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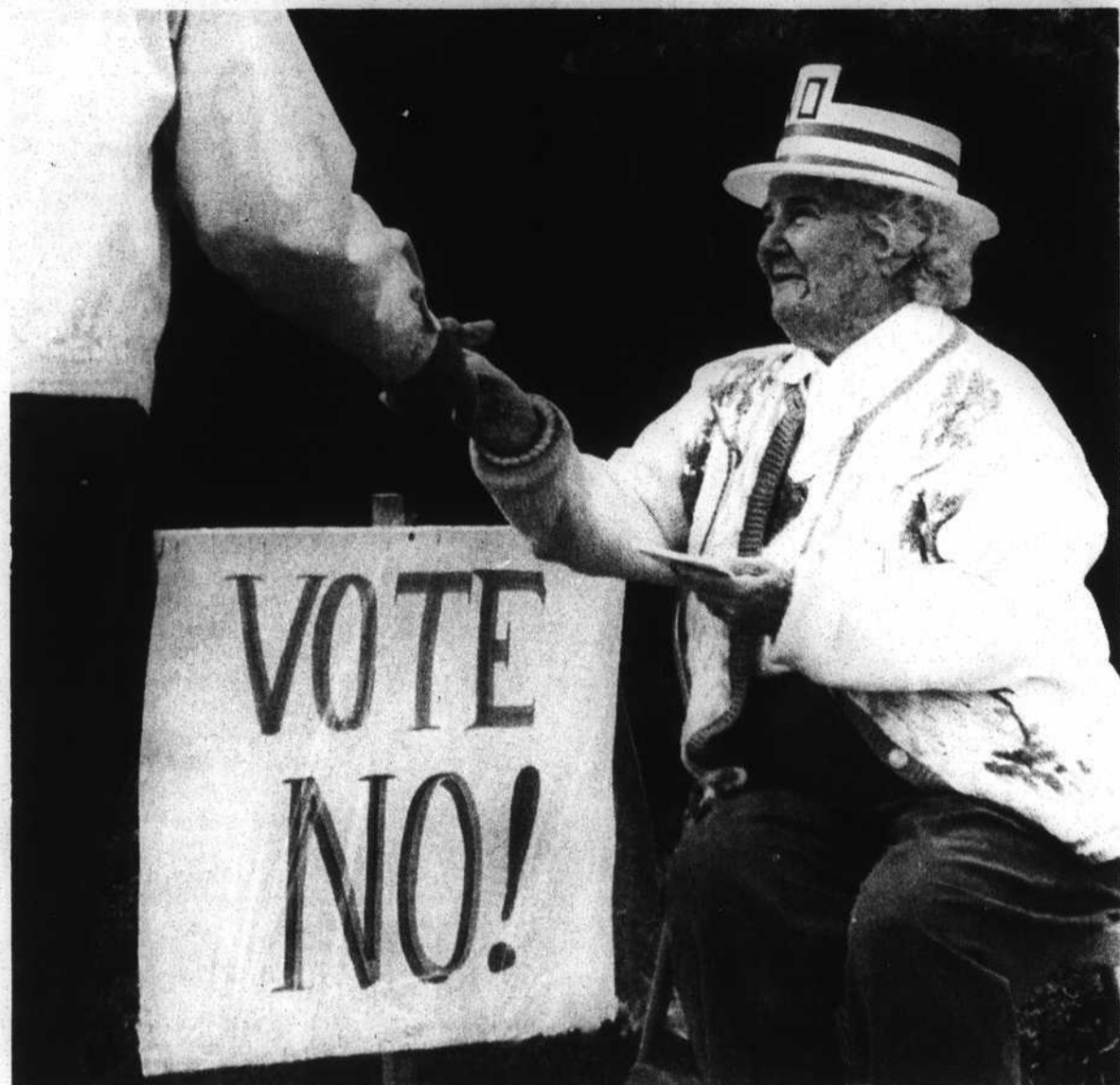
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Mabel Bailey was one of the many who worked to defeat the proposal.

NO!

Long Beach sewer proposal is defeated by 2-to-1 margin

By Richard Nubel
Municipal Editor

Sixty-two percent of all eligible voters came to the polls Tuesday to reject a Long Beach sewer referendum by a margin of more than two to one.

At issue was a proposal to authorize the sale of up to \$15.5 million in general obligation bonds to finance a public wastewater management system for the town. An unofficial

vote tally Tuesday night showed that only 460 voters cast affirmative ballots, while 1,036 voters opposed the sewer proposition.

It wasn't even close. Opponents of the system, which has been the subject of debate for nearly 12 years, won the day hands down.

"We had a lot of good people working together for a common cause," said Frances Allen, a sewer opponent from the on-set of public debate.

Ms. Allen said the stunning victory for sewer opponents Tuesday night was attributable to what she believed to be a poor engineering proposal.

"It's going to come," Ms. Allen said of sewer proposals for Long Beach. "It's going to come but it's got to be a better system than the one that we've been shown."

What's been shown is a more-than-\$19-million combination pres-

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Will global airport plan fly?

By Holly Edwards
County Editor

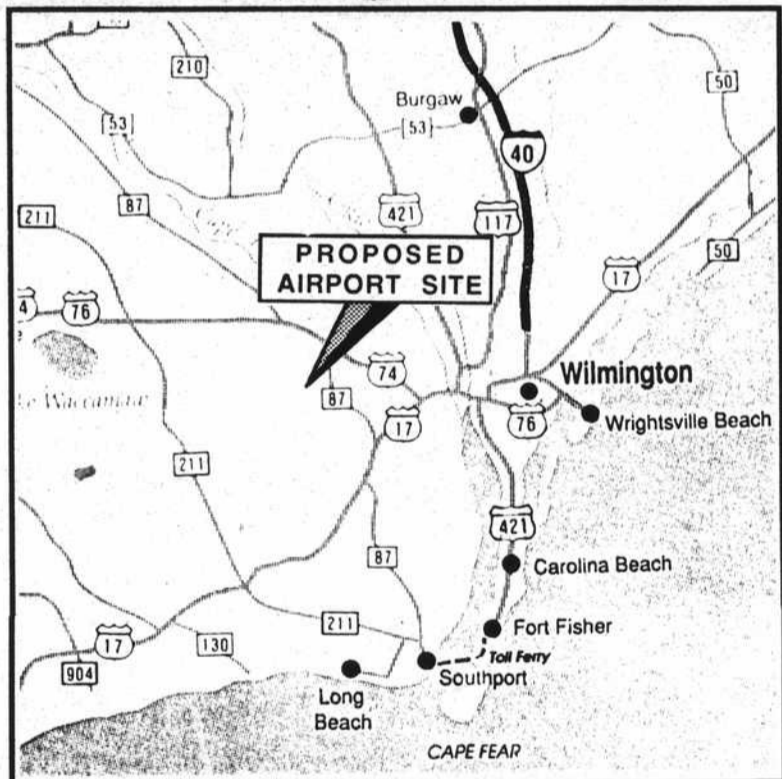
The former mayor of Leland has sent a proposal to Brunswick, Columbus and New Hanover county commissioners for construction of a \$552-million Global Air Cargo Industrial Complex (GACIC) at the Brunswick and Columbus county line.

"It will bring thousands of much-needed jobs and large increases in the tax base to Brunswick and Columbus counties," Russell Baldwin said in his proposal. "The GACIC may one day transform southeastern North Carolina into one of the state's most prosperous regions."

The complex would consist of runways lined with assembly plants, Baldwin said, and would eliminate the costly practice of warehousing inventory. Components for a variety of items, such as television sets and computers, would be flown in from all over the world, assembled at the complex, and then shipped out immediately to be sold, Baldwin explained.

The deadline for Brunswick and Columbus county commissioners to submit a proposal to the N. C. Air Cargo Airport Authority is April 17.

Baldwin cited three major advantages to building the GACIC at the proposed location: It would be near the State Port and the airport, and it



would offer the military an airlift backup facility.

"When the economic realities are thoroughly explored, the search for the proposed Global Air Cargo Industrial Complex must lead inevitably to the Wilmington area," said Baldwin. "It offers advantages which cannot be

matched by any other area in the state."

The proposed site would offer an abundance of inexpensive, flat land on which to build the facility, he said, and would provide for virtually unlimited expansion in the future. It is also the only potential site that would be accessible by ship, barge, railroad

and interstate highway, he said.

"Although the GACIC concept emphasizes the marriage of manufacturing and fast transit, it can also function as an important intermodal transportation facility," Baldwin said. "Goods brought into the State Port at Wilmington or up the Cape Fear by barge can go out from the GACIC by air."

Not only would the State Port be a major contributor to the success of the GACIC, he said, but it would also experience significant growth because of the symbiotic relationship that would develop among modes of transportation in the air, on the Cape Fear River and on the ocean.

The site would be six miles from the river, 15 miles from the State Port, and, Baldwin estimated, once the U. S. Highway 17 bypass is constructed it would be only 15 minutes from New Hanover International Airport.

"The Brunswick County-Columbus County site offers a unique combination of advantages available nowhere else in North Carolina," said Baldwin. "It is strategically located to play a major role as a military backup facility for the Armed Forces."

The site is less than 20 miles from the Sunny Point ammunition terminal, 50 miles from Camp Lejeune and

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Tricolor herons are among the wading birds that are feeding each day along the Southport waterfront. Some of these birds nest on Battery Island, along with large colonies of ibises and egrets.

OUTSIDE



Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies both Thursday and Friday, with mostly cloudy skies on Saturday before clearing on Sunday. Highs during the period are expected in the 50s.

Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, APRIL 2	LOW
7:17 a.m.		1:08 a.m.
7:30 p.m.		1:21 p.m.
HIGH	FRIDAY, APRIL 3	LOW
7:53 a.m.		1:51 a.m.
8:07 p.m.		1:58 p.m.
HIGH	SATURDAY, APRIL 4	LOW
8:28 a.m.		2:31 a.m.
8:47 p.m.		2:37 p.m.
HIGH	SUNDAY, APRIL 5	LOW
7:08 a.m.		12:37 a.m.
7:13 p.m.		1:14 p.m.
HIGH	MONDAY, APRIL 6	LOW
9:48 a.m.		3:54 a.m.
10:12 p.m.		3:58 p.m.
HIGH	TUESDAY, APRIL 7	LOW
10:34 a.m.		4:42 a.m.
11:06 p.m.		4:47 p.m.
HIGH	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8	LOW
11:29 a.m.		5:33 a.m.
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The following adjustments should be made:
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

But we feel good about ourselves

Technically, schools are lacking

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

American schools aren't teaching students the technical skills they need to be successful in the 21st century.

But, they are teaching them something European and Asian schools aren't teaching their students: Self-respect and self-esteem.

And that, according to Dr. Willard Daggett, makes Americans the envy of workers worldwide.

He talked for nearly two hours Monday night about the failures of the American educational system, but he concluded his presentation to

Brunswick County education, government and business leaders by saying, even with their superior technological skills, workers around the world want to be more like Americans.

Although Japanese students answered more math questions correctly than did American students, it was those same Americans who claimed they were good at math while the Japanese students felt they were failing, he said.

That feeling of self-confidence is "as important as anything in life can

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'Americans, let's love our children more than our schools and take action based on the hopes and dreams of our children, rather than the institutional heritage of all those adults who want the institutions.'

Dr. Willard Daggett