

HARRELSON HONORED

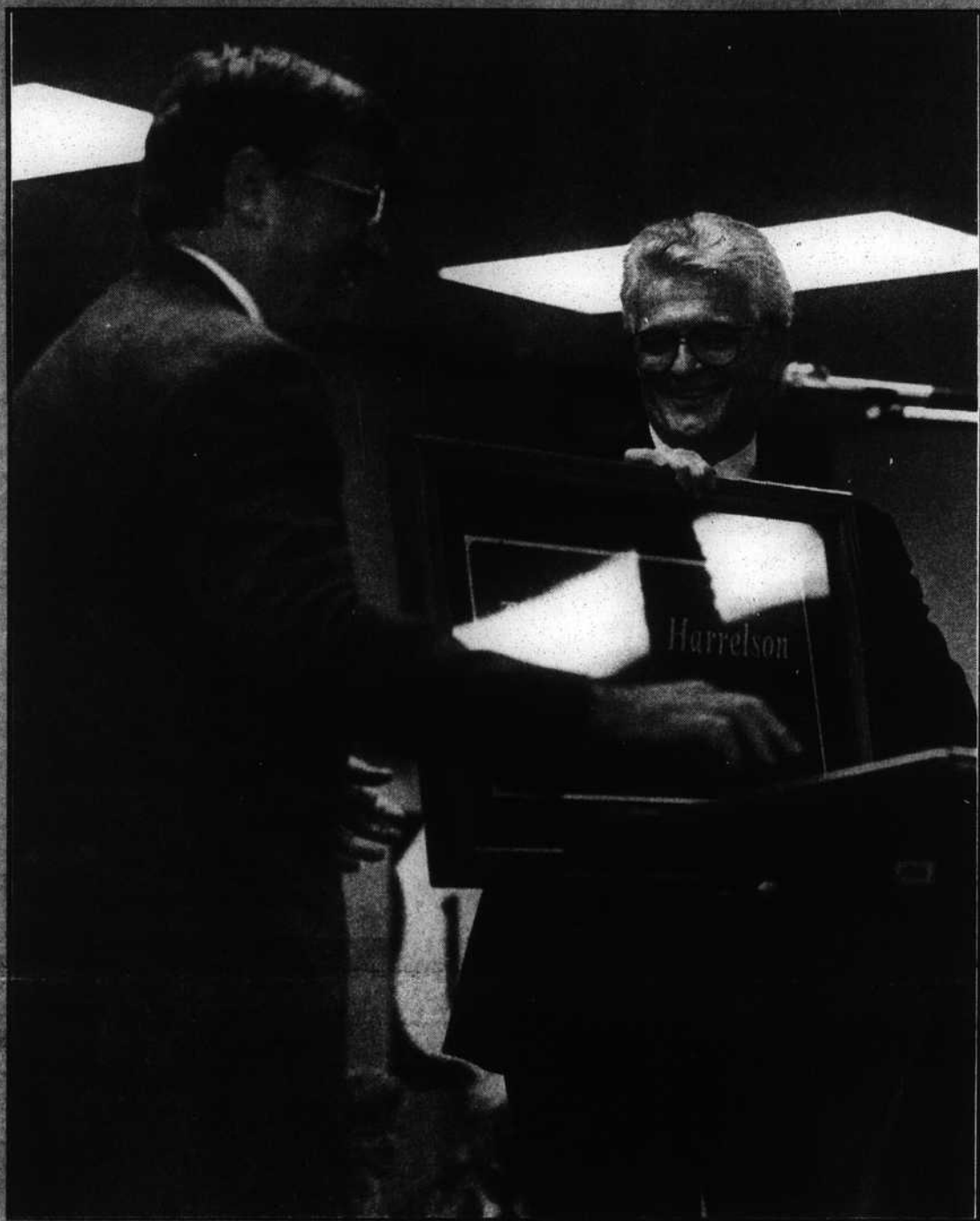


Photo by Jim Harper

Gov. Jim Martin was on hand last Wednesday to honor his transportation secretary, Southport's Tommy Harrelson, in ceremonies at Brunswick Community College. The section of U. S. 17 from Winnabow to South Carolina was named for Harrelson.

Despite 'Report Card'

Johnston says school progress being made

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Despite receiving poor marks for the third straight year on the state's Report Card, Brunswick County schools' top administrator says progress is being made.

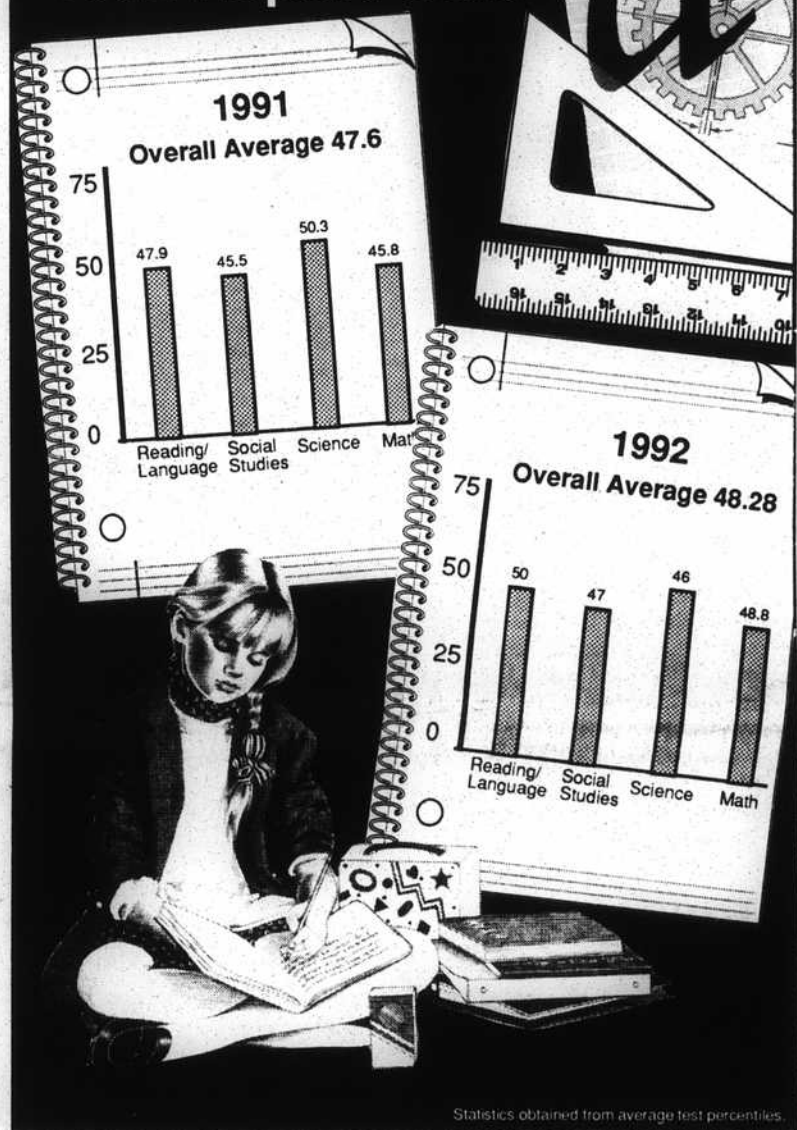
The 1992 Report Card issued last week by the N. C. State Board of Education compares school systems across the state and provides information that allows a school system to see where it is headed, how it compares to state averages and if it meets standards established by the state board for accreditation.

"When you look inside (the 1992 Report Card), there was steady progress. The dot in the box and par don't mean nearly as much to me as seeing what we're doing internally to make progress."

Supt. Ralph Johnston

Remarks, page 6

Brunswick County 1992 Report Card



Statistics obtained from average test percentages.

Dr. King inspired local blacks

Gore: Situation better; segregation more 'subtle'

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

Inspired by the words of Martin Luther King, Jr., spoken on August 28, 1963, in Washington, D. C., Eugene Gore returned to Southport to help break down the walls of discrimination that blacks faced in their daily lives.



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will be honored on Friday, his birthday, as well as on the official national holiday January 18.

*'It wasn't just blacks. It was all nationalities, all races of people. It really motivated you to see all those people coming together, all come to make changes. It told us that people can make a difference, especially when they speak up for their rights.'*

Eugene Gore

Today, 29 years later, he is still working to break the threads of a "subtle" discrimination that exists in Brunswick County.

In the early 1960s sit-ins by black college students at Woolworth's in Greensboro and other civil rights activities across the country provided inspiration for Southport area blacks.

"During that time it aroused the consciousness of all blacks that the law

See Dr. King, page 6

King celebration

The public is invited to participate in a Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration to be held Friday, January 15, at 7 p.m. on Brunswick Community College's main campus.

Dr. Reginald A. Hawkins, president of the North Carolina Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will speak. The event is sponsored by Brunswick Community College and the Brunswick Community College Foundation, and will be held in the college's student center.

The Christian Sisters, a local musical group, will provide entertainment. An instrumental jazz selection will be performed by Brunswick Community College's new visiting artist, Jon Thornton. Art will be exhibited and refreshments will be served.

Southport selects new city manager

By Jim Harper  
Staff Writer

Figuring they'd found their man even before interviewing all seven finalists, Southport aldermen Monday hired 44-year-old Thomas A. Lynn, a veteran of both municipal and county management, as Southport's new city manager.

"I'm very well-pleased," mayor Norman Holden said. "The board should be commended for the job they did to come up with Tom. I'm looking forward to working with him."

Said Lynn: "I saw a lot of cooperation and a lot of stability in the board.

I've base my decision (to take the job) on how people treated me."

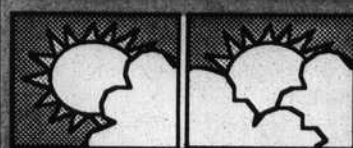
Lynn will be paid \$43,000, and said Monday that he'd be moving to Southport "as soon as I can find a place cheap enough for me to afford."

A Raleigh native, 1975 North Carolina State University graduate, former city manager of Enfield and former Hertford County manager, Lynn spoke by telephone from Tifton, Ga., where he served as Tift County administrator from October, 1990, until he was asked by the county board to resign last August.

Lynn, who met with the Southport

See Manager, page 6

OUTSIDE



Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, JANUARY 14	LOW
12:25 a.m.		6:30 a.m.
12:39 p.m.		6:52 p.m.
FRIDAY, JANUARY 15		
1:25 a.m.		7:32 a.m.
1:38 p.m.		7:51 p.m.
SATURDAY, JANUARY 16		
2:28 a.m.		8:37 a.m.
2:39 p.m.		8:52 p.m.
SUNDAY, JANUARY 17		
3:30 a.m.		9:40 a.m.
3:42 p.m.		9:52 p.m.
MONDAY, JANUARY 18		
4:30 a.m.		10:40 a.m.
4:40 p.m.		10:49 p.m.
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19		
5:26 a.m.		11:34 a.m.
5:37 p.m.		11:49 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20		
6:17 a.m.		12:23 a.m.
6:28 p.m.		12:32 p.m.

Forecast

The extended forecast calls for partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday and cloudy skies on Saturday. Highs Thursday will be in the 50s and lows in the 40s. Friday and Saturday, expect highs in the 40s and lows in the 30s.