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UCB Purchases Art

United Carolina Bank has purchased for display in its main office lobby a series of landscapes depicting local tobacco farms painted by Shallotte artist Virginia Lauzon. The purchase recognizes farming's importance to the local economy, said City Executive Leo Johnson (left above). He is shown with Mrs. Lauzon and Jimmy Marshall, director of continuing education for Brunswick Technical College. BTC sponsors an art class taught by Mrs. Lauzon in Shallotte. Her students recently exhibited their work at UCB's main office in Shallotte.

14 People Injured In County Accidents

Fourteen people were injured last week in four car accidents on Brunswick County's highways, the State Highway Patrol reported. In three of the four accidents, the driver has been charged with driving while impaired.

In an accident Saturday night, six people were taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington after a 1985 Ford pick-up truck driven by James Ernest McGee, 33, of Leland, ran off the road, struck several trees and overturned.

According to State Trooper D.B. Harvell's report, McGee was traveling north on N.C. 87 about 10 miles west of Belville when the truck ran off the left shoulder and overturned. McGee was charged with DWI in the 9:20 p.m. accident.

McGee and five passengers all received injuries. Taken to the hospital were Phyllis McGee, 26; Jamie Rodgers, 10; James McGee Jr., 14; Jared McGee, 10 and Kenneth Hardy, 10.

Damage was estimated at \$10,000 to the pick-up truck.

Another accident Saturday sent four people to the hospital after a car driven by Bobby Ray White, 18, of McColl, S.C., failed to stop at an intersection and struck a utility pole.

According to Trooper Harvell's report, White was traveling west on RPR 1115 about three miles south of Shallotte when he failed to stop for a stop sign at its intersection with N.C. 179.

White was charged with a stop sign violation and with DWI. He and three passengers in the 1967 Ford, Alan Heffner, 25, Virginia Sessions, 27, and Michael White, 23, all of McColl,

S.C., were taken to the Brunswick Hospital in Supply with minor injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$900 in the 4:15 a.m. accident.

An Ash man was charged last Thursday night with failure to reduce speed to avoid a collision following a two-car accident on N.C. 130 five miles south of Shallotte.

Randy Darryl Ward, 18, of Ash was charged by State Trooper Larry Richardson after he drove his 1978 Chevrolet truck into the rear of a 1981 Dodge driven by George Venable Thompkins, 62, of Albemarle.

Richardson reported that Thompkins was attempting to make a right turn into a driveway when Ward's pick-up truck struck the rear of the car. A passenger in Thompkins' car, Blenda Thompkins, 60, of Albemarle, was taken to the Brunswick Hospital in Supply with minor injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$2,000 to the Thompkins vehicle and \$300 to the truck.

Three people were taken to the Brunswick Hospital last Tuesday night following a one-car accident on RPR 1300 about 15 miles west of Shallotte.

Chester Briggs Sykes, 25, of Bladenboro, was traveling north on RPR 1300 at a high rate of speed when his 1985 Datsun truck ran off the road on the left and overturned, Trooper R.L. Murray reported.

Sykes, who was seriously injured, was charged with DWI following the 6:15 p.m. accident. Also receiving minor injuries were two passengers, Jeff Campux, 19, and Stephen Brintlind, 19, both of Fort Bragg.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 to the truck.

Man Sentenced For Rape

A Southport man was sentenced to 36 years in prison Tuesday after pleading guilty to second-degree rape, taking indecent liberties and second-degree sexual offense in Brunswick County Superior Court.

James Lee Wearren of Southport received a minimum 12-year sentence for each offense after pleading guilty to the charges before Superior Court Judge B. Craig Ellis. He could have received up to 40 years for each offense.

In a plea bargain agreement, District Attorney Michael Easley agreed to the minimum sentences in exchange for a guilty plea in the case, thus avoiding a trial.

Wearren was charged in the case by Southport Police Officer Howard

Lee. He was represented in court by Shallotte attorney Roy Trest, whose request for work release for the defendant was denied by Judge Ellis Tuesday.

Judge Ellis also ordered that each 12-year term be served consecutively. Wearren will also not benefit as a committed youthful offender.

Ellis ordered that a psychiatric examination be given to the defendant while he is in the custody of the N.C. Department of Corrections.

Prior to handing down the sentence, Ellis asked the defendant if he had anything to say concerning the case.

"I'm just sorry for all of this," Wearren said, "for all this confusion."

Ocean Isle Wants State To Unclog Bottle-Neck

BY SUSAN USHER

A bottle-neck situation at the intersection of N.C. 179 and N.C. 904 prompted Ocean Isle Beach Commissioners Monday to seek relief from the N.C. Department of Transportation.

It seems that when more than two or three vehicles leaving the beach must wait to turn left or cross N.C. 179, they keep other cars from turning right.

"You don't know what a terrible time it is up there on Saturday mornings," said Betty Williamson, mayor pro-tem.

Mayor LaDane Bullington said the state plans to restructure the traffic island before the bridge project is completed, but that the work needs to be move ahead if at all possible.

The board asked Betty Williamson to talk with Police Chief Jerry Gurganus, the bridge project contractor and DOT representatives to find out what, if anything can be done right away.

If at all possible, the situation should be remedied by mid-June, Commissioner Debbie Fox indicated, otherwise the work will extend into the full tourist season.

Commissioners also followed the recommendation of Building Inspector Druid Roberson, adopting a plumbing inspection fee of \$25 minimum and \$3 per fixture. The charge will be applied per unit, not structure, to reflect the additional work involved in multi-family housing projects.

A contractor can pay the mechanical and plumbing fees up front, advising the town what con-

tractors will be doing the work, or he can let the contractors pay the fees later, he said. The A fee of \$25 will also be charged for mechanical inspections when the town begins enforcing all aspects of the N.C. Building Code as required by state law. This means the town will begin enforcing the plumbing code for the first time.

The town plans to continue contracting electrical inspections to Van Weeks; but Roberson will perform other inspections.

Budget Revised

Commissioners also revised line items in the proposed 1985-86 budget to reflect \$3.4 million in general obligation bond revenues for the sewer system that were left out earlier.

The revisions did not change the proposed tax rate of 29 cents per \$1,000 valuation, or the estimated property valuation, in excess of \$95 million.

The town expects to spend a total of \$5.2 million for construction of its sewer system and for interest payments next year.

An estimated \$182,000 in accommodations tax revenues would be spent as follows under the proposed budget: sidewalks and bike paths, \$80,000; police and sanitation, \$20,000 each; streets, \$15,000; administration, signs and public relations, erosion control, and sewer, \$10,000 each; and park management, \$7,000.

The board proposes to spend its entire \$4,286 Revenue Sharing fund on public safety, toward police salaries.

The town anticipates paying \$36,000 to the Brunswick County Water System next year in addition. Its water budget also reflects operating expenses of \$140,537 and overhead of \$28,560. Relocation of water lines along the causeway in conjunction with road construction is expected to cost about \$6,766.

Crew Fights Florida Wildfire

Two Brunswick County employees of the N.C. Division of Forest Resources are fighting one of the wildfires that have consumed thousands of acres in Florida.

Equipment operator Dennis Willoughby and crew member Dean Bellamy, assigned to the Bolivia Fire Tower, left Saturday for the Ocala National Forest, said Assistant Ranger Philip Inman. They took the tractor-plow normally stationed at the Shallotte Fire Tower with them and are expected to remain in

Florida a week to 10 days, he said.

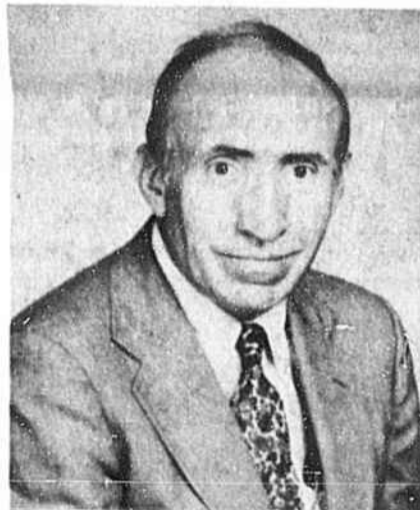
"They'll probably be working the lines," he added.

The state has dispatched about 48 rangers and a variety of equipment to Florida in response to requests channeled through the Southeastern States Forest Fire Compact Commission.

Wildfires across the state, fueled by high winds and low moisture, have destroyed hundreds of homes over the past six months and peaked in severity Friday.

It's Time You Got To Know Us

Meet Dr. Jim Mulholland, pediatrician and general practitioner affiliated with The Brunswick Hospital.



Dr. Jim Mulholland

Although Dr. Mulholland has combined two areas of medicine into one practice, he sees little difference in the two. Pediatrics deals specifically with children, and general practice deals specifically with children and adult problems. Preventive medicine is involved in both areas.

Preventive medicine in Pediatrics means the continued close medical assessments of growth and development during the first few years of life, providing for necessary immunizations, and, as the child grows older, prevention of the development of habits that may be harmful to the older child's health.

In adult patients, this includes proper nutrition, exercise and refraining from things that could be deleterious to one's health including ex-

cessive alcohol, improper nutrition, improper drug use and tobacco.

The idea of preventive medicine goes back to ancient Roman and Greek societies where the idea of a sound mind and a sound body was promoted. There has been increasing involvement of the medical profession in this ideal during the past several years.

After practicing in Sayville, New York for 17 years, Dr. Mulholland moved his practice to North Carolina in August of 1977, and has been associated with the hospital since it opened in November of that year.

Because of his seven year association, Dr. Mulholland can really appreciate the changes now taking place. According to him, there is no doubt that the hospital is moving in the right direction. He feels that purchasing new state of the art equipment and offering new medical and surgical specialties are very positive moves. "We can now provide more intensive care for the patients, and are doing many things we could not do before," Dr. Mulholland said.

Dr. Mulholland received his medical degree from the State University of New York in 1957. He interned at Mary Immaculate Hospital in Jamaica, New York from 1957-58, and completed a pediatric residency program from 1958-60 at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn. He is also a Fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Besides recently moving into a new office building located on Highway 17 on the northern outskirts of Shallotte, Dr. Mulholland has also opened an office in Seaside Plaza—the first medical office in that area. "The Seaside community needed a doctor's office. I felt it would be helpful to make medical care more convenient and accessible for patients who lived in that area," Dr. Mulholland said.

Another physician, Dr. Jeanette Warner, internal medicine specialist, is associated with Dr. Mulholland's medical practice.

Look for Dr. Mulholland and your other friends when you visit The Brunswick Hospital.

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