



THE IMPROVEMENT OF DOSHER Memorial Hospital is detailed in this scale model prepared by architects Ballard, McKim and Sawyer of Wilmington. At the middle left, fronting Howe Street, is the existing hospital facility which will house administrative and out-patient areas. Directly behind that will be the emergency "medical support" section. At the center of the

scale model is the surgical area, and to the right is the patient care section which includes 51 beds. If all goes according to plan, architect Bob Sawyer said Tuesday, final drawings could be finished in December and bids let in January. Occupancy could be expected between June and October, 1978, he noted.

County Parks Plan Approved

The Brunswick County Recreation Commission approved a park development plan during the regular meeting Monday night.

The commission voted unanimously to approve Alternate I, which consists of one countywide park and seven district parks in the townships.

The county park, which will be located near the center of the county, is projected to have about 500 acres. The seven district parks in the townships will contain a total of about 180 acres.

The commission approved

a minimum size of ten acres for all district parks in the county. The maximum will be 20 acres.

The commission was presented a proposed recreation plan for park development in the county at the last meeting. The alternates involved having one, two or three county parks, along with the seven district parks.

County Recreation Director Marshall Kestler said the commission will have to decide at the next

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Squad Asking Voter Support

The Southport Rescue Squad has called on Smithville Township voters to retain Doshier Memorial Hospital in next Tuesday's referendum.

In a resolution drawn by the squad, it was noted that continued service through Doshier hospital is "vital" to the squad's being able to protect "life and health" in the area.

The resolution follows:

"Whereas, the voters of Smithville Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina, will on August 17, 1976, vote in a special Hospital Bond Election on the matter of selling bonds for the purpose of renovating and modernizing Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, N.C.; and

"Whereas, Doshier Memorial Hospital is an acute care medical center which has been in continuous operation for more than 40 years; and

"Whereas, in the day-to-day performance of our duties as members of the Southport Rescue Squad we recognize the importance of having a hospital and the services of the medical and nursing staff as close as possible to the scene of illness or accident; now

"Therefore, we urge every registered voter in Smithville Township to go to the polls on Tuesday, August 17, 1976, and vote in favor of the Hospital Bond issue since we consider the continued operation of this institution to be vital to the services in which we are engaged, the protection of life and health."

OFFICIAL BALLOT
FOR SPECIAL TAX REFERENDUM
in the
SMITHVILLE TOWNSHIP
BRUNSWICK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
AUGUST 17, 1976

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MARKING BALLOT

(a) To vote in favor of the tax, fill in the box at the RIGHT of the word "YES" for a four cent tax per hundred dollar tax valuation for the tax payers of Smithville Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina for a bond issue for a public hospital for Smithville Township and for maintenance of same, said hospital to be located at Doshier Memorial Hospital site, said tax to begin in taxable year 1976 and to run for a period not to exceed twenty-five years.

(b) To vote against the tax, fill in the box at the RIGHT of the word "NO" for a four cent tax per hundred dollar tax valuation for the tax payers of Smithville Township, Brunswick County, North Carolina for a bond issue for public hospital for Smithville Township and for maintenance of same, said hospital to be located at Doshier Memorial Hospital site, said tax to begin in taxable year 1976 and to run for a period not to exceed twenty-five years.

(c) TO VOTE — Fill box like this

(d) If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot — return it and get a new one.

YES

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NO

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North Carolina
Election, August 17, 1976

John H. Mills Jr.
Chairman, Brunswick County
Board of Election

Hospital, Other Votes Tuesday

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Brunswick County voters will go to the polls Tuesday to nominate candidates for county, district and state offices, and elect school board members.

In addition, Smithville Township voters will mark ballots on whether to levy a four-cent tax per \$100 valuation to support Doshier Memorial Hospital.

Polls in the 20 precincts in the county will be open from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. to allow registered voters to cast ballots. The results should be known within an hour after the polls close because computer tabulators are being used for the first time in the county, said Executive Secretary Linda Babson of the Brunswick County Board of Elections. (See related story in this edition of The Pilot.)

Mrs. Babson said that she was predicting a "better than average" voter turnout for the primaries on Tuesday.

"I expect a larger turnout in Smithville Township because of the hospital vote," Mrs. Babson stated. "But I expect an average turnout in the other townships."

Voter turnout in Brunswick County elections in recent years has ranged from 33 to 69 percent of the registered voters. "We usually vote about five percent higher than the state average in elections," Mrs. Babson noted.

The vote Tuesday will be a primary for both the Democratic and Republican parties. Only registered voters in the parties can participate in the party primaries. However, all registered voters can cast ballots in the non-partisan Board of Education race.

Both the Democrats and the Republicans will nominate candidates for county, district and state offices in the primaries on Tuesday. The winners — after a second primary September 14 if needed — will meet in the general election in November.

Information about candidates who answered a questionnaire is contained in a separate section in The Pilot today.

Democratic candidates from all six townships in the county are running for nominations to the Board of Commissioners. However, only the top candidates in five townships will be nominated.

Incumbent Frank Thomas is being challenged for his Northwest Township seat by Donald Honeycutt and Julian McKeithan.

Incumbent Willie Sloan will face James L. Clemmons and Jim Matthews for the Town Creek seat on the county board.

Harley Evans and Marvin Watson are running for the nomination for the Smithville Township seat. Incumbent Ira Butler, Jr., is not seeking re-nomination.

Incumbent Steve Varnam, Jr., will face Cletis Clemmons and Andrew Gray for the seat representing Lockwood Folly Township.

Tommy Lewis and William Stanley, Jr., are in the race for the Shallotte Township seat. Incumbent W.T. Russ, Jr., is not seeking re-nomination.

Pearly Vereen is the only candidate running for nomination in Waccamaw Township.

Republicans will vote to nominate candidates from

only two townships for seats on the Board of Commissioners. William A. Kopp will take on Charlie Long in Town Creek Township while Ellis Dudley will face D.J. Larson in Smithville Township.

The two winners will join Jack Hewett of Lockwood Folly, Larry Andrews of Shallotte and Vardell Hughes of Waccamaw, who were nominated without opposition, as the Republican

candidates in the November general election.

Incumbent Allen Ward of Thomasboro is being challenged by Anthony Caputo of Burgaw for the Democratic nomination in the state House district, composed of Brunswick and Pender counties.

In the Republican primary, Maliston Stanley of Shallotte will face Douglas Boykin in the race for the state House seat nomination.

R.C. Soles, Jr., Flora Singletary and Perry Meshew, all of Columbus County, are the Democratic candidates for the state Senate seat representing Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties. The winner will be elected since the Republican Party is not offering a candidate for the seat.

Incumbent Thomas E. (Tommy) Gilbert, IV, is

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VOTE TABULATORS will be used for the first time in the county to count ballots in the primary election on Tuesday. Voters will still use paper ballots, but the ballots will be placed in tabulators in each precinct. Executive Secretary Linda Babson (right) and Clerk Lois Baccarny, both of the county Board of Elections, demonstrate how the marked ballots should be placed in the tabulator.

Election Results To Be Reported Quickly

Although machines will be used for the first time during the primary elections on Tuesday, voters will still mark paper ballots, reports Executive Secretary Linda Babson of the Brunswick County Board of Elections.

"Most people think we will be using voting machines for this primary," Mrs. Babson stated. "But this is wrong, since we will be using paper ballots and vote tabulators."

Mrs. Babson said voters will use the paper ballots to cast their votes in the primary on Tuesday. "The only difference this time is that they will shade out the blanks on the ballots rather than marking the traditional 'x' beside the names of the candidates of their choice."

Once a voter marks his selections, the ballots will be placed in a special slot in the voter tabulator in the voting precinct. The votes on the ballots will be stored in the "memory bank" in

the computer in the tabulator.

When the polls close at 7:30 on Tuesday, workers in each precinct in the county will turn a key on their tabulator and the number of votes each candidate received will be printed out on adding machine tape.

The county is spending \$2,800 to rent the machines from Gyrex Vote Tabulators, Inc., of California. Mrs. Babson said the company is renting the tabulators to the county for the low price on a one-time basis to use for experimental purposes.

If the tabulators proved to be successful, Brunswick County commissioners have indicated that the county will accept bids to purchase machines.

Mrs. Babson said three Gyrex officials from California are in the county this week to give workers in all 20 precincts "extensive training" in the use of the tabulators. The company officials also will be in the county on

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