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**CLUBWOMEN OF THE YEAR** for the Southport Junior Woman's Club are Mrs. Jack Lockhart (left) and Mrs. Frank Hamel. Mrs. Lockhart was named overall club "Woman of the Year" while Mrs. Hamel, who joined the local

club in April, was awarded the first annual "New Clubwoman of the Year" recognition. The women were cited Friday night at the annual Installation Banquet.

## Defense Asks For Delay

# Commissioner Depositions Taken, Others Postponed

Testimony of five Brunswick County commissioners and two newspapermen was taken Thursday and Friday as depositions were resumed in the lawsuit that alleges violation of the N.C. Open Meetings Law by the board of commissioners.

Commissioner John Bray of Southport testified for more than three hours Thursday morning, and was followed by commissioner J. T. Clemmons, whose testimony continued throughout the afternoon. First Friday morning

witness was Kelvin Mackey, publisher of the Brunswick Beacon at the time the lawsuit was commenced July 25 and new manager of the Hamlet News in Rockingham County. Board Chairman William A. Kopp, Jr., followed, then Beacon Editor

Gene Smith and Commissioners Vardell Hughes and Robert Simmons.

Depositions of State Port Pilot Publisher James M. Harper, Jr., and Pilot employees Ed Harper and Robert E. Hill were scheduled to be taken Tuesday but were postponed at the request of attorney for the defense Thomas Horne. Horne is responsible for the rescheduling of these depositions.

The deposition of Mrs. Judith Cowan, former clerk to the board of commissioners, was taken October 19, but Horne objected to the presence of the State Port Pilot publisher on grounds that the plaintiff intended to use content of the depositions as subject for

decision of the building inspector. Judge Brewer's denial of the "due process" argument upheld a previous building permit issued to the

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## Emerick House Stays, No Violation Is Shown

Ending over half a year of controversy, Judge Coy E. Brewer ruled last Tuesday the Emerick Cottage can stay at Long Beach.

Judge Brewer's decision came after a Superior Court session on the matter December 11. Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Hendrix, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Alvin T. Perkins had appealed the second decision of the Board of Adjustments April 19, which allowed the Emerick Cottage to stay.

Judge Brewer's court order affirmed the September 19 decision and ordered that the building inspector issue John Clifford Emerick a formal certificate of occupancy.

The Emericks have contended their residence is a modular home. The op-

position (first the town and later the Hendrix and Perkins) claimed the unit was a mobile home and in violation of zoning ordinances.

Judge Brewer's order states the Emerick "house conforms to all applicable building codes and effective zoning ordinances."

The judge also found no denial of constitutional due process in the September 19 adjustment board decision.

Plaintiff attorney Carter Lambeth argued that the September 19 vote (3-0 against the Emericks with one abstention) was a "non-decision" and a denial of the right to due process. Under Long Beach ordinances, the adjustment group must have four votes to overrule a

decision of the building inspector. Judge Brewer's denial of the "due process" argument upheld a previous building permit issued to the

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## Holiday Closings

County offices will observe a three-day Christmas vacation next week on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The clerk of court's office also will be closed those three days, while post offices will be closed on Tuesday.

County school children were dismissed from school yesterday, scheduled to return Jan. 2.

Financial institutions will be closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

The State Port Pilot will be published on schedule next week (Wednesday). Because of the Christmas holiday, however, persons wanting news items or advertising included in the Dec. 26 issue are requested to have that material in the Pilot office by Saturday noon.

## Says County Commissioner

# 'Doshier Losing Money, Should Be Shut Down'

By **BOBBY HILL**  
Efforts to keep Doshier Memorial Hospital open were rapped sharply on Monday by the Brunswick County board of commissioners.

The discussion was sparked by County Manager Neil Mallory's financial report on Doshier for the past three months, showing that the hospital lost \$62,000 from October, 1972 to September, 1973.

Mallory noted the hospital had lost \$3,414.36 in November, and he said the medical facility has operated the past three months at a loss of almost \$9,000.

Mallory cited payment of \$23,739.96 for two months of consulting services to

Charter Medical Corporation, which three months ago signed a three-year consulting contract with Doshier.

"That place (Doshier) needs to be closed up," Commissioner J.T. Clemmons of Shallotte said.

"That's the only way they can get out of that contract, (with Charter) as I understand it."

"I am depressed with the report of Doshier Memorial Hospital's financial conditions," Clemmons added. The commissioners also

declined to approve a bill from Doshier for \$1,847.10 for patients under custody of the county.

Clemmons also said there are "a few people doing some things causing some concern" (Continued on page 20)

## Town Intends To Keep Hospital Open -- Mayor

By **BOBBY HILL**

Appointing the nucleus of a "Doshier Renovation Committee," Southport Mayor Eugene Tomlinson Thursday called for a meeting early in January of representatives of towns in Smithville Township to insure Doshier Memorial Hospital's future.

Tomlinson appointed A.A. Martin, Harold Davis and W.P. Horne to work with him selecting representatives for the committee. He said a joint meeting would be scheduled for the committee when members are appointed from Long Beach, Yaupon Beach, Boiling Spring Lakes and Southport.

Tomlinson said he had been informed that construction of the proposed Brunswick County Memorial Hospital will not be approved at the state level until Doshier documents that it will close.

"I don't need anybody out in the county telling us what we need in Southport or what we should orient our medical facilities toward," Tomlinson said.

"We are prepared to go all the way down the line," he added, saying the board would seek injunctive relief to prevent the sale of bonds for the new hospital in order to protect Doshier's future.

Tomlinson said a letter had been sent from W.B. McDougle, chairman of Doshier's trustees, to Brunswick Memorial chairman Mason H. Anderson, saying, (Continued on page 4)

## Lakes Board Member Quits

Saying he has "no conflict" with other commissioners, Boiling Spring Lake Commissioner John E. Handley last week resigned his position because of "conflicts with my retirement plans."

Handley was voted into office in the November 6 election. His letter of resignation states: "I feel that the public should be informed as to the reason for my resignation as city commissioner for the city of Boiling Spring Lakes after having recently been elected to that position."

"I would like it clearly understood that no conflict existed with other members of the council. I have ad-

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## Mrs. Lockhart Receives Honor

The Junior Woman's Club of Southport has named Mrs. Jack Lockhart 1973 "Clubwoman of the Year."

As publicity director for the club during the past year Mrs. Lockhart has been involved in almost every project the Junior Woman's Club has undertaken. One of her duties as publicity director included the compiling of the club's pressbook, which placed first in District 11 and is now in state competition.

She has also served on the

executive board and as a member of the Home Life and Arts committees. During 1973, which was her first full year of club membership, Mrs. Lockhart acted as chairman of the party for the Ocean Trail Rest Home and as co-chairman of Junior Day in Wilmington.

Representing the Junior Woman's Club, she was a member of the Planning Committee for the recent "Holiday House."

Mrs. Lockhart has been (Continued on page 4)

## Two Companies Looking Radio Prospect Is Checked Out

Southport, which never had a radio station, now has two broadcasting companies showing active interest in locating facilities here.

Recently in The Pilot there has appeared a legal notice announcing that Thomas Broadcasting Companies has made application to the Federal Communications Commission to establish an FM station in Southport. James Poston, a representative of that company, was here last week to discuss plans, including arrangements for a broadcast studio.

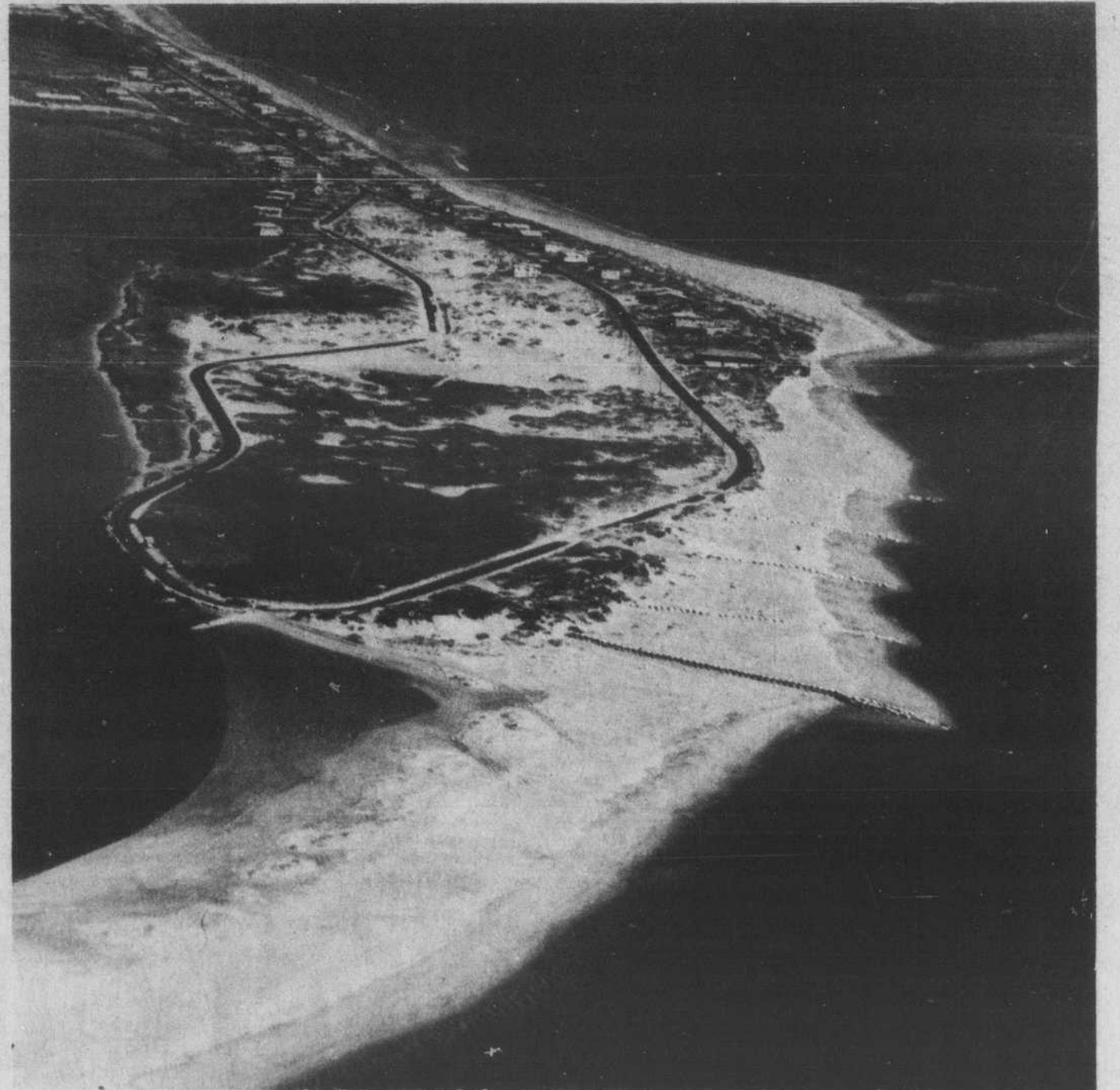
On Saturday a news conference was held in Southport by Willard S. Taylor and Clarence S. Mowery to announce that they will apply for a license to establish an AM station here. They announced that they already

have plans for a location for their local headquarters.

Taylor, who presently resides in Greensboro, is the father of Rev. Tom Taylor, former pastor of Southport St. Phillips Church. He has extensive experience in electronics having worked with the Signal Corps at Fort Bragg through the war years.

Following the war he operated his own electronics business in Rockingham for 14 years. In 1957 he became manager of radio station WK-DX in Hamlet, and since that time he has been connected with the engineering departments of stations WFNC in Fayetteville and WSRC in Durham.

He has served as vice-president and in the engineering department of Murray Hill Broadcasting (Continued on page 4)



**CLEAR EVIDENCE THAT** the groins at the west end of Long Beach are doing the job for which they were intended is shown in this recent aerial photograph. The sand-filled bags that make up the groins stretch from the beach, and adjacent to each line of bags is a clearly-defined

build up of underwater sand. The purpose of the groins is to slow sand particles suspended in water, causing them to drop to the bottom. Last year, severe wave action caused erosion of the road in the left center of the photo.