

## Coast Guard Keeps Tower

Area boaters who have come to depend on the Frying Pan Shoals light tower as a reference point can relax.

The U.S. Coast Guard has decided not to dismantle the tower off Cape Fear which has served local fishermen and sailors since it was built in the 1960s.

The structure is still sound, said John Walters, chief of the planning and waterways section with the Coast Guard's 5th District in Portsmouth, Va.

Last spring, the Coast Guard started studying Frying Pan Shoals Light, which is located about 12 miles off Cape Fear, and Diamond Shoals Light off Cape Hatteras.

Salt water and mist have taken their toll on both steel structures and the generators that power the lights on top of them.

Walters said the light towers have reached the end of their projected life of 25 years, and most boats are equipped with electronic navigational systems that make the towers obsolete.

But the Coast Guard decided to keep the lights after receiving a lot of letters from boaters who were interested in them.

"Most of the input was that people like seeing that big structure," Walters said. "They like having the tower to check against their navigation system."

The towers extend more than 100 feet above the water and have lights that are visible 24 miles away in clear weather. Each tower has living quarters for a crew, but they haven't been used since 1980 when the lights were automated.

Sometime in the next year, Walters said the light on the Frying Pan Shoals structure will be changed from a diesel-powered unit to one that uses solar power.

That will save the Coast Guard time and money in the long run, he said, because it will cut down on helicopter trips to the tower to refuel and make repairs.

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### 10 Nominated As YWCA Women Of Achievement

Ten Brunswick County residents are among nearly 50 women nominated for awards in 11 categories in the YWCA Cape Fear Women of Achievement Program.

Nominees will be honored with a reception at the Wilmington Hilton on Thursday, May 7, at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$25 and are available from the YWCA, 2815 S. College Road, Wilmington, N.C. 28412.

Local nominees are as follows: Sarah Tripp, mayor of Shallotte; Carolyn Segraves, principal, Supply Elementary School; Connie B. Milliken, director of nursing at Brunswick Community College; Maryn F. Hall, volunteer with the Brunswick County Literacy Council and Calabash Emergency Medical Services; Carrie M. Davis, administrator, Comprehensive Home Health Care; Lucille D. Blake, a Leland area historian and member of Leland's ad hoc planning committee and planning board; and high school seniors Elizabeth Baxter, Terri Antoinette Smith and Alison Paige Cumbee, South Brunswick High, and Melody C. Gause, West Brunswick High.

Bay Naval Station in the Philippines, aboard the aircraft carrier *USS Independence*.

The five-day port call marked the last aircraft carrier battle group scheduled to visit Subic Bay before U.S. forces withdraw from the Philippines.

In an effort to build goodwill with the Philippine people, manpower and material resources were contributed to needy people. Crew members volunteered their efforts for such projects as food and clothing distribution to refugees of the Mt. Pinatubo eruption, providing medical and dental care and painting a school.

### Caison's State Winner

Brunswick County 4-H member Amy Caison of Route 1, Supply, has been named a state winner on the basis of long-term project records.

Miss Caison, 17, submitted the winning record book on her 4-H marine



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awareness project in the senior division for ages 14 to 19. She will receive a scholarship for a trip and tour of the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

A member of the Holden Beach 4-H Club, she is the daughter of Maurice and Lois Caison. She has been in 4-H work for six years and has taken the marine awareness project for five years. She has also completed projects in electricity, clothing, gardening, leadership and photography.

She is among 74 project winners from 41 counties. Project winners were selected on the basis of project achievement, demonstrated superior leadership ability and citizenship responsibility.

### Earns Master's Degree

Catherine Pringle Halpern received a master of science degree in education in December from Radford University, Radford, Va.

She was endorsed to teach students with learning disabilities and as a reading specialist and was named to Phi Kappa Phi honor society.

Mrs. Halpern, a 1980 graduate of Guilford College, Greensboro, is married and the mother of three sons.

She is the daughter of Don and Charlotte Pringle of Holden Beach.



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### Ball Promoted

Robert Ball, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Ball of Gause Landing, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant commander in the U.S. Coast Guard.

Lt. Cmdr. Ball is stationed in Cleveland, Ohio, where he serves as the Ninth Coast Guard District's financial manager.

He received his bachelor of science degree in 1980 from the United States Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn., and a master's in business administration in 1989 from the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va.

Prior assignments have included a tour as first lieutenant aboard the U.S. Coast Guard cutter *Cherokee* in Norfolk, Va.; assistant director of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Portsmouth, Va.; and operations officer aboard the cutter *Acushnet*, Gulfport, Miss.

He resides in Strongsville, Ohio, with his wife, Teresa, and daughters Lauren, 8, and Erin, 6.

### Completes Training

Pvt. 1st Class Beverly L. Price has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

A 1990 graduate of North Brunswick High School, she is the daughter of Ann R. Brown and stepdaughter of Jimmy R. Brown of Leland.

During training, Price received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy and justice, first aid and Army history and traditions.

### Visits Philippines

Navy St. Eric H. Pittenger, son of Patricia and Paul Pittenger Jr. of Southport, recently visited Subic



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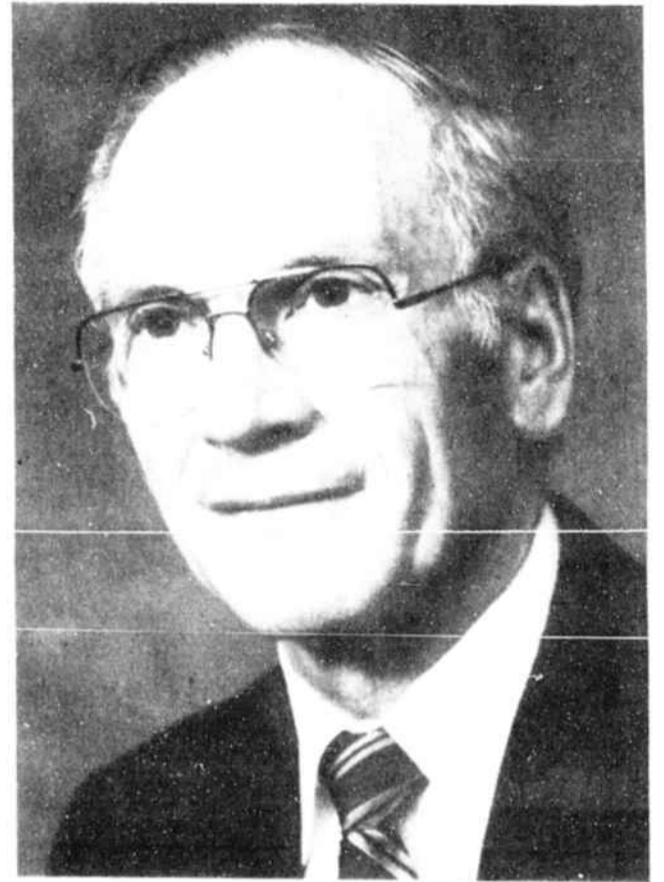
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Our campaign is about providing our children a quality education, preparing them to live and work in well-paying 21st Century jobs. It's about improving our schools by returning more decision making authority to the local level, freeing teachers from bureaucratic overload, and letting the teachers teach.

Our campaign is about helping existing North Carolina business and industry—the big and the small—to modernize and expand, and to provide them with a well trained workforce. It's about developing better export markets for North Carolina products, and encouraging environmentally responsible business and industry to bring jobs to North Carolina—for North Carolina people.

Our campaign is about making our communities safe and secure, by building sufficient prisons to lock the revolving door and keep the dangerous criminals off the streets. It's about requiring the inmates to work to earn their own keep, and re-pay their victims.

We have ambitious and important goals for North Carolina. Working together, we will reach these goals, and put North Carolina back on track.

With all best wishes to my Brunswick County friends, I am

Sincerely,

*Lacy Thornburg*  
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- ◆ fought for the interests of North Carolina's consumers
- ◆ fought unfair increases in consumer rates at Utility Commission hearings, in the courts, and through legislation.