

## DSS Board Takes No Action On Personnel

After meeting for two hours in executive session Monday night, the Brunswick County Board of Social Services took no action on their personnel discussion.

Except for the executive session which DSS Acting Director Betty Varnum said was called to discuss personnel, the board handled mostly routine business Monday night, approving the monthly supervisor's reports and case actions.

Board members did reach a consensus to seek bids for a new paper copying machine for the department. The current copier, an IBM Copier II, is causing problems for the department due to its age and occasional breakdowns, one supervisor reported.

In June, the county will own the copier outright through a lease-purchase contract that costs the department \$120 per month. Board members asked that the department seek bids from both IBM and Xerox companies about replacing the copier.

The board also granted Clerical Supervisor Linda Green permission to take a course at Brunswick Technical College for three hours each week with pay. Ms. Green said she will be taking an English course for six weeks, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., three days a week at the school with registration set for this week.

After checking the personnel manual, the board determined that paying Ms. Green while she attends classes to further her education was covered under the county personnel manual. Board member Franky Rabon said in general he was against the policy of paying a county employee while they attend school.

"But if other departments or employees have been doing that, then I think this department should be granted the same privilege," Rabon said.

Ms. Green also informed the board that budget transfers were necessary to cover accounts in advertising and department supplies. Those accounts were overdrawn due to the demand Hurricane Diana and the high rate of turnover among the department employees have created, she added.

Department vans used to transport the senior citizens and nutritional feeding programs have also created large bills for the department, Supervisor Evelyn Johnson reported. One van had to have three alternators replaced within a two-week period, she said.

"Hardly a week goes by when one of the vans is not broken down," Ms. Johnson said. She was instructed by the board to look into the charges coming from the county garage that stem from the replaced alternators.



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## Shriners Fry Chicken

Members of Sudan Thunderbolts held their annual Brunswick County Shrine chicken fry Saturday at Holden and Long Beach. Helping with the fry at Holden Beach were, from left, Johnnie Hill and Larry Richardson, Larry Richardson Jr. and Duff Turlington. The

Thunderbolts own and operate their miniature race cars used to promote the principal work of the Shrine, to care for burned and crippled children. Funds raised from the fry will promote the cause.

## Deeds Office Issues Report

In February, 785 deeds and deeds of trust were recorded creating revenues of \$5,981.50 for the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office, reported Registrar Robert J. Robinson.

Irregular instruments which include filing of corporations, contracts, marriages, births, deaths, financial statements and other services generated revenues of \$3,794.70.

Real estate excise taxes also totaled \$8,907.50 in February while 25 plats were recorded totaling \$337.50 for a total revenue of \$19,021.20 last month.

Expenses for the month, which total \$2,103.72 excluding wages, were listed as follows: contracted services, \$1,286.55; department supplies, \$317.70; telephone, \$252.80; postage, \$126.67 and dues and subscriptions, \$120.

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## Accident Was Almost Just A Fender Bender

A Charlotte driver who struck the tailgate of a parked truck at a Seaside shopping center was charged with driving while impaired and driving while his license was revoked last Friday morning.

Henry Alexander Melville, 49, of Charlotte was charged by State Trooper W.H. Morgan after his 1968 Dodge struck a parked truck in the parking lot of the Conchshell Shopping Center two miles south of Ocean Isle Beach on N.C. 179.

According to Trooper Morgan's report, Willie Morton Jr., 45, of Merritt Island, Fla. was getting into his 1985 Dodge truck at the shopping center when Melville's front bumper struck his tailgate.

Melville was turning in the parking lot to make a circle when his front bumper struck the parked truck, causing about \$75 in damage to the tailgate and \$800 to the Melville car. No injuries were reported in the 8 a.m. accident.

In another one-car accident Saturday evening, a North Myrtle Beach, S.C., man was not injured after his car ran off the road and overturned one-mile north of Calabash on RPR 1167.

Bobby Leneau Bell, 19, was traveling at a high rate of speed when his

1984 Chevrolet ran off the right shoulder and overturned around 4:45 p.m., Trooper R. L. Murry reported.

Bell was charged with exceeding a safe speed. His car received about \$5,000 in damage, but no injuries were reported, Murry stated.

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## Point VFD To Elect Officers

Shallotte Point Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual meeting to elect officers and conduct other business on Friday, April 12, at

7:30 p.m. at the fire station. According to department bylaws only active members are eligible to vote, said spokesman Joyce Land.

## Swarts Leads Holden Watch

Members of the Holden Beach Community Watch organization elected Norma Swarts as president of the group for the following year at their March meeting recently.

Don Pringle was elected vice-president while others who will serve as officers are John Clarke, secretary; Sid Swarts, assistant secretary, and Judy Holden and Jim Buffaloe, members-at-large.

At the March meeting, Holden Beach Police Chief Raymond Simp-

son reported three cottages on Ferry Road had been broken into. Evidence, including fingerprints, were obtained and the robberies are still under investigation.

Simpson also informed the members that a new phone system has been installed at the department that should eliminate the problems experienced in promptly switching calls to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department dispatcher in Bolivia who can radio the officer-on-duty patrolling Holden Beach.

Holden Beach Community Watch monthly meetings inform residents of laws designed to protect beach values, of both the property owner and the natural environment. The next meeting is April 16 at 10 a.m. at the town hall.

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