

50 years ago

Fifty years ago this week, campaigns were still being conducted for the collection of scrap metal to be used by the armed services. The most recent was conducted by the boys and girls of Southport High School. Progress was being made in the making of surgical bandages for the wounded overseas.

A report was made by the rationing board of its activities during the preceding month; farm machinery was being rationed by the county office; and Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company was doing satisfactorily in its first few years after organization, it was reported in a statement released by bank officials.

40 years ago

Forty years ago this week a survey was taken concerning the dredging of Lockwood Folly Inlet. Owners of boats using the channel complained of the difficulty in navigating the passage to the fishing grounds which lie just off the mouth of the inlet.

Sport fishing was getting better, with most daily catches being over 100 bluefish or Spanish mackerel; the Southport High School band was showing improvement under Paul Pittenger, the conductor.

30 years ago

Thirty years ago this week the Town of Shallotte was going into the jail business. On the front page of the Pilot for September 26, 1962, there was a picture of a brick structure that had been moved from the old prison camp to the lot behind Town Hall, and this was to be the hoosegow. A delegation of Brunswick County citizens was to go to Raleigh the following day to make an appeal for ferry service from Southport to Fort Fisher.

A force of 1,200 men was to participate in U. S. Army amphibious maneuvers on Bald Head Island during the coming week; a feature described the Willie McKenzie store as "the oldest business in town;" and Southport defeated Waccamaw in an eight-man football game.

25 years ago

Twenty years ago this week a front-page article noted that development of a golf course was foreseen at Shallotte. Dr. B. B. Ward, Willie D. Ward and Dr. John Madison were members of a firm that had purchased a 572-acre tract outside the town limits. A front-page photo showed a \$15,000 load of tobacco floating in a roadside canal where a truck loaded with the loose-leaf had ended up after a near-crash with another vehicle.

An 88-year-old former Brunswick County resident was being held in Wilmington for two murders; Lonnie Evans was re-elected chairman of the Brunswick County ASC Committee; Dr. Jay Lewis, a pathologist, had joined the staff at Dosher Memorial Hospital.

20 years ago

September 27, 1972, and there was a police strike in progress in Southport. They didn't call it that, terming it a "policeman's vacation," but the trouble was all of them were taking it at the same time -- this following disagreement with the city manager. Powell Bill funds for Brunswick County municipalities totalled \$175,000, almost doubling the receipts from the same source the previous year.

Carolina Caribbean Corporation had unveiled plans for a resort community at Calabash, to be called Carolina Shores. We had a front-page picture of demolition work at the corner of Moore and Howe streets in Southport on the Capt. J. B. Church building; and James B. Hunt, Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, had spent a day traveling about Brunswick County.

15 years ago

September 28, 1977, and we had a front-page photo showing progress on Leland Middle School, said to be about half finished. There were

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Oak Island Boosters, Inc., want to say a rousing "thank you"!

Here is one business which has community spirit and which realizes the importance of education from infancy throughout life. The leadership of United Carolina Bank and educators know the importance of reading to children from infancy through middle school. Language acquisition begins with hearing the rhythms of language.

The Oak Island Boosters, Inc., still needs, at least, \$45,000, and challenges all the other banks, corporations, individuals and businesses in the area who have meant to, but have not contributed their fair share to the library on Oak Island. The address is Oak Island Library Boosters, Inc., P. O. Box 388. Long Beach, NC 28465.

The boosters have not stopped earning money on their own. They are still taking yard sale items at the library site. If you have items. please call Kim Skipper at 278-6730 or Ann Hines at 278-6444 and arrangements will be made to meet you at the old UCB property or to pick up items.

The boosters would also like to thank all of the grassroots contributors -- individuals, towns or businesses -- who made this library possible. Pat yourself on the back -vou deserve it.

Sincerely. Ann Hines President, Oak Island Library

Boosters, Inc.

Our heritage

To the Editor:

Many, many thanks to all who participated in "Heritage Celebra tion -- A Taste of Southport" on Saturday. From the imaginative displays of exhibitors to the huge turnout of local residents and

visitors who came to sample the "menu" of diversity and history that is Southport, we could not have been more pleased.

We intend to start planning for next year's celebration soon. Ken Campbell **Eleanor Smith** Pat Evans

(for Southport 2000 and the **Bicentennial Committee)**

Time capsule To the Editor:

On behalf of the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce and Southport 2000, we would like to thank all of the groups who contributed so many original and quality items for the time capsule which was buried Sunday as part of the city's Heritage Festival.

We also thank Sunny Point for providing the container, and all of the people who assisted in the ceremony -- especially Dale Southerland for saving the day by taking the extra effort to get the capsule in the ground.

City officials were generous to allow us to dig up the sidewalk and put the capsule in such a prominent position for recovery 100 years from now. Here is a place where future residents will be able to uncover some documented history of the city

Thanks are also due Ken Campbell, who read the list of contributors: Eleanor Smith, chairman of the Bicentennial Committee who served as mistress of ceremonies: Southport mayor Norman Holden: chamber president Tony Carroll: and Southport 2000 chairman Irene Hankins Sincerely

Joanne Wesson, Southport 2000 Karen Hope, Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce

Missing bike To the Editor:

I am a Ross Mount Hood bicycle and someone took me from my home Saturday night, September 19. My owner and I have traveled many miles together and we had planned on many more. I have been "bikenapped" and unless I am returned to her our days are through. I am silver and had just gotten a new purple basket. I am not worth much to anyone but her because I was a gift from a special friend. If you would please take me home I would be a very happy bicycle.

Thank you, Concerned parent Mary Tomlinson

EMT course An emergency medical technician (EMT) class will be held at the Long Beach Rescue Squad building beginning Monday, October 12, from 6:15 to 9:15 p.m. Classes will be held on Monday and Wednesday



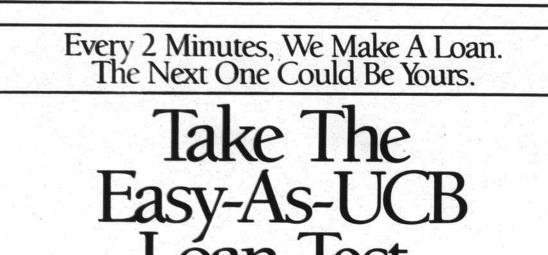
The North Carolina **Department of Transportation**

cordially invites you to attend the official opening of the U. S. 17 **Bolivia Bypass**

Friday, September 25, 1992 3:30 p.m. on Galloway Road (Landfill Road) at the U.S. 17 Intersection

Secretary Harrelson will join state & local officials for the ceremony

*In case of rain, the ceremony will be held in the Teaching Auditorium in the Administrative Building at Brunswick Community College.



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news notes reporting progress with the special school bond election slated for November 8. And an earlier bond election authorizing a total of \$370,000 in public improvements was to be held in Southport on the following Saturday.

We had a picture of a black drum which just couldn't leave well enough alone. William McKenzie of Supply had hooked him, but he got away. A few minutes later he hooked and landed a big fish, and when he began to remove the hook he found the other hook he had lost a short while earlier, also embedded in the mouth of the hungry drum.

10 years ago

Ten years ago this week in our September 29, 1982, edition of the Pilot we had an eight-column photo which dominated our front page. It was an 894-foot freighter, claimed to be the longest vessel ever to cross the Cape Fear River bar, and it was on its way to Sunny Point to load military cargo. Brunswick County schools had opened for the fall term with an increased enrollment at all locations.

The writer of our "Not Exactly News" column was complaining about the NFL strike, with no games being played on a rainy Sunday afternoon; the U. S. Open King Mackerel Tournament was scheduled for the following week; and interest in the general election was picking up, as witness the large number of political advertisements in that issue.

5 years ago

Teresa Ray had joined the Oak Island Lions Club and may have been the first woman member of that organization in North Carolina. That, with a photo, was a story in the Pilot for September 23, 1987. John T. Smith had reported for duty as the new Brunswick County manager.

The Brunswick Town Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution had hosted the district meeting of that organization, with more than 100 members present, at the N. C. Baptist Assembly; DOT had promised improvements to Beach Road before the next spring; and Laverne Rehder, who held a pilot's license, had gone to Jockeys Ridge at Kill Devil Hills to try her luck at hang gliding -- and had survived her flight test.



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