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## County Voters Go To Polls Tuesday

Next Tuesday, 13,161 registered Brunswick County voters will be eligible to select a board of commissioners and a register of deeds, and to help choose office holders on the district, state and national levels.

Up for grabs are offices from the courthouse to the White House. Republicans are the incumbents on the county and national levels, Democrats on the district and state, and the out-of-office party is fighting to get back in. Brunswick County politics are as vigorous this year as any time in history.

Durward Clark, the elected Democrat in the county, seeks re-election as register of deeds but he must defeat

Arthur Knox for the post. The incumbent board of commissioners (William A. Kopp, Jr., Vardell Hughes, Robert Simmons, John Bray and J. T. Clemmons) is challenged by Democrats Lonnie McKoy, Jr., John Reaves, gee, Jr., Wayland Vereen and W. A. Stanley, Jr.

There are six townships in Brunswick County but only five available seats on the county board, and no township can be represented by more than one commissioner. Hughes is the only candidate from Waccamaw Township and McKoy the only hopeful from Northwest; Kopp and McGee are seeking the Town Creek post; Bray and Vereen are vying for the Smithville

Township board seat; Simmons and Stanley for the Shallotte Township post; and Clemmons and Reaves, Lockwood Folly.

The top five vote-getters of the county are elected if no two of the leaders are from the same township.

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
Brunswick and Pender counties are represented by a single member of the N. C. House of Representatives. Thomas Harrelson, incumbent representative of the old Brunswick-Columbus-Bladen district, is challenged by Jimmy Prevatte, a Southport attorney. Harrelson is a merchant here.

The county will be represented in the N. C. Senate by either Democrat Arthur Williamson or Republican J. W. Suggs. Both Columbus County men have been candidates in Brunswick County races before: Williamson was defeated by Harrelson for the House seat in a controversial election two years ago and Suggs was a candidate in that same contest.

The Senatorial district also includes Bladen County.

**STATE CONTESTS**

Candidates for governor "Skipper" Bowles, Democrat, and Jim Holshouser are waging a tight battle for the state's top post, and Democrat Jim Hunt now appears to be in a tough battle for the lieutenant governor post against Republican Johnny Walker. Other state races include Superintendent of Public Instruction; incumbent Democrat Craig Phillips and Carl Ray Eagle; Commissioner of Labor; Democrat Billy Creel and Frederick Webber; Commissioner of Insurance; Democrat John Ingram and C. M. Douglas; Commissioner of Agriculture; incumbent Democrat Jim Graham and Kenneth Roberson; Attorney General; incumbent Democrat Robert Morgan and Nicholas Smith; State Auditor; incumbent Democrat Edwin Gill and Norman Shronce; Secretary of State; incumbent Democrat Thad Eure and Grace Jamison Rohrer.

**CONGRESS SEATS**

Democrat Nick Galifianakis, who has paid several visits to Brunswick County in his campaign for a U. S. Senate post, can expect a strong challenge from Republican Jesse Helms. In the race for the 7th District seat in the U. S. House of Representatives, Democrat Charlie Rose ordinarily would expect an easy win over

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THE GREEN SWAMP, that forbidding piece of real estate in Brunswick County, is not always the ugly marshland it is made out to be. Deer scurrying for cover, wild flowers blooming or

the sun setting over a barren field show a beauty not many of us ever see.

## Election Office Open

Hubert Bellamy, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections, has announced that the board office at Bolivia will be open during regular hours Monday and throughout the day Tuesday until 7:30 p. m. to answer any questions which may come from officials at any of the polling places in Brunswick County.

At 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Board of Elections activities will be transferred to the Agriculture Building at Supply where election returns will be received and tabulated.

"I feel that we have a highly competent staff of election officials to serve at the various polling places on Tuesday," Bellamy said. "We do not anticipate any unusual developments, but should any arise we will be available to give them the advice of Election Board officials."

## Lady Hopeful Politics Here

Mrs. Grace Rohrer, the only woman candidate for a Council of State office in the upcoming general election, spent Saturday in Brunswick County doing what she does best, making personal contact with the voters.

But realistically, Mrs. Rohrer admitted, "North Carolina is a big state, so big it frightens me when I realize how impossible it is to cover it effectively in personal appearances. So, I accept invitations where I receive them and rely on newspaper and television coverage to help tell people about my candidacy."

Mrs. Rohrer is running against Thad Eure for Secretary of State and admits she has a hard job cut out for her. "He's the most established of the establishments," she says of the

veteran state official. She has made a study of the duties of the office which he now holds and has no doubt about being able to perform its duties.

As a matter of fact, she has some idea on how present services from the office of the Secretary of State might be improved.

"Since the Board of Elections comes under this office," she says, "I think this would be a good place to start. There is much improvement to be made in our election process here in North Carolina."

She cited more realistic reports of campaign contributions and expenditures as one area of need.

Mrs. Rohrer possesses an impressive professional background as an educator and as a politician. She is

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## Board Learns Of Drug Abuse

The Brunswick County board of education met recently in a special session to hear Robert Frye, coordinator of the drug training project for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, outline approaches to the drug abuse problem occurring across the state.

The meeting also was attended by William Sue of Leland, board member-elect.

Frye told the board that all approaches to solving the drug problem have merit; however, none indicates a cure for drug abuse. Special emphasis was placed on the following approaches: peer relations, teaching methods in sense of values across the total curriculum, teaching methods in problem-solving and decision-making throughout the curriculum, and special curriculum in health education covering the total health program.

Frye stated that the success of any program depends

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## Bridge Could Be Open For Traffic May, 1974

The Oak Island bridge, put out of commission last September when struck by an Intracoastal Waterway barge, could be open for vehicular travel by May 1, 1974, according to a report received this morning from the State Highway Commission office in Raleigh.

The proposed opening date is contingent on approval of the bridge-building contract by the Commission on December 7. Bids for the estimated \$4 million project

will be open November 21 in Raleigh.

If the low bid is accepted by the State Highway Commission, the contractor would be able to commence work January 15, the spokesman noted.

Final completion date, as noted in the invitation for bids, is October 1, 1974, but the high-level span could be open several months before that because finishing touches (like handrails, etc.) could be added without in-

terfering with bridge traffic.

"We are trying to have the bridge ready for use by the peak tourist season in 1974," the State Highway Commission representative noted. Should the Commission reject the low bid, however, the invitation for bids would have to be re-advertised.

According to the spokesman, the State Highway Commission has its own engineers who have compiled an estimate of what the new structure would cost. The figures will not be revealed until after the bids are opened Nov. 21, and if the totals are very much out-of-line some refiguring will be necessary, both by the contractors and by the state.

"That would put the date of completion back, of course,"

said the spokesman.

The Oak Island bridge, the only link between the beaches and the mainland, was demolished the day-after-Labor Day, 1971, when hit by a barge-tug combination in the early morning. No vehicular travel was possible for several days, but a ferry was put into service to ease the problem, then a one-lane, floating bridge was installed at the former bridge site. Beach residents are not happy, but the tourist trade was not hurt as much as many expected.

The new bridge, which will have a 90-foot vertical clearance to make opening for Intracoastal Waterway traffic unnecessary, will be located just west of the present temporary crossing.

## Long Beach Meeting

## Town Park Is Proposed

The Long Beach town council has voted to amend an old ordinance and increase the town's planning board from five to seven members.

"We will have five members who are residents and two who are taxpayers but who don't live here all the time," said Town Manager Edward Liggett.

He explained that the board was formed to create long-range planning projects. The board is now dealing with any undeveloped property usage, and any plans for undeveloped property usage, and any plans for undeveloped property would have to be cleared by the board first.

Other duties of the planning commission will be the selection of certain streets as bicycle routes, and the study of a possible future town swimming pool.

Another project that Liggett said the planning board may study involves the planting of potted palms along Ocean Blvd., the beach's main street.

In other business, the town council followed the zoning board's recommendations on certain pieces of property.

Several residents were granted permission to make alteration to their homes. A duplex apartment permit was denied the potential builder because he failed to attend the meeting to answer questions.

Another permit was denied for the building of a 12-unit apartment complex because there had been no inspection of the site by the Health Department. Town Manager Liggett said the area was low and could pose drainage or septic tank problems.

The chairman of the town Recreation Committee reported the group is waiting for work from HUD on a \$10,000 grant to help build a city park.

Work has been done on the park behind town hall. "The town brought the property required and the land has been filled and graded," Liggett said. He said the

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## ESEA Title I Council Named

Mrs. Frances B. Stone, assistant superintendent in charge of federal programs, has announced the appointment of the ESEA Title I advisory council for Brunswick County schools.

The newly-appointed members are Mrs. Yvonne Bright of Leland, Mrs. Henry Sloan of Leland, Mrs. Kathleen Holden of Supply, Mrs. Gay Stanley of Shallotte, Mrs. Aileen Bryant of Bolivia, Mrs. Dorothy Gardner of Bolivia, Mrs. Cheryl Watts of Southport and Mrs. Marcelane Formyduval of Ash.

The council held an organizational meeting on Monday at the A. V. Center in Bolivia. Officers elected to serve during the 1972-73 school year are Mrs. Bright, chairman; Mrs. Watts, recording secretary; and

Mrs. Holden, corresponding secretary.

Mrs. Stone presented an overview of the purposes and objectives of the Title I project, and other Title I staff members discussed their individual duties and responsibilities in helping to reach the stated objectives. A question and answer session, which followed the discussion, gave council members an opportunity to learn more about federal guidelines and specific details of the current Title I project. Each member was provided with a copy of the 1973 project and an evaluation of the 1972 project.

The purpose of the advisory council is to insure parental and community involvement in the organization and planning of ESEA, Title I programs in Brunswick County schools.



SECRETARY OF STATE Republican candidate Mrs. Grace Rohrer was in Southport campaigning this week in preparation for

Tuesday's general election. The Winston-Salem candidate, the only woman seeking a high state office, will try to unseat incumbent Thad Eure.