BTC Fall Enrollment Expected To Be Large

The number of students registering for fall quarter classes next week at Brunswick Technical College is expected to top all records. "The number of applications for fall quarter has almost doubled that of last fall," said Connie Powell, public information officer.

Registration for classes begins at 9 a.m. Friday, Sept. 27 at the Supply Baptist Church, next door to the college administration building in Supply.

While enrollment has declined at most of the state's 58 community and technical colleges, enrollment at Brunswick Tech has posted a steady increase.

Saturday college and a new real estate program will debut on the Supply Campus this fall. Saturday classes will include real estate, computers, typing, automotive tune-up and welding. Transfer classes in physical education and child psychology will also be offered on Saturday.

The Associate Degree Real Estate Program will be taught during the day, evening and on Saturday. Classes will be held at the Supply and Southport annex campuses.

More information about registering for classes, financial aid, and schedules may be obtained from the office of student affairs.

Radio Operators Organize, Set Up A Repeater System

Local ham radio operators are forming their own club and installing an amateur radio repeater system for use by amateur radio operators countywide.

Spokesman Alton Clemmons said the Brunswick County Amateur Radio Society will hold an organizational meeting at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sizzling Sirloin Steakhouse in Shallotte. It will be open to all amateur radio operators in the coun-

ty. "I would say we have at least two dozen operators, probably more with all the new people moving into the area," he said. "There are some I don't have their names."

The repeater system will be mounted at 250 feet on the antenna tower of a new FM radio station soon to begin operation in Shallotte. The club will handle both the installation and maintenance of the system.

"Other counties in the area have already done this," Clemmons added, listing counties such as Pender, Columbus and Sampson. Most Brunswick County amateur radio enthusiasts have held membership in the Azalea Amateur Radio Club or Wilmington VHF Club in New Hanover County in the past.

While the repeater will be used on a daily basis for routine amateur radio operations, Clemmons said that during any emergency declared by the

Brunswick County Office of Emergency Management, such as a hurricane, tornado or flood, when normal communications would be interrupted, the repeater would be used for emergency communications only.

The repeater covers a wide area of communications for contact between mobile units and car to station in remote locations where normal communications may be poor or nonexistent.

"The repeater picks up the transmitted amateur radio signal. then in turn repeats the information received. The transmissions are sent automatically to all areas within its transmit range, permitting a vast area of communication in an emergency situation," said Clemmons

Local radio amateurs are working to collect \$3,000 toward the cost of the \$5,000 system, Clemmons added.

He said that since the system would establish an emergency communications network for county use, the county will be asked to contribute about \$2,000 to the project.

Clemmons is the local emergency coordinator for the Amateur Radio Relay League, which means he is liasion between ham radio operators and the county emergency management office during any emergency situation

A Fun Grand Opening

The grand opening Saturday of The Ritz, a new game room and ice cream parlor in Shallotte, was a circus of fun. At the ribbon-cutting are, from left, Kenneth and

Lisa (in clown outfit) Baker, owners; Big Bird (David Bert) in the doorway, Cookie Monster (Tony Ellis), and Brenda Andrews.

Animal League Will Meet; Seeks Volunteer Efforts

The Brunswick County Animal Welfare League will meet Sept. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Granny's Restaurant in Bolivia, according to spokesman Mary Lewis.

The group will discuss ideas for fundraising and will seek volunteers to make crafts and to man the crafts booth at upcoming events.

Memberships cards are now available for \$5 per year, Lewis said. Cards may be obtained by contacting one of the following members: Marsha Jones, 579-2686; Bertha Graham, 842-2323; Teddi Neal, 253-5004; Mary Lewis, 754-6724; or William Smith, 842-6988

two volunteers, Norman Bellamy and Ouida Hewett, have been especially appreciated. She said the pair have built some 19 dog houses at Brunswick Technical College for the league's use. The league is presently seeking additional volunteers.

The goal of the Animal Welfare League is to obtain the following materials for an animal shelter: cages to catch stray cats, dog pads for dog kennels and cat litter pans.

According to Lewi , the efforts of

Road To Be Resurfaced

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Highway 17 through Shallotte is scheduled for a facelift. According to N.C. Department of Transportation spokesperson Bill Jones the work could begin on the 2.1 miles of road between the northern and southern city limits of Shallotte "probably any day, as soon as the contract can be signed."

The department will be paving over the existing pavement. No additional projects for widening the street are planned at this time.

The decision to repave U.S. 17 through Shallotte was made at the state Board of Transportation meeting on Sept. 13 in Jacksonville. The board also approved a number

of projects on Brunswick County secondary roads





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