

Beauty On Parade

Lovely young women wave to the crowd from this float, one of more than 100 units participating Saturday in the largest Shallotte Christmas Parade ever. More coverage is inside on Pages 12-B and 13-B.



Few Boats Paraded In Calabash

Third place winner in the Calabash Annual Christmas Boat Parade was this entry by the Seafood Hut in Calabash with owner Ray Coleman, family and friends aboard. Proceeds from the four-boat parade and related events will help provide holiday food baskets for needy families. For more coverage see page 11-A.



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Holden Will Consider Causeway Annexation

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

Holden Beach commissioners officially registered their interest in annexation of the causeway area north of the island by unanimous approval Monday of a "notice of consideration."

The action came after extensive discussion of a report from Planning Board Chairman Alan Holden on annexation possibilities.

Holden said his board had been asked to look at the factual pros and cons of taking in that area from the Intracoastal Waterway to just beyond N.C. 130 on the north. "We

are not proponents for this or against it," he said, "and I want to make it clear no town board member or official has taken a stand one way or the other. We were just asked to get some facts."

He said the board's study shows the area satisfies state guidelines for annexation, with sufficient total area and sufficient footage adjoining Holden Beach. One-eighth of the perimeter of an area to be annexed must adjoin the town boundary.

"We looked at the expenses of providing services required, and that means primarily water," he said.

"The county has a water line running down the causeway, so the town wouldn't have that expense. There would be just two short lines to be run from the causeway, one to the east, the other west."

Commissioner Hal Stanley asked about procedures leading to annexation. Town Manager Bob Buck said the first step is a notice of intent to be passed by the board, at which time a public hearing would be set, to be held from 45-90 days later.

Then a study would be authorized, to be available within 30 days and prior to the hearing. It would define

the boundaries of the area in question, show that area and population requirements are met, and how all services available in the annexing town are to be provided in the annexed area.

"Up to this point, and even after the public hearing, the town is not obligated at all. It can back off and forget it," Buck said. "After the hearing it can pass an annexation ordinance, and annexation would not be effective until a year later. The quickest it could happen is, if the board passed a notice of intent on Jan. 5, 1987, annexation could not be

effective before the summer of 1988."

Mayor John Tandy asked for a rough estimate of the number of residents in this area, to which Holden replied, "About 40, give or take a half-dozen." Buck said he counted about 35 mobile homes and about 35 residences there, but had no idea how many permanent residents lived in them.

"How would this (annexation) affect our police force?" Tandy asked, and Holden replied, "We'd have to add to it."

In attempting to estimate the tax valuation of the area, Stanley said,

"There would be \$1 million in three pieces of property alone."

Town Attorney Doug Ledgett said zoning of annexed territory is usually set along with the annexation ordinance. "Otherwise, it's RI until zoning is done," he said.

Ledgett also explained that no referendum is required among residents to be annexed, if the annexing town has a population under 5,000.

In response to a question about possible incorporation during the annexation study, Ledgett said the

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Three Charged In Holden Beach Break-Ins

Three men were arrested and charged Saturday by Holden Beach Police in connection with a series of breaking and entering that occurred last week.

The arrests followed a 2:30 a.m. search Saturday of a residence at 349 Ocean Boulevard East by the full five-man police force.

Arrested were Arthur Edward (Ed) Carter Jr., 42, and Melvin Curtis Roark, 33, both of Rannapolis, and Randy Eugene Sloop, nicknamed "Rambo," of Concord. They were charged with two counts each of breaking and entering with larceny and one count each of larceny of a firearm.

Officers recovered three guns from the house, including a .33-cal., two-inch revolver officers identified as stolen. The suspects had no proof of ownership of the other two weapons, a .44-cal. Special Smith and Wesson six-inch revolver and a .35-cal. Tlama.

Also recovered were several radios, CB radios, binoculars, fishing rods and reels, firecrackers, a hot glue gun and boots.

As of Tuesday morning, Carter had been released on \$15,000 secured bond and \$500 unsecured bond. Roark and Sloop were being held in lieu of identical bonds.

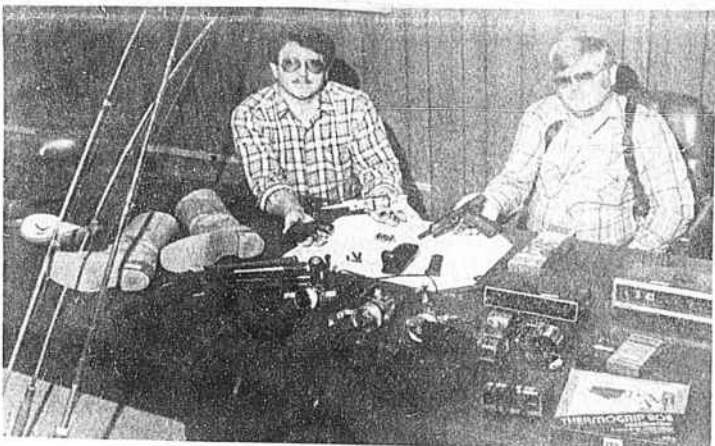
The arrests culminated a three-day investigation by the department that began after a series of seven or eight break-ins in the neighborhood on Wednesday and Thursday. At about 9 p.m. Thursday Officer George Atkins said he matched footprints at the site of a breaking and entering to those found outside the residence at 349 Ocean Boulevard East.

"I just about caught one of them," he told The Brunswick Beacon.

Subsequent investigation Friday morning uncovered several fishing rods behind the residence, which led officers to obtain their search warrant.

Officers Atkins and Jeff Williams made the actual arrests after calling out off-duty officers to help in the search. Participating with them were Chief Raymond Simpson and of-

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HOLDEN BEACH POLICE OFFICERS Jeff Williams and George Atkins display items recovered Saturday when three men were arrested and charged in connection with a rash of break-ins.

Carolina Shores Drops Idea Of Incorporation

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

Property owners living in Carolina Shores voted down the question of incorporation Saturday, 193 to 142.

A vote of all property owners, including those who own lots but live elsewhere, favored the action 346 to 281.

Because any incorporation bill presented to the N.C. General Assembly would include a referendum involving registered voters only, the proposal would fail, according to Al Houghton, president of the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association. "Since it would be defeated, we're just dropping the whole thing for now," he said.

This subject has engaged the attention of Carolina Shores residents and property owners for over a year, said Houghton. The subdivision includes 425 houses, 600 buildable lots and 700 permanent and part-time residents. Its tax valuation has been estimated at more than \$50 million. "We maintain our own water and sewage system with Carolina Blythe Utility in Florence, S.C.," Houghton said, "and we maintain 16 miles of roads and nine miles of drainage canals."

Residents are also active in sup-

porting the local volunteer fire and rescue squads.

The advantage of incorporation would be the access to Powell Bill (roads) and other state and federal funds to provide and maintain such services.

As part of the Carolina Shores perimeter adjoins Calabash, there has been mention of possible annexation in meetings of the Calabash town council.

Houghton said, "I would not be opposed to wholesale annexation of Carolina Shores, but piecemeal would be horrible. Also, what services could they (Calabash) offer? They can't even maintain their own streets."

Rep. E. David "Butch" Redwine has discussed incorporation with Carolina Shores representatives, and said he would present a petition for it in the General Assembly only if the community held public meetings and voted. Over the last several months five presentations have been made, outlining the pros and cons of the action.

The vote following this preparation doesn't mean the end of the idea, according to Houghton, but for now "it's pretty decisive."

Mayor Eyeing Office Of Lieutenant Governor

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

Ocean Isle Beach Mayor LaDane Bullington said Monday she's "thinking about" the race for state lieutenant governor in 1988.

"I'm good at bringing people and issues together and that's what the lieutenant governor does," she said. "I've been mayor for 14 years and a good mayor has to bring everybody's desires in line. That's how things get done. The lieutenant governor presides over the Senate and has to do that kind of thing there."

Bullington, who serves on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council and the Capital Building Authority, has been close to public life since childhood.

"I go back a long way," she said. "I was a page during the final session

of the legislature in the old building, and was with my father during his 12 years in the House."

Bullington's father, Odell Williamson, was the first mayor of Ocean Isle Beach, and is owner/developer of the island.

Going back even further, she recounted her first political campaign, when she won election as state secretary of the Beta Club, an honorary high school society. "I don't like to say I'm a politician, but I've always been public-minded."

She laughed as she revealed a birthday request in 1973. "I asked my parents for a set of the general statutes for my birthday, and they gave them to me," she said. "Since then I found out how expensive it is to

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Bryant Among Three Considered For Judgeship

BY ETTA SMITH

A Brunswick County Assistant District Attorney is among three nominations Gov. James Martin will consider to replace District Judge Lee J. "Bubba" Greer Jr.

Greer, who ran unopposed for a second four-year term Nov. 4, died Nov. 21 from injuries he received in an Oct. 6 car accident.

Brunswick County Assistant District Attorney Wanda Bryant, Tom Aldridge of Columbus County and David Wall of Bladen County were nominated from five interested attorneys by about 80 members of the 13th District Bar Association last Wednesday.

About 50 members attended the meeting and another 30 voted by written proxy.

The three received the most votes from members of the association, and one of the three will be chosen by Gov. Martin within 60 days.

Brunswick County Attorney David Clegg and attorney Mike Willis were also considered for the position.

If chosen, Bryant would be the first woman and the first black person to serve the bench in the 13th Judicial District, according to Jean Staley, clerk in the Columbus County District Attorney's office.



WANDA BRYANT

Gary Grady, president of the district bar association, said all three nominees are well qualified and he feels any of them will do an excellent job as judge.

Bryant and Aldridge have been

district attorneys for four years and Wall has practiced both civil and criminal law during his nine-year career, said Grady.

Bryant told The Brunswick Beacon last week, "I worked with Judge Greer when he was prosecuting for Brunswick County."

"Even before I started working I sat in court with him to get an idea how to work the district docket."

If appointed, she said she would like to continue the tradition of fairness characteristic of Judge Greer.

"I hope to always be fair and impartial," she said. "With fairness, justice will prevail." Bryant, the daughter of Delphus and Christabelle Bryant of Supply, is married to attorney Ronald Steven Douglas.

Before becoming a prosecutor for Brunswick County, she was an associate attorney at Walton, Fairley and Jess in Southport, a law clerk in the Durham City Attorney's office, and a consumer specialist in the N.C. Attorney General's office in Raleigh.

She is a member of the American and National Bar Associations, the American Jurisprudence Society, Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.