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No Mayor, No Letter, No Action At Sunset

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BY BILL MCGOWAN
No, the mayor didn't attend April's meeting of Sunset Beach Town Council.

And no, council members didn't take action to replace her.

There's no need, according to Town Manager Wallace Martin and Mayor Pro Tem Ed Gore, at least until an official resignation is received. Both men noted at Monday night's meeting that the town can't look for a new mayor until it has a resignation from its old one.

Martin introduced the subject, he said, because of a recent newspaper account which quoted Mayor Frances Kanoy as saying she had submitted her resignation by letter "prior to the February meeting" of the town council.

The letter never arrived, according to Martin. He told council members Mrs. Kanoy telephoned him "last Monday or Tuesday" and told him about the letter, and that he suggested she send a registered letter as soon as possible.

Martin said the registered letter never came either, but that in another conversation with Mrs. Kanoy, who now lives in Florida, he was told a telegram would be sent by Monday night's meeting. No word had reached town hall by the end of the council session.

"Mayor Kanoy has made up her mind," Gore suggested.

Kanoy, who has served as mayor of Sunset Beach since 1981, has not attended council meetings in many months. Her absence has often forced split votes on council, because one of the five members, Gore, cannot vote as a councilman while serving as mayor pro tem. The mayor or acting mayor may vote only in case of a tie. In many cases in recent months, Gore has been forced to cast that tie-breaking vote.

Because of a lack of anything to act upon Monday night, no motions were offered concerning Kanoy's uncertain resignation.

Martin did, however, advise council of the course it must follow in the event that the resignation is forthcoming.

Council must accept the resignation and declare a vacancy in the office, he said. Then, it is up to the council to decide what it wants to do.

He added that it is not necessary to fill the office before the next election, which will be held in November. Council could decide, he said, to allow its mayor pro tem to serve out the term.

"I knew you had read that in the paper," Martin addressed council members in closing the subject, "but I've had no letter" of resignation from Mayor Kanoy.



SMOKE PLUMED high above and several hundred yards behind this home on Big Neck Road as Monday's fire turned farther east and away under the eye of a state scouting plane. Shallotte and Waccamaw firefighters were standing by.

STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

Fire Conditions Still Critical As Monday's Blaze Is Mopped Up

BY SUSAN USHER

Crews began cleaning up Tuesday in the wake of wildfire that blackened another 500-plus acres of Brunswick County woodland Monday, this time off N.C. 130 three miles west of Shallotte.

It was the second large-acreage fire in the county in two weeks. A March 14 fire consumed about 558 acres in the Grissetown area eight or nine miles south of Shallotte.

"Mop-up" was expected to continue at least into Wednesday, forest resources officials said.

Ground fires and some flare-ups continued Tuesday within the containment lines as fire crews "beefed up" lines cut Monday around the main body of the fire and put out "spotovers" where embers crossed the line and started new, small fires.

Pumper crews and tractors also attacked four spot fires that had cropped up ahead of the main fire Monday and three more that surfaced Tuesday morning.

Because it is burning over well-drained areas in drier conditions, clean-up on this fire "is a whole lot more complicated" than after the Grissetown fire, Brunswick County Ranger Miller Caison said Tuesday.

By late evening, though, the situation was "looking real good," reported Obie Willingham, finance officer for the fire team.

Burning Ban On

The fire was one of many that broke out Monday across southeastern North Carolina, prompting state forestry officials to once again ban all open burning and cancel burning permits. As of noon Tuesday, the only open burning allowed is within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling in an enclosed burning or an area where safety precautions have been taken, including availability of rakes, water and the like. Violators can be issued warnings or cited.

"It's real critical," said Willingham. "We have a lot of fires going right now. Tomorrow is going to be a good day for fire activity—warmer, drier and windier."

Assistant Planning Chief Gary Curcio said Monday's fire began along the shoulder of Big Neck Road and is

"probably incendiary" in origin.

"That area has been a problem for the county. We've had a number of fires on that same road," he noted.

Discovered about mid-morning Monday, the fire bloomed from three acres to nearly 30 acres in as many minutes. Traveling first alongside the road toward a cluster of houses, it then turned away across uninhabited woodlands.

Fueled by shifting south-southwest winds that played "havoc" with containment efforts, it raced across bays and cutovers before the main body was contained late Monday evening.

At least 550 acres had burned by the time it was stopped in a Georgia-Pacific plantation of young pines planted about 1982. That figure may be adjusted upward slightly after actual measurements are taken.

"It's a jewel," District Forester Laird Davison said Monday afternoon as he and other officials ad-

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Chief's Status To Be 'Settled'

Shallotte aldermen were expected to resolve the status of Police Chief Wayne Campbell with the town following a hearing Wednesday at their 7:30 p.m. meeting at the town hall.

Campbell was suspended with pay by Mayor Beamon Hewett on March 25 as the result of an incident Hewett alleged had occurred on March 14.

"It will be settled one way or another tomorrow night," Hewett said Tuesday.

Whatever the board does, said the mayor, he plans to make a statement afterward.

"I want to make a statement of what happened so the public will know. I think the town deserves it," he said.

At the hearing Campbell was to have an opportunity to address the board in his own defense or to have an attorney represent him. The hearing will be conducted behind closed doors, as is allowed under the N.C. Open Meetings Law.

Tech Pays \$12,500 In Out-Of-Court Settlement

BY TERRY POPE

Brunswick Technical College has agreed to pay an out-of-court settlement of \$12,500 to former math instructor Susan A. Arnold of Shallotte, who filed a sexual discrimination lawsuit against the school in April 1984.

The school's board of trustees voted unanimously last Thursday night to pay the settlement rather than continue the case in U.S. District Court. Ms. Arnold filed suit last year claiming her working hours at the school were cut on account of her sex.

In July 1982, Dean of Instruction Jesse Clemmons advised Ms. Arnold

that her hours in the school's learning lab were being cut so a man could be hired "because of security reasons," the suit stated. When she complained on Aug. 4, she was fired from her job but worked the remainder of the school term until September 14.

Although Ms. Arnold filed suit asking for reinstatement as an instructor at the school as well as back pay and attorney fees, the settlement does not include reinstatement, said BTC President Joseph Carter.

"The board took a course that will end up being the least expensive," Carter said. "A court action would have cost more than that."

Board members met in executive session for about an hour last Thursday with county attorney David Clegg before making a motion to pay the requested settlement. Funds to pay the settlement will come from the school budget, since the school's liability insurance policy does not cover the action, Carter said.

"Normally, it would be covered," he said, but the school's insurance policy with the Brunswick Insurance Services Inc. was changed last year. "It was changed at a point that was crucial to this case," he added.

Ms. Arnold had been with BTC as a math instructor since September 1981 and also worked part-time, up to

20 hours per week, in the school's learning lab at nights. Her hours in the lab were taken by Kenneth Hewett, who was already employed by the school as a financial aid officer.

After being fired from her job, Ms. Arnold filed charges of discrimination with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission which issued a finding that her hours had been reduced on account of her sex and that she had been fired "in retaliation for her complaints about sexual discrimination," the suit stated.

After reviewing the case, the U.S. Justice Department issued a right to sue letter in January 1984.

Churches Herald Easter At Sunrise

Sunrise services and other special events in observance of Easter and the resurrection of Christ are planned throughout Sunday at local churches. Visitors are welcomed at all services.

Ocean Isle

Approximately 2,000 people are expected to return to the strand at Ocean Isle Beach for an 8:30 a.m. Easter service conducted by Rev. Dan Norman, pastor of Shallotte Presbyterian Church. The service will be held at the "sign of the cross" where regular Sunday morning services are sponsored by the church throughout the summer.

Dress is casual; participants frequently bring blankets or folding chairs on which to sit.

Shallotte Presbyterian

Shallotte Presbyterian Church will conduct its own Easter celebration during the 11 a.m. worship service, with special anthems planned by the choir. The church is located on Seller's Drive.

Holden Beach Pier

A 5:30 a.m. song service precedes the 8 a.m. sunrise service at Holden Beach Fishing Pier, to which the public is invited. In the event of rain, the service will be held at 6:15 a.m. at Sabbath Home Baptist Church just off Holden Beach.

Speaking during the service will be Rev. Franklin Myers, pastor of Sabbath Home Baptist Church, and Rev. J. Don Skinner, pastor of Sharon United Methodist Church.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served afterwards.

Holden Beach Chapel

Holden Beach Chapel by the Sea, as in the past, will hold two Easter Sunday services, one at 9:30 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. There will be no Sunday School.

Guest minister will be Dr. J. Winston Pearce, writer-in-residence at Campbell University at Buies Creek, a

Baptist-supported campus. Special music is also planned.

The chapel, which soon begins its 25th year, is interdenominational. Services are conducted on a Protestant, non-sectarian basis.

Sabbath Home

Sabbath Home Baptist Church presents the Easter cantata, "He Lives" Sunday at 7 p.m. at the church, which is located just off Holden Beach. Everyone is welcome.

Dixon Chapel

A sunrise service will be held at Dixon Chapel United Methodist Church at Varmintown at 6 a.m., with Rev. Tracie Varnum as the speaker.

Zion Baptist

The children of Zion Missionary Baptist Church will present an Easter program between Sunday School and the morning worship service.

Rev. Tommy Innman, pastor, and the congregation invite the public to join the church in regular worship and in revival services that begin Sunday and continue through Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Rev. Claude King of Wilmington is the guest evangelist and special music is planned each evening.

Calvary Baptist

Calvary Baptist Church, located on Village Point Road in Shallotte, will celebrate Easter with a cantata presented by the church choir during the 11 a.m. worship service. The public is invited. Rev. Bill Greer is pastor.

Friendship Full Gospel

Friendship Full Gospel Church on Oxpen Road off Holden Beach Road is sponsoring a weekend-long festival of music, teaching seminars on the spirit and healing and worship called "Come Alive in '85 With Jesus."

The program includes Communion, footwashing, an Easter sunrise service on the beach, prayer for the sick and an auction to benefit the church building fund.

Guest speakers include Rev. J.G. Chandler of Framingham, Mass., Rev. Lloyd Ashby of Sanford, Dr. Roy and Norma J. LeRoy of Minneapolis, Minn., and Evangelist Virginia Dennis of Ohio. Priscilla Jacobs is the pastor. Special music will be provided by The Redeemed of Wilmington on Friday, The Scott Sisters and The Locklear Sisters of Lumberton on Saturday and The Kingsway of Shallotte on Sunday.

St. Brendan's

St. Brendan's Catholic Mission in Shallotte has several Holy Week services scheduled by Father John Richardson, including a Holy Thursday Mass today at 11 a.m. Good Friday stations and benedictions will be held at 3 p.m. An Easter Vigil Mass will be held in Whiteville at Sacred Heart 7:30 p.m. Saturday, with Mass scheduled Sunday at St. Brendan's at 7:30 a.m., 9 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Baked goods will be available following each Sunday Mass to benefit the building fund.

Zion Methodist

Zion United Methodist Church at Town Creek will hold its Easter sunrise service at 8 a.m. An Easter cantata will be presented during the 11 a.m. worship service. Rev. Pearl West and the congregation welcome visitors.

Oak Island

The churches of Oak Island join together Sunday for a 6:30 p.m. Easter sunrise service at the North Carolina Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell. All visitors and island residents are urged to participate.

The service will be led by ministers of the island's four churches: Rev. Gabriel Galdo, Rev. Ernest (See CHURCHES, Page 2-A)



STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

AT LEAST 2,000 WORSHIPERS are expected to gather Sunday morning for services beneath this cross just west of the Ocean Isle Beach Pier. While this service begins at 8:30 a.m., a number of churches begin their Easter celebration with sunrise services.