## Redwine Will Serve On Fishing Committee

wine of Ocean Isle Beach has been selected vice-chairman of the commercial fishing committee of the 1985 N.C. General Assembly.

Redwine received his appointments last week as announced by Liston B. Ramsey, who was chosen Speaker of the House for a record third term.

Other committees Redwine will serve on include agriculture, banks and thrifts institutions, children and youth, courts and administration of justice, higher education, military and veteran affairs, public utilities, appropriations base budget, appropriations expansion budget, appropriations base budget committee on general government and appropriations expansion budget on general government.

mittee assigments," Redwine said. 27611.

State House Rep. E. David Red- "Especially the vice-chairmanship of the committee on commercial fishing which I hope will be of benefit to my district. I am pleased also about the new committee on children and youth which will be handling some interesting legislation."

Several bills introduced during the first week may be of interest locally, including House Bill 4, which would exempt money from the tax on intangible personal property and to reimburse local governments for the revenue loss

House Bills 3 and 9 would also essentially raise the minimum drinking age to 21, Redwine said.

Anyone has questions about these bills or other matters before the general assembly may contact Redwine at his Raleigh office, 733-5749, or by writing Room 2219, State I am very excited about the com- Legislative Building, Raleigh, N.C.

# Local Fishermen Earn Plaques In Tournament

Two local fishermen were among the 24 in the state awarded plaques recently in the 1984 N.C. Salt Water Fishing Tournament.

George Baird of Long Beach and Robert Smith of Southport were finalists in the annual tournament sponsored by the N.C. Travel and Tourism Division. Baird's 77-pound sailfish was the largest over 90 entries while Smith's 112-pound, eight-

At least 2,775 citations will also be sent to anglers who caught species in this year's tournament weighing over the specified minimum limits. Included in the total are 312 citations for releasing alive certain eligible species, including tarpon, white and blue marlin, sailfish and channel bass.

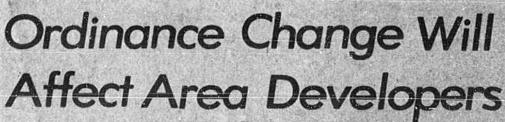
More awards were made for bluefish, 521, than any other fish while catches of speckled trout, wahoo and sharks declined, said Joel Arrington, tournament director.

"No doubt one factor in the decline of billfish, wahoo and sharks," Arrington said, "was bad weather over much of the spring and summer. Boats just couldn't get out. But there were so many tuna that on the few days when fishing was possible, hundreds were caught.'

A world record channel bass was entered in this year's tournament, a 94-pound, two-ounce fish caught by ounce tarpon beat out eight other en- David Deuel of Vienna, Va. Deuel caught the fish in the Hatteras surf near Buxton.

The 1985 fishing tournament, which begins March 15, will include several rule changes. Striped bass will be deleted from the list of eligible species while several weight limits have been set as follows: bluefish. from 16 to 17 pounds; sheepshead to 10 pounds; black drum to 70 pounds and sea mullet, to two pounds.

Rule brochures for the 11th annual tournament may be obtained by writing N.C. Travel and Tourism Division, 430 N. Salisbury St., Raleigh, N.C. 27611.



BY TERRY POPE

A change in the county subdivision ordinance that affects how local developers receive preliminary plat approvals will go to county commissioners unopposed. County planning director John Harvey said there was no opposition to the recommended ordinance change that would require applicants, or their agents, to attend monthly planning board meetings before receiving plat approvals.

Under the present ordinance, applicants are not required to attend the board meetings, but are requested to file their plat applications 12 days before monthly meetings held the third Wednesday of each month.

County Commissioner Chris Chappell, a developer and ex-officio member of the county planning board, recommended the change after a "subliminal policy" developed among board members to defer plats if applicants were not at the meetings to answer questions.

At its Jan. 16 meeting, the board instructed Harvey to meet with Paul Dennis, president of the Brunswick County Developers Association, to determine if the change would place a hardship on local developers. According to Harvey, Dennis stated last week he had discussed the ordinance change with several local developers who considered it a fair policy.

Once developers file an application to create a new abdivision within the county, copies are then sent to meet the approval of several state and county agencies, including the State Department of Transporation, the Brunswick County Health Department and the Brunswick County Soil and Water Conservation Ser-

Once the departments' reports are returned, the developers must then schedule a meeting with the planning department staff, Harvey said, to work out final pians for the subdivision before being presen board. Sometimes a plat is approved by the board provided the developer agrees to make the necessary changes as outlined by the different departments.

Prior to the December meeting, several local developers began complaining about the board's apparent new policy of deferring plat approvals until the applicants were present. Board Chairman Ed Gore said such deferrals were being made "when there are fairly major questions or issues" concerning the plat, the minutes stated.

In calling for the policy change, Chappell said the deferrals are "often looked on as arbitrary actions of the board, and developers feel there is no logic or consistency to when a deferral is called for by the board

He suggested the board adopt a formal policy requiring applicants to either attend the meetings or to send an official agent or representative to the meetings that can speak for the application. However, Gore added that such a change should be made within the county subdivision ordinance.

If county commissioners agree with the ordinance change a public hearing will be held before a vote is

# **Black History** Program Set

The Brunswick County Black Culture Awareness Committee will sponsor an annual program on black culture Sunday, Feb. 17, in the public assembly building at the Brunswick County Government Complex in Bolivia.

Beginning at 4 p.m., the event will include several poems, singing, fashion designs, arts, crafts, creative dancing and oral presentations. Door prizes will also be awarded.

The event is held annually in keeping with Black History Month. People of all races are invited.

#### Correction

Last week's news story on the zoning changes at Sunset Beach contain-

The story stated that four zoning changes were approved by Sunset Beach Town Council at its Feb. 4 meeting. In fact, only two of the requested changes were approved.

Council did not approve two other proposed zoning changes by a twothird's vote, as is required for all changes in the ordinance on first reading. Tracts of land on N.C. 179 and at Bonaparte's Landing will await a second reading before their zoning classifications may be changed from mainland residential to mainland business.

# Tags Pose \$5 Headache

Mayor Beamon Hewett and the Shallotte Board of Aldermen can't find a clearcut remedy for a \$5 headache-town auto tags

The tags, designed for display on the front bumper of motor vehicles, were originally intended to promote civic pride.

Instead, every year resentful residents vent their wrath on town officials for having to buy the tags-or they don't buy them at all, knowing little if anything will be said or done.

Rather than forcing stricter enforcement, Mayor Hewett wants to simply do away with the tags.

"I've been dealing with them 20 years and still lave no solution. If on gave it to them they wouldn't come get them," he said in frustra-Town aldermen also weren't eager

to revert to the practice of former police officers, who once delivered the tags in person, prompting recalcitrant citizens to ante up. Some other ideas were tossed out

for consideration. Alderman Paul Wayne Reaves said the town could pass out the tags when people list taxes, then add the cost to their tax bills. One town using this practice had no complaints, he said. And Aldermen Wilton Harrelson said the

town could consider offering a more attractive tag or maybe even a sticker.

Mayor Hewett stuck to his idea of doing away with the tags, suggesting increasing taxes to make up for the lost revenue. The town buys the tags for 41 cents each and sells them for \$5 each. That loss of revenue would affect the budget. This year the town ordered 325 regular tags, plus tags for the mayor and aldermen, fire chief and assistant fire chief and 30 firefighters

Made by the N.C. Department of Corrections, the simple tags feature the town name in green lettering on a white background. (For the first time this year the mayor and aldermen received tags imprinted with their ti-The tags are for sale at the town

hall. By town ordinance, one is is to be purchased and displayed on the front of every vehicle registered within the Town of Shallotte.

But that's not the way it works, because the requirement is considered almost impossible to enforce.

And Alderman David Gause said he's had "complaints and more complaints" about having to pay \$5. He said he didn't even think they should cost that much, that \$3 was "a good

Mayor Hewett said the town sold

the most tags ever-210-in 1984, the first year they were sold at \$5 rather than \$3. Because of past experience with low sales, the price had been up-

ped to cover the cost of unsold tags. In contrast to 1984, 66 of this year's order had been sold as of Feb. 6.

Gause pointed out that last year the town pledged through the media to enforce the requirement. Enforcement was easier said than done.

"They're not buying it and we're not enforcing it," said Gause. Aldermen Wilton Harrelson con-

fessed, "I haven't even bought mine yet," as he rummaged in his billfold but came up short of the needed cash.

### Town Creek Rescue To Sell Dinners

Town Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad will sell pork barbecue and fried chicken dinners Saturday, Feb. 16, beginning at 11 a.m. at the squad building.

The menu consists of chopped pork barbecue, coleslaw, candied yarns and hushpuppies or fried chicken, potato salad, string beans and rolls. Each plate is \$3, with proceeds used to support the squad.

Town Creek Rescue Squad is located on U.S. 17 at its intersection with N.C. 87 South at Winnabow

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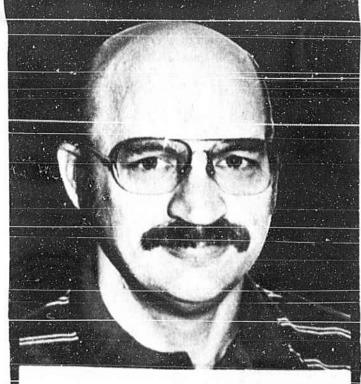
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