

# Time and tide

## 50 years ago

Fifty years ago this week a canvass was made throughout Brunswick County for recruits to make surgical bandages for the wounded servicemen overseas. Brunswick was one of 20 counties in North Carolina asked to ease the strain on the Red Cross workers, who were making 90 percent of all surgical bandages.

Complete reorganization of the Southport Civilian Defense organization was to take place as a result of a meeting here during the past week; crops throughout Brunswick County were expected to be outstanding; school was to reopen September 7 at all county locations.

## 40 years ago

Forty years ago this week Hughew Hewett of Supply had won a division race in the Southport-Myrtle Beach marathon during the Fourth of July weekend. He piloted a Century runabout powered by a 22 hp. Johnson outboard. Frank Plaxco of Southport was second.

A bright and shiny 1854 50-cent piece was found by John Gore in a sewer ditch near the fire station. It was untarnished and showed no sign of wear. Each shrimp boat in Southport was reporting daily catches ranging from seven to 20 bushels; bad weather was affecting local charter boat fishing; no deaths or injuries had taken place on Brunswick County roads over the Fourth of July holiday.

## 30 years ago

Thirty years ago this week Cheryl Rogers was off to Charlotte to compete as Miss Brunswick County in the Miss North Carolina pageant, and there was a front-page picture to go with the story of her departure. Another front-page photo showed George Cobb, famous golf course architect, inspecting his handiwork at Oak Island.

A High Point party had brought in the first blue marlin of the season while fishing with Capt. Rob Austin; there was a feature story about a new residential development at Holden Beach; and the society section carried news of the marriage of Mary Zillah Bennett to John David Dawson.

## 20 years ago

The new postal system had brought once-a-day delivery to the Southport post office. That was reported in a front-page headline in the *Pilot* for July 12, 1972. Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr., of Winnabow was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Miami, and reported that to be "no vacation."

Lieutenant gubernatorial candidate Jim Hunt was scheduled to speak later in the week at Shallotte; Brunswick County school principals had gone on year-round employment; and the county tax rate had been set at \$1.42 for that year's levy.

## 15 years ago

Federal Paperboard Co. of Riegelwood had given a 14,000-acre tract in the Green Swamp of Brunswick County to the Nature Conservancy and we had a picture of Gov. Jim Hunt making the announcement on the front page of the *Pilot* for July 13, 1977. Conservancy officials had labeled this an "ecological jewel," and Hunt said, "This is one of the largest corporate land gifts in the history of North Carolina."

Responsibility for CAMA permits had been transferred from the county to the state; Dr. Dave Elliott, a native of England, had opened an office for the practice of medicine in Southport; and the Brunswick County Board of Education had requested the board of commissioners to call a school bond election for October 1 of that year.

## 10 years ago

Dave Kelly had reported for duty as director of community relations at the CP&L plant near Southport and we had a story and picture in the *Pilot* for July 14, 1982. Streets had been renamed and houses had been renumbered in Boiling Spring Lakes as members of the city board sought to arrive at a workable solution to the problem of providing a permanent designation for each home in that municipality.

We had a spectacular photo of a shark, only this one posed no threat to swimmers since it was the product of a skilled sand sculpture; Lynn Earley wrote a good feature about Dr. Norman Hornstein and his mastery of the game of chess; and Harbor Train, the electric vehicle routed through the historic district of Southport, was proving to be a popular tourist attraction.

## 5 years ago

Our issue of the *Pilot* for July 8, 1987, provided a wrap-up for the N. C. Fourth of July Festival which had broken existing attendance records and had been a crowd-pleaser. The paper that week was full of photos of the big event. Attention had turned to the municipal elections for which the filing period had opened. Election day would be in the fall, on November 3.

Brunswick County officials had gone to Raleigh to protest passage of a bill in the legislature to establish a low-level radioactive waste depository in this county. American Legion Post 68 had qualified for area playoffs and 35 units had participated in the annual Bald Head Island golf cart parade, with a spouting whale and a yellow submarine finishing one-two in the judging.

# Opinion

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of July Festival, the Southport Woman's Club has sponsored Heritage House, a three-day mini-museum with displays of beautiful antiques, furniture, china, silver, crystal, glassware, lamps, quilts, dolls, guns, mirrors, period costumes and many items of memorabilia of our heritage.

It happened again this year, Southport's Bicentennial. All the items mentioned above, all of exquisite beauty, were exhibited by many local people willing to share their treasures. Festival visitors look forward to viewing this wonderful collection each year.

Without the help of so many, Heritage House could not happen. A very special thanks to our exhibitors, some of whom had not exhibited before; to the members of the Southport Woman's Club and their husbands, who collected items, placed and arranged the exhibits, dressed in period costumes (in all the heat) to act as hostesses during the three days; to *The State Port Pilot* and Marybeth Bianchi for the press coverage; and to the City of Southport for the use of the Community Building.

Heritage House 1992 was a decided success, the best ever. Our thanks to all who made it happen.

Margaret Harper and Margaret Connaughton  
Co-chairpersons

## 'Done good'

To the Editor:

The pancake breakfast at Trinity United Methodist Church on July 4 was a very successful endeavor. The many compliments on how good the food was meant a lot to all involved.

The men worked very hard with the food preparation to be sure everything was very appetizing. The ladies did their best to be sure all who came were well served and as quickly as possible. The ladies working behind the scenes to keep the beverages prepared did their duty well. The cashier had a very important position also.

As the saying goes, "Y'all done good".

We would sincerely like to thank each of you that came to have breakfast with us. We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Sincerely,  
Mary L. Richardson

## Useless map

To the Editor:

I just wanted you to know that the map published in *The State Port Pilot* Fourth of July program was useless.

At the end of the fireworks display we waited an hour to give traffic a chance to subside and to not add to the congestion. We then followed the map and took Fodale Avenue to East Leonard where we ended up with a few other cars to make our right turn. The two "braindeads" on traffic duty kept us waiting for 40 minutes -- refusing to let us turn because he "had orders to get the traffic out of downtown". Where did he think we were coming from? The moon?

A couple of cars ran the intersection cutting across the corner and chancing an accident. The people living in the corner house cheered when the "braindeads" finally let us proceed, but not before we turned off the motor and headlights and after several irate motorists got out of their cars to object.

Needless to say we will never return for the fireworks. This spoiled an otherwise outstanding day.

Yours truly,  
Robert A. Warren  
Bolivia

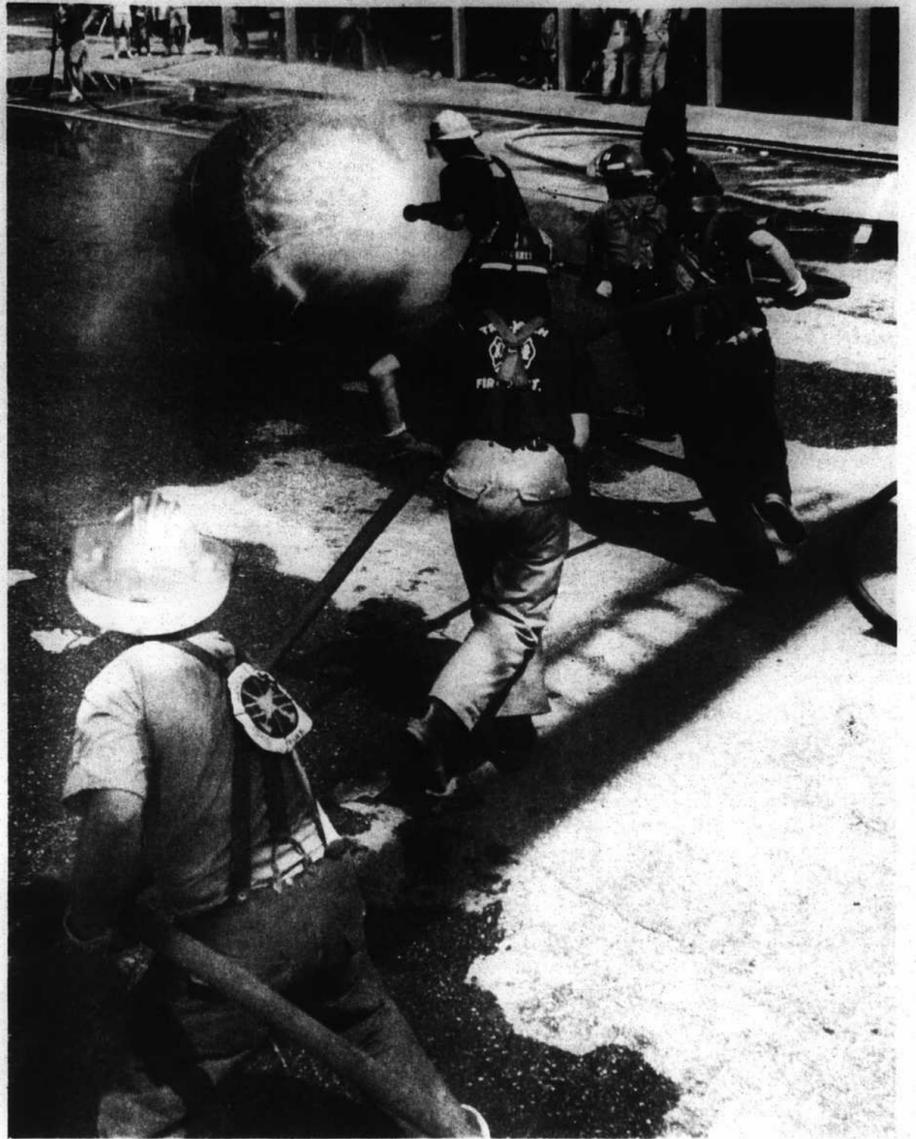


Photo by Jim Harper

The Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department took overall top honors at the tenth annual Firemen's Freedom Competition held Sunday. Second place went to the Bolivia Fire Department while third place was claimed by Winnabow. Winners of the various events were: Bucket Brigade, Civietown;

Ladder Climb, Sunset Beach; Hose Lay, Winnabow; Command Post, Bolivia; Barrel Push, Long Beach; and Water Polo, Long Beach. Participating departments included Bolivia, Supply, Winnabow, Long Beach, Sunset Beach, Tri-Beach, Civietown and Roseboro.



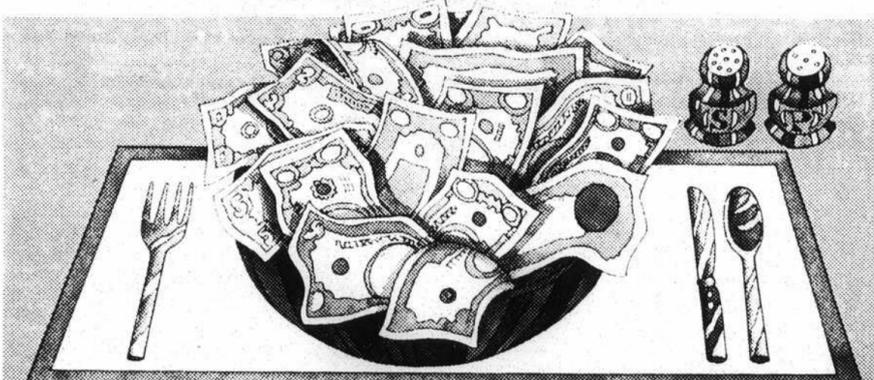
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