

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Three County Republicans Meet, Hear President Reagan

Three Brunswick County residents traveled to Raleigh last week to meet President Ronald Reagan and to hear him speak.

Tommy Harrelson of Southport, John Dozier of Boiling Spring Lakes, and Shirley Babson all made the trip to the state capital last Thursday.

President Reagan visited the campus of North Carolina State University to urge support for his tax program.

Harrelson and Dozier were invited to meet the president as guests of Gov. Jim Martin. Mrs. Babson was invited by Senators Jesse Helms and John East.

Following the president's speech, Republicans from across the state, who had received invitations, were entertained at a luncheon.

Appointed To Council

A Winnabow woman has been appointed to the State Advisory Council for the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Mrs. Mary Earp joins the 20-member body as one of three representatives from the Southeastern Extension District.

The council advises state extension Director Chester D. Black and other administrators on broad extension policies.

Mrs. Earp, a graduate of East Carolina University, is a former extension home economist. She and her husband, Wilbur, now have a 500-acre farming operation, in-

cluding a 150-sow swine herd.

In announcing the appointment, Dr. Black noted Mrs. Earp "has been active on the Brunswick County Extension Advisory Council, and thoroughly understands the educational needs of the people whom extension is committed to serving. She will help us to keep our programs attune to the needs of the people."

Jones Graduates

Tech. Sgt. Edward C. Jones, son of Edward W. Jones of Rural Route 2, Supply, has graduated from an Air Force major command non-commissioned officer academy at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Jones is an instructor with the 3711th Basic Military Training Squadron.

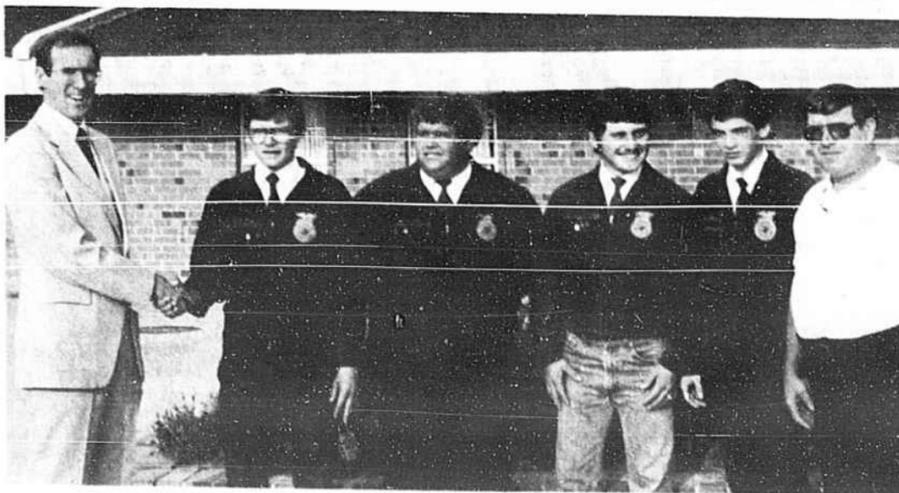
Named Superintendent

The son of a Holden Beach-area couple is the new deputy design superintendent at the U.S. Naval Ship Repair Facility at Subic Bay, Republic of the Philippines.

Keith A. Abernathy, son of Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Abernathy, formerly of Wilmington, reported to the Philippines April 11 directly from Norfolk Naval Shipyard, where he worked as a naval architect and marine engineer.

He is a 1964 graduate of New Hanover High School, a 1968 graduate of Newport News Shipbuilding Apprentice School, and a 1971 graduate of the University of Michigan, where he earned his degree in naval architecture and marine shipbuilding.

Abernathy's wife, Connie, and seven-year-old son, Bryan, accompanied him to the Philippines.



FFA Welcomes Principal

The Future Farmers of America welcomed new West Brunswick High School Principal Dr. David R. Corley to the school Monday. Pictured (from left) are Dr. Corley; Jon Procter, chapter president; Sean Ward, chaplain; Tommy Cribb, vice president; Gayther Sim-

mons, parliamentarian; and Michael Russ, vocational agriculture teacher and chapter advisor. The West Brunswick FFA chapter has planned a busy year, beginning with a leadership class to be held at the Russ home Sunday, Sept. 15. A cookout will follow the class.

State Wants Mining Stopped At Second Highway 211 Site

State officials are seeking a restraining order against a Long Beach firm to stop alleged mining in violation of the State Mining Act of 1971.

The suit against Doug Hoffman of Doug Hoffman Excavations was filed Sept. 3 in Brunswick County District Civil Court by the state, represented by Gerald J. Kraynak, regional engineer with the Wilmington office of the N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development and Assistant Attorney General Walter M. Smith.

It asks the court for preliminary and permanent injunctions. It also asks that the court issue an order requiring Hoffman, within 14 days of issuance of a preliminary injunction, to put in place a permanent ground-

cover meeting state specifications and approved by NRCD as "sufficient to prevent on-site erosion and off-site sedimentation."

Similar charges were filed July 30 against C.W. Hewett of Hewett Construction and Maintenance Co. of Southport.

In the suit against Hoffman, the state says that on Feb. 17, 1984, NRCD discovered that Hoffman had undertaken a mining operation on a tract of land off N.C. 211 about five miles north of Southport.

"Although more than one contiguous acre of land had been disturbed by mining operations," it alleges, Hoffman had failed to obtain the required permit.

He was notified of this on Feb. 21, 1984, with a certified letter, return

receipt requested, and asked to cease mining.

On April 1, 1984, the state received Hoffman's application for a mining permit and on June 14, 1984, he was notified that his application had been approved subject to the posting of a \$2,500 surety bond.

As of Sept. 3, 1985, Hoffman had not paid the bond and no permit had been granted by the state, the court document reads.

Further, an inspection on Feb. 12, 1985, revealed, indicates the suit, that "further mining operations had been undertaken" and also that the site had not been reclaimed after mining as required by law.

In an Aug. 28 response to the suit filed against him regarding a sand pit located three miles north of Southport off N.C. 211, C.W. Hewett says the state has mistaken his property for an adjoining tract.

Hewett said he has excavated only a half-acre of land, but that the property had been mined before he bought it.

He adds that a three-acre tract adjoining his, with no clear boundary line, is also being mined.

"I asked the owners had they been contacted by the department (of Natural Resources and Community Development) and they said they had not, so evidently the department thinks the property belongs to me."

Murder Defendant To Undergo Tests

A Supply man charged with the June 18 murder of his brother-in-law will undergo testing at Dorothea Dix Hospital in Raleigh before facing trial.

Judge B. Craig Ellis agreed to the additional testing Monday in Brunswick County Superior Court at the request of District Attorney Michael Easley, saying the question of capacity can be raised at any time.

Gary Dean Reaves, 28, of Route 2, Supply, is charged with first degree murder in the shooting death of Mark A. Tolliver, 33, also of Route 2, Supply.

He was previously examined by a forensic psychologist on the staff of Southeastern Mental Health Center, according to his attorney, Roy Trest of Shallotte, who said there was no question about the defendant's capacity to stand trial.

But Easley said the preliminary exam shouldn't have been done without the state having had an opportunity to be heard.

"He is raising such severe defenses of insanity it is necessary to have a psychological exam before the state can proceed," he said.

Reaves, out of jail on bond since the date of the incident, will travel on his own recognizance to Raleigh when an appointment is made, to return as soon as the interview or testing is completed.

Easley said he would not be able to notify the defense of whether he intends to seek the death penalty until after examining the results of the tests, an SBI report and other evidence.

"If there is an aggravating factor, it is my understanding I have an obligation to proceed with seeking the death penalty," he said.

No Quorum At Calabash Again

Calabash town council did not attain a quorum Monday for its regular meeting, Clerk Janet Thomas said Tuesday.

Mayor Sonia Stevens and Councilwoman Suzy Moore were present, along with a group of Village Green subdivision residents, who said they were there to observe the meeting.

Unless a special meeting is called in the interim, the board will meet next on Sept. 23 at 10 a.m. at the town hall.

State Buoys To Mark First Four Of Reefs

The N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries was to begin dropping buoys Wednesday to mark locations of the first in a series of artificial reefs planned off the Brunswick County shoreline.

Dale McDowell, secretary of the Brunswick County Fishing Club, and Bill English of the South Brunswick Islands Fishing Club, said Tuesday that the RV Rose Bay was en route to Brunswick County to begin the buoy drops. Both men are active in the Long Bay Artificial Reef Association, which is coordinating efforts to support a comprehensive reef program. The effort was spearheaded by the county fishing club, which sponsored the state's first offshore reef in 1971.

"They were going to set the buoys for the four reefs we plan to work on first," said McDowell.

These include the existing, but deteriorating Yaupon Reef, near Yaupon Beach, and Brunswick County Fishing Club Reef located 4.5 miles out of Lockwood Folly Inlet, the Tommy McGlammer Memorial Reef, to be located 4.2 miles

southwest of the Oak Island lighthouse and named in honor of the late sports fisherman; and reefs to be located 3.2 miles south and seven miles southeast of Shallotte Inlet.

A large round buoy will be placed on the club reef, McDowell said, while "spar" buoys will be set at the Shallotte Inlet reef sites.

The first drop of artificial reef material is anticipated around the end of the month, McDowell said, and would be made on the club reef.

Two boilers donated by the Pfizer Chemicals Inc. plant at Southport will be cut in half, the outer skin removed, bolted to a barge and dropped barge and all on the fishing club reef.

Once Pfizer has the boilers ready they will be shipped by rail to Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal for loading onto the barge.

A South Carolina contractor is handling the work, McDowell said, which will be financed with a \$10,000 donation from the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners.

"We think the appropriation will cover it all," he added.

\$1.5 Million Goal Set

Cape Fear Area United Way volunteers will seek \$1.5 million in contributions to human services programs during their 1985 campaign, General Campaign Chairman Paul Leonard announced Thursday at a kick-off luncheon at the Wilmington Hilton.

The goal, when reached, will be the largest dollar increase in the history of the local United Way effort. It is a 15 percent increase over last year's campaign of \$1.3 million.

"This is a stretch goal," Leonard stressed, decided upon because of the

upswing in the Wilmington area economy in the last two years.

"The need for increased human services is as great as ever. Yet our community is experiencing business growth," he said. "Because of these two factors we thought a larger increase in our campaign goal was warranted."

Campaign funds will be distributed to programs in 34 local and state agencies, including for the first time, the Task Force Against Family Violence and Wilmington Cued Speech.

Two Break-Ins Reported Early Thursday Morning

BY SUSAN USHER

For the second time in two months, electronic equipment has been taken in a break-in of Blake's Rent To Own on Main Street, Shallotte.

Shallotte Police Sgt. Rodney Gause discovered the breaking and entering and larceny Thursday at about 12:22 a.m. Entry was apparently gained by breaking the lower part of the rear door and crawling into the store, his report indicated.

Manager Johnny Grubb reported as stolen two radios, nine

videocassette recorders and two stereos.

In an apparently unrelated incident, a breaking and entering and larceny occurred at the Sears, Roebuck and Co. store in Milliken Plaza on N.C. 130 East (Holden Beach Road) at about 4:22 a.m.

Sgt. Gause reported that suspects had apparently backed a vehicle into a rear garage door to gain entry. The police report did not include a list of any missing items.

Both incidents are under investigation.

Christmas Parties!

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