

Town Missed Water Sampling

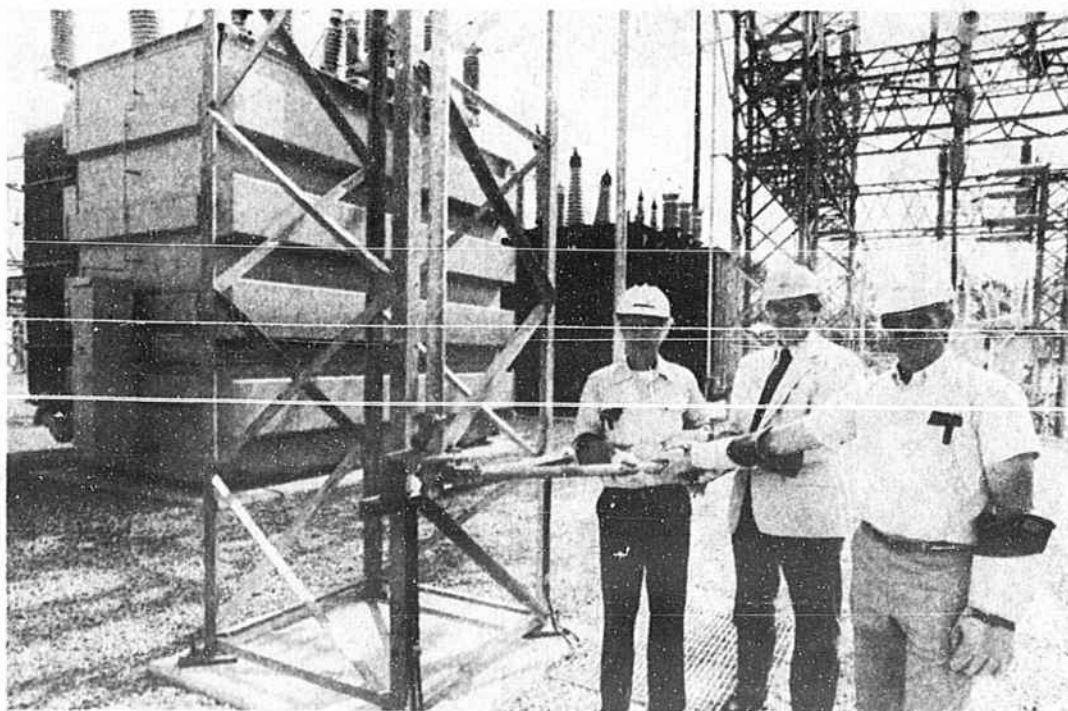
The Town of Sunset Beach failed to notify its customers in February of a failure to sample its water supply for coliform bacteria.

Sunset Beach is required to sample its water for bacteria twice each month, according to Town Administrator Wallace Martin. In February Martin submitted one sample for lab testing as required by the N.C. Division of Health Services.

But, said Martin, he never received the vial in which to mail the second sample and therefore never took it. He also didn't notify town residents that the sample wasn't taken.

The N.C. Drinking Water Act requires owners/operators of water supplies to notify customers in writing when a sample isn't taken.

The presence of coliform bacteria in drinking water indicates that some contamination has occurred, according to John McFadyen, an environmental engineer with the division's Water Supply Branch. While failure to test doesn't mean the water is contaminated, without regular testing it is not possible to assure the safety of the drinking water supply.



Activate Back-Up System

A new transformer and transmission line now connects the Prospect Substation, about nine miles northeast of Shallotte near the Green Swamp, with the Hudson Ridge transmission switching station between Shallotte and Whiteville. For a large part of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation service area, the new

transformer provides a reliable back-up source of power and nearly doubles the system's capacity, BEMC officials say. Activating the system are, from left, Grover H. Holden, plant superintendent; David Batten, general manager; and Bobby Gore, operations manager.

Volunteers Sought To Help Rape Victims

Crisis volunteers are needed in Brunswick County to work with rape victims.

Organization of a local rape response team is a new project of the Brunswick County Council on the Status of Women.

Vice Chairman Margaret Shelton said these volunteers would most likely follow the pattern of rape victim advocates who volunteer with the Rape Task Force in Wilmington: arranging transportation if needed, assisting victims at the hospital and staying by their side for emotional support during court proceeding whenever charges are filed.

Those who do not wish to prosecute a rape case may file an anonymous report through the Rape Task Force. Reporting serves to better inform police of how often rape occurs.

A recent survey estimates that one in every four women have been victims of rape, while a more recent estimate pushes the number to one in three. Crime experts, said Mrs. Shelton, estimated that 50 percent to 90 percent of all rapes are never reported to a law enforcement agency.

At their June meeting, members of the county council heard from Minerva Glidden, a task force volunteer in New Hanover County, and from Elena Peterson, Crisis Line coordinator.

Through Crisis Line, in conjunction with the Rape Task Force, counseling is available 24-hours a day by calling a toll-free number, 1-800-672-2903, or a Wilmington number, 1-800-672-2903.

Rape is the most frequently com-

mitted violent crime in the U.S., with one rape occurring every six minutes. It is thought to be one of the most under-reported and misunderstood violent crimes in the country.

In North Carolina, August ranks as the month in which the highest average number of sexual assaults is reported. And, also in North Carolina, statistics for the year 1983 showed a decline in all crimes except rape, which showed a 1 percent increase. In New Hanover County, 106 rapes were reported in 1983.

Persons interested in volunteering to work with rape victims in Brunswick County are asked to call either Crisis Line, at 1-800-672-2903, or 1-762-4255, giving their name and specifying Brunswick County.

Honor Lists Announced

The distinguished and honor roll lists for the final six weeks grading period of the school year were announced last week by North Brunswick High School as follows:

Distinguished
On the distinguished list are Grant Carmack, Philip Wade Long and Jamin Skipper, 9th grade; Satrena Bryant, 10th grade; Christopher Stephen Williams, Debra Caudill and Sandra Jones, 11th grade; and Marty Gay, Wendy Williams, Amy Jacobs, Angela Hooper, Angie Davis, Lisa McKeithan, Alison Peterson and Donna Sneed, 12th grade.

Honor Roll
Jimmy Baggett, Jeffrey Keith Watson, Angela Horell, Betha Thompson, Travis Williams, Frank Williams, Brian Freeman and Billy Holden, 9th grade;
Kevin Jones, Kim D. Edwards, Jill Justice and Terry Massey, 10th grade;
Terry Johnson, Angela Long, Rommy Skipper, Henry Clay Benton, Patricia Renee Copley, Fay Carol Ann Hayes, Tina Gurganious, Buddy Harris, Joyce Hyatt, Elmer Masley, Rick Mulligan, Jennifer Roberts, Wayne Young, Gregory Johnson and Wendt Mintz, 11th grade;
Carl Alston, Andrea Ballard, Jackie Brinson, Terry Hooper, Angela Hedrick, Cheryl Chauncey, Brian Coston, Vincent Hall, Rhonda Hendershot, Kelly Jones, Tony McKay and Rick Nelson, 12th grade.

Honor Students Listed By South

The honor rolls for the final grading period of the school year were announced last week as follows by South Brunswick High School:

Ninth Grade
A honor roll—Carolyn Busse, Meshelle Hart, Eddie Kirby, Hachael Ragsdale, Maria Ward, Woody Walls, Robin Vittore and Amy Yount;
B—Bryon Chandler, Glenda Creech, Edward Naoniel Fullwood, Tina Hart, Tracey Howard, Luke Hunt, Karen Martin, Quinton McCracken, Ty McCuen, Dionne Parker, Chris Ramsey, Tara Randolph, Nancy Henn, Dawn Robde and Rose Ray.

Tenth Grade
A—Charles Russell, B—Amy Coggins, Shelia Crews, Deborah FormyDaval, Arris Golden, Christy Johnson, Corietta Randolph and Heather Smyla.

Eleventh Grade
B—Cheryl Borsich, Carter Childs, Connie Draper, Curtis Cowan, Melissa Hart, Laurie Hegler, Elizabeth Lee McNeill, Cynthia Lynn Moore, Jeff Morgan, Bill Mullins, Joy Phillips, Ellen Sligh and Sandy Sellers.

Twelfth Grade
A—Darrell Brown, Dorte Isakson and Candace Somers;
B—Elizabeth Berry, Mark Hunt, Tina Newman and Jaime Roche.

Safe Trailering Vital To Boaters

Hundreds of boats are towed to the South Brunswick Islands every weekend. Yet, while fishermen will spend thousands of dollars on a boat, they will often skimp on the trailer and hitch. The results can be disastrous.

Many boaters practice safety on the water but neglect safety when they tow their boats. Yet, an accident that occurs when towing a boat is potentially very dangerous. It's surprising that these mishaps are not more common.

Many boaters use inadequate trailers and hitches for their boats or neglect the maintenance of these items. By using some common sense and spending a few extra dollars boaters can safely trailer their vessels.

With this in mind, the following tips on safe trailering are offered by the safety-program coordinator for the Division of Enforcement in the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission:

- Be sure the trailer meets all the legal safety requirements for use on public highways. If you have any questions, contact the N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles.

- Be sure the boat isn't too heavy for the trailer. If the total weight of the boat approaches 15 percent of the trailer's rated maximum weight, move up to the next larger trailer.

- The coupler on the trailer tongue must match the ball of the hitch. The size of the ball is determined by the gross vehicle weight rating stamped on the tongues of all trailers manufactured since 1973.

- Replace winch lines made of fiber and synthetic ropes with steel cable if your boat is larger than 16 feet, or is unusually heavy.

- Place jack and caster assemblies on heavy trailer tongues to ease hookup and prevent back injuries.

- Use tie-downs on the bow and stern of the boat, and inspect them often for rot.

- Be sure all brake, clearance and turn-signal lights are working properly, and carry spare bulbs.

- Tires must match the load capacity of the trailer and be in good condition. Don't forget to carry a spare and a jack.

- Wheel-bearing protectors should be installed on all trailers and inspected frequently. These devices hold grease under pressure and reduce the possibility of water entering the wheel bearings.

- Safety chains should be permanently affixed to the trailer and crossed under the hitch so they will catch and hold the tongue if the ball should fail. Remember to attach the chains to the towing vehicle at points separate from the ball or the bracket that holds the ball.

- If your boat and trailer exceed a certain weight, trailer brakes may be

necessary. Check with the Department of Motor Vehicles or your local automobile dealer.

•Be sure your hitch matches both the towing vehicle and loaded trailer. It's best to have a hitch installed professionally. The day of the so-called "bumper-hitch" is also just about over because most bumpers today are incapable of handling the weight of all but the lightest boats and

trailers.

•You may be a safe boat operator on the water, but are you as safe trailering a boat on the road? Sudden stops or evasive driving can put tremendous strain on a trailer hitch. Nothing can be more terrifying—or deadly—than a boat and trailer that have parted company from a vehicle at highway speed. Slow down—and drive carefully.

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Holden Board Meet Rescheduled

Monday night's regularly-scheduled meeting of the Holden Beach Board of Commissioners was cancelled because of the lack of a quorum.

A called meeting will be held next Monday night at 7:30, according to Mayor Kenner Amos.