

Candidates Crowd Some Races, But Not Others

BY SUSAN USHER

A last-minute rush to file before Friday's noon deadline brought to a whopping 89 the number of candidates for municipal office.

Fifty-five seats are available, with elections scheduled in all but one town in Brunswick County (Bald Head Village), as well as in the Dasher Memorial Hospital and Leland Sanitary Districts.

A non-partisan primary is scheduled at Long Beach on Oct. 8, to narrow that town's traditionally large field of candidates before the Nov. 5 election.

Elections also will be held on Nov. 5 in Belville, Boiling Spring Lakes, Bolivia, Calabash, Caswell Beach, Holden Beach, Long Beach, Navassa, Ocean Isle, Shallotte, Southport and Sunset Beach.

In only three towns is there competition for the office of mayor: Shallotte, Boiling Spring Lakes and Long Beach. While 16 candidates are interested in three commissioners' seats at Long Beach, in Bolivia, Belville, Yaupon Beach and Navassa there are just enough candidates to

fill the seats available.

Shallotte
There's no lack of candidates in Shallotte for the mayor's seat and those of two aldermen.

Frankie L. Bennett and Alderman Jerry Jones have filed for mayor, while incumbent Paul Wayne Reeves and Michael J. Arnold, Sarah L. Tripp, Danny Wesley Roden, Charles Wesley Williams, Gary A. Cheers and Joseph "Yankee" Ebright have filed for alderman.

Holden Beach
Between Tuesday at noon and Friday noon, the number of candidates at Holden Beach jumped from zero to five.

A former mayor, John Tandy, is unopposed in his bid for mayor, while Addison Hayes, Gil Bass, Gay Atkins and William Williamson have filed for the two available commissioners' seats. Incumbent Commissioners Gloria Barrett and Jim Griffin and Mayor Kenner Amos did not file for re-election.

Sunset Beach
At Sunset Beach, James Gordon is

unopposed in his bid for election to the mayor's office, which he now holds by appointment. Seeking three seats on the town council are incumbents Katherine (Kathy) Hill and Edward M. Gore Sr., and Minnie K. Hunt and Richard Plyler. Appointed councilman George Foster will not seek election.

Ocean Isle Beach
Mayor LaDane Bullington is unopposed in her bid for re-election at Ocean Isle Beach, while five candidates are vying for two commissioners' seats.

They are incumbent Connor Cox, former commissioner William Benton, Toby Tomblin, Thomas Blivins and Terry Barbee.

Calabash
A former mayor of Calabash, R. Douglas Simmons, is unopposed in his bid for election to that office again.

But there will be a race for the five council seats among John H. Johnson, Robert Weber, Patricia Lewellyn, Linda Roberts, outgoing mayor Sonia Nance Stevens and Suzy

H. Moore. Moore, who was appointed to fill a vacancy on the board, is the only incumbent councilman to file.

Bolivia
Mayor Ina Mae Mintz and Commissioners Steve Robbins, M.F. Tatam, Ella Jane W. Westcott and Deborah H. Stanley have all filed for re-election in Bolivia.

Boiling Spring Lakes
Elinor Handler and Lester Beal have filed for mayor of Boiling Spring Lakes, while Tom Simmons, Eleanor Ensminger, Stephen Moore and Herbert Bunten have filed for commissioner. And in an apparent first for the town, a candidate for town council has announced his intent to withdraw.

Eric "Rick" Eckstein has asked that his name be taken off the list of candidates, said Town Clerk Barbara Curnbee. "I've been here for quite a few elections," she said, "and it's the first time this has happened."

Southport
Southport Mayor Norman Holden seeks re-election unopposed, while Alderman Ed Oliver and Barry Callari have filed from Ward 1 and

Robert Thorsen and James C. (Jim) Brown from Ward II.

Caswell Beach
William F. Zimmerman will challenge incumbents Bob McCracken and Duncan Stuart for the two commissioners' seats available at Caswell Beach.

Yaupon Beach
Incumbent Commissioners Homer Brewer, Robert W. (Bob) Brown, E. W. (Ernie) Rees and J.M. Warren have filed for re-election.

Long Beach
At Long Beach, three candidates for mayor and 16 for commissioner will juggle for spots on the Nov. 5 ballot.

Mayor Ben Thomas faces challenges from Commissioner Johnny Vereen III and Ray Mansfield. Filing for three commissioners' seats are incumbent L. Lee Presnell, along with Harvey W. Anderson, David I. Buchman, Clayton Horace Collier, A.L. "Pete" Farmer, Steve Gainey, Paul A. Gallagher, Mary Jane James, Wayne Kester, William H. Millard, Boyd

Phillips, Timothy W. Pittman, John R. Ramsey, Ronald J. Shannon, James Sloop and a former mayor, James R. Somers.

Belville
Three new faces are seeking election unopposed in Belville, where Kenneth D. Messer has filed for mayor and Thomas Butler and Roger Riegle for commissioner.

Navassa
Mayor Louis "Bobby" Brown and Commissioners Edward Williams and Therman Mosley Sr. are seeking election.

Leland Sanitary District
Two incumbents, Leo J. Nowak and Ava V. Thomas, and newcomers George Mintz, Patsy Elliott and Boyd Williamson are unopposed in seeking the five seats on the sanitary district's board. Williamson is the county tax administrator.

Dasher Hospital District
Incumbent Charles H. Rogers and Evelyn Teal Butler, Robert Bukoski, Charles Roof and Charles B. Johnson have filed for election. Three seats are available.

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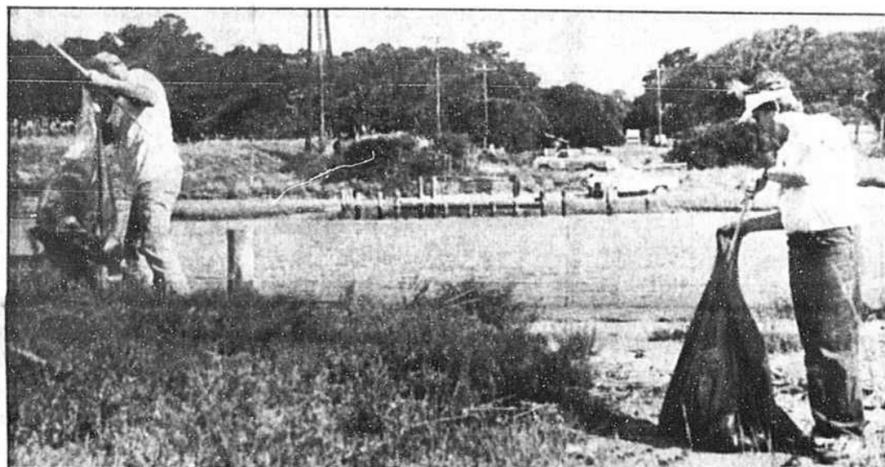
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It's Looking Better

Approximately 30 volunteers hit the streets at Ocean Isle Beach Saturday for the Property Owners Association's fourth clean-up day. There was less litter to collect than in the past, noted one officer, Stuart Ingram. Much of it was concentrated in two or three areas such as Shallotte Boulevard, where Joe Saunders and Tony Hanna (above) and their respective spouses Bess and Judy, and Jim Brill and Sara Parker (right), all of Charlotte, found everything from the usual empty cans and bottles to lawn chairs, underwear and an unopened beer.

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First Three Members Named To E & R Board

BY DAWN ELLEN BOYD

Brunswick County Commissioners named three of seven members to the Brunswick County Board of Equalization and Review Monday night.

Appointed were Eileen Kellagher of Oak Island, A.A. "Leland" Massingale of Shallotte, and Harold Willetts of Bolivia. They were nominated by the commissioners of their respective districts, Jim Poole, Herman Love and Frankie Rabon.

Beginning next spring, the board will hear the appeals of taxpayers who are not satisfied with the values assigned their property during the 1986 reevaluation now being conducted by W.P. Ferris Inc.

Commissioners voted to increase the membership of the E & R Board from five to seven persons, an idea originally proposed by Chairman Chris Chappell at the Sept. 16th meeting and suggested again Monday by Commissioner Frankie Rabon.

These additional two members will be named by the full board of commissioners with the intention of making sure the diverse interests of the county are represented.

Commissioners Grace Beasley and Chris Chappell will make their appointments later. Chappell specified that he wants to make sure the farm-

ing and black communities are both represented. Mrs. Beasley said her search is continuing, after one prospect decided health reasons would prevent him from serving.

Franklin Randolph, a former school board member and vocal member of the black community, said he appreciated Chappell's statement concerning minorities.

"Minorities own quite a bit of property in Brunswick County," Randolph said. "I don't think it's right for commissioners to appoint a lily white board. You could add board members or members-at-large with input on this board...This is our county and we should look at it this way: everybody is somebody and everybody needs representation."

Commissioner Frankie Rabon offered a motion to add two members at large to the E & R Board saying he believed a black and a realtor should be included.

The board adopted the motion but

did not specify who the members-at-large would represent.

County Manager Billy Carter said minorities compose 21 per cent of the county's population in answer to question from new E & R Board member Eileen Kellagher.

Boyd Williamson, county tax administrator, said the E & R Board is getting started now so it can undergo an extensive education process before tax notices are sent out. The board, which will officially convene no earlier than the first Monday in April and no later than the first Monday in May, will hear valuation appeals. It has the power to increase or reduce values if it finds action to be warranted.

In other business Monday, the board met in executive session for about 30 minutes to discuss a matter of litigation at the request of County Attorney David Clegg. Chappell said no action was taken.

Engine Trouble Causes Pilot To Ditch Plane

Engine failure about 20 minutes after takeoff forced a Southport man to ditch his single-engine aircraft Thursday afternoon in the marsh near the Oak Island Bridge.

Pilot Kari Klemm of Southport was performing a touch-and-go type landing at the Brunswick County Airport off Beach Road when engine trouble developed shortly after 5 p.m.

Rescuers later retrieved Klemm from the marsh and transported him to Dasher Memorial Hospital. He was

uninjured, sheriff's deputies reported.

It was low tide when the plane landed in the mud. As of early Monday, it still had not been retrieved by salvage workers.

Chief of Detectives Richard Burgess and several deputies responded to the crash along with rescue workers.

Klemm had bought the second-hand Cessna 177 earlier that day in Wilmington.

Board Adopts Tattoo Parlor Ordinance

BY DAWN ELLEN BOYD

Tattoo parlors will be regulated under county ordinance beginning Dec. 1 by a decision made by the Brunswick County Board of Health Monday night.

The board also voted to recommend that flu vaccination shots administered through the county remain only \$3 per dose.

The health board began the meeting by going into executive session for two hours and 10 minutes.

Chairman John Madison said the main reason for withdrawing into closed session was to complete the evaluation of Health Director Thomas Blum, which he said was long past due. They also discussed an unspecified contract and a personnel matter within the animal control section.

Later, the board said a grievance filed earlier this month by animal control employee Sherry Russ was outside its jurisdiction.

Tattoo Ordinance

Blum said it was necessary the board pass an ordinance on tattoo parlors because he had been contacted by two persons who were interested in opening them, and one at least was already in operation.

Anytime a needle is used on skin there is a health risk, and in tattoo parlors there is also the possibility that infections of the blood could be spread from one person to another. Blum said hepatitis B and AIDS, acquired immune deficiency syndrome, are the two diseases of most concern.

Blum said the proposed ordinance would require the parlors to have a pre-inspection and receive indoctrination in sterile techniques from the health department. The parlors would then be issued a permit for a period of time and would be subject to inspections during that time. If the parlors were to violate any rules, the permit could be revoked.

Blum asked that the ordinance be adopted to go into effect Dec. 1, to give his department time to develop training procedures and the necessary forms.

Board member Naomi Henry moved to accept the proposed ordinance with a \$100 annual fee tacked on to help defer the health department's costs. The motion passed unanimously.

Sanitarians

Board members voted to write the Brunswick County Board of County

Commissioners asking when it will act on an environmental health staffing situation involving county sanitarians. The commissioners had considered the problem at their July 9 meeting but took no action.

Blum said the letter focused on the charge the sanitarians were not providing the service they should be, a complaint by six citizens, and a summarization of the fact many citizens had come forward in support of the sanitarians and their work.

Flu Shots

Because Dr. James Mulholland had recommended October as the best month to administer the flu vaccinations, Blum had already approached the county commissioners who by a vote of three to two approved raising the charge for the vaccination from \$3 to \$5 contingent on the Health Board's decision.

Henry Heichert, president of the senior citizens' council, sent the health board a letter opposing the \$5 fee on the grounds it could cause some seniors hardship.

Besides the fee hike to \$5, the board also adopted Blum's other proposals, to allow health department employees to get the shots at the fixed rate so as reduce sick leave, and

allowing other county employees to have the shot at the fixed rate after all the senior citizen areas were served. The agency has 575 doses of the flu vaccine available.

Board member Frankie Rabon suggested returning any excess money to the senior citizens program after the program's costs were met.

Blum said that he didn't think the department could legally do that and explained the reason he was proposing the increase was so the fees would go up gradually and because of criticism from medical professionals.

Board member Fred Lesh said, "We're dealing with people who don't have too many more income producing years of their lives."

Blum pointed out the vaccine wasn't only meant for senior citizens; people with chronic conditions were also recommended to have the vaccine.

Screening Program

The department has forwarded a proposal to operate a community alternative program to the Cape Fear Council of Governments for consideration and a recommendation to the county commissioners.

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TATTOO PARLORS like this one at Seaside will be regulated beginning Dec. 1 by an ordinance adopted by the county health board Monday night.