarding new taxes: "Hargrove Bowles says he's against new taxes. Yet Hargrove has been part and parcel of a machine that has pushed through the tax on food, the tax on medicine, the tax on tobacco, the tax on soft drinks, and the higher tax on gasoline and just about everything else in sight."

Regarding campaign spending:

"Campaign spending has (Continued on Page 5)

Several original fittings have been brought to Southport, and stored for future use, he said.

Ingersol-Rand Company has sent several scalers for use in the project, and John Bray of Western Auto has donated two signs to be used for publicity purposes. About 4,000 pounds of sand are aboard the ship, ready for the sand-blasting to begin.

Al Martin offered a motion supporting the marineology curriculum in the local high school. The motion was seconded by Cathy Holth, and passed unanimously.

The need for an approach ramp was discussed as the next important phase of the lightship project.

Mrs. Mary McHose, secretary, reported that gifts totalling \$150 have been received during the past month, bringing the balance on hand to approximately \$700. C.D. Pickerrill,

chairman of the fund-raising committee, reported that mail solicitations are continuing.

Mrs. Holth, museum chairman, reported that Charles Foad, Wilmington historian, has accepted a place on her committee, as have Mayor Dorothy Gilbert and Alderman Mary McHose.

She noted that the Boy Scouts have offered aid to the Frying Pan project, as have several local artists and other interested persons. The Southport schools are planning a program of aid during the 1972-73 school year.

Bill Ezzell read a letter from the N.C. Department of Art, Culture and History, and explained the merits of a State Commission as opposed to a non-profit organization.

Chairman Horne read a letter from Raymond Freeman, U.S. Department of Interior, discussing the possibility of a visit to the site from the Park Service representative, Russell J. Henderson.

Demo Rally Is Saturday

The fall political campaign for Brunswick County Democrats will be off to a flying start Saturday when Congressman Nick Galifianakis will be the speaker at a fish fry and rally at the Lions Club Park at Shallotte.

This affair is scheduled from 6 to 8 o'clock and local candidates will be present and will participate. The fish fry is free of charge.

Chairman Odell Williamson said this week that plans call for Galifianakis to arrive at Brunswick County Airport near Long Beach during the middle of the afternoon. "He may want to do some visiting and some hand-shaking on his way to the rally at Shallotte," said the chairman.

Congress Galifianakis is a candidate for the U.S. Senate in the general election in November. He already has embarked upon a statewide campaign which will carry him into every county in North Carolina. During the primary he used a motor home for mobile cam-

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Man Falls But Resumes Work

A miracle happened at Trinity United Methodist Church late Monday after the tall steeple of this structure, hit the ground some 40 feet below, got up and went right back up to his work.

He was Terry Thompson of Boiling Spring Lakes, who had accepted a sub-contract for painting the church steeple. Apparently he was uninjured in the fall.

Among the eye witnesses was his wife, who saw him fall from the steeple structure to the broad portion of the church roof, then plunge 20 feet in a sheer drop to the ground. The pitch of the roof threw his body clear of a set of steps leading into the church annex and over a bannister rail and post. He hit

the only soft place in the yard, a bed of fresh dirt where shrubbery recently had been planted.

The pastor, the Rev. Paul Scott, also was on hand for this miraculous escape from death or serious injury and joined with the wife in urging Thompson not to go back up on the steeple. By this time it was growing dark and he returned to the ground by way of a ladder in a few minutes.

Thompson is a steamfitter by trade and works with Brown & Root at the Carolina Power and Light Company project. He says he was a heavy equipment operator while in service and worked previously as a painter. He says he has had no previous experience as a steeplejack.

Area Map To Draw Tourists

A large map of the Cape Fear area, featuring much of Brunswick County, has been presented to the New Hanover Airport Commission to hang in the terminal building.

Greater Wilmington Chamber of Commerce President John T. Talbert, Jr., serving as master of ceremonies, formally presented the painted and framed map "Cape Fear Country" to Dr. C.E. Hartford, chairman of the Airport Commission.

The five-foot square map of New Hanover and eastern Brunswick County shows all major points of interest and locates most everything from golf courses to shrimp boats and docks.

Talbert, in his introductory remarks, credited Kenneth

M. Sprunt and Chamber Executive H.V. Reid with the idea and congratulated them for their efforts over the past year to create the pictorial map.

Miles C. Higgins, a Wilmington advertising artist who designed and painted the map, was introduced.

Both New Hanover County Commission Chairman Meares Harris, Jr., and Brunswick County Chairman W.A. Kopp, Jr., took part in the program.

Chamber President Talbert congratulated the artist and stated that this new pictorial map will be of assistance to the thousands of travelers who pass through our airport terminal each year.

Sponsors from the Brunswick County area include (Continued on Page 5)



REPUBLICAN JIM HOLSHOUSER, candidate for governor in the November general election, visited Southport Saturday morning. Here, Holshouser confers with "Pappy" Stubbs of

Southport while Tommy Harrelson, incumbent Representative of Brunswick County who is on the ballot this fall, listens.