

Letter: Sheriff Not Protecting, Assisting Camp

Lack of protection or assistance from the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department is the subject of a letter addressed by the president of a boy's camp at Ocean Isle Beach to various public officials including Governor Robert W. Scott and the Commander of the State Highway Patrol.

Richard W. Jennings, president of Camp Atlantic, Inc., says he would like to have protection from the sheriff because the camp does pay taxes. He contends he is not receiving the service from the local law enforcement agency.

"We attract a great deal of favorable attention and business to Brunswick county each year," Jennings stated. People hear of Ocean Isle Beach in every state, according to Jennings, and he added that famous parents are attracted to the camp and send their children there.

Jennings forwarded a copy of the letter he wrote to the Commander of the North Carolina Highway Patrol. "It will tell the story quite completely," said the camp president.

The text of the letter:

"I have hesitated to write to you up to now regarding the problems we have had, and are still having at the above captioned intersection, hoping that we could get them cleared up locally. Our efforts have achieved nothing.

"We own a boys camp at this property, which last summer attracted boys and parents from over twenty-two different States and Europe to our State, and this section of the country.

"Our problem is this—we have been unable to get enforcement or prosecution on law breakers, most specifically, speeders, but also breakins and thefts. I would like to site some specific cases in point.

"I, at 5: A.M. a DRUNK lost his keys to his truck and was trying to get into various buildings where people were sleeping. I was awakened, and went to investigate. My main concern

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Huge Hole In The Ground

This is the site of the nuclear power plant being constructed by Brown & Root for Carolina Power and Light Company near Southport. Some idea of the size and depth of the excavation can be had from the giant draglines shown at the bottom of the 20-acre pit. (Photo by Spencer)

Four Die In Mishaps

Flaming Auto Wrecks Kill County Residents

Fiery one-car wrecks killed four Brunswick County residents, within two days including three persons who died early Saturday morning when the car of which they were occupants failed to negotiate a curve between Southport and Bolivia.

Fatalities of that wreck are Herman Elbert Johnson, 39, his wife Elizabeth Bright Johnson, 42, and Rufus Bellamy, 25, all of Rt. 1, Bolivia.

A Monday morning wreck near Shallotte killed Annie Mae Long, 47, of Rt. 1 Ash.

The car in which the three Bolivia residents were killed apparently was traveling at a high rate of speed, failed to negotiate the turn, went off the road and hit an embankment before coming to a stop close to a dirt road, according to investigators.

Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett of Shallotte said everything was burned. The car did not turn over. The three occupants were apparently knocked out upon impact as no apparent attempt was made to open the car doors, he said.

Trooper Bill Fulghum and Trooper Billy Jones, both stationed at Leland, said the car was still burning at 3 a.m. Saturday. Fulghum said that possibly the ignition system, or battery, caused gas fumes to ignite.

Failure to negotiate the curve was listed as the cause of the accident.

Fire Chief D.H. Hawes and fireman James F. Jones of the Bolivia Fire Department assisted in putting out the fire. The Winnabow Fire Department with

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New School Site Asked For Area

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in special session on Monday and heard three patrons from Bolivia, Bill Kopp, Johnny Mills and Roy Swain, and Attorney George Roundtree from Wilmington along with Arthur Greene from Boiling Springs Lakes discuss possible alternate site location for the Southern School to serve Bolivia and Southport.

Greene informed the board he is prepared to give between 50-55 acres of land for location of this school. The property is located midway between Highway No. 87 and Bolivia-Midway Road, adjacent to Corbett Lumber Company property. To gain access to this location the State Highway Department would need to construct a road leading to the school either from Highway 87 at Boiling Springs Lakes or from Bolivia-Midway road and/or both.

The Board agreed to inspect this property on Tuesday.

The following list of substitute teachers was approved: B.C.H.C.—Mattie Gore, JoAnn Lillard; Lincoln—Earlyne Rabon, Walter Best, Juanita Robinson; Shallotte—Iva V. Ward, Yvonne Gore, Robert Galloway; Southport—Bari K. Ennis, Jeannine Snipes, Gloria Walls; Union—Mrs. Mary Hughes Bliss, Mrs. Ola R. Johnson, Mrs. Frances T. Sullivan, Mrs. Marjorie Kelley, Miss Vernessa Grissett, Mrs. Vella Stephens Milligan, Mrs. Polly Milligan, Miss Ida M. Jennette, Miss Mary Alice Stanley, Mrs. Lettie M. Clarida.

Contracts were granted to the following teachers: Southport—Alberta R. McLeod (interim teacher); Waccamaw—Janie McCracken (interim teacher).

The board agreed to allow sale of the Shallotte School vehicle, a 1969 Chevrolet Station Wagon. Board members granted extension renewal of certificate of deposit for six months at Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Southport.

Kirby Sullivan, school board attorney, informed the board that deeds for the Northern School have been properly recorded and executed. He also stated that deed and necessary maps and forms for the Western School site have been submitted to International Paper Company for final action.

The board reviewed all plans for the consolidated schools submitted by Jack Croft, school architect.

Farm Bureaus Ask Repeal Of Cigarette Tax

B.C. Mangum, president of the North Carolina Farm Bureau, has vowed a vigorous campaign on behalf of his organization in the coming months toward repeal of the state's two-cent cigarette tax, a simmering subject since its enactment by the past General Assembly.

"With organization and planning, I honestly believe we can win," said Ira L. Chadwick, president of the Brunswick County Farm Bureau today.

"We need to stick together. All farmers need to organize and speak with the voice of the farmer."

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County To Lose Federal Aid? SEDC Status Threatened

An "ax" hangs over ten southeastern North Carolina counties and it threatens to cut-off some federal support and dissolve an agency that has attempted to unite the area.

The government plans to establish multi-county regions in North Carolina to "facilitate programs, administration, planning and development at a scale beyond the jurisdiction of individual cities or counties."

The section proposed for southeastern North Carolina divide into three parts the existing, 10-county Southeastern Economic Development

All county commissioners were given a prepared resolution asking that the multi-county region in this area include the same counties currently a part of

SEDC. The resolution is expected to be presented for consideration to the Brunswick County commissioners at their next meeting.

This county was represented by Mrs. A. P. Henry, Jr., SEDC secretary, at a Thursday night meeting called by SEDC. Other counties included in the SEDC are Brunswick, Bladen, New Hanover, Pender, Sampson, Robeson, Cumberland, Scotland and Hoke.

The proposed multi-county arrangement would include Columbus, Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties in one region; Bladen, Robeson, Sampson and Cumberland, plus Harnett, counties in another; and place Hoke and Scotland in a region including Lee, Moore, Richmond and Montgomery counties.

SEDC chairman Mason Hicks of Fayetteville said the group would be "essentially out of business" unless the participating counties take action that would keep them together.

The 1969 General Assembly enacted legislation directing the Department of Administration, through the State Planning Division, to work with other public and private organizations in preparing a uniform set of



JOHN BRAY

Commission Job Sought By Bray

John H. Bray has announced that he will seek the Republican nomination for Brunswick County Commissioner from Smithville township.

Bray was born in Winston-Salem on February 10, 1937, and attended schools in Stokes and Yadkin Counties. He served in the U.S. Air Force and came to Brunswick County in 1963. He is the owner of Western Auto Associate Store and co-owner of Carolina Heating and Air Conditioning Company of Southport. He is a past president of the Brunswick County Shrine Club. He and his wife, Shannon, and their three children live in Southport and are members of the Southport Baptist Church.

A former Democrat, Bray says he feels that Brunswick county has not progressed under Democrat leadership and

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Local Hospital Receives Grant

Appropriations amounting to \$1,829,264 were paid to hospitals and child care institutions in North Carolina and South Carolina last week by The Duke Endowment.

Dosher Memorial Hospital in Southport received \$1,413 from this appropriation.

Announcement of the distribution was made Wednesday by James R. Felts, Jr., executive director of the Hospital and Child Care sections of The Endowment.

Hospitals are receiving checks totaling \$1,231,240, consisting of \$908,894 for assistance in operating expenses—based on \$1 a day for each day of free care in the fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30, 1969—and \$322,346 as reimbursement for participation in Hospital Administrative Services (HAS) of Chicago, Ill., and Professional Activity Study (PAS) of the Commission on Professional and Hospital Activities of Ann Arbor, Mich. Since 1966, these services, which compile and distribute comparative financial and statistical information on a current monthly basis, have been made available to hospitals assisted by The Endowment. It is reimbursing them for the entire cost until Sept. 30 of this year when it will begin to withdraw at the rate of 10 per

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Sencland Community Action

The most common cause of poverty is the inability of poor people to deal with problems concerning education, health and economics. "Enable poor people to help themselves," said Sencland Community Action, Inc., Executive Director Charles H. Mumford, "and society benefits."

It began in 1966.

That year, in accordance with the Economic Opportunity Act, a basic staff was employed to lay the foundation of Sencland Community Action, Inc., an agency intended to "eradicate the causes of poverty" in this area. By eliminating the causes, reason dictated, the effects would be removed.

The first step was to locate "target areas" where poverty was most concentrated. There were 49 areas selected by the workers: 21 in Columbus County, 14 each in Bladen and Brunswick.

Next, workers surveyed residents of these "target areas" to find out what the needs were. During the survey, 3,722 homes

Hit Or Miss?

A series by Ed Harper, staff writer

Brunswick counties, and it showed signs of perpetuating itself.

Other information gathered in the survey indicated willingness of the poor families to help themselves. Two-thirds were dissatisfied with their community and offered suggestions how it could be improved, and 72 percent replied they would plant vegetables if land were available.

But they had little land themselves. One-third replied they owned no land and another

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Pretty Student Has Solo Flight

A pretty, 17-year-old high school junior from Southport who earned the money for her flying lessons recently made her solo flight at SENCLAND Air Park at Brunswick County Airport.

The young lady is Leslie Zachary, who looks more like a stewardess trainee than a girl going after her private pilot license. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Zachary of Yaupon Beach and for the past two years has written a regular column of school news for this newspaper.

As a matter of fact, Leslie soloed on February 5, which is five days before her 17th birthday. That may qualify her as the youngest person in Brunswick county to make a solo flight, and there is little doubt that she is the youngest girl to qualify.

The young aviatrix confesses to a long standing fascination with airplanes. "I used to hang around the airport and hope somebody would ask me to go for a ride", she said, although she really had not logged too much flying time prior to taking her lessons. She never has made a commercial flight.

Last summer when she was working in the office of Dr. C.R. Conrad she was exposed to a lot of talk about flying, and it resulted in her decision to take instruction from her employer,

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Student Pilot Solos
Leslie Zachary, 17-year-old Southport girl, is shown here in the cockpit of the Cessna 172 in which she recently completed her solo flight. Her instructor, Jimmie Smith, is seated beside her. (Photo by Spencer)

Time And Tide

Back in 1940 bookmobile service for Brunswick county was inaugurated on a trial basis in a cooperative venture between the Board of Education and the WPA. Its duration was 8 weeks; the cause of its termination was lack of funds. This information comes from the February 21 edition of that year. The big headline of the week was news that the bodies of James and Gilbert Creech had been recovered after they had drowned while tending their fishing nets. James Fraser had made application to the U.S. Engineers for permission to dredge a slip adjacent to the Intracoastal Waterway at Southport.

REA uses in Brunswick had received their bill for their first month's electric service and not one kick had been registered. There were reports that shad fishing had been poor thus far that season; the Southport High School Safety Patrol had blossomed out in new uniforms; and Alice Faye (now Mrs. Phil Harris) was the star of "Little Old New York", the show of the week.

In the late winter of 1945 Herman Stanaland, Shallotte business man, was buying shrimp trawlers and had added three 53-foot vessels to his fleet. The honor roll for Southport High School appeared on page 1 of the February 21 issue and Richard Brendle was the only student from the eighth grade to make it. Dedication ceremonies were scheduled for the following Sunday at Antioch Baptist Church, where a handsome brick building had been completed.

Plans were announced for a rapid post-war expansion of REA services throughout Brunswick county. Elsewhere in that issue of The Pilot there was talk of "when the war ends", but the time was not yet. There appeared on the editorial page a new column "Wise and Otherwise", which had interesting accounts of the visit of the Marlowe brothers, Robert and Ed, from duty with the U.S. Navy, as well as a report of recent Valentine activities in the community.

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Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

Thursday, February 26,	
10:39 a.m.	5:10 a.m.
11:15 p.m.	5:10 p.m.
Friday, February 27,	
11:27 a.m.	5:58 a.m.
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Saturday, February 28,	
0:09 a.m.	6:58 a.m.
12:21 p.m.	6:52 p.m.
Sunday, March 1,	
1:15 a.m.	8:04 a.m.
1:27 p.m.	8:04 p.m.
Monday, March 2,	
2:33 a.m.	9:16 a.m.
2:45 p.m.	9:22 p.m.
Tuesday, March 3,	
3:45 a.m.	10:22 a.m.
3:57 p.m.	10:28 p.m.
Wednesday, March 4,	
4:45 a.m.	11:22 a.m.
5:03 p.m.	11:34 p.m.



D.H. Hawes of Bolivia, formerly of the staff of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. at Shallotte, has joined the staff at the Southport branch as assistant cashier.