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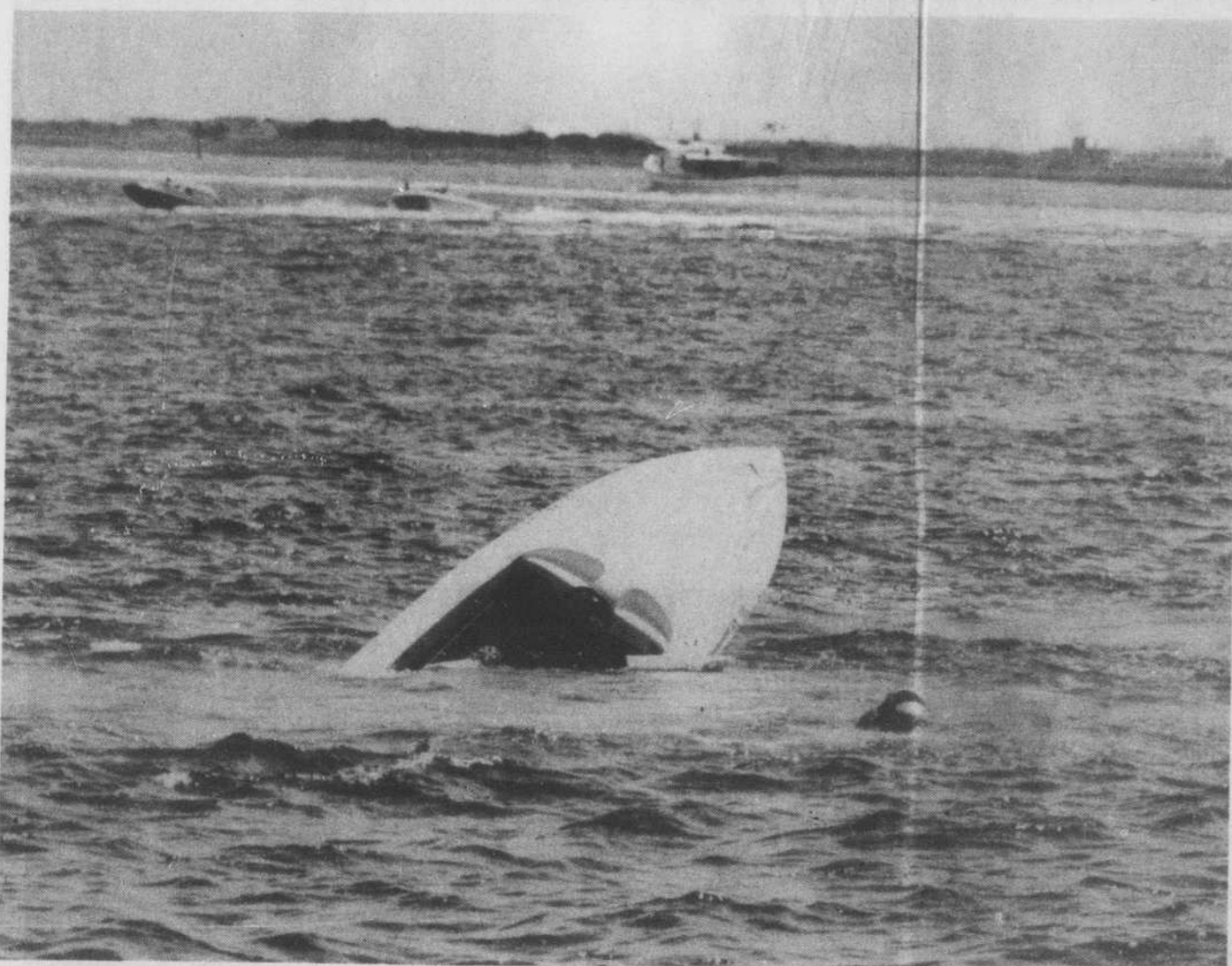
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NEAR-TRAGEDY was averted Thursday afternoon when a powerboat crashed during a race and the driver floated face-down for some time before emergency help arrived. The driver,

who suffered broken ribs, a broken arm and a separated collarbone in the mishap, is shown in the water to the right of his sinking speedboat, seconds before help arrived.

One Hurt In Boat Race

'Best Show In Town' Ends Safe Stay Here

The extravaganza parade and colorful fireworks display, viewed by a record number of Brunswick County residents and visitors in perfect weather conditions, highlighted the North Carolina Fourth of July Festival in Southport Thursday.

Festival officials reported that more people attended the numerous activities during the week, and especially the big Fourth of July day itself, than in the long history of the celebration.

Southport Police Chief Herman Strong estimated that between 8,000 and 10,000 people viewed the hour-long parade in perfect but hot weather. The revolving bank gauge showed the temperature reaching almost 100 degrees during the parade. The parade stepped off Independence Day morning shortly after 11 o'clock from the corner of East Moore Street and Atlantic Avenue moved west on Moore and north on Howe Street before disbanding at Leonard Street.

A large crowd of parade watchers lined the streets — five and six deep at some places — to see the bands, floats with pretty girls, baton artists, and horses. Officials

said there were a total of 26 floats in the parade Thursday.

At the conclusion of the parade, visitors moved to the waterfront to view a demonstration by a Navy

underwater demolition team and its 95-foot torpedo boat, power boat races by the Wilmington Power Boat Association and acrobatic parachute jumping by the Louisburg Flying Circus.

In addition to the afternoon waterfront activities, festival visitors attended an Atlantic Fleet band concert at City Hall, children's field events at Taylor Field and motor-

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Our July 4 Festival Praised In Congress

Congressman Charlie Rose, who attended the Fourth of July Festival here Thursday, praised the Southport celebration in Congress last week.

Rose said he addressed the House of Representatives about the Fourth of July celebration here and had his remarks printed in the Congressional Record.

The remarks made in Congress and placed in the Congressional Record July 2 follow:

"Mr. Speaker, at a time when in our country's history love of nation, respect for the flag, and just plain old-fashioned patriotism seem to be 'square,' it is my

pleasure to tell this august body about a town in my district that has kept a tradition alive since 1795.

"I am speaking of the observance of the founding of this great and glorious nation. I am speaking of the Fourth of July, which will occur this week. The town I refer to is Southport, N.C., which is located on the

seacoast in lower Brunswick County.

"Brunswick County is steeped with the history of America and nowhere more so than at Southport. This first celebration of the Fourth of July in this historic port town is lost in the fog of antiquity. Historians say that it was celebrated with

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Inlet Claims 16-Year-Old

A North Wilkesboro youth drown while swimming at Holden Beach Monday afternoon, Coroner Lowell Bennett has reported.

Timothy Payne, 15, was swimming in Lockwood Folly Inlet when the accident happened. He stepped off a sand bar and went underwater, Bennett said.

It took almost three hours to recover Payne's body. It was spotted by an airplane and recovered by the Shallotte Rescue Squad about 6:25 p.m. Monday.

According to reports, Payne and a group of young people from North Wilkesboro were visiting the beach at the time of the accident.

Coroner Bennett said it was the second drowning reported in Brunswick County this summer.

Yaupon Board Debates Water For Condominium

By BILL ALLEN

Long and often heated discussions of the Venture Management project and lawn mowers highlighted the monthly meeting of the Yaupon Beach Town Council Monday night.

Attorney William R. Shell of Murchison, Fox and Newton of Southport and the Venture legal representative, asked the council to agree to provide water to the condominium site and establish fees at a later date.

"All we want the council to do is approve a motion saying the town will serve the Venture project with water," Shell said. "Terms can be negotiated in the future."

Commissioner Bill Smalley, who led opposition to the

request, said the proposal was "premature." He said the council should not consider the request until the August meeting.

"We should not be railroaded into making a decision," he declared.

The attorney said the request would not obligate the town to furnish water to Venture. Venture needs the resolution, he reported, before it can present the project to state agencies for approval.

"We have already obligated ourselves to furnishing water to Venture," Mayor C.E. Murphy stated. "We have promised to provide the water."

Commissioner Smalley said the town had made no promise to provide water to the project. He questioned whether the Yaupon Beach system had the water to supply the project.

Attorney David Whitten, representing Town Attorney A.H. Gainey, Jr., recommended that Shell's request be approved since it would not force the town to provide water.

After more discussion, Commissioner Marvin Watson made the motion to honor Shell's request. Commissioner Jack Allen finally seconded the motion after a long delay.

Commissioner Smalley asked Murphy to poll each commissioner to determine the vote. Commissioners

Watson, Allen, Gib Barbee and W.E. McDougle supported the motion and Smalley voted in the opposition.

Shell asked the council to concur in the construction of a 50,000-gallon tertiary waste water treatment facility with the subsurface discharge to be located on property of the Oak Island golf course.

He reported that club members, at a recent shareholders meeting, had voted to allow the board of directors to negotiate the location of the waste water treatment plant on club property.

Commissioner Barbee asked Shell to provide the council with a letter from state officials approving the water treatment project. Shell said he was sure Venture officials have a letter, but that he did not have a

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Only Local On Board

Kopp Selected To Commission

Chairman William Kopp, Jr., of the board of commissioners will be the only Brunswick County representative on the Coastal Resources Commission, Rep. Thomas J. Harrelson of Southport told The Pilot Tuesday.

The official announcement appointing members to the commission, which will be the regulating agency for implementation of the Coastal Area Management Act passed by the General Assembly, was made by Gov. James Holshouser, Jr., in Raleigh Wednesday.

Chairman Kopp was one of the three at-large members appointed to serve on the 15-member commission.

Rep. Harrelson was informed Tuesday in a letter from James Harrington, secretary of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, about the appointments Gov. Holshouser would make Wednesday.

"Gov. Holshouser has asked me to send you this copy of his announcement to be made Wednesday about the membership for the Coastal Resources Commission," Secretary

Harrington said in a note to Rep. Harrelson. "We feel the commission has a good balance geographically and for representing the various interests in the coastal areas. And another thanks for the

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553 Shown In Yaupon Census

The population of Yaupon Beach has grown to 556, Commissioner W.E. McDougle announced at a meeting of the Town Council Monday night.

"We have known that Yaupon Beach has experienced a tremendous growth in population in recent years, but we did not know how many people lived here, McDougle, who headed the census project, told the council.

The census of Yaupon Beach, as of July 1, 1974, is 556, McDougle said. The 1970 official census showed that

only 334 people lived in Yaupon Beach.

He reported that the new population figures show that Yaupon Beach has 151 residents who are under 21 years old. The average family size is 2.74.

"We wanted to take an interim census for the purpose of upgrading reports to the state on Powell Bill funding, Revenue Sharing and other possible grants," he said.

McDougle was authorized by the Town Council this spring to take the census in

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THE NEW OFFICE of Security Savings and Loan Association in Leland is being officially opened this week. The institution, located on US 74 - 76 in the rapidly - expanding

Leland business district, is managed locally by Durward Clark. Security also has offices in Southport and Shallotte.

Used Hacksaw

Jail Breakers Are Captured

Two men who broke out of jail in Southport Saturday night were arrested in Wilmington Monday, Brunswick County Sheriff Harold Willetts has reported.

David C. Watson, 18, of Leland, and Frank D. Julian, 23, of Ocean Drive, S.C., were

arrested in a Wilmington motel and returned to the jail in Southport Monday. Both men were charged with escape after they broke out of jail.

Willetts said it was the first time a prisoner has ever "cut his way out" of the Southport jail since it was built in 1971.

Watson, who had been in jail about two weeks after being found guilty in District Court of charges of no operator's license, driving an uninsured motor vehicle, and damage to personal property following a highway wreck. He reportedly was in jail because he was unable to pay \$200 in restitution. In addition, he faces charges of non-support and assault in Pender County.

Sheriff Willetts said that Watson and Julian, who were

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AWOL Again

Watson and Julian escaped again Tuesday.

Finding the door to their cell improperly closed, the two ran past the jailer and across the street through the cemetery. They were apprehended 15 minutes later and offered no resistance.

Sheriff Harold Willetts said the jailer (Nelson Adams) "made a human mistake like anyone does occasionally" in not securing the door adequately.