

Time and tide

50 years ago

Fifty years ago this week the rationing board was busy adjusting fuel rations, and not much hope was given to the possibility of lifting the restrictions. Brunswick County motorists had been slowed down and were not allowed to use more than a small amount of fuel for their cars. The same restrictions were placed on homeowners for fuel oil.

The rationing of gas and tires had halted the delivery of retail milk. Only milk going to the store was delivered. Fred Stevens, manager of Magnolia Dairy, made the announcement and said that he had delivered milk to the point where his tires would no longer take the strain.

Preston Bryant, a Southport resident, was named lieutenant (jg) in the U. S. Naval Reserve. Bryant had seen much sea duty aboard the dredge *Comstock* as a captain after the craft was converted to a government freighter.

40 years ago

Forty years ago this week a quarterboat, used for sleeping and as mess hall of the dredge *Ventura*, sank while en route here. The craft struck a stump in the Intracoastal Waterway and sank in 15 feet of water in five minutes. None of the 30 crew members asleep on board was killed, but many of them lost personal possessions.

Nine more property owners within the boundaries of Sunny Point were paid for their property. The handling of the transactions proved difficult in some cases where the property had been passed down through the years, and without the proper papers. The work was completed and the removal of residents and their movable belongings was nearly finished.

Reports were made on the safety features of the Sunny Point terminal concerning the railroad facilities. The high explosives shipped there would be kept in special sidings surrounded by bunkers so, in case of an explosion, the other cars nearby would not be ignited.

30 years ago

Thirty years ago this week plans already were underway for a Miss Brunswick County Pageant, even before the sounds of Christmas had died away. This was to be the third of these pageants. Prospect Baptist Church near Supply had been destroyed by fire.

Southport was getting ready to defend its title in the Hallsboro Holiday Cage Classic with a team built around Donald Dixon, C. E. Murphy and Rodney Garner. This had been the year when life-size figures of Santa had dominated outside decorations; and the feature that week was about how Brunswick County residents were spending more time reading good books. It had been written by Mrs. Susan King, Southport-Brunswick County librarian.

20 years ago

Headlines in the *Pilot* for December 27, 1972, reported that Arthur Knox had taken over duties in the office of register of deeds, and that covered slips were being added at the Southport Small Boat Harbor. A front-page picture showed results of the serious erosion problem near Lockwood Folly Inlet at Long Beach.

Edgar L. Holden had retired after 20 years service on the ASC Committee; the opening of the three new consolidated high schools in Brunswick County had been listed as one of the ten best stories of the year; and Miss Sallie Tomlinson of Southport had become the bride of James W. Jackson, III, of Wilmington.

15 years ago

The site of the old Southport High School had been rezoned in order to make it legal for the U. S. Postal Service to build a new office in Southport. That action had been taken by the Southport Board of Aldermen and was reported in the *Pilot* for December 28, 1977.

Five new members of the town board in Long Beach had been sworn in to serve with the new mayor, Warren Calloway. We had a front-page picture of Santa Claus at Ocean Trail Convalescent Center; the editor had words of praise for the professional status of realtors in the area; and we had a photo of Mickey Hart receiving a check from Elva Jess from the Junior Woman's Club of Southport for the Southport-Brunswick County Library.

10 years ago

On the front page of the *Pilot* for December 29, 1982, there was an announcement that plastic stickers would replace metal plates for City of Southport automobile licenses. No doubt this was a profitable move for the city but it was a step backwards for public relations because many times Southport license plates had started conversations at various points upstate where vehicles were parked. We completed the band photo display begun the week before with full eight-column photos of the eighth grade and seventh grade organizations.

Sam Pellom, former Leland High School star basketball player who for several years had played for the Atlanta Hawks, had signed a ten-day contract with Milwaukee; Southport city officials had served notice that animal control laws would be strictly enforced beginning immediately.

5 years ago

Remember Bill McDonald? All of our longtime readers will. He was our outdoors writer for many years. In our issue of the *Pilot* for December 23, 1987, we carried his column about a flock of wild geese he saw overhead as he was leaving Veterans Hospital in Durham following a bout with cancer. It was one of his best columns. A public hearing in Bolivia had drawn a record number of irate fishermen who vehemently opposed mechanical harvesting of clams in Brunswick County waters. The proposal was disallowed.

The State Highway Patrol had promoted trooper Larry M. Richardson to the rank of sergeant and had moved him to Charlotte; John T. Denning, national president of AARP, and his wife Verna had attended the December dinner meeting of the Southport chapter of that organization; and Dean Smith, a Southport native, had been one of four designers to participate in a seminar sponsored by *Interior Design* magazine in Toronto, Canada.

Wishing you good cheer!

Whatever the season brings, we sincerely hope that it will make you happy!

Nice & Pretty
Long Beach Rd., 457-6444

Letters

Continued from page 4

Thank you

To the Editor:

I would like to thank VFW Post 10400 of Boiling Spring Lakes for the basket of fruit, cards and visitations; the "Over 55" club of Southport for the flowers, cards and visitations; and the Rev. Lumsden of First Baptist Church of Boiling Spring Lakes for his prayers while I was in the hospital, and all the rest of my dear friends who sent me cards and prayers.

John B. Wheeldon
Boiling Spring Lakes

Fruit sales

To the Editor:

On behalf of the members of Ocean View United Methodist Church on Oak Island, Lucy Schaefer, Millie Zimmerman and I want to take this opportunity to thank the community of Oak Island and Southport for its generous support of our fruit sale project held in November.

The response was greater than anticipated, and we hope all who bought fruit from us were satisfied and will remain our customers for future fruit projects.

Without your support it would not have been successful, but that is what a caring and sharing community spirit is all about. We just want to thank our supporters and also to wish each and every one of you a wonderful and holy Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Aileen F. Jeffries
Chairperson
Council of Ministries

Holiday closings

With Christmas falling on a Friday, many area workers will enjoy a long holiday weekend.

Area town halls and the county government center near Bolivia will be closed both Thursday and Friday, December 24-25.

The Brunswick County Library will be closed Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 26, and reopen on Monday.

The post office and area banks will observe normal business hours on Christmas Eve, but will be closed Christmas Day.

Both Brunswick County schools and Brunswick Community College are closed until Monday, January 4.



Boating Skills & Seamanship

A course presented by U.S. Coast Guard Aux. Flotilla 10-05. Registration Jan. 4, 1993 at the U.S. Coast Guard Station Oak Island at 7:00 p.m. \$20.00 materials fee.

For information:
M. Fullwood 457-4512
H. Sweeny 278-5200



Sandra Gore accompanied and led the St. James AME Zion Gospel Choir in their performance Sunday in holiday celebration at Yuletide Harbor on the Southport waterfront.

College holiday

Brunswick Community College will be closed to the public from Wednesday, December 23, through Monday, January 4.

The main campus at Supply and the two satellite campuses in Southport and Leland will be closed during that time.

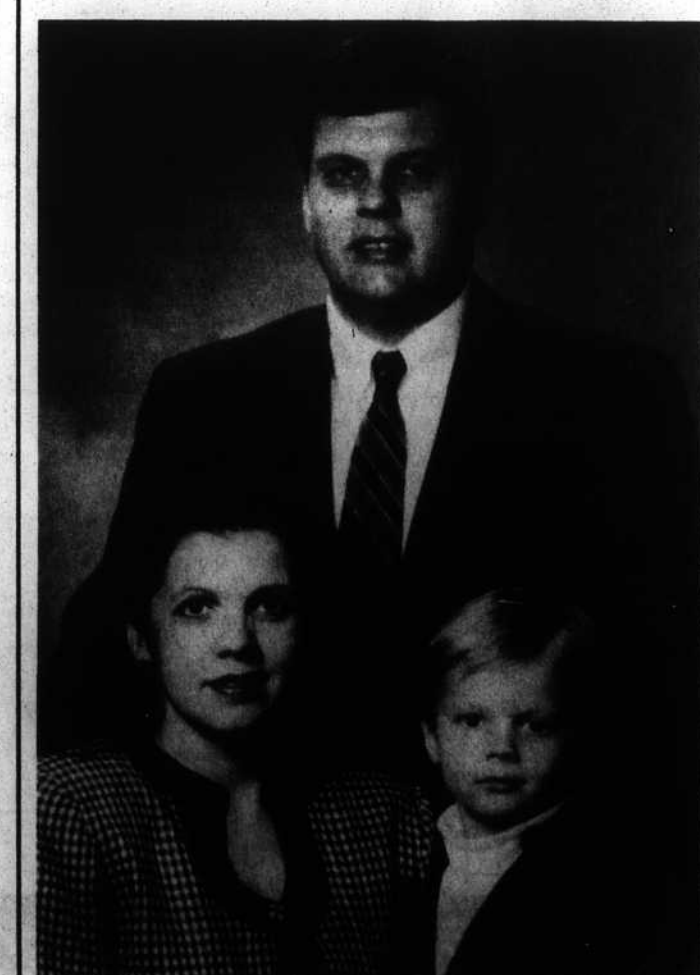
NOTICE OF FILING OF APPLICATION FOR CAMA MINOR DEVELOPMENT PERMIT Pursuant to NCGS 113A-119(b), the Town of Long Beach, a locality authorized to issue CAMA permits in Areas of Environmental Concern, hereby gives NOTICE that on December 14, 1992, James Wiggins filed an application for a CAMA permit to construct an approximately 1,260 sq. ft. dwelling and grade, fill, clear and prepare driveway on the property located at Lot 10, Block 27A, Section N4; 2920 E. Pelican Drive. Persons desiring to inspect the application, to comment thereon or to appeal the local decision are directed to contact the Local Permit Officer at the below address by January 1, 1993. Later comments will be accepted and considered up to the time of permit decision. Project modifications may occur based on further review and comments. Notice of the permit decision in this matter will be provided upon written request.

Sheila M. Bell
Local Permit Officer for Receiving Minor Development Permits Under CAMA
Town of Long Beach
P. O. Box 217
Long Beach, N. C. 28465
919-278-9625

CHRISTMAS JOY

Swinging in with a special wish for you at Christmas: Have a delightful holiday filled with laughter and cheer.

River Run Shopping Center, Southport, 457-5848



Ron, Vicky and Miller Dailey

We Wish You A Merry Christmas

In the timeless tradition of the season... Celebrated in scripture, poetry, and song, the glorious birth of our Prince of Peace is an inspiration for all mankind. We're honored to join you in singing His praises, and pleased to extend our warmest thanks and glad tidings to you and your family.

The Ron Taylor Family