

Literacy Workshop Available

BY DAWN ELLEN BOYD
Approximately 5,000 Brunswick County residents do not know how to read or write.

If you find this alarming enough to want to do something about it, the Brunswick County Literacy Council needs you.

George (Clem) Clementson, chairman of the council, said a 12-hour workshop will be held Nov. 8-10 at the Supply campus of Brunswick Technical College to train volunteers in the Laubach method of teaching adults to read. The sessions are also used to introduce other types of literacy volunteers—administrative, fund-raising and the like—to the Laubach method used by the council.

Workshop hours are 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 9; and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 10.

Participants should bring a bag lunch to Saturday's session.

The cost of the workshop will be \$10 per person. Senior citizens (persons over age 65) may take the course at no charge.

"You don't have to be a school teacher to do it," explained Clementson.

The 12-hour course will acquaint potential volunteers with the teaching method.

"It's a starting point," Clementson said. "I didn't have any idea of how to go about teaching someone to read when I started. This will show people where to start, what to do."

Ruth Whitley, a member of the Columbus County Literacy Council, will teach the course. Brunswick Beacon

News Editor Susan Usher will assist Whitley.

Clementson stressed that volunteers are especially needed in the Ash and Leland areas.

Volunteers work confidentially with adults on a one-to-one basis.

Brunswick Technical College provides free Adult Basic Education classes for people wishing to learn to read, but many adults don't want to confront their problem in such a public setting.

"Some people don't want other people to know they are illiterate," said Clementson. "These are the people we can help. We work privately with individuals."

The Literacy Council was formed four years ago. Clementson was taking a course in the Laubach method at Brunswick Technical College and a college official and the workshop instructor suggested that he work to form a council in the county.

Clementson said he appreciates all the help the council has received from Brunswick Technical College and especially from college president Joe Carter. "He really wants people to get an education and better themselves," said Clementson.

Anyone interested in signing up for the workshop should call Clementson at 842-9599 or Brunswick Technical College at 754-8773.

Tech Will Auction Donated Facilities

Brunswick Technical College will auction off the buildings and contents of the Holden Beach Motel and Campground on Saturday, Nov. 9, at 10 a.m.

United Carolina Bank donated the facilities to the college foundation to sell for the school's benefit.

Announcement of the gift came last week from Leo Johnson, senior vice president of UCB and a former trustee of the college.

United Carolina Bank plans to use the site as the location of its fifth Brunswick County branch, which will open in spring 1986.

Building contents include fur-

niture, restaurant equipment, bed spreads, carpets, a cigarette machine, appliances, lamps and air conditioners.

Two pickup trucks, telephones, ladders and high pressure hoses will also be on sale at the auction.

Les Paul Auction of Wilmington will handle the sales.

Buyers must pay with cash or check and haul away all merchandise the day of the auction. Persons buying buildings will have 30 days to remove them to another site.

All proceeds will be used to support college operations, not the building program.

Statutory Offenses Charged

A probable cause hearing will be held Nov. 5 for a Long Beach man charged by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department with taking sexual liberties with a family member when she was less than 13 years old.

Edgar Eugene Kepley, 45, of 34th Street N.E., was charged by Detective Nancy Simpson with one count of statutory rape, two counts of statutory sex offense, two counts of crimes against nature and one count of incest.

The offenses allegedly occurred between June 1981 and March 1982.

Arrested Oct. 25, Kepley was released from the Brunswick County Jail Monday, Oct. 28, on \$25,000 bail, with the condition that he not communicate directly or indirectly with the child before the trial.

At Kepley's first appearance hearing on Oct. 28, a motion by defense attorney Tom Heller to quash the warrants because of the dates of the alleged offenses was denied by District Judge Lee J. Greer Jr.

State Health Director Visits Brunswick County

The Brunswick County Health Department received a goodwill visit from State Health Director Ronald H. Levine last Wednesday.

Levine traveled with Sally Melek, manager of the Risk Reduction Program; Rebecca Merriweather, head of the Communicable Disease Board; and Jerry Rhodes, head of the Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Branch.

Peggy Bargaquest, Brunswick County Health Educator, said Levine wanted to discuss accomplishments and concerns with staff members.

Levine also met with Brunswick County Health Director Thomas Blum and departmental supervisors. Bargaquest said Levine hadn't visited the department in a number of years.

She laughed, "It was kind of like meeting the President of the United States for us!"

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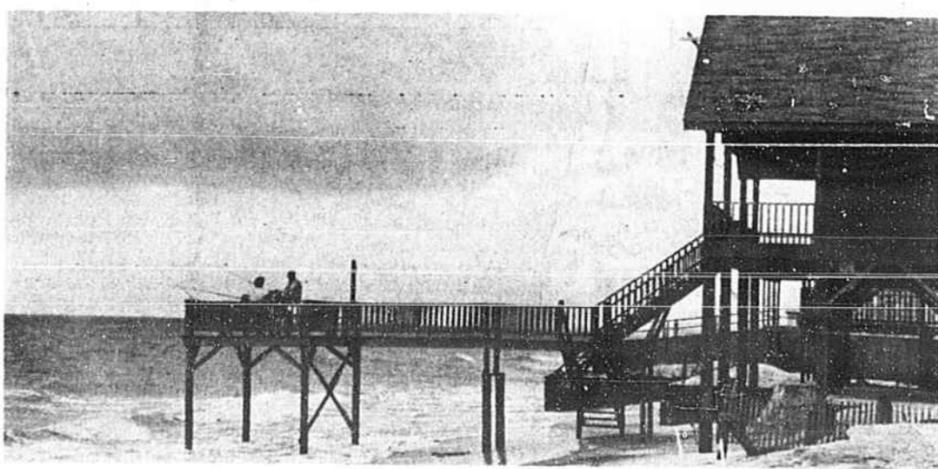
VFD To Hold Dinner, Sale

The Supply Volunteer Fire Department will serve barbecue and ham dinners Saturday, Nov. 9, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the fire station on N.C. 211.

Donations are being accepted for a yard sale that will be held at the same time.

Each dinner will include a choice of meat and hushpuppies, candied yams, coleslaw and tea or coffee for \$3.50 per plate.

Volunteers will deliver six or more plates. To order, call 754-8259.



Erosion Opens Up New Fishing Spot

A couple of anglers use the deck of a beach cottage on the east end of Holden Beach this past weekend as a fishing pier. More details and pictures of the erosion problem are on pages 1 and 2 of this section.

Court Date Reset For West Enders

A date in Brunswick County District Court for 30 persons charged with trespassing on the west end of Holden Beach has been delayed again, this time until Dec. 13.

Assistant District Attorney Wanda Bryant obtained the continuance, she said, to provide more time for her to review the case and decide whether it should be prosecuted in district criminal court.

The charges stem from an Aug. 24 motorcade by members of a group called Concerned Citizens of Brunswick County through a barricade across the entrance road to Holden Beach West.

The case was initially rescheduled

for Monday, Nov. 4, to allow time to obtain a legal opinion from the state. That opinion arrived in a Sept. 23 letter to Holden Beach Town Attorney Doug Ledgett. It has since been interpreted in various ways. Based on the letter, the town has decided the case is between two private parties and does not involve the town.

The Concerned Citizens group has interpreted the opinion to mean there is a possibility of proving the road to the west end of the beach is public and getting it reopened.

Holden Beach Enterprises closed the road in mid-August, saying it was a private road providing access to a private development, Holden Beach

West. Developers Jim D. Griffin Jr. and Virgil Roberts have said the road will eventually be paved and turned over to Holden Beach West property owners to do with as they will.

Depending upon whether the evidence clearly indicates the road is privately owned, the state may choose not to prosecute in criminal court, where the burden is proof is "beyond a shadow of a doubt."



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