

Orton Owners Seek Injunction Against Repeat Trespasser

The owners of Orton Plantation are seeking a court injunction to bar a Bolivia man from trespassing on the property to hunt game, fish and take or harvest Venus flytraps "without prior written consent".

According to the civil complaint filed in Brunswick County District Court by Kenneth M. Sprunt and Laurence G. Sprunt, both of Wilmington, and Sam N. Sprunt of Houston, Texas, a Route 1, Bolivia man, Archie Williams, has trespassed on the property on a number of occasions over the years, and more

particularly on Oct. 15, to illegally harvest Venus flytraps, an endangered species protected by both state and federal law.

In their complaint, the brothers state that no adequate remedy of law is available; that if they attempted to seek redress in the courts it "would result in the plaintiffs brining a multiplicity of suits."

On at least two previous occasions, May 23, 1981, and Feb. 4, 1982, the complaint indicates, Williams was advised he was trespassing on private property and asked to leave and not come back.

On May 28, 1981, written notice was sent to Raeford Williams, Preston Williams and Archie Williams of Route 1, Bolivia; Benjamin Lewis of Route 2, Bolivia, and Troy Bernard of Route 1, Bolivia.

"It has come to my attention," wrote Kenneth Sprunt, "that you were apprehended trespassing and fishing on the lands of Orton Plantation which are private and posted on the day of May 23, 1981."

He advised that if found trespassing again, they would be prosecuted for forceable trespass.



Science Emphasized

Chris Johnson, a West Brunswick High School junior from Supply, carefully adjusts his microscope during a science project. The science department at the high school is placing special emphasis on laboratory experiments during Science Education Week, Nov. 4-9.

Thirteen Larcenies Reported

Thirteen larcenies, including three in the Sunset Harbor area, were reported to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department last week.

Items taken ranged from hanging flower baskets to the crosses off a burial vault.

On Nov. 2 at 4:30 p.m., James C. Williams of the Ocean View Landing area reported larceny of cash, his Visa charge card, First Union teller

card, social security card, two watches and a flashlight.

On Oct. 30 at 7:20 p.m., Ronald D. Carter of U.S. 17 reported larceny of a water pump.

On Oct. 29 at 9 a.m., Lewis Pope of Whispering Pines Road reported the larceny of a color television set, home-type bar, combination AM/FM radio-phonograph-recorder, and

cassette player.

On Oct. 28, at 5 p.m., Gerald D. Walker of the Shoreline Estates area, reported larceny and property damage. Taken were a weed eater machine and a screwdriver set.

On Oct. 28, Rosa Varnam of the Supply area reported theft of crosses from a burial vault.

Also on Oct. 28, at 11 p.m., Ernie Galloway of the Supply area reported the theft of a bicycle and skateboard.

And also Oct. 28, at 1:10 p.m., Stackhouse Inc. of the Southport area reported theft of a backhoe.

On Oct. 26, at 12:35 p.m., Hope Mills Boat Motor Co. in the Winabow area reported the larceny of a marine radio, depth finder, television set and other equipment.

On Oct. 26, at 11 a.m., Virgil A. Wilson of the Sunset Harbor area, reported larceny of a golf cart.

Fifteen minutes earlier, also in the Sunset Harbor area, Johnny E. Joyce area reported larceny of a gas tank and battery.

And at 10:30 a.m. that day, Johnny J. Kallam of the Sunset Harbor area reported the theft of tackle boxes and a gas tank.

On Oct. 26 at 9 a.m., in the Calabash area, the Towel & Linen Outlet reported the larceny of hanging baskets from outside the building.

On Oct. 25, at 8 a.m., James Lonnie Hall of the Leland area reported the larceny of his license plate.

Rainfall Was Heavy In Area

"The frogs were happy," said Jackson Canady, Shallotte Point meteorologist.

Brunswick County received 4.37 inches of rain from Oct. 29 to Nov. 4. Normal rainfall for the period would have been half an inch.

The daily average temperature was 66 degrees, six degrees above normal. The highest temperature of the period was 77 degrees on Nov. 3; the lowest was 53 degrees on Oct. 29. The average daily high was 72 degrees, and the average morning low was 60 degrees.

Canady said temperatures should be near normal this week, averaging around 50 degrees at night and 70 degrees during the day.

Coast Guard Investigating Saturday Morning Boat Fire

U.S. Coast Guard officials are withholding details regarding a boat that burned Saturday morning in the Intracoastal Waterway pending further investigation.

The unoccupied boat had burned to the waterline by the time help arrived, said Petty Officer (Boatswain's Mate) 2nd Class Allen Denning of the U.S. Coast Guard Station at Oak Island.

Denning said the law enforcement division of the District 5 office in Portsmouth, Va., is investigating the incident for possible theft and larceny.

While the identity of the boat's owner and other information has been obtained, he said, "We're not releasing any other information for now."

He said the station received a landline call from the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department report-

ing the fire at about 2:25 a.m. Saturday.

"They stated the Sunset Beach officer had sighted a boat fire near Marker No. 115 in the Intracoastal Waterway," he said.

The vessel was described as a 30-footer, possibly a sportsfishing boat, with twin inboard-outboard engines.

About seven minutes after receiving the call, the station launched its 21-footer.

Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan was first on the scene, he said.

No one was sighted in the vicinity of the boat, Denning said, and the Coast Guardsmen finished extinguishing the fire. "There were no remains, really, not enough to tow."

The boat was left along the bank on the mainland side of the waterway.

Shippers Can Move On Barge Service Plans

The word is go for Carolina Steamship Inc., the company that plans to ship containerized cargo to Puerto Rico from a terminal at Eagle Island in northern Brunswick County.

Brunswick County received word Monday that it has been awarded a community development block grant to provide the firm, also called Carolina Caribbean Carriers Inc., the funds it needs to begin exporting goods. County commissioners approved agreements related to the project Monday night.

Award of the \$750,000 grant was announced Monday by Bob Jamieson, regional manager of N.C. Department of Natural Resources and Community Development's Wilmington office.

Brunswick County will lend all but

\$15,000 of the sum to the company. The difference will be used to administer the federal grant.

The firm expects to spend \$500,000 for land acquisition, \$43,000 for office equipment and \$192,000 in working capital.

According to the grant agreement approved by the county and the firm, most of those hired by the firm will be of low and moderate incomes. The firm has agreed to hire 80 percent of its workers from Brunswick County. The county expects to hire a minimum of 50 full-time workers.

Carolina Caribbean Carriers Inc. will repay the \$735,000 plus interest to the county over a 10-year period that begins two years from now. The funds will be invested in other local economic development projects.

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Workshop Aimed At Single Black Moms

A workshop aimed at black single mothers will be sponsored by the Wilmington Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Shiloh Baptist Church, located at 719 Walnut Street in Wilmington, will be the site of the workshop.

Four consultants will provide information on financial planning, single parenting, stress management and educational opportunities.

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