

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Growth Problems Predicted By Early Beach Developer

To the editor:  
After reading the article on the development and growth of the Brunswick County area, specifically the beaches, in 1984, I had to reflect on what my late mother and father would have thought of this growth. I'm certain that this article in the Dec. 27 issue of your paper would have made them feel proud to have been a member of the community in which they lived and worked for some 20 years.

One of the primary reasons my father and mother moved from Durham to Shallotte in 1947 was to help develop Holden Beach, and provide much needed dental services in that area.

They would have been particularly

interested in the building of the new bridge to Holden Beach. One of the dreams they had for the beach was a modern, safe bridge that would be able to handle the traffic that would come in the future through economic development. My father worked hard to get the present bridge that was built in 1953, along with many others who aided in his effort.

Many of the problems associated with the growth of Holden Beach was predicted by him in the earlier years of his effort to help develop the beach.

I'm referring to the present problem of access to the beach front by property owners and the public. In the initial planning for the beach, he provided for this access, in the property he owned and developed, in the form of streets and accessways to the beach front.

He was also concerned about beach erosion and, as a member of the State Commission of Rivers and Harbors, tried to help alleviate this problem in whatever way he could. He often put the interests of the local community ahead of his own.

The hard work and interests that my parents put into the local community, as well as many others, certainly have been rewarded through the efforts of others before and they they became involved. What the community is today is a real tribute to the sacrifice and effort of those who made it possible.

I wish for you and your paper a Happy New Year and continued success for the coming year as one of those factors responsible for the growth of the Brunswick County area.

R. Hal Holden  
Matthews

CEDAR GROVE AREA NEWS

## Holiday Visitors Entertained

BY MATTIE HEWETT

Happy New Year to all of you as we bid farewell to '84. Although we've had our ups and downs, we have a lot to be thankful for, especially the experiences that brought us closer together for one purpose—to love and respect others. A battle is much easier to win when the majority is on your side. Let's keep it that way.



### Comings And Goings

Among holiday visitors returning to their homes are Emerson and Vernita Fullwood and daughters, Erika and baby Elise, of Fairfield, Connecticut. Emerson, a longtime Zerex employee is region marketing manager for the Northeast, with an office in Greenwich, Connecticut.

The Frank S. Fullwoods enjoyed having their son and his family home as well as their daughter, Christine, and husband, William Prioleau of Corona, N.Y.

The family joined the Dolphus Bryants and others for a celebration dinner at Jane's Seafood Restaurant at Holden Beach.

Having lots of fun at home for Christmas was Ma. Gwendolyn Fullwood of Decatur, Georgia. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fullwood, were happy to see her.

The James Hewetts happily welcomed their children home for the holidays. They are Mr. and Mrs. Kent R. Hewett and son, Russell, of Newport News, Virginia, and Mrs. Carol Riley of New Haven, Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Hewett and sons of Newport News, Virginia, were recently home visiting Mrs. Hattie F. Chatman and other family members.

The Hewett sisters, Elmina and daughter, Rene, Kate and daughter, Doneese, Naomi and Shelia, Derwin and Devon, have all returned to their homes in New York after spending Christmas at home with their brothers and sisters, Lee A., Sam, Wesley, Percy, Edna, Rosanne and Louise and William and their families.

### Anniversary Celebrated

Howard and Edith Bodley of Pensacola, Florida celebrated their 24th anniversary December 19. The Bodleys, accompanied by their children, Kenneth, Katrina and Kim, had a lovely Christmas here with their relatives. They stopped over with the Willie Bates family.

Others celebrating wedding anniversaries include Lofton and Barbara Hewett, Dolphus and Christabelle Bryant, Carnell and Jean Hewett, Dec. 24, James and Leitha Hewett, Dec. 29, and David and Beulah Gore, Dec. 29.

### Birthday Greetings

Happy birthday to Eric Lovett, Jan. 1, Terry Rogers, Minnie Baker (N.Y.), Jan. 2, Emerson Fullwood, Shanette Hewett, Mayfield Hewett, Jan. 3, Elbert Gore, Jan. 4, Barbara Hewett, Kim Bernard, Collene Gore and Cathryn Hewett.

### This Week's Bible Verse

"I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13.

### Tune In

Tune in WVCB Radio in Shallotte Thursday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 10:15 a.m. for the Cedar Grove area news and on Sunday at 3:30 p.m. for Moments of Inspiration gospel program.

## Don't Endorse Ignorance

To the editor:  
After deciding to go to college in Massachusetts, I felt somewhat intimidated that my fellow classmates would have had a better quality of high school education because 1.) I came from a rural school system and 2.) I came from a rural school system in the South.

However, my fears were alleviated after my first semester of college. For the people who say the quality of high school education is poor, I disagree with them. To my teachers at my alma mater, West Brunswick High School, I owe them a big thank you. The teachers in high school prepared me quite well for college.

The quality of high school education does not frighten me. However, the quality of college education does. If I may shift gears, I would like to explain this.

During the recent presidential elections, the issue of education was not brought beyond the imagery and illusions and discussed thoroughly.

Under the present administration there has been reductions in the amount of financial aid to students and funding to colleges and universities. Basic educational opportunity grants, supplemental educational opportunity grants and national direct student loans have suffered greatly by extreme cuts.

The present administration also went as far as calling for abolishment of the Department of Education.

All of this cutting will bring America back to the time when education was only open to the economic elite; thus eventually reducing the quality of education on the college level.

So you ask, "What can I do now?" Well, one task we can all do since a new secretary of education must be appointed to replace the outgoing T. Bell, is to contact our senators and congressmen and ask them to vote for a secretary who is in favor of educational opportunity for anyone regardless of socio-economic status.

If we want our country to be pro-

sperous we cannot endorse ignorance.

Curtis D. Holder  
(student at Clark University)  
Route 2, Shallotte

## Holiday Brighter

To the editor:  
We would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Home Missions during the holiday season, making over 300 families have a better Christmas in 1984.

School students gave food and toys, sharing their Christmas with others. Many clubs, churches and individuals gave money, fruit, clothes and shoes to make the holiday season brighter for those less fortunate.

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## Marsh Patrol Beneficial To Man

One of the familiar scenes over the marsh these days is that of the marsh hawk as it slowly patrols in search of prey. Flying low, close to the marsh grass, makes it possible to surprise field mice, rabbits, rats, and other small animals and enables the marsh hawk to drop down quickly to seize its food. Usually the marsh hawk eats its food where it catches its prey and seldom flies away with it. This is just one of the interesting hawks we have in Brunswick County and is one of the beneficial birds helping to contribute to the "balance of nature".

Sometimes called Rabbit Hawk or Mouse Hawk, the Marsh Hawk is about 18-24 inches in length with a wing spread of 40-54 inches. Sometimes it appears larger because of the wings and tail. Males are generally dark gray bluish on the back and females are dark brown. The underparts are buffy white with some light brown markings. Both are easy to identify by the white rump patch at the base of the tail and this distinctive marking can be seen while the bird is flying. This hawk nests on the ground in open, grassy areas. It is not often seen perched. While this hawk will eat birds in the marsh such as marsh hens or Clapper Rails, its usual diet is small rodents and rabbits. Some believe the marsh hawk to have keener hearing than other hawks. Their disk-shaped, owl-like faces may help amplify sounds.

There are two large hawks with



Bill Faver

broad wings and broad, rounded tails in our area. One of these soars in high, wide circles over woods and fields seeming to ride the air currents as it searches for its food. This Red-Tailed Hawk is identified by its brick-red tail feathers which can be seen as it flies. The Red-Tailed Hawk has a wing spread of 46-56 inches and is about 19-25 inches in length. This bird nest is on pines or oaks, sometimes as low as 15 ft., but usually much higher up to 75 ft. Nests are



about 2 1/2 feet in diameter, made of sticks, leaves, moss, and other materials. Two speckled white eggs are laid in early spring. Food consists mostly of small rodents and rabbits. Birds make up less than 10 percent of its food based on examinations of stomachs which found reptiles, crayfish, frogs, and lizards in addition to its usual food.

The Red-Shouldered Hawk is smaller than the Red-Tailed, about 17-19 inches long. A reddish patch on the shoulder of its wing gives the name and is the best mark for identification. Its tail is black above, mouse gray beneath with five narrow crossbars that are white. Underparts are pinkish buff barred with light brown. Usually this hawk nests in a crotch or fork of a limb. Eggs are dull white with splashes of reddish-brown. Its thin, high pitched call is often mimicked by the Blue Jays. It, too, soars over the fields but will perch for long periods. Food for the Red-Shouldered Hawk is mammals, snakes, lizards, frogs, and some insects.

These three large hawks are beneficial to man as they perform the marsh patrol or soar over the fields and forests controlling populations of rodents, reptiles, small mammals, and birds. They are an important part of the natural food chain and the scheme of things. They are protected by law from hunting and need to be considered by all of us as valued friends in Brunswick County.

## State To Extend Turn Lane To Woodburn Area

An extended left-turn lane, but no stoplights for the Leland shopping district west of the U.S. 74-76 interchange are included in the state's Transportation Improvement Program for the years 1985-1994.

Construction of the improvements in the Leland-Woodburn area should begin next year, with a project cost of about \$31,000.

The state proposes to widen S.R. 1472 (Village Road) west of the interchange from a point 150 feet east of S.R. 1462 (Fairview Road) to a point two-tenths mile west of S.R. 1437 (Old Fayetteville Road) just past the Sandpiper Restaurant to provide a left-turn lane. S.R. 1472 will also get an asphalt topcoating from S.R. 1484 (Clairmont Road) to a point two-

tenths mile west of S.R. 1437 and existing left-turn lanes will be remarked.

About three months ago, Leland residents met at the county complex with DOT District Engineer Ted Funderburk and Commissioner Franky Thomas to discuss whether lights were needed near the Parker's and Wilson's food stores at Leland.

"What the people really wanted was a stoplight," said Thomas. But Thomas said putting a

stoplight at the suggested location wouldn't resolve the traffic problem because the shopping center exits are unmatched and don't form an intersection. The same problem exists, he continued, at the intersection of the Old Fayetteville and Navassa roads.

"The Leland area has always been anti-incorporation, no organized growth, no orderly growth, and I don't see any plans for it in the future," he said. "It's a shame."

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