

## Time and tide

### 50 years ago

The time was May 27, 1942, and judge Clifton Moore and congressman Alton Lennon were engaged in a three-man race with David Sinclair for the post of district solicitor. The primary election was to be held the following Saturday.

Plane spotters were warned that stations must be manned 24 hours a day (there was a war going on); and the rationing board was swamped with requests for the tire purchase certificates. There were extra pages in the *Pilot* as candidates made their final pitch to the voters.

### 40 years ago

Forty years ago this week the stage was set for the big primary election the following Saturday with the governorship at stake. But, as usual, here in Brunswick County there was greater interest in local races.

The Shallotte High School band, 76 members strong, was on a northern trip; the annual demonstration club flower show was set for Bolivia; and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hickman had returned from a vacation to the West Coast.

### 30 years ago

Thirty years ago this week a Southport woman, Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., had been elected president of the N. C. Federation of Women's Clubs. That was reported in our issue for May 23, 1962. The Democratic primary election was scheduled for the following Saturday.

Contracts had been let for construction of Boiling Spring Lakes Country Club, the State Library Board had held a meeting in Southport with chairman Thad Stem presiding; and in our "Waterfront" column we discovered that we literally laid out a blueprint for the need of an industry like Caroon Crab Company.

### 20 years ago

A front-page photo in the *Pilot* for May 24, 1972, showed erosion damage taking place at Long Beach in the Kings Lynn section. A portion of the state road had been washed away. Another front-page story told of a scholarship which had been established at The Citadel in Charleston, S. C., by Dr. William Doshier.

The editor was complaining that after eight years of improvement on U. S. 74 between Wilmington and Charlotte, much of the route still was not four-laned. Bill Hensley, former director of the Travel and Promotion Division for C&D, had spoken at Holden Beach to a group of Brunswick County citizens about how to improve the tourist business in the area.

### 15 years ago

On the front page of the *Pilot* for May 25, 1977, we had the story of a shipwreck with a happy ending. Jim Pate wrote about the sinking of the *Martha Ellen* while participating in a marlin tournament about 60 miles off the Brunswick County coast. Capt. Eddie Haneman and all members of his party were rescued by the *John Ellan* and the *Sea Fiddler*. Sonya Boera had been crowned Little Miss N. C. Fourth of July and we had her picture on the front page.

Volunteers had completed a sodding project at the Middleton Park baseball field in Long Beach and planned to have the field ready for the season opener on Tuesday. Richard Faulk had been promoted to assistant branch manager for PS&L in Southport, and the Muellerweiss chows had cleaned up at the New Hanover Kennel Club dog show the previous weekend in Wilmington.

### 10 years ago

The Coastal Coonhunters Association had hosted the Southern Red-bone Days field trial at Boones Neck and a Brunswick County dog had led all the rest. That was a headline story in the *Pilot* for May 26, 1982. That was not all the canine news in this newspaper that week, as the town board at Long Beach had enacted a dog leash law.

Bobby Richardson, a former New York Yankees all-star second baseman, had been the speaker at the annual athletic banquet at South Brunswick High School on the previous Saturday night; another attraction going head-to-head with that special event was the Patriots Ball cruise aboard the *America*; and Mack Aman of Yaupon Beach had caught the first sailfish of the season and we had a picture of him and his catch in the *Pilot*.

### 5 years ago

Brunswick County senior citizens had made an outstanding showing in regional competition which included everything from athletic events to craft exhibits, and that was a story in the *Pilot* for May 20, 1987. Readers could tell it was nearing the end of the school term as there were many stories about coming events and honors won by students during the closing academic year.

South Brunswick had won the Waccamaw 2A Conference baseball championship, the first such achievement in that sport in local school history; Andre L. Minor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Minor of Boiling Spring Lakes and a graduate of South Brunswick High School, had received his degree from the School of Medicine at ECU; and the board of trustees had approved plans for renovation of the second floor of Doshier Memorial Hospital.



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# Stop, smell the sea oats

Rays of light coming from the sun which glowed through the morning haze were reflected in the waters of the high tide as I passed over the Oak Island bridge.

The salty, fresh odor of the breeze coming off the marshes and ocean filled my nostrils.

I smiled, and thought how lucky I was to be in the midst of such a spectacular environment.

A few days earlier, I sat eating my lunch at Waterfront Park. A large sailboat cruised by on its way north along the Intracoastal Waterway. A few fishermen cast their lines from the city pier into the dark waters below in anticipation of a big catch.

On an unheard signal, a flock of seagulls rose suddenly from one of the pavilions where they had been getting a handout, circled above the calm water, then settled down upon it, bobbing along in the current.

Ah, I thought, borrowing the sentiments of the downtown restaurateur, this definitely is paradise.

But how many other people stop to savor the sights and smells, I wonder? Most, I'd imagine, busy with their everyday chores, take little time and make little effort to enjoy what's around them.

The sad part is they miss so much if they don't. Like the old cliché, you need to stop and smell the roses once in a while, before they wilt on the vine and die.

There are lovely roses at the Rhudy's house of West Moore Street. They peek out between the wrought iron bars of the fence and beg to be admired and sniffed.

Marybeth Bianchi



Across the street, there's a dog who barks ferociously at passersby and lunges at the gate. But just say hello and he pauses, stretching out for a pat. Once done, he heads back for the porch and watches you pass, with a bark or two to let his master know he's doing his job.

I like to walk around the shady streets of Southport at lunchtime, admiring the houses, the towering oaks and observing the changes in the neighborhoods. Have you noticed the magnolia trees are just beginning to bud?

One day I helped a woman on Brunswick Street when her rusty, old wheelbarrow fell apart as she

dumped some brush at the curb for the garbage man to pick up. We chatted a bit and I went on my way feeling like I had done my good deed for the day.

A friend of mine loves to search the clover patches for that elusive four-leaf variety, which she inevitably locates and picks for her growing collection.

We talk to the cats that watch us from the protection of their porches. A few adventurous souls will walk with us a way.

I thought the pace of Southport extremely slow eight years ago when I first arrived. I don't know if I've adjusted my lifestyle to it or if the quiet fishing village is now being influenced by the outside world, but the pace doesn't seem so slow anymore.

Rushing to appointments, hurrying to get a half-dozen stories written before deadline, grabbing a quick sandwich in between. It's May already, the Fourth of July will be here soon. Where does the time go?

I think sometimes you have to make a conscious effort to put your foot out, like Fred Flintstone, and brake for a minute before it's gone in a rush with all the others and forgotten. Stop, and watch a lizard turn from green to brown, or inhale the aroma of blossoming honeysuckle. The other minutes may blend into a whole day, but that one will linger in your memory.

## School system gets state accreditation

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Because it met or exceeded 75 percent or more of 21 state standards and had no major problems in its operation, the Brunswick County school system has been awarded a certificate of accreditation.

The certificate was presented to the board of education Monday night by Linda Lowe, director of the Southeastern Technical Assistance Center in Jacksonville. The school system regularly receives accreditation by the state board of education and department of public instruction.

In other business at Monday's board meeting:

•Members approved David Kelly and Lewis Stanley as their representatives on the Brunswick Community College Board of Trustees. The two currently serve as chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

•Members recognized Rodney Joyner, a South Brunswick High School student. His poem "We Make a Song of Many Notes" was featured in "The Reporter", a publication of the Institute for Development of Educational Activities in Dayton, Ohio. The organization also awarded Joyner \$100. Morning Townsend, a North Brunswick High School student, was recognized as a regional winner in the N. C. Department of Public Instruction writing competition.

•Members authorized a deed of dedication and affidavit, giving Brunswick County the right of ownership to the water line which extends from U. S. 17, down state road 1502 to Supply Elementary School. That act gives the county responsibility for maintenance on the water line; the school system is responsible for the line extending from the school to SR 1502.

•Assistant superintendent Bill Turner reported that construction of Supply Elementary is proceeding as

planned. Construction meetings have been held twice a month, and will be held weekly until the building is completed in August.

He told the board a review of Supply school district lines are being reviewed and will be presented at the June 15 meeting.

•A schedule of meetings for 1992-93 was approved.

•The meeting was recessed until 6:30 p.m. today (Wednesday).



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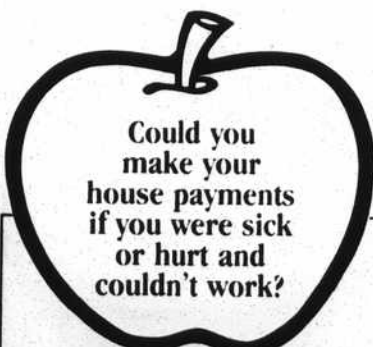
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