Educational Foundation Meets Board's Approval

Brunswick County Board of Education members Doug Baxley and Jane Causey were appointed Monday night to a committee that will establish guidelines for a Brunswick County Educational Foundation.

unanimous vote, board members agreed to establish the foundation to help finance certain programs and projects within the school system. Others will be named to the committee later.

At its January meeting, the board delayed taking action on the request to establish the joundation that Superintendent Gene Yarbrough said

Board of Education, Six school districts in the state have foundations to receive funds from different organizations that may be used for a variety of programs, he added.

"It's similar to what Brunswick Technical College has established," Yarbrough said. "It will have a taxexempt status that will encourage people to donate. Many donors would like to remain anonymous, but can't if they give directly to the school system. Then it's a matter of public

Attorney Clann Peterson said the board of trustees would "carry out

tion and administer the endowment funds." Therefore, the school board would have control over the funds and predetermine where they will be spent, he added.

Energy Controls

The board also accepted a proposal Monday from A.E. LeBlanc Inc. of Raleigh to install energy management equipment in all 11 county schools. LeBlanc submitted the low bid among three companies, including Carefree Inc. and Johnson Controls, in costs of equipment and projected annual energy savings for the schools, school business manager

Samuel Adcock said.

According to the bids, LeBlanc's equipment would cost \$241,236 with a guaranteed annual savings of \$121,308. Carefree Inc. proposed \$369,945 in equipment costs and \$128,850 in savings while Johnson bidded \$296,602 in costs and \$46,700 in savings. Cost of the equipment would come from the guaranteed savings on utility bills, Adcock said.

The board agreed to draft a letter of intent to enter into a contract with LeBlanc, with details of the agreement still to be worked out.

The board also agreed to pay tap-

Primary, Leland Middle and North Brunswick High Schools to receive water from the Leland Sanitary District.

According to plant operations supervisor Bill Turner, an additional \$125 fee for each school will be paid at a later date. The sanitary district will run two-inch main water lines to each school but it will be up to the schools to run lines from the main line to the buildings, Turner said.

Yarbrough said checks have already been written and sent to the canitary district for approval

Building Fees

Assistant Superintendent P.R. Hankins told the board Monday that the county's user fees for school buildings are in line with those charged by neighboring counties.

At the January meeting, a Supply resident asked the board to drop the user fees, saying they created a hardship on some organizations wishing to use the facility.

Such fees are used to pay utility costs and janitor or custodial salaries, Hankins said. Hankins said for-profit groups are charged the most to discourage them from relying on the schools as a meeting site.

In New Hanover County, non-profit groups are allowed to use the buildings free of charge, but county commissioners appropriate funds to cover their costs, said Linden Mathews-Boone, community schools coordinator.

"I'm not saying the fee schedule couldn't be improved," she added. All counties are re-evaluating their fee scales because they're going through the same problems."

Other Business In other business, the board:

·Asked that Yarbrough meet with County Manager Billy Carter to discuss the county's lease of the old Waccamaw Elementary School building.

·Approved a salary proposal to increase non-certified employees' salaries by one step for every two or three steps they are behind on the scale. Adcock said. Adcock said the increase represents "a little less than half the need." Cost for raising the salaries as funds become available would be \$3,035 per month, or \$15,175 for five months.

· Authorized Adcock to make provisions in the 1985-86 budget for non-certified salary adjustments as funds become available. Job descriptions for all non-certified employees will also be established.

·Approved a one-year contract with Turlington and Flowers Comp. to perform the schools' 1985 audit report. Five practices in accounting the company recommended last year



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Review Held For Commissioners

Two Brunswick County commissioners attended a program review held by the Brunswick County Agricultural Extension Service Thursday night for the board of commissioners.

Commissioners Jim Poole and Frankie Rabon represented the board, accompanied by County Manager Billy Carter and County Attorney David Clegg.

R.C. Wells, associate director of the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service, was the guest speaker from the state extension administration.

A slide-tape presentation, "Bridge To The People," gave commisioners an overview of all the programs coordinated by local extension services in conjunction with the state's two landgrant universities, N.C. State University at Raleigh and N.C. A&T University at Greensboro.

County Extension Chairman Milton Coleman discussed the local staff and their assigned duties and Shallotte businessman Wilton Harrelson described the cooperative relationship between agribusiness and the extension service.

Other participants included Wallace Smith, chairman of the extension advisory leadership council; and Gloria Bryant, secretary of the advisory leadership council and president of the county extension homemakers council.

Also serving on the advisory leadership council are Lewis Stanley, vice chairman; Sam Bellamy, Chip Carroll, Shean Cumbee, William Dean, Mary Earp, Ed Harper, D.V. Jones, Lena Mintz, Harry Pellom, Lillie Randolph and Harold Robin-

Tax Help Offered Senior Citizens

Volunteers trained by the IRS and the American Association of Retired Persons will assist older citizens with their income tax reporting forms every Tuesday afternoon.

Libraries at Shallotte and Southport will be used from 1 to 4 p.m. for individual counselling. Those coming for help should bring all pertinent forms and data.

There is no charge for this advisory

Several Low Records Set In January 1985

January 1985 will be recorded as one of the coldest months on record for the area, dating back to 1871, the National Weather Service in Wilmington reported.

A low reading of five degrees on Jan. 21 tied the all-time low temperature for Wilmington dating back to Feb. 14, 1899. Throughout the

month, temperatures varied from a high of 81 degrees on New Year's Day to the five-degree reading on the 21st.

New temperature readings were also set for 80 degrees on the 2nd, breaking 78 degrees set in 1952. Low records included 12 degrees on the 20th, which broke a record of 17 degrees established in 1940 and 18 degrees on the 23rd, that tied the old

record set in 1977.

The temperature did not rise above freezing on Jan. 21 when a high of 27 degrees was recorded. There were 14 days when the low dipped below freezing, which is normal for

degrees was 2.4 degrees below nor-

mal for the area while precipitation measured 2.01 inches, or about 1.63 inches below normal. The most recorded on one day was .55 inches on the 17th. A trace of snow fell on the

An average wind speed of 9.9 mph was also recorded versus the normal An average temperature of 43.2 9.2 mph for January. The highest gust recorded was 40 mph on the 26th.

December Unemployment Jumps To 12.5 Percent

County increased for the third consecutive month in December, rising from 12.1 percent to 12.5 percent of the labor force, the N.C. Employment Security Commission announc-

"An expected seasonal low in

agriculture during December was a major contributing factor to the slight rise in unemployment," said Glenn Jernigan, chairman of the NCESC. "Although North Carolina experienced a decline of 12,000 workers from November to December, over the year more than

77,000 North Carolina citizens gained percent was the lowest in the state. employment."

The state's unemployment rate now stands at 7.2 percent, compared to the national unadjusted rate of 7 percent. Swain County recorded the highest unemployment rate at 21.4 percent while Orange County's 2.9

Unemployment rates fell in several surrounding counties in December. from 13.1 percent to 12.9 percent in Columbus County and from 11.9 percent to 11.7 percent in Bladen County. New Hanover's rate jumped from 7.9 to 8.4 percent last month.

Semi-Annual, Monthly Deeds Report Released

of trust were recorded for \$6,686, reported Brunswick County Registrar of Deeds Robert J. Robinson. For the first half of the fiscal year, July 1-Dec.31, 6,049 deeds and deeds of trust were recorded for \$45,656.50.

Last month, \$3,741.40 was collected for irregular instruments, which includes filing of corporations, contracts, deaths, marriages, births,

financial statements and other services. Twenty-three plats were recorded generating revenues of \$310.50 while \$14,761 was collected in real estate excise taxes, making total revenues collected in December \$25,498.96.

Expenses of \$17,134.77 for the month were as follows: equipment rental, \$11,435.99; contracted services, \$4,150.33; departmental supplies, \$764.98; insurance and bonds, \$331; telephone. \$189.69; maintenance and repairs, \$166, and postage, \$96.78.

For the six-month period, expenses of \$44,215.24 were reported, excluding wages, and revenues of \$165,838.16, or an 18.1 percent increase in revenues over the same period last year. Of those revenues, \$45,931.30 is listed as net income after subtracting office expenses, inperiod, Robinson reported.

Also for the period, \$25,203.16 was collected for irregular instruments and 168 plats were filed for \$2,272.50 in revenue.

Based on \$1 per \$1,000 of the purchase price, \$92,706 was collected by the office for real estate excise taxes. Therefore, total sales price of property sold in Brunswick County for the six-month period totaled \$92,706,000.

Gardeners, Small Fruit Producers Meet Tuesday

County Agricultural Extension Service will sponsor a meeting Tuesday, Feb. 12, on vegetable gardening and the production of small fruits.

The three-hour meeting is open to the public and begins at 2:330 p.m. in

the public assembly building of the Brunswick County Government Center at Bolivia.

Guest speakers include E. Barclay Poling and Larry Bass, N.C. State University extension specialists in the areas of small fruit and vegetable production respectively.

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This meeting is tailored toward the pick-your-own and roadside market operator along with homeowners, indicated Bily Barrow, assistant agricultural extension agent. Topics to be discussed include cultural practices, variety selection and insect and disease control.

"Even if a homeowner has only a small garden or maybe a few grape or blueberry vines, he should be able to pick up some good tips," said Bar-

More information is available from the county extension office.

Marine License Preparation Course Begins February 11

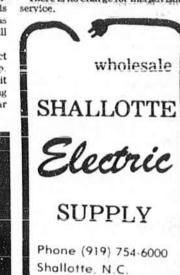
Brunswick Technical College will sponsor a Marine Captain Licensure Preparation Course from 6:30-9:30 each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at the Supply administrative campus beginning Feb. 11.

A registration fee of \$10 will be charged for the five-week course Each student will need a course plotter, divider, chart #11536 and RB-169. International and Inland Rules and Regulations by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The course is designed to prepare students to take U.S. Coast Guard examinatins for ocean operator, motor boat operator, inland operator or able bodied seman.

Coast Guard Regulations, "COL-REGS" and Unified Rules, navigation, navigational charts, plotting courses and fixing positions (Loran, latitude and longitude), as well as pollution control and weather will be

More information may be obtained from the Continuing Education Department at Brunswick Technical College.

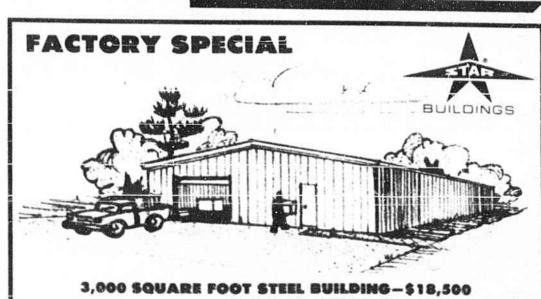


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