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department, \$11,025; inspections, \$3,110; health and sanitation departments, \$49,841.91; street department, \$31,850.02; and general government, \$80,877.01. Other expenditure funds in the budget are Powell Bill, \$32,000; electric department, \$534,548; and water and sewer department, \$100,337.53. Major reasons for Southport's first million-dollar budget are the "tremendous growth the city has undergone in the past year" and the fact inflation is causing all city services to increase in costs, board members said. The new budget increases salaries of all city employees between 7 1/2 and 11 percent. It increases the donation to Doshier Memorial Hospital from \$2,400 to \$10,000 and ups the library support to \$12,500 and the Lightship promotion to \$7,500. It also provides \$7,000 for a "vest-pocket" park on Leonard Street and gives the Bicentennial committee \$7,500.

The 1974-75 budget will be open for public inspection for 20 days until June 13, when a public hearing will be held to discuss it with interested citizens. After the hearing, the board would formally adopt the new budget.

"We consider the city budget for the fiscal year to be realistic, reasonable and one which should meet our needs," Mayor Eugene B. Tomlinson, Jr., said. "There are valid reasons which justify the tax rate increase, which is the first one since 1970."

Mayor Tomlinson pointed to such new or increased contributions to the "vest-pocket" park, Doshier Memorial hospital, the Southport-Brunswick County library, the N.C. Fourth of July festival and the Bicentennial program.

He also noted the budget includes a cost of living increase for city employees as well as funds to replace items of equipment.

"The total budget of \$1,029,629, the largest in the city's history, should enable us to keep pace with our rapid growth and meet new needs as they arise," Mayor Tomlinson declared.

Revenue estimates in the \$362,543.74 general government budget include current year taxes, \$95,000; 1972-73 taxes, \$3,000; 1971-72 taxes, \$200; 1962-71 taxes, \$400; dog tax, \$250; tax penalties and interest, \$2,000; motor vehicle licenses, \$1,000; privilege licenses, \$2,250; interest earned, \$2,000; miscellaneous, \$5,000; franchise tax, \$8,000; intangible tax, \$2,350; state beer and wine, \$6,000; A.B.C. revenue, \$4,000; A.B.C. police, \$1,200; beer licenses, \$300; building permits, \$2,000; inspection fees, \$500; cemetery lot sales, \$3,000; tax refund sales, \$23,000; gasoline tax refund, \$1,300; mosquito control, \$1,000; revenue sharing, \$26,696.74; electric transfer, \$139,859.99; and water transfer, \$22,237.01.

The administration budget of \$88,071.94 includes salaries to board of aldermen, boards or commissions, \$4,100; administration salaries, \$58,200; audit, \$500; F.I.C.A., \$3,394.70; hospital insurance, \$1,100; retirement, \$3,677.24; telephone and postage, \$1,500; utilities (fuels), \$500; advertising and printing, \$500; auto tags, \$450; capital outlay, \$1,500; supplies, \$2,000; administration expense, \$1,500; insurance, \$1,050; equipment maintenance contract, \$600; legal expense, \$500; code of ordinance, \$2,500; and planning and zoning, \$3,500.

The \$97,767.86 police budget includes salaries, \$74,310; F.I.C.A., \$4,101.66; hospital insurance and liability insurance, \$1,700; retirement, \$4,431.20; telephone and postage, \$800; fuels, \$100; printing, \$300; auto expenses, \$3,800; uniforms, \$1,800; insurance, \$800; supplies, \$1,500; radio maintenance contract, \$625; and capital outlay, \$3,500.

The fire department budget, which is \$11,025, consists of telephone and postage, \$225; convention, \$100; maintenance and repairs, \$2,000; insurance, \$700; gas, oil and tires, \$650; supplies, \$1,500; fire call service fees, \$750; capital outlay, \$4,550; hospital insurance, \$50; and building repairs, \$500.

The inspection department budget of \$3,300 will be

divided between salaries, \$2,800, and miscellaneous expense, \$500.

The \$49,841.91 health and sanitation budget includes salaries, \$31,240; F.I.C.A., \$1,827.54; hospital insurance, \$400; retirement, \$1,974.37; maintenance equipment, \$3,000; gas and oil, \$1,800; parts and supplies, \$2,500; insurance, \$600; capital outlay, \$4,000; and mosquito control, \$2,500.

The street budget of \$31,850.02 includes salaries, \$25,720; F.I.C.A., \$1,504.62; hospital insurance, \$400; retirement, \$1,625.40; maintenance equipment, \$500; gas and oil, \$1,500; and insurance, \$600.

Expenditures in the general government budget to \$80,877.01 include employer donation, \$850; convention travel and promotions, \$3,340; A.B.C. promotions, \$1,000; Christmas lights, \$1,100; cemetery supplies, \$500; dues and subscriptions, \$850; vest pocket park, \$7,000; bond retirement, interest and charges, \$5,300; Memorial Hospital, \$10,000; library, \$12,500; A.B.C. recreation, \$6,000; A.B.C. schools, \$3,400; Fourth of July promotion, \$3,000; lightship promotion, \$7,500; Bicentennial committee, \$7,500; miscellaneous items, \$5,000; and 1969-70 over expense on city pier, \$6,037.01.

Expenditures in the \$32,000 Powell Bill fund include street resurfacing, \$10,500; drainage, \$1,000; patching and maintenance, \$6,000; equipment, \$11,000; and debt for widening Howe Street, \$3,500.

The city anticipates collecting \$534,548 revenue from the electric department. The money will include \$52,548 from the sale of electricity and \$2,000 from service charges.

The \$534,548 electric public utilities budget expenditures include salaries, \$43,300; hospital insurance, \$900; F.I.C.A., \$2,650; retirement, \$2,862.96; power purchased, \$240,000; postage and printing, \$1,500; supplies and repairs, \$35,000; gas and oil, \$1,250; insurance, \$1,800; capital outlay, \$50,000; bond retirement, etc., \$13,425; and transfer general fund, \$139,859.99.

The city is anticipating collecting \$79,000 from the sale of water and \$21,537.53 in water and sewer tap fees for the water and sewer revenue of \$100,537.53. The \$100,537.53 water and sewer public utilities expenditures include salaries, \$39,080; F.I.C.A., \$2,286.18; hospital insurance, \$625; state water analysis, \$64; retirement, \$2,469.85; postage and printing, \$1,000; supplies and repairs, \$8,600; insurance, \$1,750; capital outlay, \$5,000; bond retirement, \$14,325.49; analysis water, \$100; outside lab reporting, \$3,000; and transfer to general fund, \$22,237.01.

Federal Agency

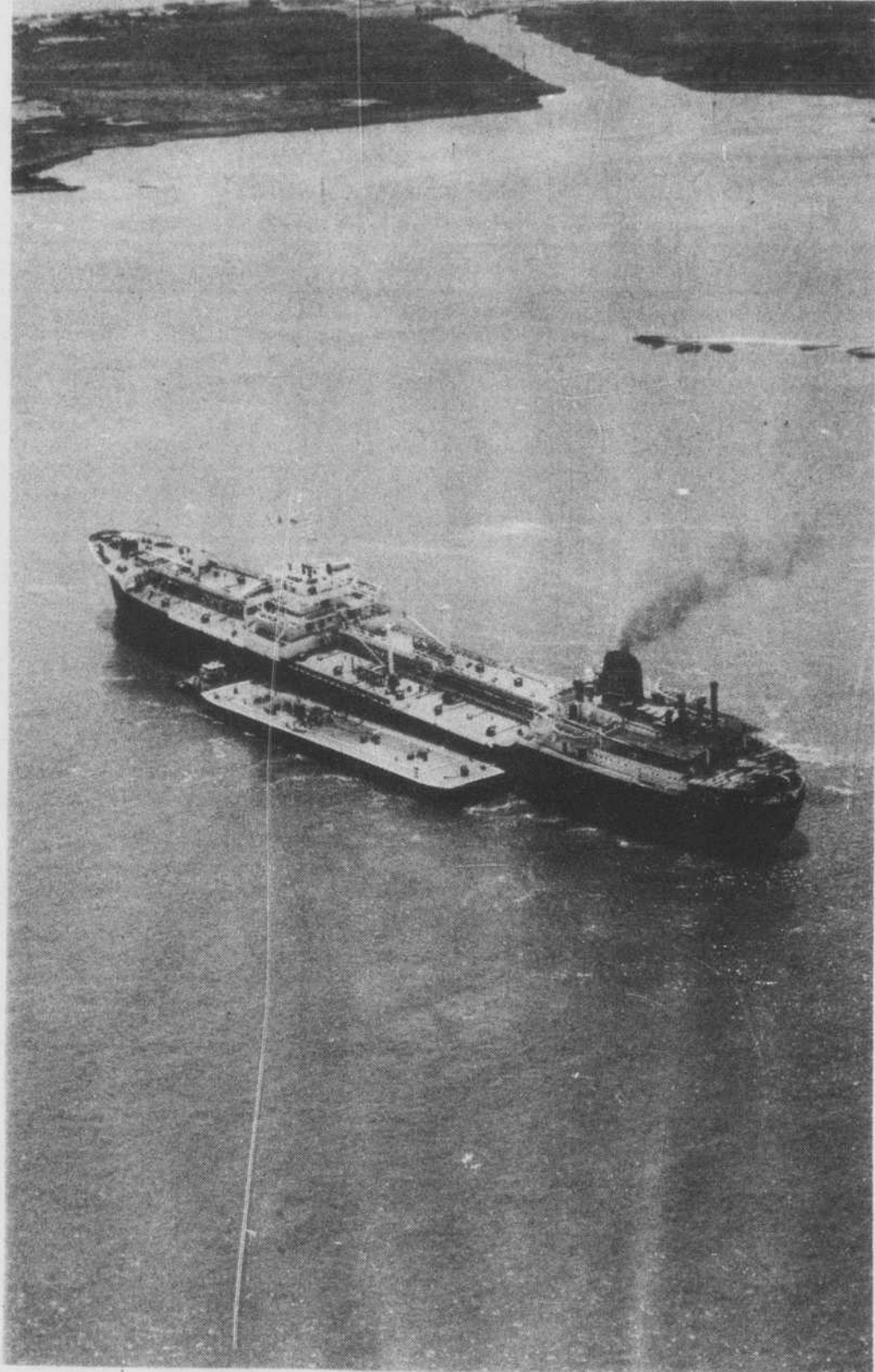
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plans were required or conditions imposed to resolve each issue," Col. Costanzo stated. "All federal, state and local agency comments were favorable subject to certain conditions which have been incorporated into the permit."

After Carolina Cape Fear President W.R. Henderson submitted the application October 1, 1973, to construct the marina on the northeast side of Bald Head adjacent to the Cape Fear River, the Corps of Engineers received comments from federal agencies, the State of North Carolina, local governments, civic organizations, environmental groups and 112 letters from interested individuals.

ECOS, Inc., the Sierra Club, the Conservation Council of North Carolina and the North Carolina Public Interest Research Group expressed opposition to the issuance of the permit. When Carolina Cape Fear applied to construct the marina facilities at Bald Head Island, President Henderson submitted "a detailed environmental assessment" of the development, Col. Costanzo reported.

The Corps took no action on the application until receiving a favorable state biologist's report November 21, 1973. After receiving the



THE GROUNDED TANKER Marianna V was stuck in the Southport harbor more than 50 hours this week before a large quantity of her oil cargo was pumped into waiting fuel barges. The off-loading enabled the 573-foot Greek tanker to rise enough from the sandy river bottom for six tugs to pull the vessel free Friday night. (Aerial photo flight by Sencland Air Park).

report, the Corps called on state, federal and local groups to submit comment on the proposal.

"Each of the federal agencies entered into correspondence with the applicant to develop answers to additional questions that each agency had regarding their respective areas of interest," the colonel said. The U.S. Coast Guard required the corporation to furnish detailed information regarding the storage and handling of fuels at the marina facility.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) of the Department of Commerce required that no marsh containing conspicuous evidence of a benthic community, especially fiddler crabs, be excavated or filled and that their biologist be given the opportunity to inspect and approve the proposed fill sites.

A revised alignment of the dike proposed to contain dredged materials was staked and approved and the result of the realignment eliminated all fill material from areas containing benthic communities, an NMFS official said.

After looking into the matter and requiring answers to questions, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) said it would have no objection provided three conditions were met.

The EPA required the corporation to obtain a Natural Pollutant Discharge Elimination permit to discharge to the Cape Fear

River if the project was not approved by the State Board of Health for spray irrigation of sewage effluent.

The second EPA requirement was for the corporation to seek a less environmentally harmful insecticide than malathion and to reduce insecticides use to a minimum. The corporation agreed to submit a revised vector control program to EPA prior to application of insecticides.

The third requirement, satisfied by NMF A approval, related to the elimination of marsh areas from the previously proposed fill sites. The U.S. Department of the Interior (USDI) required that seven conditions be satisfied prior to the issuance of the permit. After holding numerous meetings and contact, Col. Costanzo said the Corps is satisfied the seven USDI conditions have been satisfied.

The conditions, outlined by the USDI, are:

- (1) that area from and including Bluff Island to New Inlet, including all islands marshes, dunes and beach, tidewater to tidewater, be conveyed to the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources or the Nature Conservancy... for permanent protection in its natural state and that the Phase I buffer concept be continued into Phase II forests on Smith and Middle Island.
- (2) that no roads or thoroughfares, public or private, be constructed along

the fragile beach zone from Bluff Island to New Inlet.

(3) that the conveyance requirement in item (1) may exclude the upland area adjacent to New Inlet, but that the applicant place this area in a "protective trust" prohibiting development of this area unless agreed to by the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources applicant place this future time.

(4) that the beach area lying north of New Inlet be placed in the control of the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources for public protection and utilization.

(5) that all marsh and areas identified as upland preserves be deemed to the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources.

(6) that all of the above conveyances to the North Carolina Department of Natural and Economic Resources... must be satisfactorily concluded before issuance of the Department of the Army permit.

(7) that any future Federal permits for causeways and land access would be considered on their own merits at any future point in time.

After reviewing all information, Col. Costanzo ruled that an environmental impact statement was not needed. "I have determined that granting the requested permit does not constitute a major federal action and the proposed work will not have a



Between Ft. Caswell And Southport

Greek Tanker Is Freed Friday After Grounding

Six tugboats were used to pull a 573-foot Greek tanker free of a Cape Fear River

mudflat near Southport Friday night. The tugboats, working during high tide, tied onto the rear of the Greek ship Marianna V and pulled her free with little difficulty while a crowd of about 150 people on the Southport waterfront watched the operation.

County Feelings

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county, not the trustees) for preservation of health of the citizens of Southport and the county of Brunswick. Nowhere does the charter even imply that the trustees can discontinue service."

He said the charter provision for Doshier hospital is under an act of the General Assembly ratified April 5, 1935, and amended February 27, 1939. "The continuance of Doshier has been due to the devoted efforts of many, including past trustee boards of the hospital who have understood their authority and responsibility provided for in the charter and have acted in good faith therein," he noted.

Mayor Tomlinson suggested to Chairman Kopp that the city and county poll their respective appointees to the Doshier Board of Trustees to determine if they are willing to serve for the purpose stated in the charter. "If any are not so inclined, then our respective boards should replace these trustees with men or women who will unequivocally carry out the terms of the charter governing J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport," he stated.

In conclusion, Mayor Tomlinson said he wanted to solicit Chairman Kopp's "earnest consideration of the views expressed herein and an early reply as to your intentions in this matter. We do not want to take any action that might delay construction of the additional hospital which we consider a dire need for the southwestern part of our county."

In the other letter, he called on Doshier Trustee Chairman McDougle to "rescind or else have stricken from the official records the vote last week to phase out acute care services at Doshier upon opening the new Brunswick County hospital."

The action must be taken, he informed Chairman McDougle, since "the board of trustees is not empowered by the charter to do other than operate this (Doshier) hospital for the benefit of the inhabitants of the city of Southport and the county of Brunswick."

"As I read it, until so directed by the city of Southport and the county of Brunswick, the primary function of the board of trustees of Doshier hospital is to maintain and be concerned for this (Doshier) hospital. (Charter sections 7 and 9)."

Mayor Tomlinson said he and his board wanted to thank Chairman McDougle and Member L.T. Yaskell for opposing the action to phase out acute care service at Doshier.

Mason Anderson, chairman of the proposed Brunswick County Hospital group, told The Pilot Tuesday night that he does not believe the Doshier board of trustees exceed their authority last week.

"I have seen a copy of the resolution the Doshier trustees adopted and have no reason to believe they exceeded their authority under the charter," Chairman Anderson said.

In fact, Chairman Anderson said he would like to congratulate the four trustees for the action they took last week.

"The action taken by the Doshier Board of Trustees was courageous," Chairman Anderson claimed. "Their action will open the way to saving about a million dollars in tax revenue for Brunswick County taxpayers."

"It shows an awareness on their part of the need for all the people in Brunswick County to cooperate in order to obtain a common goal—improved medical service," he continued. "I am sure the vast number of taxpayers in every area of Brunswick County will agree with their action."

significant impact on the quality of the human environment," he stated.

bottom. The representative reported that the ship was not damaged during the grounding. "Divers confirmed that the ship hull seems to be in good shape," he added.

Leland Death Being Studied

A Wilmington man was found dead beside his car parked near Leland early Monday morning, Sheriff Harold Willetts has reported.

The body of Lenster Marshburn was found beside his stopped car on a rural paved road off the Lanvale Road about 6 o'clock Sunday morning. He died from a gunshot wound, Lt. George Reed said.

The Sheriff's department, which has requested the SBI to help in the investigation, is still trying to determine the circumstances of Marshburn's death. It has not been determined yet if the death was a suicide or murder.

The dead man's car was found parked in a diagonal manner in the middle of the paved road. The body was sprawled out the open door of the car and only the right foot was inside. A .22 cal. pistol was found near the victim's left hand.

Lt. Reed reported that the department found a quantity of marijuana on Marshburn's body and in the vehicle.

He died from a single bullet wound in the chest. According to medical reports, the bullet pierced his heart and then deflected along the spinal column.

Marshburn, a parolee, was a volunteer worker at the Open House in Wilmington at the time of his death.



CHET CROSS

Cross Attends Special School

Chet H. Cross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Cross of Leland, has been selected to attend the Governor's School held each summer at Winston-Salem during the period June 20 through August 7.

Cross, a rising junior at North Brunswick High School, will represent Brunswick County schools and will be studying in the field of social science.

Chet is active at NBHS, being a member of the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC), holding the Cadet rank of Staff Sergeant and currently the Company Commander of Company "A". As a member of the Cadet Corps this year he has earned the following awards and ribbons:

- Academic Achievement Award (Top 10 percent JROTC);
- Academic Achievement Ribbon ("A" Average JROTC);
- Blue Star Drill Platoon (Drill Team);
- Academic Honor Roll (National Honor Society).

Cross, a native of Tennessee, hopes to complete his high school here in Brunswick County schools.

2-DAY CONVENTION

The Southport congregation of Jehovah's Witnesses has been invited to attend a two-day convention of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Local spokesman W.E. Mumby said the convention will be held June 1-2 at Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville.