

# Leland Gas Station Robbed Monday

Brunswick County Sheriff's detectives are searching for a black male that entered the Traveler's gas station in Leland early Monday morning and robbed the attendant at gunpoint.

According to Det. Douglas "Sonny" Padgett, the man entered the gas attendant's booth with a handgun and took an undetermined amount of money.

"Before he left, he hit the attendant in the back of the head, cutting the scalp," Padgett said. The gun was used to strike the attendant, who was taken to New Hanover Memorial

Hospital in Wilmington for treatment.

The gunman fled the scene, but his direction of travel was unknown, Padgett said. There were no other witnesses to the robbery which occurred at approximately 3:28 a.m. Monday.

"Evidently, the door was open and the guy walked right on in," Padgett said. Customers are usually restricted from the attendant's booth at the gas station, which is located in front of the Hill's grocery store in the Leland Shopping Center on the old U.S. 74-76.

# Less Than Inch Of Rain Recorded During April

Only .71 inches of rain fell in the area during the entire month of April, making it the sixth driest April on record, reported the National Weather Service in Wilmington.

It was also the driest April since 1967 when only .33 inches of rain were recorded. The .77 inches of rain was 2.27 inches below normal for the region.

Temperatures for the month of April ranged from a high of 93 degrees on the 27th to a low of 32 degrees on the 10th. The average temperature for the month was 66.3 degrees, or 3.2 degrees above normal, making it the third consecutive

month with above normal temperatures.

Record highs were recorded on two days in April, 92 degrees on the 22nd and 93 degrees on the 27th, or three degrees over the old mark set in 1981.

"Rain was nearly non-existent occurring on only seven days during the month," the weather service reported. The greatest amount during a 24-hour period was .34 inches on the 13th and 14th.

During the month, there were 16 clear days, four partly cloudy and ten cloudy days. The month as a whole was rather windy with the highest gust of 33 mph recorded on the 5th.

# Soil Stewardship Week Noted

The Brunswick County Soil & Water Conservation District is observing Soil Stewardship Week, May 12-19.

Chairman James Bellamy said "Tomorrow Together" is the theme of the observance. Information and materials relating to the week are available to the public from the county soil and water conservation office, located in the Agriculture Building at the Brunswick County Government Center, Bolivia.

According to the 1985 observance booklet, human survival depends on other living things such as grasses and

grain, fishes and birds, wild and domesticated animals, Bellamy said.

"We all depend on our basic necessities of soil and water," Bellamy added. "Together, we must think about ways to preserve and renew the topsoil from which all our food comes. Together, we must work to purify and protect our waters."

1985 marks the 50-year anniversary of the soil conservation movement in America, a movement that has grown from the farmlands to include erosion protection for urban and suburban areas also.

# West Students Complete Annual School Projects

Students in the West Brunswick High School Future Farmers of America chapter are completing several beautification and school projects the group recently began.

FFA members have built handball courts for the students, helped to remodel bathrooms at the school and

has planted trees and grass to help beautify the school grounds, said FFA advisor Michael Russ.

Each year FFA chapters perform projects under the Building Our American Communities (BOAC) program, a special project of the National FFA Foundation sponsored by R.J. Reynolds Industries of Winston-Salem.

Beginning work on Sept. 4, members of the West FFA group have volunteered their time and efforts to the projects. The BOAC committee was headed by student Kevin Smith. Other members included students Randy Ward, Stephen Carter and Sterling Singletary.

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*Sprucing Up The Entrance*

County Building and Grounds Maintenance Crew Leader Ralph Varnum (right) and maintenance assistant James Carter were busy last Thursday planting rose bushes near the entrance to the county govern-

ment center. Workers also set out blue rug juniper to stem erosion on the ditch banks and a variety of spring flowers.

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# April Health Grades Told

Sanitarians with the Brunswick County Health Department inspected and graded these food and lodging and institutional facilities during April.

# Driver Cited In Accident

One driver was charged and another issued a warning ticket Sunday in a Bridges Road accident in which the two cars involved never made contact.

Patrol Officer Nellie Evans of the Shallotte Police Department said Carnal Lephus Pigott, 18, of Route 3, Shallotte, was charged with driving too fast for conditions.

As his 1973 two-door Chevrolet rounded a sharp curve on Bridges Road, it left the highway, traveling 169 feet before striking a ditch, said Evans. It then traveled another 84 feet along the ditch, striking the concrete cover of a sewer line valve before leaving the ditch and traveling another 45 feet.

The vehicle was a total loss, Evans said.

Driver Michael Leon Johnson, 17, of Cedar Grove, was operating a 1974 Buick two-door on Bridges Road when he saw Pigott's out of control vehicle.

It frightened Johnson, Evans said, and he hit the brakes, putting the Buick into a slide. The car traveled 125 feet along the ditch, but was not damaged. Johnson received a warning ticket for driving too fast for conditions.

A passenger in the Pigott car, Javlin Pigott, 17, suffered a dislocated shoulder, while the driver received minor lacerations of his face.

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**Non-Seasonal Restaurants:** Bill's Seafood, Route 3, Supply, 93; Jimmy's Waffle House, Long Beach, 93.5; McDonald's, Leland, 78.5; Long Beach Snack Bar, Long Beach, 94.

**Non-Seasonal Food & Drink Stands:** Judy's Superette, Route 2, Supply, 96; Quick & Easy, Supply, 98.5; Guido's Deli, Yaupon Beach, 88.5.

**School Facilities Sanitation:**

Leland Middle School, Leland, 90.

**School Cafeterias:** South Brunswick High School Cafeteria, Boiling Spring Lakes, 90; Leland Middle School Cafeteria, Leland, 91.5.

**Lodging Places:** Ocean Crest Motel, Long Beach, 93.5; Captain's Cove Motel, Long Beach, 94.5.

**Child Day Care Facilities:** Andrea's Babes & Dolls, Southport, approved; Lee's Little World, Route 4, Leland, approved.

**Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Similar Institutions:** J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital, Southport, 90; Ocean Trail Convalescent Center, Southport, 96.

**Residential Care Facilities:** John Edge Foster Home, Route 2, Leland, approved.

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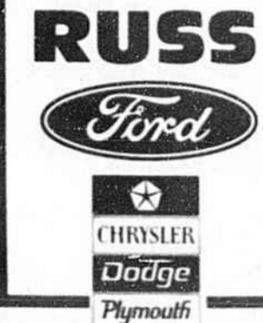
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