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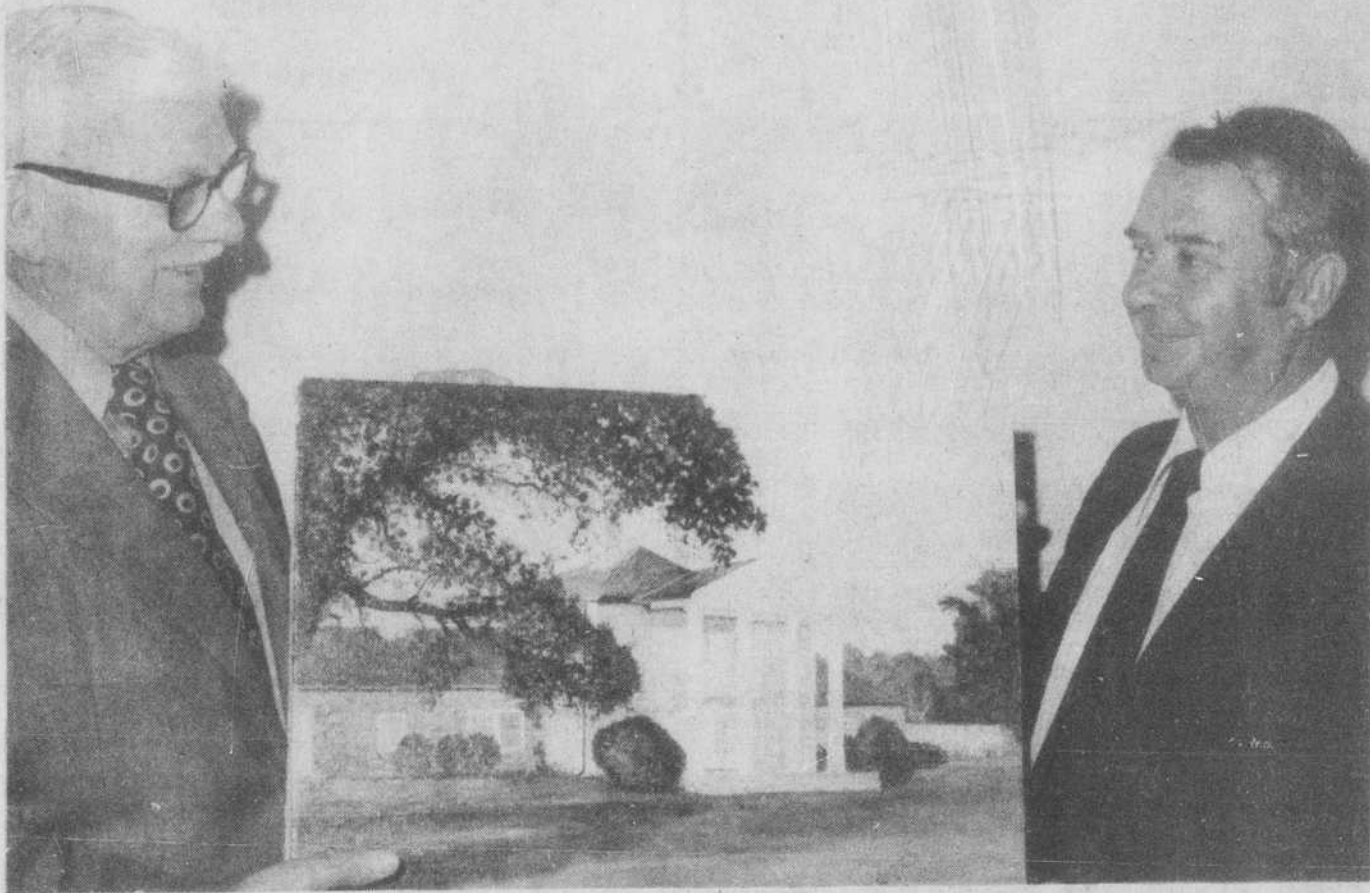
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FRYING PAN LIGHTSHIP should benefit from sale of this painting of the restored Fort Johnston main building, a featured part of the Southport waterfront. The painting was presented to the lightship committee by Steve

Sunder (left), father of the commanding officer at Sunny Point who lives in the Garrison building. Accepting the painting on behalf of the lightship restoration group is Pierce Horne, chairman.

Board Of Education Meets

'Initial Step' Is Taken For Southport Primary

The first step in obtaining a site for a new Southport Primary School was taken by the Brunswick County Board of Education in a meeting here Monday night.

A preliminary survey and feasibility study will be conducted for an approximate 20-acre section of the Cottage tract which lies northwest of town. A portion of the prospective site is within the Southport city limits.

Attorney Davis Herring, who was asked to report to the board of education about the possibility of obtaining the site, said the tract would be suitable — "if it fills the need" of the school system. He suggested that the board have the Soil Conservation Service examine the site.

The Cottage tract was subdivided in 1891 but the project "never got off the ground," Herring reported. The original owners bought back most of the property, but Herring noted there are two houses in the area under consideration. These, he said, probably could be by-passed.

At its Monday night meeting, the board of education also considered preparation of "Educational Specifications" for the proposed primary school. Target date is September, a date which may have to be adjusted, Supt. Ralph King said, because of the great number of matters which must be attended to. The Monday night action was "The initial step" towards the new school, King said.

ESEA FUNDING
In other business conducted by the Board of Education at the regularly-scheduled meeting, Mrs. Frances Stone presented a review of ESEA Title I and the prospects for future funding of the federal program.

The ESEA, Title I program serves 861 this year and Mrs. Stone said she doesn't think next year's budget would allow for any additional students — "not with the reduction." The program is operating on \$425,000 budget this year but expects about \$61,000 less for the 1973-74 school year.

The board also gave a favorable response to the suggestion that the principals

be supplemented on the basis of additional ESEA teachers, the same as state-allotted teachers, if this could be worked into the Title I budget.

Budget requests must be submitted this month, Mrs. Stone noted. "Our program will be planned within the limits of the budget."

OTHER BUSINESS
Other business before the

board included Architect Jack Croft's report on lighting for the athletic fields at the three consolidated high schools.

The board authorized advertisement of bids for 48 lights, each of 1,500 watts, and eight supplemental fixtures, each of 1,000 watts. Even after 1,000 hours of use, the minimum light on any part of the field would be 30

foot-candles, Croft noted.

The lights would be erected on four steel poles able to withstand winds to 150 miles per hour. No wiring or transformer would be above ground.

Croft also discussed plans for site improvement at Lincoln School. The schoolyard needs regrading, he said, and efforts are being made to re-route traffic that must now pass through the school property.

The mother of a South Brunswick High School senior spoke with the board members, asking that the expulsion of her son be reconsidered. He had been expelled because he threatened a teacher; the mother was not questioning the wrongness of the threat, only the severity of the punishment.

The board noted the ex-

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School Make-Up Days

Students in Brunswick County will attend school this Saturday (March 10) to make-up one of the days lost because of the ice and snow storms this winter.

A total of seven days have been missed due to the inclement weather. Other make-up days will be Saturdays March 24 and April 19; then, four days will be added to the end of the school year, postponing the start of summer vacation until June 13.

County Trash Ordinance Still Under Consideration

An ordinance regulating storage and disposal of trash, refuse, and garbage was re-submitted for rewriting by the county commissioners to the county attorney at the board's meeting in Southport on Monday.

In the final draft of the proposed ordinance, residents would have to remove trash, refuse, rubbish and garbage from their

premises at least once a week. Collector's permits would be required under the proposed ordinance for those who collect, dispose, or transport garbage commercially. These permits would have to be obtained from the county's Health Director.

During the board's discussion of the ordinance, which was presented as

recommended by the State Board of Health, Commissioner J.T. Clemmons made a motion that the ordinance be passed as read. The motion died for lack of a second, but Clemmons demanded that his motion be included in the minutes. After the conclusion of the meeting, Clemmons' motion was struck from the minutes at his request.

The ordinance recommended by the Board of Health would have included a requirement that garbage be collected and disposed of twice weekly.

OTHER BUSINESS
A presentation was made to the commissioners by National Cash Register Company to explain what data processing machines would be needed for the county to up-date its tax

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Water, Sewer Bond Upcoming

Southport's water and sewer bond issue probably will not reach the voters until May, according to Town Manager Alvin Kornegay's most optimistic estimate.

The bond issue, which has been in the developing process for about two years, has to receive the Local Government Commission's approval before it can be submitted to the county's Board of Elections.

The final sewer and water bond issue will be about \$500,000, Kornegay said recently.

Grants received for the project include \$144,000 from a Coastal Plains grant. The Department of Housing and Urban Development also approved \$282,500 for the project the first of this year.

The original estimate of the project was \$750,000, according to Kornegay. However, Kornegay also said

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Aldermen Get Zone Proposal

Southport's Planning and Zoning Board recommended last Wednesday that the town's extra-territorial area be zoned to conform with existing use.

This recommendation will be made at the Board of Aldermen's next meeting tomorrow (Thursday) night. The extra-territorial area includes the area within a one-mile radius of Southport's present city limits. The planning and zoning board

has had jurisdiction over this area since last July.

At a recent public hearing, the planning and zoning board had proposed to recommend that the extra-territorial area be zoned in accordance with a plan submitted by the Department of Natural and Economic Resources. The DNER plan had included only two general business districts (C2 zone): the immediate Sawdust Trail area and a section on Leonard Street.

The DNER plan presented at the earlier meeting had met with opposition over the limited amount of business areas to be zoned within the extra-territorial area. A recorded objection was made by Bob Thorsen at this meeting. Thorsen maintained that the restricted general business zoning would be a hindrance to private enterprise.

The original DNER plan was defended at that time by W.B. McDougale, chairman of the planning and zoning board. McDougale held that

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Yaupon Okays Dune Ordinance

At a Monday meeting of the Yaupon Beach Town Council, a Beach Dune Protection Ordinance was adopted to control construction from Ocean Highway to the mean high water mark.

This ordinance was adopted in basic compliance with a county prototype ordinance. The county's proposed ordinance recommends that construction be controlled 300 feet beyond the mean low water mark. Ocean Highway is presently 150 feet from the mean high water mark, Mayor Clarence Murphy said, so the ordinance was adopted to

control construction on the ocean side of Ocean Highway.

The road through Yaupon to Long Beach is identified as Yaupon Drive.

Commissioner Bill Smalley and Murphy also pointed out that the Corps of Engineers had control below the mean high water mark. It was concluded that the county had meant to recommend controlling construction above the high water mark.

Other business included acceptance of a house and lot numbering system prepared by Bill Smalley to facilitate the delivering of mail. The

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Poster Contest Winners Named

More than 2,000 entries were received in the poster contest sponsored by the Brunswick Soil & Water Conservation District, held in conjunction with the Brunswick County Clean-Up Campaign during February.

Cooperation in sponsoring the contest was received from the Production Credit Association; paper for making the posters was donated by Federal Paper Board Company, formerly Riegel.

Coordinating the contest were Mrs. Ruth White of the Brunswick County school system; Maynard Owens of the Soil Conservation Service; and Milton Coleman of the county Extension Service. Judges were Mrs. Doris Redwine, Roy Mintz and Rusty Hughes of Shallotte.

Mrs. White said all entries were voluntary: "This was not an assigned project. Students were asked to participate, but no classroom credit was involved."

First place winners in each class were awarded \$25 government bonds; individual school winners in each grade received \$10 cash awards.

Hospital Question Still Undecided After Meeting

A series of meetings held here during the past week apparently leaves Doshier Memorial Hospital in the same relative position as before with regard to receiving an appropriation from the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners to meet an existing financial emergency.

Last Wednesday, the commissioners met and named three new members to the board of trustees: Johnnie Mills, Ed Johnson and Willie Ward. They replace Fred Mintz, Tom

Rabon and Pawnee Formy-Duval. Willie Beatty and A.H. Gainey, Jr., remain as county appointees.

On Thursday, a committee from the Board of Aldermen met with representatives from the Board of Commissioners to discuss the problems at the hospital and to come up with some proposals for their solution. Representing the City of Southport were Aldermen Mary McHose and W.P. Horne. J.T. Clemmons and John Bray were the Brunswick County represen-

tatives.

A special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Friday at which the report from Horne and Mrs. McHose was received. There was discussion of the desirability of reorganization of the board of trustees and a meeting was set up for Tuesday night between the hospital committee from the Board of Aldermen and the hospital trustees now serving under appointment by the city board.

In addition to Horne and

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To Give Or Not Give-- \$20,000 To Hospital?

Whether or not Brunswick County will give \$20,000 for support of Doshier Memorial Hospital is a matter now under consideration by the board of commissioners.

That amount had been promised earlier, provided the hospital and the City of Southport meet certain conditions. Monday, County Attorney Thomas Horne said that such funding would be illegal: "You cannot legally contribute one red cent," he said when asked for his legal opinion of the matter. Tax money, he explained, could be used only for "necessary public expenses," a category in which hospitals are not included.

County Manager Jerry Lewis, meeting with the Southport Board of Aldermen two weeks ago, said that while tax money is not available, the county had enjoyed a profitable year in non-tax revenues and it appeared that the sufficient money could be found.

Conditions that were set by the commissioners were, among others, that the City of Southport give

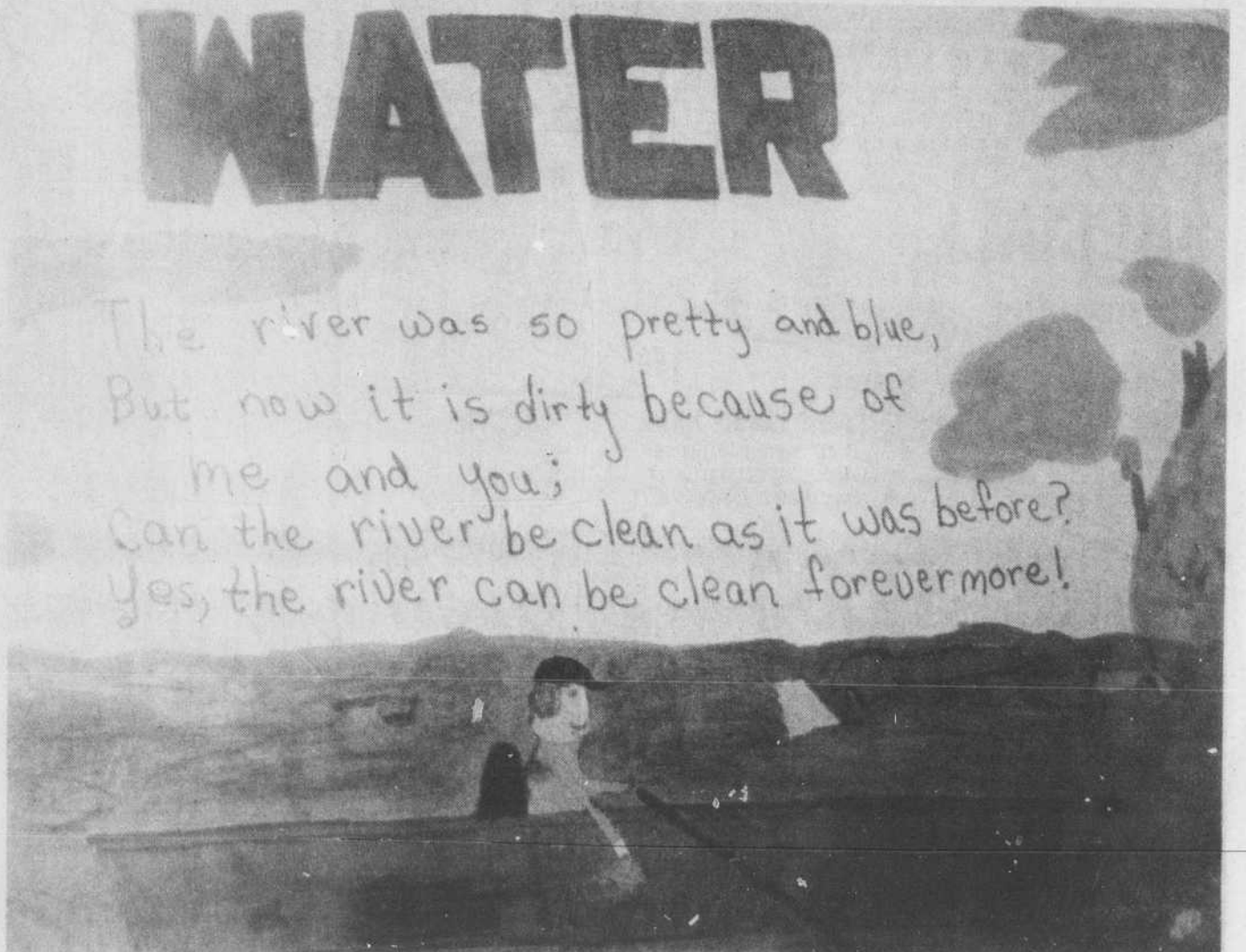
\$10,000 (which has been done); that L.T. Yaskell, chairman of the hospital Board of Trustees, resign; and that doctors resume delivery of babies.

Stated reason for calling for Yaskell's resignation, the commissioners have said, is that the hospital's present financial problems are due to poor management.

The City of Southport contributes \$3,600 annually to Doshier Memorial Hospital, which Horne said is in violation of the law.

Bill Kopp, chairman of the board of commissioners, instructed Horne to investigate the possible uses of revenue-sharing money. The county attorney said it was his understanding that the funds could be used for education, transportation and health needs.

Kopp offered some prospect that funds could be provided: "I can't argue with the law, but ... we need to find the means to support such functions that provide a service to the county's citizens."



MORE THAN 2,000 entries were received in the poster contest held in conjunction with the county wide clean-up campaign in Brunswick during February. The effort was voluntary, said clean-up supervisor Ed Clemmons: "These were not graded assignments; students were asked to

make the posters and they did." The contest was sponsored by the Soil Conservation Service, while poster paper was provided by Federal Paper Board, formerly Riegel. This random selection shows the message put forth in most of the entries.