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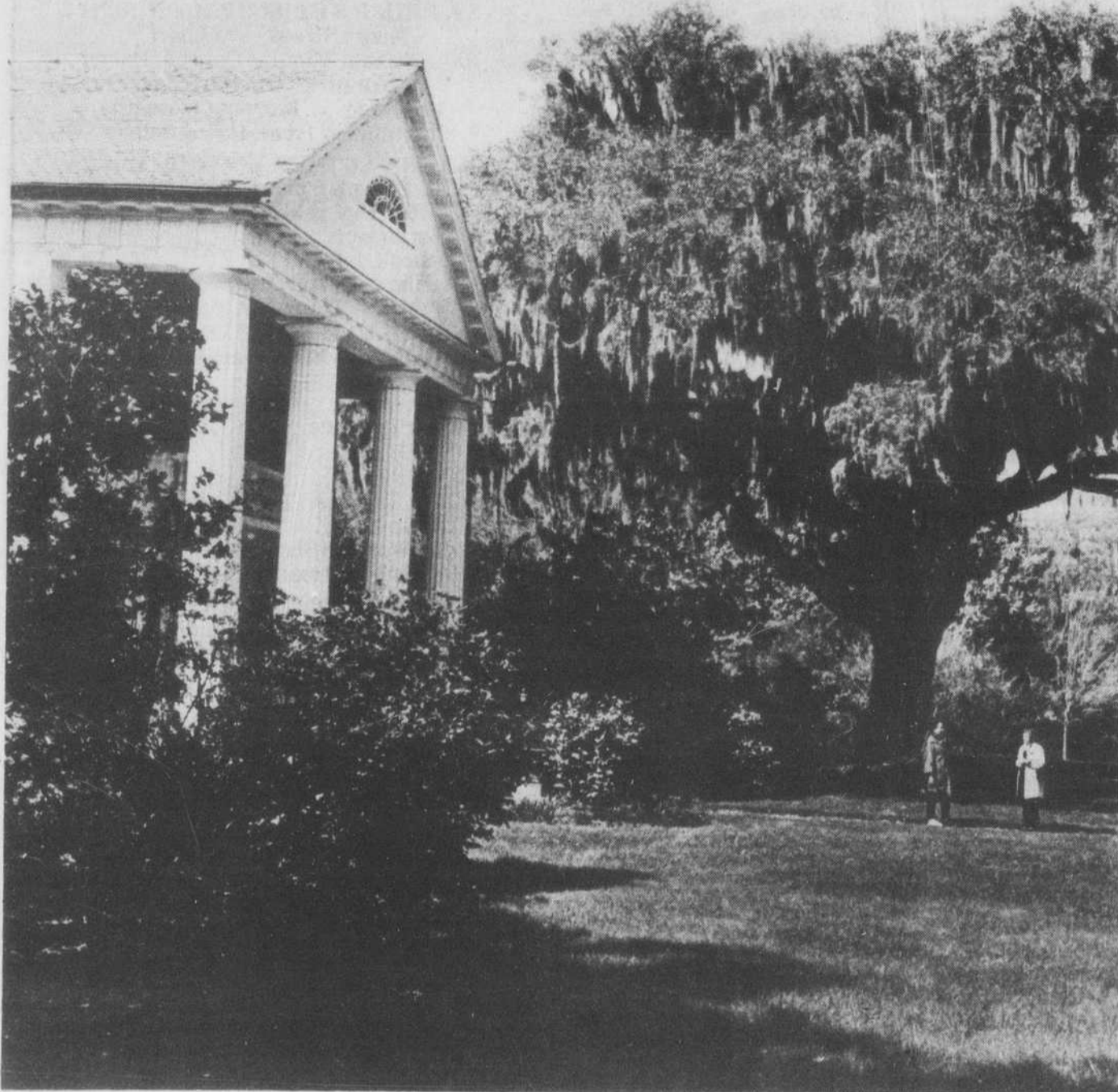
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IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN — Azalea Festival, and although the unseasonably warm weather during February and March has cut short the spectacular show of azalea color, thousands of visitors are expected this weekend to tour the

Orton Plantation gardens. The Brunswick County showplace is located on the Cape Fear River, about 15 miles upstream from Southport off NC 133.

## Southport Aldermen Meet

# Water For Subdivision; Doshier Effort Continues

By **BOBBY HILL**  
Southport aldermen Thursday approved an extension of city water to the Highland Heights subdivision.

The city will extend a "trunk line" to city limits. The subdivision lies north of Southport.

The measure passed only after adoption of several

changes suggested by town attorney E.J. Prevatte.

Only Alderman W.P. Horne voted against the water extension. "I think we're acting hastily," he said.

Horne asked who was requesting the city water services. Town Manager Alvin Kornegay replied that real estate developer Charles Blake had headed the

petition.

The aldermen last month referred a request for annexation by the same subdivision to the Planning and Zoning Board.

In response to questions, Kornegay said all city residents who request city water can now be provided with the service.

Alderman Robert Howard

repeatedly asked if the water system would "show a profit?" He was given no definite answer.

The final motion called only for Southport to "make water available" to the developer.

At Prevatte's suggestion, the developer will be required to install a system to meet specifications required by Kornegay. He said the city will take ownership of the system after a year of operation. The question of whether to require the developer to install fire hydrants was left unresolved.

In other business, Mayor Eugene Tomlinson said a growth study of this area has been completed. It will be used to support the contention that state medical authorities

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# Howard, Register Now Senior Waccamaw V-P's

Robert D. Howard, managing officer of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. office in Southport, has been promoted to senior vice-president of the banking chain.

The promotion was announced this week by L.R. Bowers, president of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co.

Cecil R. Register, who recently was elevated to the position of manager of the

office at Shallotte, also was given the title of senior vice-president.

Upon the death of Lester V. Lowe in 1971, Howard was made a vice-president and was named manager of the Southport office for Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co.

Also operating under the Southport office are the Bolivia office, the office at Oak Island and the branch office at Sawdust Trail.

In addition to his duties as a bank officer Howard has been active in community activities. Currently, he is a member of the Board of Aldermen for the City of Southport. He is a former president of the Southport Jaycees, an organization with which he still is active; is a former chairman of the Fourth of July Festival, is a member of the Southport Lions Club and plays a leading role in Little League activities.

Register is a native of Wallace and is a graduate of N.C. State University. Prior to coming with Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. in 1968 as cashier he had been county supervisor for Farmers Home Administration in

Hoke County.

In 1972 he was promoted to vice-president and on March 1 of this year was made office manager at Shallotte.

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ROBERT D. HOWARD

## No Grant While Doshier Open

# Cost Of New Hospital

## "Inflates" \$1,000,000

By **BOBBY HILL**  
Needed grant funds may be available for the county hospital if Doshier Hospital closes, county hospital trustees have told county commissioners.

A joint meeting of commissioners and trustees took place in Shallotte Wednesday night.

Trustee chairman Mason H. Anderson reported that cost of the completed hospital is now projected at \$3.6 million. A \$2.5 million hospital bond issue was approved last June.

Anderson said the hospital could receive a million dollars from Hill-Burton funds, according to Medical Care Commission authorities

who disperse the monies. Anderson said he received this information from medical commission head H.O. Wilkerson in Raleigh. According to Anderson Wilkerson's opinion is that the hospital will get no grants "if the problem continues to exist as to whether Doshier would continue to operate as an acute-care unit."

Southport, Long Beach and Yaupon Beach town governments have passed resolutions calling for Doshier to continue operating at its present level of services. Boiling Spring Lakes voted the measure down.

Anderson said the trustees "feel it imperative that we put these cards on the table."

Commissioner chairman W.A. Kopp, Jr., said the commissioners would assume responsibility for procuring necessary funds for the hospital.

It's going to rest on our (commissioners) shoulders," he said of the fund-raising task.

Kopp also said, "I'm pleased with the work that's been done so far (on the hospital)."

On closing Doshier, Anderson said Southport might be able to retain an emergency clinic. Anderson reported Wilkerson as saying Southport could have a clinic and the county hospital would be granted about \$1 million as long as Doshier would "not continue to be an in-house, acute-care, overnight facility."

The Medical Care Commission has restricted Brunswick County to an allocation of 60 beds for an acute-care facility. Doshier has 47 beds, Anderson said the county is planned for 58 or 64 beds, depending on how many acute-care units are used.

Anderson attributed the million-dollar jump in the price of the hospital to inflation. "Costs have skyrocketed," he said.

The \$3.6 - million figure is based on letting bids October 15, Anderson said. He said the architects report any further delay will lead to increased costs. The cost of building the medical facility is inflating one percent per month, Anderson reported the architects said.

The trustees also asked the commissioners to change their board organization to a "hospital authority" form. Kopp replied the commissioners would give the idea "some individual thought," he said there is "no urgency" in the organizational question.

Anderson said the authority is preferred for the "future well-being of the hospital. He said the more autonomous board would be more immune to the change of "political winds."

The authority organization, Anderson maintained, would be able to secure funds by itself.

Anderson also said the trustees are considering negotiations with Charter Medical Corporation, hospital consultants for Doshier. However, Anderson cautioned, the county trustees do not want the Doshier trustees to "feel that

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# Superior Court Decisions Noted

Following is the summary of the Superior Court session held in Southport last week with Judge E. Maurice Braswell presiding:

Sam Sibbett, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, frivolous and malicious prosecution. Prosecuting witness taxed with costs.

Dale Watson, larceny, NG. Clyde Burge, failure to yield right - of - way, \$10 and costs.

Robert D. Clemmons, assault with deadly weapon, frivolous and malicious prosecution. Prosecuting witness taxed with costs.

Larry Johnson, disorderly conduct; assault on public officer, \$35 fine, 30 days suspended for one year; pay court costs in each case.

Graham Smith, DUI, 6 months suspended for one year; \$250 fine and costs; surrender his operator's license and not operate a motor vehicle for one year.

Margaret Evans, DUI, 10 days suspended for one year, \$50 and costs.

James McDuffy, DUI, 60 days suspended for one year, \$150 and costs; surrender operator's license and not operate motor vehicle for one year.

Ronnie Gainey, GS 113-104; 14-134, NG.

Otto Charles McDowell, assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill, 18 months suspended 3 years on the conditions that he receive alcoholic counseling; pay

restitution in the amount of \$40; \$75 fine and costs; that he be of good behavior and violate no laws during suspension.

Willie Stevenson, reckless operation, 30 days suspended for one year, \$25 and costs.

Marion Monroe, breaking and entering, breaking entering and larceny; four years probation, \$200 and costs.

Auty C. Ward, breaking and entering; breaking, entering and larceny; four years probation, \$150 and costs; be of good behavior during probation.

Jack Gore, breaking into coin - operated machine and larceny; be confined in Brunswick County jail for 11 months and assigned to work under the supervision of the State Department of Correction.

Kenneth Ganey, driving after revocation; one year probation, \$200 and costs, be of good behavior during probation.

Clayton L. Jackson, embezzlement, five years suspension on condition that he pay \$2,100 restitution to Merchants and Business Mutual Insurance Co., \$200 fine and costs.

Linwood Robinson, DUI, one year probation on condition that he pay \$250 fine and costs; surrender operators license and not operate a motor vehicle for 12

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# Area 'Shine Still Seized

The second moonshine still of the year in the Bethel Road section near Southport was destroyed this weekend, and one of four suspects charged in the earlier raid was arrested at the scene Saturday.

Carl R. Brock, Jr., 25, of 68th Street East, Long Beach was apprehended at the new still site. Four operating stills — located across the road from the distillery raided on Jan. 11 — were destroyed by explosives.

Officers participating in the raid included agents from the Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Division of the U.S. Treasury, the State ABC Board and the New Hanover County ABC Board.

The operation reportedly was capable of producing 312 gallons of moonshine every four days. The four units had a mash capacity of 1,840 gallons and were approximately half-full when

seized. Officers raided the still site at 11:35 a.m. Saturday. A "watch dog," which agents reported seeing during earlier observation of still operations, reportedly failed to warn Brock of the officers' approach.

A .38 caliber pistol reportedly was found atop one of the stills.

One of the agents reported that the location of the stills at the edge of a salt marsh could have hindered production.

The site could only be entered through a hog pen on the Old Bethel Church Road off NC 87, a short distance from the CP&L nuclear plant.

Moonshine reportedly sells for \$8 a gallon. Seized material at the site included four butane tanks and approximately 100 empty gallon jugs. Several full jugs of moonshine were also located and destroyed.

## Commissioners Table Matter

# Early School Vote Chances Are Hurt

Action requested by the Board of Education to expedite a \$6 million school bond referendum was tabled Tuesday by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners.

Commissioners had met with education board members April 8, and received a follow-up letter dated April 12 that urged "serious consideration" by the county board. Following a review by Board Chairman William A. Kopp, Jr., Tuesday, Vardell Hughes asked that discussion of the matter be delayed until the

board's next regular meeting in May.

"I need more information than what I've got right now," said Commissioner Robert Simmons. "The first thing we should do is get in touch with our attorney," said member John Bray.

The Board of Education has asked that the bond vote be held in "early or late September," well before the general election in November.

The long-range school plan, proposed by the Board of Education and endorsed by the state education body,

totals \$10,398,000 and includes new school construction at Leland, Bolivia, Southport, Shallotte and Waccamaw, plus major renovations.

The proposed school bond would finance \$6 million; the recent State School Bond \$1.7 million; and the county, the balance from capital outlay funds over the next six years.

Kopp asked the board if he should contact the Local Government Commission about the legal requirements of a bond election and possible scheduling of the referendum but did not receive a favorable response.

Bray said it would "make sense" to have the school bond vote as part of the general election.

**TRASH CLEAN-UP**

County commissioners held their regular meeting on Tuesday, a day late because of the Easter Monday observance by county employees. Board Vice-Chairman J.T. Clemmons was absent, reportedly on vacation.

Rob Norton, representing Pfizer, discussed with the board the appearance of rights-of-way leading to the plant site (Moore and

Leonard streets extended, outside Southport). All the impromptu trash dumps except one are on Pfizer property, he said.

The long-term solution could come, Kopp said, when he "can see 2 or 3 containers out in that area" that would be part of the countywide, waste disposal system.

The short-term solution, the board noted, could involve a joint clean-up effort (the county and Pfizer), and Sanitary Landfill Director Edwin Clemmons was assigned to study the prospect.

Last year the county funded \$3,000 for heavy-equipment cleaning of major dump areas in the county. Clemmons said about half the money was spent; the remainder was returned to the county general fund.

The board re-appointed Mrs. M.H. Rourk of Shallotte to the Southport - Brunswick County Library board of trustees, and named the following to the county American Bicentennial Committee: Grover A. Gore, Jack Fairley, Mary McHose, William Crowe, Robert

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