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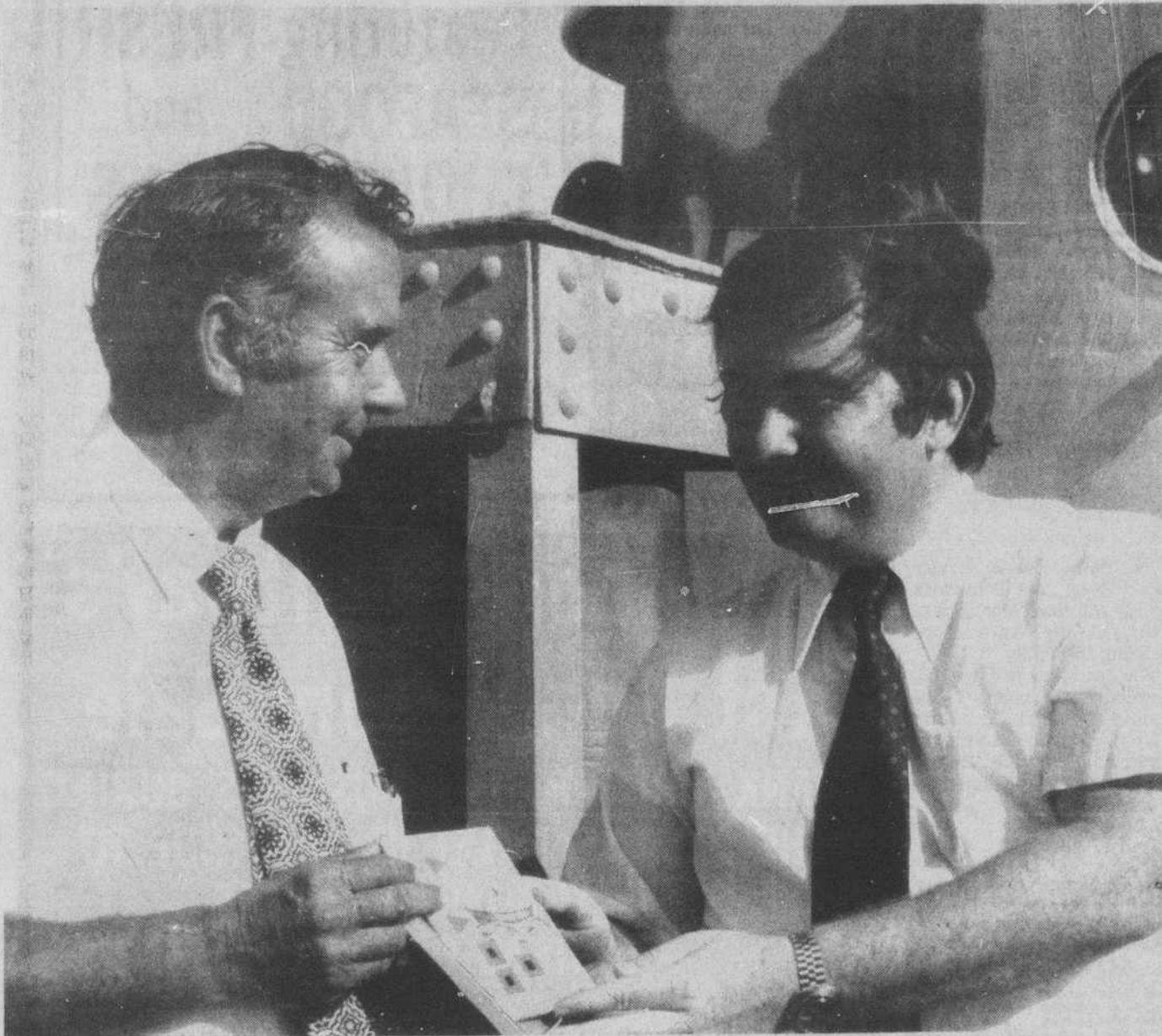
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**CONGRESSMAN VISITS** — Rep. Charlie Rose, (right) touring the coastal region of the 7th Congressional District he represents, visited the Frying Pan Lightship museum in Southport Thursday. The Congressman was asked to help secure for the lightship some equipment that

was not aboard when the vessel was delivered to Southport. Pierce Horne, chairman of the Lightship Commission and a member of the party that toured the lightship, presents a trivet to Rose depicting the Frying Pan and signals it displayed while on station off Cape Fear.

## Board Nears Decision On New Landfill Plans

The county commissioners at their regular meeting on Monday voted to have Sanitary Landfill Manager Edwin S. Clemmons present to them at their next meeting for approval plans for a one-site solid waste disposal system to be complemented with containerized collection; and the commissioners also appointed a seven-member Brunswick County Pollution Abatement Facilities Financing Authority.

The solid waste disposal system would include a central site near Supply and either ten 40-cubic yard containers or 100 four-cubic yard containers, Clemmons said.

This system must go into operation by July 1, 1974 to remain in compliance with the North Carolina State Board of Health, and Clemmons said the equipment must soon be ordered to meet the deadline.

Clemmons said estimated capital costs include \$1,000 per year for a 40-acre site, \$6,000 for necessary structures, \$10,000 for roads and gates, either \$66,000 or \$61,000 for the different containerized systems, and approximately \$68,000 in yearly operating costs.

To come in compliance with the state guidelines for sanitary landfill operation, the largest change the county will have to make will be to cover the landfills at the end of every day.

Clemmons said the project is not "the total solution" to Brunswick County waste disposal problem, but he said the new system would be "a step" in the right direction.

From a list of recommendations prepared by the state recently, Clemmons made the following proposals: (1) that the municipalities be responsible for collection of their own waste within their cooperative limits, (2) that the unincorporated and rural areas use house-to-house garbage collection by private agencies paid by the individuals, (3) that the county have one centrally-located landfill near Supply,

and (4) that all other landfill sites be closed after the central site is opened.

Commissioner J.T. Clemmons balked at immediate acceptance of the landfill proposals, saying, "I see a lot of mess coming from this system."

Commissioner Clemmons said he did not support the proposal at this time because not enough data had been

## Yaupon Clerk Screening Set

Yaupon Beach commissioners decided at a special Tuesday morning meeting to hire a personnel interviewer to screen eight applicants for the position of town clerk vacated Tuesday by the resignation of Lucille Laster.

This action came after commissioner Jack Allen introduced and Gib Barbee seconded a motion to hire one of the applicants that day; however, the motion was

rescinded in order to allow for the screening.

According to Commissioner William A. Smalley, the decision to subject the applicants to testing stems from a decision made at a previous special meeting held Thursday for Whit Brown to act as interviewer. Brown is an associate of the town's auditing firm of Cherry,

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submitted with the plans, and at this request Edwin Clemmons was directed to bring statistical information from other counties' landfill systems.

Later, at Commissioner Clemmons' urging, the board agreed to ask Sheriff Harold W. Willetts to "vigorously enforce" the existing ordinances against unauthorized dumping in undesignated areas.

The pollution abatement authority appointed by the commissioners includes J. Dewey Sellers and Thurston Mintz from Lockwood Folly township to serve for six- and two-year terms respectively, Louis Cleon Evans of Waccamaw township for a six-year term, Howard F. Williamson of Northwest township for a four-year term, Julian K. Taylor of Town Creek township for a two-year term, Caesar Hardy of Shallotte township for a four-year term.

The authority will be able to finance tax-free bonds for construction of pollution abatement for industries locating in Brunswick County.

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## Renovations Funded For Doshier To Remain Open

Acting on the recommendations of Charter Medical Corporation representative Max Brabson, Doshier Memorial Hospital's trustees voted Monday to authorize the trustee chairman and the hospital administrator to proceed with \$6,000 worth of renovations needed to continue the hospital's license to operate after the end of next month.

Brabson, vice-president of Charter's hospital division, gave the aldermen a report of the company's findings and recommendations after studying the hospital's

operations since August 8.

Brabson repeatedly emphasized that Doshier provides a viable service to the community, and he said his company expects to change Doshier's present "negative" outflow of cash to a "positive" profitable operation. "Hopefully, in another 30 days, we will show some positive results," he said.

Brabson also requested and got the trustees' assurances that they would attempt to make available funds with which to purchase "revenue-producing" equipment.

In a thorough criticism of

all aspects of the hospital's operation, Brabson said that lowering the ratio of employees to patients and making the purchasing program more economical are two crucial areas already receiving attention.

Brabson recommended and the trustees agreed on a policy of lowering the number of hospital personnel by attrition, or simply by not replacing those employees who leave their positions. This would eliminate any firing of personnel, and Brabson also said several

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## December Vote Possible

# \$2.5 Million Water Plan Underway At Long Beach

Long Beach town councilmen at their regular Thursday night meeting passed a resolution of intent to proceed with plans to construct a \$2.5 million water system, and town attorney Edward Greene said a bond referendum could be held sometime in December if project plans meet with approval by the Local Government Commission.

Further paving the way toward the water system, the council reluctantly voted to accept a N.C. Clean Water Bond grant of approximately \$116,000 for the town's water project. Some of the councilmen expressed disappointment with the \$116,000 grant, evidently expecting to receive a sum closer to the \$500,000 the town applied for.

Mayor O.G. Coleman said FHA officials had explained the discrepancy between the amount of the grant and the amount applied for as a lack of planning and coordination of construction of water systems in this area.

Coleman said, "At our last meeting with the county commissioners (concerning the water system) they assured us they would have water at the time we could have our system built."

Greene reported that the FHA officials also said Long Beach might be required to wait six months to be supplied with county water.

Although the town is now in the process of acquiring land leases for a well farm across the Intracoastal Waterway, the county commissioners recently authorized consulting engineers to proceed with plans for Phases II and III of the county water system that would supply water to Long Beach residents.

Coleman said the well farm is expected to cost \$200,000, which is included in the \$2.5 million total; however, he added that if the county water becomes available, this

expense will not be necessary. In this event, Coleman said, the vote may not be for the entire total of \$2.5 million.

Coleman added, "We'll only sell enough bonds to cover the construction costs."

In other business, attorney Greene reported that the town still has not received a ruling from the Attorney General's office in Raleigh on whether or not the town will vote on a \$15 million berm

and dune project.

Greene said the N.C. Department of Water and Air Resources reportedly does not want the matter to come to a vote for "expediting" reasons.

Coleman asked if the town could vote on the issue if it so chooses.

"You can vote on anything you want to," Greene answered.

Greene also reported that the Emerick case will be tried in district court in

Southport Wednesday, since the Emericks are contesting the Board of Adjustment's recent decision that a modular home is not allowed at Pinner's Point.

Greene also reported that an attorney representing Paul C. Plybon has "been in touch" with his concerning payment for "services rendered" by Plybon to the town. Plybon recently submitted a bill to the council for \$13,000, and the council declined payment and asked that Plybon itemize and explain the charges in his bill.

Several months ago, the town backed out of a \$20,000 contract with Plybon for consulting work on a berm and dune protection project and aid in financing a water system.

The council voted to establish a filing fee of \$200 for councilmen candidates for the coming November elections.

Coleman broke a split vote to grant a variance to G.W. Bell to build a porch on his property at 19th Street East or a portion of his neighbor's property.

The board also granted a year's extension on a building permit of a condominium planned by Joe Barone at 46th Street and Beach Drive.

The recommendation of the July 19 meeting of the planning board that the town hire a professional planner for approximately \$6,000 was not acted upon by the board when spectator Mrs. Nancy Morgan claimed that such a

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## County Adds New Precinct

The creation of Belleville Precinct, the county's 19th voting district, was announced this week by the Brunswick County Board of Elections.

According to Mrs. Vivian Tatum, executive secretary to the Board of Elections, Town Creek Precinct was divided to form the two districts. The western portion retains the Town Creek identification, while the eastern part becomes Belleville.

Town Creek had been the county's largest precinct in area, and ranked second in registration (1,137 to Leland's 1,562).

The first election in which Belleville voters will participate is the November 6 liquor - by - the - drink

referendum. Judges and registrars have not been named, said Mrs. Tatum.

The resolution creating the new Belleville Precinct follows:

WHEREAS, Town Creek Precinct in Town Creek Township encompasses the largest land area of any voting precinct in Brunswick County, and

"WHEREAS, The Brunswick County Board of Elections deems it advisable, in the interest of conducting more orderly and efficient elections, to establish a new voting precinct in Town Creek Township;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Brunswick County Board of

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## County, Towns Divide \$160,000 Tax Receipts

Sales tax distribution for Brunswick County and nine municipalities totalled \$160,175.10 for the quarter ending June 30, according to a report received this morning from the N.C. Department of Revenue.

The county receives the lion's share — \$136,517.53 — while Long Beach, with the largest tax base of any Brunswick County town, gets \$9,000.16. Calabash, recently incorporated as Brunswick's tenth municipality, receives none of the April-May-June

disbursement.

Other Brunswick County towns, and the amounts received, are Bolling Spring Lakes, \$959.24; Bolivia, \$70.09; Holden Beach, \$1,774.42; Ocean Isle Beach, \$1,200.16; Shallotte, \$2,610.47; Southport, \$5,479.94; Sunset Beach, \$870.02; and Yaupon Beach, \$1,693.07.

The distribution is figured on the basis of ad valorem taxes; the county and municipalities receive shares based on the amount of property tax each pays. The

funds are collected by the N.C. Department of Revenue, which withholds a collection fee of \$1.003 per \$100 collected.

The next quarterly distribution, due after September 30, will be larger than the April-through-June total if the July total is any indication. Last month, a total of \$65,047 was collected here,

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## Rose Pledges Lightship Help

U.S. Representative Charles Rose visited the Southport area and the Frying Pan Lightship Thursday, and he told lightship commission chairman Pierce Horne he would aid and support the project to renovate the ship.

"I think you'll have a real fine tourist attraction here," Rose said.

At the request of Horne, Rose said he would assign a staff member to work with the Coast Guard in supplying the ship with various pieces of authentic equipment to restore an atmosphere of realism when the project is completed. Among those items Horne and lightship commission member Marty Kesmodel requested are a wheel, lifeboats, a compass, fadars, and a fathometer.

However, Rose stopped short of offering financial aid to the project, and he urged Brunswick County residents to adopt an attitude of self-reliance while turning the ship into a public museum.

"It ought to belong to Southport," Rose said of the craft which served for years as a warning beacon on Frying Pan Shoals.

## Rabon Named To Road Body

Wilbur Earl Rabon, 37, of Leland was the youngest of a 14-member State Secondary Roads Council appointed Thursday by Gov. James E. Holshouser as part of the North Carolina Board of Transportation.

The reorganization was authorized by legislation enacted by the 1973 General Assembly, and the Secondary Roads Council will be responsible for adopting annual work programs for secondary roads in each county.

Rabon, head of Division 3 of the state's 14 highway divisions, will represent Brunswick, Duplin, New Hanover, Onslow, Pender and Sampson counties.

Members of the council will serve at the pleasure of the governor and work with the county commissioners of each county in preparing the work programs.

The council removed the

policy-making task from the N.C. Division of Highways — the board of transportation.

In case of a disagreement between the roads council and the county commissioners, the county commissioners will be able to petition the board of transportation, and all council decisions are subject to this board's review.

Programs developed by the roads council for each county must be presented to the board of county commissioners at a special, public hearing so that commissioners and citizens may discuss and comment on the program.

After such hearings, the county commissioners will be required to make a written recommendation on the expenditure of funds for the program, and the road's council is to follow those

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