

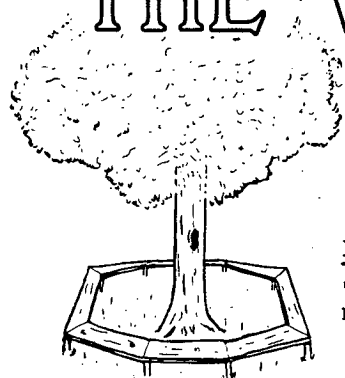
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FIRST MEETING OF 1985:

January 24 is the initial meeting of 1985, and is scheduled for 7:30 P. M. in the Board Room of the Public Library. Dorcas W. Schmidt will speak on the subject of the cemeteries of Southport and the book about them.

DUES AGAIN: Just as the coming of the New Year reminds us who are procrastinators to pay our real estate taxes, it also necessitates asking for the 1985 Society dues. After ten years our dues rate remains virtually unchanged. How many other items can you say that about? You can bring your check to the meeting on the 24th or mail it to Mrs. Pauline Swain, Treasurer, at P.O.Box 10130, Southport.

MORSE CEMETERY CLEANUP: This Cemetery, located behind the First Apostolic Church on W. West St., is looking so much better, thanks to the hard work and equipment furnished by Dan Harrelson and his assistant. They, at the Society's request, spent lots of time cleaning up the debris from Hurricane Diana and uprooting and removing the volunteer trees and vines which had almost taken over the old cemetery. The City Manager has indicated that the City might assume responsibility for its upkeep in the future - a happy solution, we think.

THE OLD SHELL GAME: Before the coming of paved roads to Southport, a frequent topic for the Southport Board of Aldermen's consideration was the purchase of sea and oyster shells to be placed on the city's streets. Minutes of the Feb. 26, 1896 meeting, quoted in this issue, show that the price was reasonable - certainly in comparison to current paving costs!

HELP WANTED! Once again you are reminded that your contributions to this publication would be welcome.

"At a special meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held Feb. 26th to open bids for finishing shells to City. The following were present

E. H. Cranmer, Mayor
E. F. Gordon :
S. W. LeheW : Aldermen
J. F. Arnold ;

The following bids were received

James Stanley	\$2.60 per hundred bus.
Wm. S. Hankins	2.50 per hundred bus.
O. S. Bell	2.60 per hundred bus.

Upon consideration it was decided that the Street Committee accept the shells from Wm. Hankins and others at the rate of \$2.50 per hundred bus.

Upon motion, the contract for furnishing the shells for City be commenced on or before Monday, March 2nd 1896 or contract will be void. On motion the Board adjourned.

E. F. Gordon, Clerk Pro Tem"

AND HOGS WERE A PROBLEM:

"Ordinance Relative to Keeping
Hogs Penned in City"

Be It Ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the city of Southport, that Section 11, Chapter 2, of the ordinances of the city of Southport, N. C., be amended as follows, viz:

That it shall be unlawful to keep or pen any live pig or hog within the limits of the city of Southport, except in that part of the city lying west of the Cape Fear road (now known as Howe Street extended) on the outside of the city fence; provided any pig or hog so kept or penned in said territory shall be kept or penned in a pen at least 200 feet from the said road and 200 feet beyond the city fence, which said pen shall be built with a floor at least ten inches

inches above the ground. Said pens shall be kept in good condition and it shall be the duty of the city marshal to inspect same at least once a week. Any person violating any provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be fined \$10.00.

T. B. Carr, Clerk

J. W. Ruark, Mayor

Adopted Oct. 9th, 1916"

AND THEN THERE WAS MUSIC! We quote here a song that was found among some of the old papers of Miss Annie May Woodside. There is at least one clue in the song as to when it was written. See if you can find it. Also, if anyone out there remembers singing it or knows when it was written, please call the editor.

SING OF SOUTHPORT (tune- Battle Hymn of the Republic)

In our safely land-locked harbor, we are nestled comfortably,
We can laugh at storms and tidal waves, for them we never see,
And the Grand Old Cape Fear River flows on by us to the sea.
Let the world go marching by.

CHORUS: Glory, Glory, sing of Southport, Glory, Glory sing of Southport,
Glory, Glory, sing of Southport, the City by the Sea.

There are good farms all around us, and there's game out in the wood,
And if we'll go and get it, we have plenty of seafood.
The Town is overflowing now with everything that's good.
Let the world go marching by.

CHORUS:

Our little Town is modern and it very up to date,
Electric lights and water works - the best in all the state.
And as for the location, sure, it is the "Ocean Gate".
Let the world go marching by.

The liveoaks in our city are a joy beyond compare,
And now we're planning for a park in lovely Franklin Square.
Then it will be a beauty spot for all to gather there.
Let the world go marching by.

CHORUS

We have churches where we worship, we have schools in which we learn.
A library we're proud of, with its books at every turn.
But our Woman's Club's the finest thing of all the things in Town.
Let the world go marching by.

(the paper from which this was copied had the initials "A.F.O.R.")