

# THE STATE PORT PILOT

A Good Newspaper In A Good Community

VOLUME 45 NUMBER 4

16 PAGES TODAY

SOUTHPORT, NORTH CAROLINA

AUGUST 15, 1973

10 CENTS A COPY

PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY



**A WORTHY CAUSE** — Chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, Bill Kopp, (seated) signs a resolution in support of the Shriners' countywide fish fry next Wednesday. Present at the signing were Shriners

"Sweetheart" Diane Walker and, standing, Shriners Herman Strong, Don Willetts, Bill Leggett, Albert Parker, John Goodwin and Leroy Hollis.

## Watered-Down Zoning For Southport Okayed

Culminating a year-long effort to zone Southport's extra-territorial area and re-zone portions within the city limits, Southport aldermen voted Thursday to accept the recommendations of Planning and Zoning Commission Chairman W.B. McDougle to drop plans to zone to Open Space some of the waterfront within city limits; and the newly-approved zoning ordinances will provide for the controversial waterfront areas to be zoned single-family residential.

This measure was taken after waterfront property owners W.G. Wells and representatives of the Stone estate objected to their property being zoned Open Space (OS) and threatened lawsuits against the city.

The State Ports Authority and Pfizer representatives also had objected to OS on their waterfront property; however, the zone remains in the new ordinances.

The remaining OS approved by the aldermen includes areas around Judah, Price's, Bonnet's, and Dutchman's Creeks and the sea pods

around the State Ports Authority boat harbor.

Other major changes recommended by the planning commission included: splitting the industrial zone to include provisions for separate light and heavy industry areas, an

### Non-Payment Brings Action

The town of Long Beach will soon take legal action to force overdue payment on privilege licenses for businesses operating within the city limits, Acting Town manager Ed Liggett said Tuesday.

Liggett said he had compiled a list of those with payment due to the licenses, and he said he plans to allow a 10-day period for the fee to be paid after the date of mailing letters sometime next week to inform the individuals involved that payment is required.

(Continued on page 16)

"RA-20" residential-agricultural zone for much of the extra-territorial area, commercial strip-zoning along Highways 87 and 211 outside city limits, ordinances that require mobile home parks to be buffered from other areas, a small multi-family residential zone within the city, and other ordinances to limit the size of commercial signs.

The zoning move began over a year ago when state legislation enabled cities to extend their zoning jurisdiction in a one-mile radius outside city limits.

McDougle said the planning commission will continue holding meetings the first Thursday evening of every month in the town hall.

The planning group went through several heated controversies during the course of developing and finalizing the zoning plans.

In other business at the aldermen's regular Thursday night meeting, a bid of \$9,878.96 was accepted for a backhoe from Sampson Equipment Company. Other bids included \$10,338 by

N.C. Equipment Company, and \$10,404.60 by Cottle Equipment Company.

Town Manager Alvin Kornegay discussed with the board information he has received from the N.C. Department of Recreation that matching state and federal funds will possibly be available for the town to acquire some waterfront property for a recreation area.

Mayor Dorothy Gilbert also discussed the possibility of appointing a committee to study the feasibility of the city building an auditorium.

A motion was passed accepting appointments by W.H. Crowe, chairman of the Bi-centennial Commission, to that group. The new appointees include Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sias, Mrs. Cora M. Davis, Jonathan Hankins, Eugene Gore, and Edward

(Continued on page 16)

## McKeithan Track 'Too Restricted'

# Top Pick For Hospital Site Is West Of Supply

By **BOBBY HILL**  
A site for the new county hospital about one mile west of Supply on US 17 was tentatively approved by the county commissioners Thursday night on the recommendation of the site committee of the ad hoc hospital committee, and the commissioners also appointed members to a board of trustees to administer what will be called the Brunswick County Memorial Hospital.

The charter members of the board of trustees include Albert H. Parker, Percy Hewett and James Scott Elliott of Lockwood Folly Township, Ward E. Fuller of Smithville Township, Clyde R. Babson of Waccamaw Township, Mason H. Anderson of Shallotte Township, John J. Child, Jr., of Northwest Township, and

P.R. Hankins of Town Creek Township.

The commissioners had called for the Thursday meeting, requesting that the site committee present a list of six possible hospital sites listed in order of priority for construction of a hospital. However, the site committee

presented only two sites to be considered as priorities: the Morgan site west of Supply and the V.J. McKeithan site east of Supply on US 17.

Roy Swain, chairman of the site committee, read a resolution stating that "some misunderstanding" apparently caused the

commissioners to request a priority list of six hospital sites.

Swain said the site committee April 14 agreed to restrict the site selection to an area which, "encompassed the Morgan site, the McKeithan site, the International Paper Company Ball Park site north of Supply on NC 211, and the Ruby Clemmons Osbourne site south of Supply and on the north side of US 17."

Swain continued that the site committee, "refrains from placing numbered priorities on these two additional locations because we believe that our recommendation as to choice No. 1 and choice No. 2 will be sufficient for the location of the new Brunswick County hospital."

Although the McKeithan site was offered to the county free, the site committee was unanimous in their choice of the Morgan property which must be paid for; and Swain said restrictions on the use of the McKeithan site had been a casual factor in the decision.

W.A. Kopp, Jr., chairman of the board of commissioners, asked Swain to go into "some explanation" of the restrictions on the McKeithan property which caused it not to be chosen as the site for the hospital.

Swain said McKeithan had stipulated that if the land

(Continued on page 16)

## Injunction Status

No new developments are reported in the legal action sought by two Brunswick County newspapers against the county Board of Commissioners to end secret meetings of that body.

The State Port Pilot and the Brunswick Beacon of Shallotte filed a complaint against the commissioners on July 25, alleging that the county board held a secret meeting the Sunday before to discuss county business. The board reportedly has 30 days in which to respond (through next Friday), after which date the injunction automatically takes effect if no response is made. If the action is challenged, the case will be heard in Superior Court.

Through Tuesday afternoon the only official response from the county board, or any commissioners, has been a request for interrogatories by W.A. Kopp, Jr. On the form prepared by attorney Thomas Horne, Kopp is listed as "defendant". The interrogatories seek elaboration of the charges filed by Pilot Publisher James M. Harper, Jr., and Beacon Publisher Kelvin Mackey. The plaintiffs reportedly have 30 days (from August 1) to complete these forms.

No official statements have been issued by the commissioners to indicate whether the injunctive action will be challenged.

## Seafood Plant Plan Revealed

M. Rozell Hewett has announced plans to establish a \$1 million-plus seafood processing plant in the Shallotte area, to be named Long Bay Seafood, Inc.

Tentative plans call for pre-incorporation stock subscriptions limited to North Carolina citizens for a minimum of \$250,000 with plans to obtain government financing for the balance of the operation, which is estimated to cost in the neighborhood of \$1 million, according to engineering estimates prepared by Jerry D. Lewis, engineering consultant.

Copies of a subscriber prospectus are available from Hewett and Waccamaw Bank & Trust Company in Shallotte, and the initial board of directors and terms of financing are named in the prospectus.

Herring, Parker, Powell and Leggett, a Southport law firm, is listed as attorney for the proposed incorporators and corporation.

Hewett owned and operated five shrimp boats, was partner in operating a packing facility for shrimp boats, and has had experience with Armour Meat Packing Company as a refrigeration engineer in the frozen food department.

## Food Shortage, Prices Affecting Local Markets

By **BOBBY HILL**

With food prices rising across the nation, this area has been struck with a vengeance; and, although the rare commodity of beef is available in some cuts in most stores, one store operator said overall food prices have risen 20 percent in the last three weeks.

Most frightening of all, perhaps, is the fact that severe shortages are beginning to develop in all lines of grocery items. Add this to the coming drop of the last price freeze on beef September 12, and the old laws of supply

and demand appear ready to go berserk.

Items such as bread jumped two cents for a large loaf last week to the present price of 45 cents a loaf, and milk also had another increase of eight cents per gallon last week.

Tommy Harrelson, operator of Harrelson, IGA, and Dennis Grainger, operator of Southport Thriftway, both said serious shortages in oil products and canned vegetables are being reported by wholesalers.

These shortages are already depleting the supplies of cooking oils, margarine,

tomatoe juice, and other canned tomatoe products, salad dressing, and shortening.

Harrelson said lard is costing him more than shortening is sell for now.

Grainger said several suppliers have been withholding their products from the wholesalers. He reported that one of the largest vegetable canneries in the east had withdrawn its products from the market, and the absence of several items from such companies as

(Continued on page 16)

## Shriners' Fish Dinner Wednesday, 4 Locations

Terming the Brunswick Shriners' fish fry a gesture "in the interest of all citizens of Brunswick County," the county commissioners have endorsed the effort and have called on the public to support the endeavor.

The fish fry, slated for August 22, (Wednesday), is designed to raise funds for the Shriners' hospital for crippled and burned children, in Greenville, S.C.

The resolution was signed Monday night at the Shrine Building near Bolivia by board chairman William Kopp. Kopp was "proud to have the opportunity of signing," because "unfortunate children would be the sole benefactors of the fruits and labors" of the effort.

Also recognized at Monday night's meeting was Miss

Diane Walker of Leland. Miss Walker has been elected "Sweetheart" of the local Shriners and "has been as an inspiration to the organization," according to a spokesman.

Diane was stricken with polio at age one and was referred to the Shrine Hospital unit in Greenville. She was fitted for braces, and by age two had taken her first steps. At seven, she was admitted for her first corrective surgery. By the age of 15 she had come under the surgeon's knife 28 times.

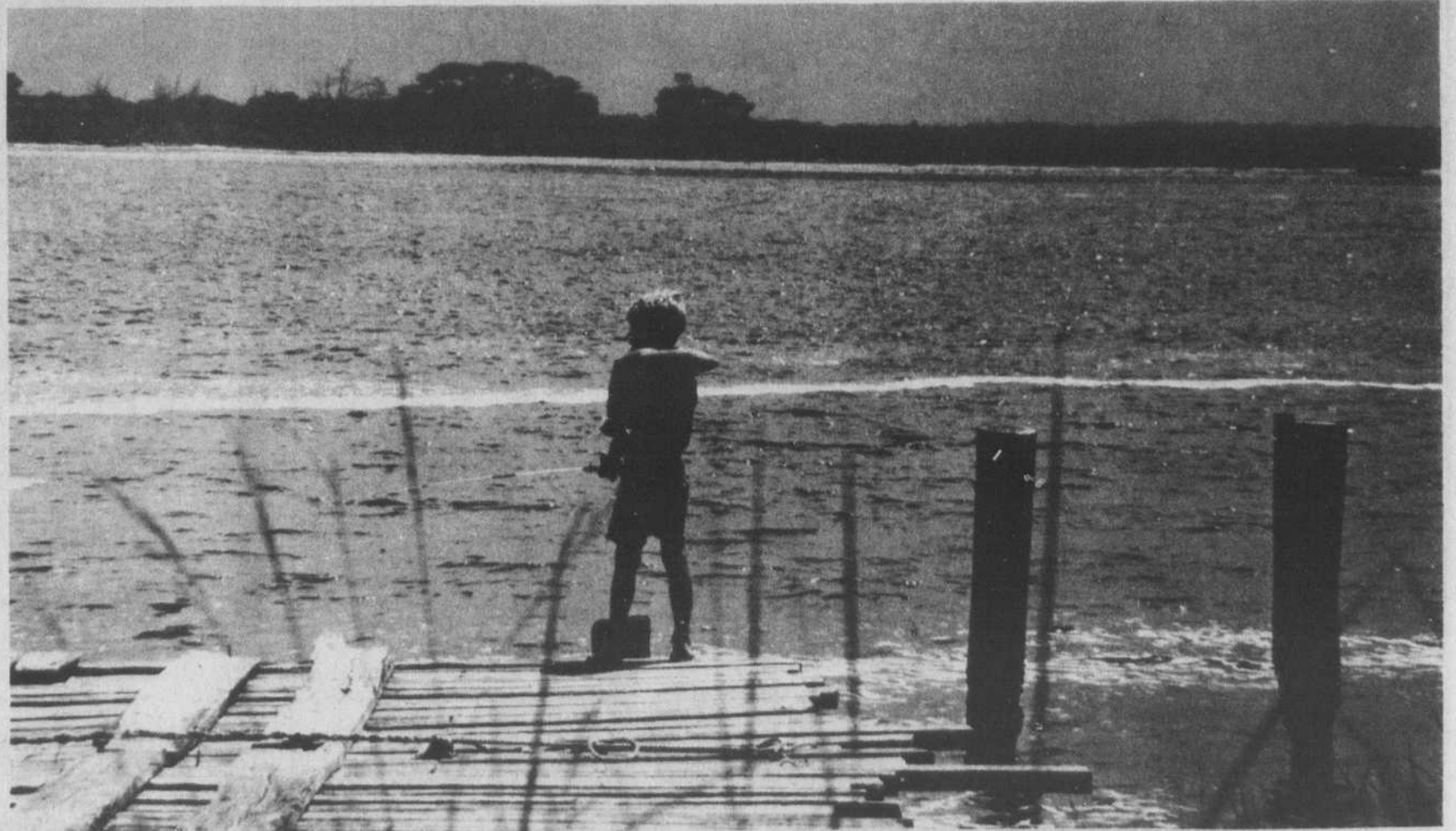
During the fish fry, from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., area Shriners will carry out the most extensive community project ever attempted in Brunswick County. Nobles will be preparing and serving a fried-flounder dinner complete with slaw,

hushpuppies, and utensils only \$1.50 per plate, with all profits going to the Greenville unit.

There will be cooking sites at the old Food City lot in Shallotte, next to the fire station in Leland, at the Shrine Building in Bolivia, and in downtown Southport. Each site is capable of serving 75 plates every 10 minutes. Persons wishing to eat at the site may do so, and those wishing to pick up plates to go may receive them without having to leave their cars. Traffic aisles will be set up to eliminate congestion, and all drivers are asked to heed posted signs.

The final organizational meeting before the fry will be held Monday evening at the Shrine Building on Midway

(Continued on page 16)



**MAKING THE BEST USE** of the last few days of his summer vacation, a Southport youngster waits for a bite in the Cape Fear River. School begins next Wednesday, and then it's nine

more months of "readin', writin', and 'rithmetic" for this would-be angler, who'd much rather be "fishin'?"