

# Time and tide

## 50 years ago

A front-page picture of Little Coney, the popular swimming site on the Southport waterfront, was featured in the *Pilot* 50 years ago this week. Its use by the public had decreased since the opening of roads to the beach area.

Experienced men were wanted by officials in Washington to handle large anti-submarine boats off Cape Fear. Local men who knew the waters of the area were asked to volunteer and several local seamen showed interest. The Fourth of July was properly observed in celebration here; a community picnic and dance were held as part of the festive occasion. Classes were to be held on first aid procedures in vacation Bible schools in town.

## 40 years ago

Outboard motorboat races from Southport to Myrtle Beach again proved to be a success. This was in July, 1952; the usual 40 or 50 boats that had been here the previous two years were less in number due to a mix-up in schedule. However, 24 boats were entered in the race.

The carpet golf course at Long Beach was proving to be a successful venture since it opened to the public recently. The Shallotte National Guard had left for camp during the past week. That year's session was to be held at Ft. Stewart, Ga.

The filming of the Hollywood production "Ruby Gentry" starring Jennifer Jones was expected to call for some filming of the local scenery around Southport. It was possible that arrangements would be made for a camera and sound track to be sent to the area, but this was not definite.

## 30 years ago

Catches of tarpon provided thrills for visitors and local fishermen alike but many of the species were escaping from the fishermen. Most hook-ups had been made from the fishing piers in the area.

Feature stories written by the editor appeared weekly and were entitled K.O.B., standing for "Know Ontario Better". It had to do with the editor's recent tour of the Canadian province as part of U. S. editors' tour of Canada.

Southport Lions Club committee members were named by president Kirby Sullivan at the last meeting. Included were D. C. Herring, Roy Robinson, Clint Bellamy, Ernest Parker, E. J. Prevatte, James Bowman, Ray Walton and Dan Harrelson, as well as many other mainstays of the City of Southport.

## 20 years ago

On the front page of the *Pilot* for July 5, 1972, there was a picture of the *Frying Pan Lightship*, which had been tied up in her mooring space at the foot of Howe Street, where Fourth of July visitors could see her. The *culines* said, "The ship is not open to the public, but visitors to Southport can look forward to next year, by which time the vessel will have been converted for use as a nautical museum."

The *Pilot* that week was full of pictures and stories about the Fourth of July Festival, and the editor had written a summary of achievements, together with words of praise for those who had made them possible.

## 15 years ago

On the front page of the *Pilot* for June 29, 1977, was a pretty photo of Susan Jones, who had just been crowned Miss N. C. Fourth of July. A headline announced "Record Crowds Expected For July Fourth Festival." Doug Ledgett had assumed the duties as chief of the Southport Rescue Squad, replacing Donald Dixon, who had moved to Texas.

Mrs. Judy White had been named manager of the Sawdust Trail branch of Waccamaw Bank & Trust, later United Carolina Bank; a blue marlin had been brought in aboard the *Ebbtide*, with Milton Muellerweiss serving as captain. This was our edition just prior to the N. C. Fourth of July Festival and we had pictures of several beautiful young women, queens of their pageants throughout the state, who would be guests in Southport for our celebration.

## 10 years ago

The *Pilot* for June 30, 1982, was published almost on the eve of the N. C. Fourth of July Festival for that year and therefore was filled with programs and schedules for that event. Elizabeth Williams, the newly crowned Miss North Carolina, was to be here for three days during the holiday weekend. An entertainment feature was the Sunday afternoon program by the Embers at Waterfront Park.

A "Know Your Island" weekend sponsored by the Property Owners Association had drawn some outstanding speakers to Bald Head Island: Dr. Robert Zukoski had arrived in Southport to engage in the practice of surgery at Doshier Memorial Hospital; and we had a photo of the new officers of Southport Lions Club, of which Richard Faulk was the new president.

## 5 years ago

Southport residents got a look at the Olympics Festival Torch Run when 23 men, women and children participated in that event which called for a route extending from the seashore to the mountains of North Carolina. That story and a photo were featured on the front page of the *Pilot* for June 24, 1987. Quinton McCracken, three-sport star at South Brunswick, had been named male high school athlete of the year for Brunswick County and Geraldine Hill of West Brunswick had won honors in the girls division.

Groundbreaking ceremonies had been held for the new Southport Baptist Church sanctuary, and we had a picture; significant artifacts had been unearthed at Charles Towne, the first colonial settlement in what now is Brunswick County, and our photo helped tell the story; and Gov. Jim Martin was scheduled to be in town on Friday night to speak at the annual meeting of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce.



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## Opinion

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Convalescent Center for the last four and a half years of her life. For all of that time and all of our visits, we found very little to criticize about her care at the nursing home.

The workers, God love them, showed the sort of care and concern for her needs that deserve great praise. I cannot name them all because I'm afraid I'd forget one or two and that would be terrible. I do want them to know I did appreciate their daily efforts on my mother's behalf. I want people to know this facility, Ocean Trail, is exemplary.

Caroline Awecky  
Boiling Spring Lakes

## Appreciation

To the Editor:

The 1992 N. C. Tiny and Little Miss Fourth of July Pageant Committee would like to express its sincere thanks to all those who made this year's pageant a wonderful success. Two beautiful little girls were chosen from a field of 18 terrific young ladies. All this was made possible due to the outstanding community support we received while planning this annual affair.

The following is a list of our generous patrons and special assistants for this year's pageant. Our sincere thanks to:

United Carolina Bank, Feathers, Stewart Hardware, Lucky Fisherman, Captain's Table Restaurant and Pub, Arthur's Video, Bert's Surf Shop, Margaret Rudd and Associates, Art Skipper Realty, Linda's Vision Center, B & B's Island Garden Center, Rx Shoppe, Jones' Seafood House, Burlington Outlet, Christmas Pelican, Oak Island Florist, Carolina Power & Light Co., Sears (Jane Astoske), Sandfiddler Seafood Restaurant, Ship's Chandler Restaurant, Waterfront Gifts and Antiques, KFC of Southport, Flashback One-Hour Photo, The Flower Patch, Rose's, Sabra's Gifts, Les Tubb and Doyle Brinson of South Brunswick Middle School, Tia Corbett, Hilary Brinson, Brunswick Little Theater, Wanda Johnson, Artistic Dance Academy of Goldsboro, Daniel and Lorie Corbett, Wine and Roses, Jean and Kimberle Yates and Lowe's of Southport.

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity of making all these young ladies feel as special as they are.

Thank you.  
Linda Brinson, Angie Taylor, Nancy Wilson, Terry Casten and Eva Corbett

## High-dollar

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statements indicated that the county needs to encourage high-dollar tourism as opposed to "T-shirt and fast food tourism," and that "from an economic development perspective, it is an unfortunate truism that the occupants of manufactured homes are less educated and have lower incomes, on average, than occupants of site-built single-family homes."

Planning board chairman Michael Schaub called the article a "gross misrepresentation of what's been put in the plan," and suggested the members of the public read the entire draft of land use policies before jumping to any conclusions. Public discussion of the land use policies was tabled until the board's next meeting on July 15.

"When we were putting this together, we were trying to stress the importance of bringing industry into the county," said Schaub. "We tried to pay particular attention to the beaches and view them as a source of income. Our number-one obligation is to the residents of the county.... This is not our plan, it's the county's plan."

Wilmington planning consultant Glenn Harbeck, who is drafting the county's land use plan update, said that one of the basic concerns he has is that the plan is being discussed in the media before the planning board has had a chance to discuss it.

"One of your duties is to be a screening board for residents," Harbeck told the board. "But, I'm glad it's getting some attention, even if it didn't start out in a positive way. It will be a better plan for it."

Although planning board members tried to emphasize that they were attempting to improve the quality of life for residents by developing "high-dollar tourism," Young said she didn't understand why county residents should be asked to work for wealthy tourists.

"We're giving them the good things, and we'll be there to serve the rich people," she said.

Planning board member John Barbee responded that the board was hoping that by improving the quality of industry in the county, residents would be better able to educate themselves and land higher-paying jobs.

"If you have nothing but T-shirt shops, our people will never be able to pull themselves up by their boot straps because they won't have any boots," Barbee said. "We're trying to provide a better caliber of jobs for our people."

Harbeck said he thought it was unfortunate that the focus has been on mobile homes and tourism because there are other, more far-reaching aspects of the land use policies.

Some of the larger topics of the policy statements include: areas of

# ABC sunset clause not out of the dark

The state Senate ABC Committee is continuing its review of a bill that would remove the "sunset" provision from a law preventing Brunswick County ABC stores from opening within seven miles of an existing municipal ABC store, Rep. David Redwine (D-Brunswick) said this week.

The N. C. House of Representatives passed the bill two weeks ago, and the Senate's concurrence with the House would make the ban on county ABC stores within the seven-mile radius permanent.

Local ABC boards asked Redwine to introduce the legislation last year after the county board announced plans to build an ABC store at River Run Shopping Center near Southport. A "sunset clause" stipulating that the bill would expire in July, 1992, was added to give the county and municipal boards time to discuss possible compromises, Redwine said.

Other bills still pending in the Senate include a bill that would allow Caswell Beach to assess property owners for the cost of burying utility lines and a bill that would limit the height of buildings constructed in Yaupon Beach.

Bald Head Island town manager Wallace Martin asked that a bill regulating the operation of golf carts on the island be withdrawn. Martin said the bill would be unenforceable in its current form.

## EMS fee

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cooperation was overshadowed by the disagreement over what a fair share of funding was for Long Beach medical service.

"Why talk about police when we have difficulty talking about money for the rescue squad?" asked mayor Moore.

However, in the June 16 Long Beach council meeting mayor Altman directed the town attorney to draw up EMS contracts with both Caswell Beach and Yaupon Beach because agreement had been reached on that score.

Councilman Horace Collier, aware that Yaupon Beach is still officially not talking about police merger, said at the end of last week that he would begin talking with Caswell Beach's Boyd, and would inform Yaupon Beach of when those meetings would be.

environmental concern, such as soil types and septic systems, stormwater runoff, wetlands, public water supplies, industrial impact on fragile ar-

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