



PLACING WREATHS at the Brunswick County Veterans Memorial during Veterans Day observances

are (from left) John and Shirley Lowe of Bolling Spring Lakes and Elouisa Caton of Bolivia.

Veterans Dedicate New Honor Roll

BY DAWN ELLEN BOYD

Local veterans gathered at the Veterans' Memorial at the Brunswick County Government Center in Bolivia Monday to dedicate a plaque to the memory of 152 county citizens who died while serving in the armed forces.

"We promise your names will never be forgotten," Veterans' Service Officer Jess Parker told a crowd of approximately 100 persons.

U.S. Congressman Charles G. Rose addressed the crowd, reminding them "No job in the U.S.A. other than being a soldier or a sailor or an air-

man requires risking losing your life as the basic job you do."

Col. Fredrick Meyers, commander of Sunny Point Military Ocean Terminal near Southport, said, "This must not only be a commemoration of the past; it must be a pledge to the future."

"Taps" was played, and the flag was lowered to half mast as Stern read the names on the honor roll.

Chris Chappell, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners, accepted the honor roll on behalf of the county.

At the close of the ceremony,

Elouisa Caton of Bolivia and Shirley Lowe of Bolling Spring Lakes laid wreaths at the base of the memorial.

Parker recognized Norman C. Bellamy of Holden Beach for building and donating the case which houses the open-ended honor roll. The plaque will hang in the public assembly building at the government center.

Veterans appeared to appreciate the new honor roll. Willie E. Norton of Supply, who served in the Army for 22 years and was a prisoner of war in Germany during World War II, said, "I think it's one of the nicest things anyone could do."

Dynamite Thought Linked To Murder Suspect Sullivan

BY SUSAN USHER

A box of dynamite found Monday beneath the Oak Island Bridge appears to be connected to a Leland man captured Sunday in Arizona and held in connection with the Oct. 28 slaying of a Wilmington man.

Officers are using photographs taken Monday to trace the source of the explosives—possibly two cases of dynamite stolen from bunkers near Leland earlier this year, Sheriff John Carr Davis said.

Jeffrey Wayne Sullivan, 25, is being held in the Coconino County Jail in Flagstaff, Ariz., on a fugitive warrant pending extradition to Wilmington. The Wilmington Police Department plans to serve Sullivan with a warrant charging him with first-degree murder in the Oct. 28 shooting death of Robert Douglas Hurd.

Hurd was shot at close range with a pistol in the parking of Hardee's restaurant at Long Leaf Mall in Wilmington. The two were thought to have argued over a woman both had been seeing.

The Arizona Highway Patrol arrested Sullivan Sunday afternoon at a rest stop where he was sleeping in a gold-colored Datsun 280Z.

In his automobile—which matched the description of the car that was seen fleeing the scene of the murder—Arizona officers found sticks of dynamite and a number homemade pipe bombs.

Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Douglas "Sonny" Padgett had coordinated a local search for the Datsun and Sullivan, at one point thought to be hiding in the Green Swamp. An all-points bulletin was issued for the car and also for a truck

reported missing near the swamp on Nov. 3.

Monday, while Sullivan was being held in Arizona, a man whom Sheriff John Carr Davis described as an "associate" of Sullivan's led officers to a pile of dynamite beneath the Oak Island Bridge.

Officers suspect the dynamite at the bridge and that found in Sullivan's car come from the same source.

Davis said the dynamite found Monday was "hidden about 50 yards from one of the pillars of the bridge," but were not set for detonation.

If the nearly 50 pounds—more than 125 sticks—of explosives had been detonated, he continued, the blast would have been sufficient to damage the foundation of the bridge.

Davis said the "associate" he did

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Parents Seek Added Safety Along Leland School Road

BY SUSAN USHER

Parents of a Leland fifth-grader killed when struck by a car last week near her school appealed to the Brunswick County Board of Education Tuesday to improve safety conditions along the Old Fayetteville Road.

In a steamy hot and crowded conference room, they vowed not to let up on their efforts until a permanent solution is found.

"We're not going to back off," John and Shera Lynn Spivey said, as perspiration glistened on the forehead of a nearby television cameraman.

"You can rest assured something will be done," board member and former Lincoln Primary School Principal James Clemmons told them.

The Spiveys' 10-year-old daughter, Michelle Lynn, was killed Nov. 6 when struck by a car while crossing the road near the school on her way home to Westover subdivision, less than a mile away. Spivey said his daughter had to cross the road both to reach home and to obey traffic laws that require pedestrians to walk facing traffic.

While the accident did not occur on or directly in front of school property, it raised questions among school officials and parents regarding pupil safety, Bill Turner, special assistant to the superintendent of schools, indicated Tuesday: "It was one of those sad things that wakes everybody up."

Both Leland Middle School and North Brunswick High School are located on S.R. 1437 or the Old Fayetteville Road near the U.S. 74-76 overpass.

"It's too late for us to get anything done for Michelle," said the girl's aunt, Joy Faulk, as she sought action by the board Tuesday.

Superintendent Gene Yarbrough told the Spiveys that the N.C. Department of Transportation is investigating the need for additional safety measures on the road, and

that the board expects to announce its actions in the wake of that investigation at its December 12 meeting.

Roy Haskins of DOT's Division 3 engineering office is to make a field survey and report the state's recommendations to the school board.

Several years ago, Yarbrough said, North Brunswick High School had requested a flashing light in the area, apparently to be told the school system would have to bear the expense. The lights weren't purchased.

School staff members, the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department and State Highway Patrol are taking extra steps meanwhile to assure students of safety in the area. "We're concerned about all the campuses, but especially that campus now," Turner told The Beacon earlier Tuesday after talking with the school's principal, DOT and the sheriff's department.

Staff members are acting as temporary crossing guards at the request of Yarbrough; the sheriff's department has agreed to have a deputy on hand when school lets out whenever possible; and the State Highway Patrol plans to patrol the area with unmarked cars to discourage high speed traffic.

"People have asked why the sheriff's department can't provide a deputy at the school if we can provide one for the movie set," said Sheriff John Carr Davis. "But the deputy that works for the movie set is off-duty and the county is reimbursed by the movie company."

With other responsibilities to tend to, he said, "We can try to have a deputy there, but we can't guarantee he could be there every day."

Hazardous Road?
Mrs. Spivey said students in the neighborhood walk home from school because of overcrowding on the buses. The driver of Bus 39, from Leland, agreed buses there are overcrowded in general.

However, bus seats haven't been

allocated for students in the subdivisions in close vicinity to the school, Yarbrough later explained. The state does not provide funds for transporting students who live within one mile of a school unless the school system can document that a hazardous situation exists.

He said, "No one has ever told me a hazard exists there."

Yarbrough and Turner said overcrowding on buses is worse in the South and West school districts than in the North district. The state allows standees on buses as long as they do not go past a mark running behind the driver's seat and across the width of the bus.

Turner said the state will soon provide the county six additional buses—two the county will pay for next year and four on temporary loan or lease. None are scheduled to be placed in the North district. The county must buy its new buses, which the state then maintains and replaces at approved levels.

School board member James Clemmons, former principal of Lincoln Primary School said he thought 1) the Spivey child had "no business" on the road; 2) the schools should provide transportation—even across the road—or keep the children on school grounds until they are picked up by their parents—"even if it means tripling the number of buses."

District 5's county commissioner, Grace Beasley, whose son is in the fifth-grade at Leland Middle, added her concern to that of the Spivey family.

"Do whatever it takes," she urged, "if it takes a light, a school crossing guard. Whatever it takes, the parents will support it."

She said students nine to 13 years old are too young to take the responsibility for crossing the road alone. "They're going to play around," she said.

She asked for investigation of traffic concerns at all three schools and (See PARENTS, Page 2-A)

Ocean Isle Bridge Opens Next Month

BY SUSAN USHER

Traffic could begin flowing across the new highrise bridge to Ocean Isle Beach early next month.

Ocean Isle Beach Police Chief Jerry Gurganus told town commissioners Monday that work on the bridge was progressing smoothly and that it should open the first week of December—on target with predictions made earlier this year.

At mid-summer project supervisor Guy Myers had predicted traffic on the bridge by December 1.

The 65.5-foot high-rise fixed span structure will replace a drawspan built in 1926 and originally used on U.S. 17 over the Chowan River near Edenton. It has been in use on N.C. 904 across the Intracoastal Water-

way since 1958.

It and the Holden Beach Bridge drawbridge now being replaced were labeled in 1963 as "killer bridges" in George Mair's *Bridge Down: A True Story*. The book was about major bridge disasters in the United States and the general state of repair of bridges.

Construction of the replacement span began in April 1984 by J. Lawson Jones Construction Co. of Clarksville, Va. The cost is an estimated \$5.76 million for the .85-mile span. It has a 34-foot wide roadway, of which 24 feet are paved. Foot traffic and fishing will be allowed on the bridge.

A combination of 75% federal and 25% state funds financed the new

span.

Removal of the old bridge is part of the firm's contract. Myers had said the Ocean Isle Bridge would have to be "cut up, piece by piece and shipped to a junkyard or shipped out whole by barge."

"It'll cost a whole lot more to take it down than it's worth," he said.

Up for sale now are "all materials in the existing bridge," including used wood piles, concrete piles, bridge timbers, bridge steel, 40,000 cubic yards of state approved fill material and "other items too numerous to mention."

Members of several local fishing clubs had hoped to obtain the bridge superstructure for sinking as an artificial reef off of Shallotte Inlet.

Voters Will Determine Future Of College Building Program

BY DAWN ELLEN BOYD

Voters will decide Tuesday whether to provide funding to Brunswick Technical College for construction of buildings needed to locate all programs on one campus.

County chairmen of both major political parties have endorsed the \$8 million general obligation bond referendum to finance construction of classroom buildings and an auditorium at the Supply main campus.

Over a period of three years the building program would consolidate programs scattered across three campuses and provide room for the state's youngest and one of the fastest growing technical colleges.

Since its inception, Brunswick Technical College (BTC) President Joe Carter said the college's enrollment has increased at the rate of approximately 100 students per year.

The bipartisan Bond Referendum Task Force for Brunswick Technical College, a group of private citizens, is campaigning to insure the bond issue's passage.

With an enrollment of 658 full and part-time degree program students, BTC operates two campuses in the Supply area and one in Southport.

Eighty-eight General Education Development students seeking high school equivalencies, and 116 Adult Basic Education students doing make-up work in grades one through eight also attend classes on the campus.

Off-campus curriculum courses are offered at county high schools. Enrollment for these courses, which include photography, upholstery, EMT training, and recertification courses for public school teachers, is 1,958 for the fall quarter.

Except for one new building on the Supply main campus, all facilities used by the school are problem-laden castoffs of other county agencies.

BTC President Joe Carter said he is afraid if the building situation doesn't improve it could hurt BTC's chances at reaccreditation in 1987. Accreditation, an extensive evaluation process conducted by the Southern Association of Schools and

Colleges (SASC), is important to a school's reputation and credibility. The SASC first accredited the college in 1984, but passed along several recommendations including con-

solidating all curriculum programs and administrative support services on a single campus.

Carter said, "We were a new institution and they went easier on us

the first time. Next time it will be a different story."

A close look at BTC reveals that similar problems, including substandard facilities and lack of space, ex-

ist on all three campuses.

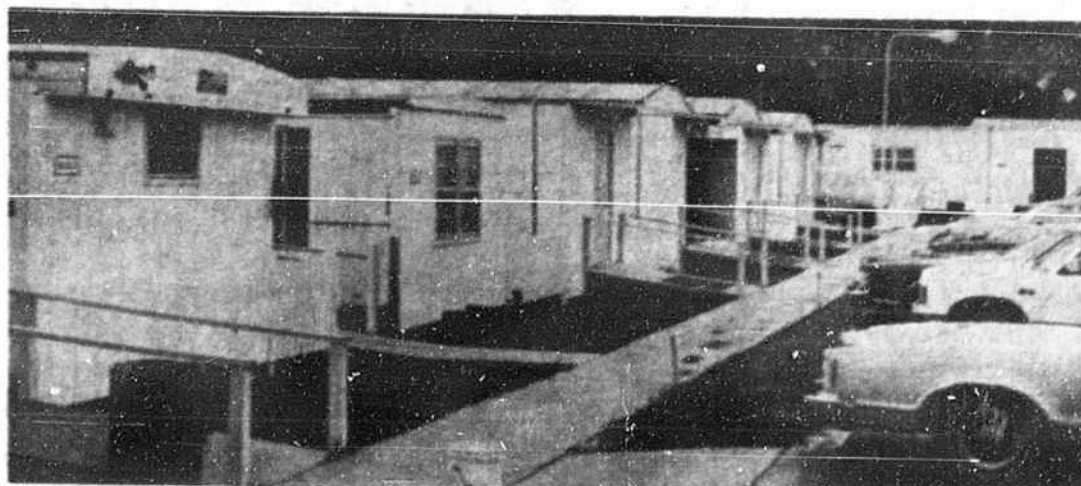
Administrative Offices

College administrative offices are located in the former county extension service office in Supply, where overcrowding is a major problem, as it is on the other two campuses.

The facility houses offices of the president, dean of instruction, public information officer, institutional development officer, the business office and all support personnel. The office of continuing education had to be moved into a trailer attached to the building since there wasn't room for it anywhere else.

Because of the lack of classroom space at the main campus, evening classes often must be held in the administrative building board room.

Classroom trailers house special interagency programs for handicapped students behind the administration building. Carter said, "The trailers are old ones the public schools didn't want any more. They are in poor condition and need major renovations. They really need to be (See VOTERS, Page 18-A)



TRAILERS, discarded by the public school system, make up many of the classrooms on the Supply campus of Brunswick Technical College.