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#### Homemakers Offer Quilt

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Brewster of Supply look over a cream and blue double-size handstitched quilt made by Brunswick County Extension Homemakers. Exhibited at last weekend's Brunswick Living Home Show, a drawing for the quilt will be held at the close of the county homemakers' Quilt Show '87 Saturday, April 4, at Shallotte Middle School. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; admission is \$1 per person.

### Chapter Installs New Officers

Brunswick County Chapter P-2 of the Child Nutrition Division has elected officers for the 1987-88 year.

They are Sharon Long, president, of Waccamaw Elementary School; Arvella Marlow, secretary, of West Brunswick High School; and Kathy Creech, treasurer, of Union Primary

Chapter P-2 is composed of school food service employees of the 11 school cafeterias in the county. An active chapter, P-2 holds quarterly metings, competes for awards and maintains friendly competition among the schools.

Chapter members also attend the annual state Food Service Personnel conference in Raleigh.

#### Holden Community Watch To Discuss Local Fishing Laws

The Holden Beach Community Watch will have a wildlife officer available to discuss local fishing laws at its April 9 meeting.

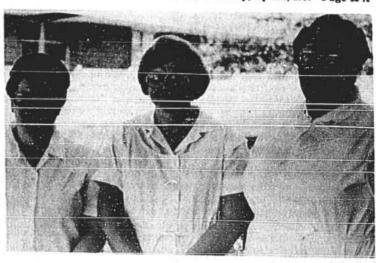
The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the town hall.

The officer will speak on relevant state statutes and answer questions about these laws, indicated a news release.

Art White of 171 Swordfish Drive was elected to a one-year term as chairman of the organization. Other officers elected are Vice Chairman Stan Biddle, Secretary Charlotte Pringle and Directors Lou Thomas and Bob Rohde.

The group is organized to help support local police by reporting anything unusual they may see which could appear to be a crime.

The group encourages all Holden Beach residents to attend its meetings, held at 7:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month.



OFFICERS of the local Child Nutrition Division Chapter are (from the left) Kathy Creech, treasurer; Sharon Long, president; and Arvella Marlow, secretary.

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### Traffic Improvements Set At Middle School Entrance

BY SUSAN USHER

Changes to improve the flow of traffic at the congested entrance to Shallotte Middle School could begin as early as the Easter holidays, but may not be completed before the end of school.

Monday night, the Brunswick County Board of Education voted to advertise for bids to add a turn exit lane to the main school drive, which now has single entrance and exit lanes

Traffic bottlenecks at the school, located at the intersection of N.C. 179 (Village Road) and Blake Drive. "It's so dangerous the police don't even want to go there," one school board member commented.

Shallotte Police Chief Don Stovall agreed, "He's a target. It's dangerous for our officers to be there. The way the road's designed, there's no safe place for him to

While he had temporarily stopped sending an officer to the intersection to direct traffic before and after school, Stovall said Tuesday that his department has agreed to help out the school on a short-term basis.

"They have requested we help them out the rest of the school year and we will,' he said.

Chief Stovall said the N.C. Department of Transportation plans to slightly widen Village Road and add left turn lanes to the north- and southbound lanes.

DOT also plans to lengthen the right turn lane from the direction of Ocean Isle Beach so that it can accommodate more vehicles, said Bill Benton, head of the county DOT maintenance office.

DOT has been working with the Shallotte Police Department for more than two years on a solution to the traffic problem at the school, but had delayed the work until the school could add its turn lane.

Tuesday, Benton said the source of funds for the project would most likely determine if DOT would be able to do its share of the improvements before summer.

"If they say use maintenance funds, we'll do it as soon as possible." But if he's directed to use urban improvement or spot safety funds, the most likely sources, he said, it will take a minimum of 30 to 45 days to set up funding.

In that case, he said, "I don't see how we could do it before the end of the school year. It would probably be summer."

While Chief Stovall said he would like to eventually see a traffic signal installed at the intersection, Benton said DOT signal engineer Roger Hawkins felt the changes in traffic channeling would relieve the pro-

### After School

## The Brunswick County Library and

the Parks and Recreation Department plan to continue their after school program for youths, with a new series beginning April 7.

The program will feature workshops, fitness and bicycle safety

The first program, an Easter egg craft workshop, is scheduled from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Shallotte Library, April 7; Southport Library, April 8; and Leland Library, April 10. Participants are asked to bring three eggs; all other materials will be pro-

The bicycle safety program will be from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m. at the Shallotte Library on April 28; Southport Library, April 29; and Leland Library, April 30.

In conjunction with National Physical Fitness Month, a "mousercise" program will be held, also from 3:30 p.m. until 5 p.m., at Shallotte Library, May 5; Southport Library,

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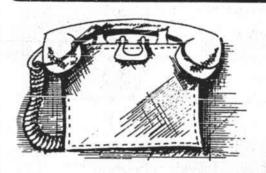
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