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Southport Mayor Norman Holden to Address April Meeting

The Society's April meeting will be a covered dish dinner at the Old Jail on Nash Street beginning at 6:30 P. M. on Thursday, April 19th. Following the dinner, Mayor Holden will speak giving his views about the Southport Historic District and its possibilities. Please plan to attend and bring some favorite food. If you can't make the dinner, the program will probably begin around 7:30.

"Lifeline of the Confederacy" Exhibit at New Hanover Museum

The exhibit showing the role the Blockade Runners and the City of Wilmington played during the Civil War opened April 5th. Wilmington, protected by the Lower Cape Fear defense system which included powerful Fort Fisher and the Brunswick County forts of Fort Anderson, Fort Caswell, and on Bald Head, Fort Holmes, was the last important Southern port open to the blockade runners.

The exhibit features dioramas (purchased from the Blockade Runner Museum) uniforms, weapons and other goods brought in by the blockade runners, and we understand it is well worth a special visit.

"Cemetery" books now on sale

These books can be bought at the Curiosity Shop, Bette Leggett's store or the library. Cost is \$8.00 per copy, or \$8.75 for mail order addressed to our P. O. Box 10130, Southport, N. C. 28461.

DUES REMINDER

If you haven't sent in your 1984 dues, please complete the form below and return it with your check to P. O. Box 10130.

NAME _____	_____ Individual	\$5.00
ADDRESS _____	_____ Student	2.00
_____	_____ Business	5.00
PHONE _____	_____ Sustaining	25.00
	_____ Life	100.00

(Reproduced here are some of the City ordinances enacted at the June 28, 1898, meeting of the Southport Board of Aldermen. The remaining ordinances of that date will be printed in a future "Whittlers' Bench").

The Board of Aldermen of the city of Southport, N. C., in session June 28th, 1898, enact the following Ordinances for the government of the city of Southport, N. C. to go into and be in full force and effect, from and after the First of July 1898.

Ordinance No. 1

Section 1. No person shall be allowed to fire a pistol, gun or any other piece of firearms, without first obtaining written permission from the Mayor; any damage arising therefrom, the parties obtaining permission are responsible. The using of sling shot, air or spring guns, or instruments (sic) throwing projectiles of any description, or throwing of missile or missiles of any description by hand is forbidden.

Sec. 2. The playing of ball in the streets or public lots of the city are forbidden provided, however, permission may be granted by the Mayor for the playing of ball, subject to the supervision of the marshall. No person shall deface, break or in any manner injure any of the lamps or posts, fences, shade trees or buildings by tying horses or mules thereto or otherwise. It is also declared a misdemeanor for any person or persons to rob bird nests or abuse dumb domestic animals in any way.

Sec. 3. All persons are prohibited from emptying or throwing fish, beef or pickle, or placing any other offensive matter in the streets of the city or in the river within 300 feet of low water mark. It is further ordered that all citizens and agents for non residents are required to keep their yards, lots, houses, privies, pens or stables clean and disinfected. Upon the complaint of any citizen that any yard, lot, house, privies, pens or stables or any other place are offensive, the city marshal shall notify the occupant owner or agent of the premises complained of that unless they have the same immediately cleaned, the city marshal shall proceed to have the same cleaned under his direction, and they shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. All privies shall be enclosed with a good fence. It is further ordered that all weeds, shrubbery etc. on vacant lots or gardens shall be cut down and removed when so ordered by the city marshal.

Sec. 4. No person shall allow his or her horse or mule to run at large on the streets of the city, all horses or mules getting loose, breaking out of enclosure or stables and running at a high rate of speed through the streets of the city the owners thereof shall be guilty of negligence and a violation of this Ordinance.

Sec. 5. It is unlawful for any rider of bicycles to ride their bicycles on the sidewalks of the city without an alarm bell and sounding the same when nearing a person or a street corner, and at night without a lighted lantern. For the violation of any part of the foregoing Ordinance any person shall upon submission of conviction pay a fine of not less than \$4 nor more than \$5, and costs.

Ordinance No. 2

Section No. 1. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person or persons owning or heads of families, maintaining or harboring hogs of any description, within the city limits, without paying a tax of 50 cents for each and every head. Said tax must be paid on or before July 20th 1898. Dogs brought into the city after July 1st will be subject to the above tax. It shall be unlawful for any owner or maintainer of a bitch to allow same to run at large while excited by animal passion, for the violation of the same the marshal shall kill or destroy said bith (sic) after the owner or maintainer is notified and refuses to secure the same.

Sec. 2. It is hereby declared unlawful for any person to bathe in the river or creeks within the boundaries of the city in the daytime without a suit covering their entire body from elbows and necks to knees.

Sec. 3. It is ordered that privilege taxes shall be collected for the year ending May 1899, to-wit: from each peddler offering for sale any description of manufactured goods, jewelry, tinware, dry goods of any description, gegaws, nick nacks \$15.00 a year or \$5.00 a week. From each shooting gallery, billiard table, bowling alley, pool table or any other game, with or without a name, run for hire, or in a house used for or connected with a hotel or restaurant five dollars a year or two dollars a week. For every company, troupe or persons giving entertainments other than for charitable or educational purposes and then at the discretion and under the supervision of the Mayor, a license of \$3.00 for each entertainment. On every book agent \$3.00 per week. The above taxes to be paid immediately upon demand in advance.

Sec. 4. Any person or persons being duly summoned to appear before Mayor's court at a stated time neglects to obey said summons shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 5. Persons congregating, loitering or using profane, vulgar or boisterous language upon the sidewalks or public places, shall upon order of the city marshal immediately disperse, and such person or persons not obeying said orders shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 6. It is unlawful for any person to tease, tantalize and incite to use profane, obscene (sic) language any person or persons.

Sec. 7. It is further ordered that all persons cleaning lots in the city Cemetery be required to remove all rubbish and litter outside of the City Cemetery. For the violation of any part of the foregoing Ordinance, of any person shall upon submission or conviction pay a fine of not less than \$1, nor more than \$3, and costs.

Ordinance No. 3

Section 1. It is hereby declared a nuisance for any person or persons to be found in any of the streets or in any public place within the city limits intoxicated or making themselves a nuisance. The use of profane, abusive or vulgar (sic) language, the indecent exposure of their person, or being engaged in an affray or any other disorderly conduct is prohibited.

Sec. 2. It is further declared unlawful to interfere with the hook and ladder truck or anything pertaining to the same or the building in which the same is housed. Neither shall any person deface, injure or remove any of the benches in Franklin Square and the same apply to what is known as the "Garrison". It is further declared a misdemeanor for any person to carry concealed weapons of any description within the city limits.

Sec. 3. It is hereby declared a misdemeanor, for any person or persons to drive horses or vehicles of any kind, on part of the lot of ground known as "the Garrison".

Sec. 4. In order to secure accurate mortuary statistics of the City of Southport, N. C. it is hereby declared a misdemeanor for any person or persons to bury or carry off for burial the body of any person dying within its limits without first obtaining a burial certificate from the clerk of the board of Aldermen of the City of South-

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port, N. C., who shall keep a record of all deaths that may occur within the city, and who shall make report to the Board of Aldermen at their regular monthly meetings, and transmit a copy of said report to the secretary of the State Board of Health upon the first day of each and every month.

For the violation of any of the foregoing Ordinances, any person shall upon submission or conviction pay a fine of not less than \$1, nor more than \$10, and costs.