

Calabash Grants Variance To VFW

BY ETTA SMITH
Calabash will soon be the home of a new Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) post, following last Monday's Board of Adjustments meeting.

The board unanimously granted the organization a variance to the town zoning ordinance at the special meeting.

The ordinance prohibits private clubs in any zone in the town. The council and the town planning board will meet jointly at 4:30 p.m. April 6 to discuss possible revision of the ordinance.

The VFW had asked the town to annex its property last year, in order for the post to obtain a liquor license, according to Town Clerk Janet Thomas. The property, located in the

Calabash East Subdivision, was annexed about six months ago, she said.

The organization has had the cooperation of the town in efforts to construct the post, but when Building Inspector Bill Dunker reviewed the ordinance, he found that he could not legally issue them a permit.

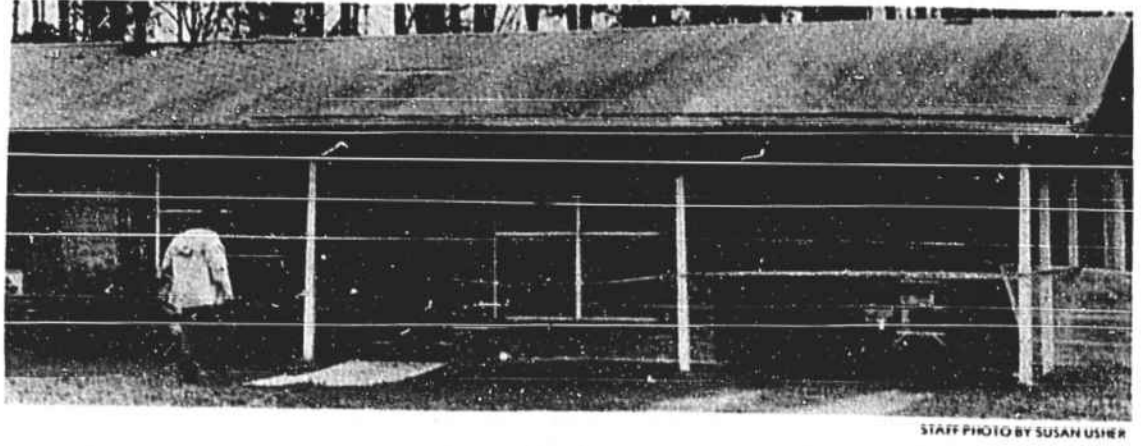
On March 23 councilmen directed Dunker to deny the group a permit, so the VFW could appeal the decision as soon as possible. Councilmen also set the March 30 board of adjustments meeting for the purpose of granting the variance.

"Some people have the wrong impression of what a VFW post stands for," said Post Commander Roy Wrenn. "It's not a bar, but a place for us (veteran's) to get together."

In a written appeal Wrenn said denial of the permit would create an undue hardship to the organization, since the property was purchased with the intention of building the post.

"We believe it was not the intent of the past councils and planning boards to exclude service organizations for the town (in the ordinance)," Wrenn said in the appeal. "Such groups have historically contributed to and enhanced the characters of their communities."

During the meeting Linda Roberts was also appointed as chairman of the Board of Adjustments. The town council, excluding Mayor Doug Simmons, serves as that board.

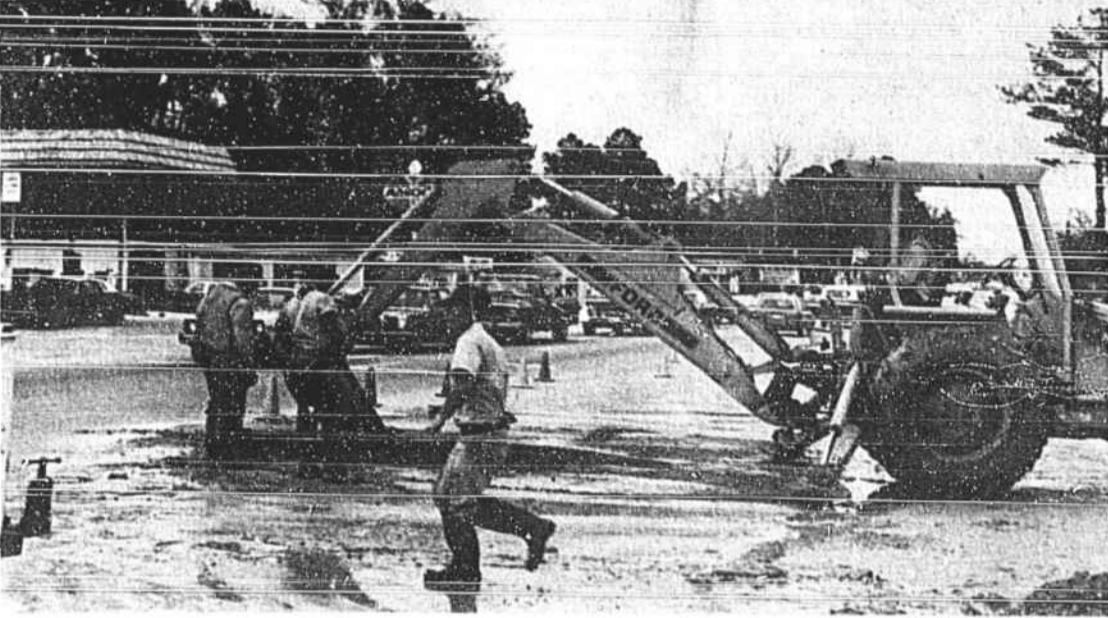


STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

Fire Guts Shallotte Home

Shallotte firefighters fought a blaze early Monday morning that gutted much of the Pete McKelthan residence on N.C. 179 in Shallotte. No one was in the house when the fire apparently began about 4 a.m. at the end of a

hall near two bedrooms, according to Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan, shown above at the house. "We don't know what happened," he said.



STAFF PHOTO BY ETTA SMITH

Broken Line Repaired

Shallotte maintenance workers (above) were filling a hole dug to locate and repair a broken water line last Friday. The break left residents along U.S. 17 from Smith Avenue north to the town limits and residents

along N.C. 130 about two miles south of U.S. 17 without water from about noon until 8 p.m., said Maintenance Supervisor Albert Hughes.

Embezzler To Pay Restitution

BY ETTA SMITH

A Holden Beach woman was given a six-year suspended sentence and five year's probation for embezzling money from the company she formerly worked for.

In Brunswick County Superior Court on March 25, Judge I. Beverly Lake Jr. also ordered Reba Adkins to pay \$104,411 in restitution to her former employer, Ballenger Corporation of Shallotte, within the next five years. Ballenger Corporation has since been bought by MAC Construction Company.

Adkins was arrested last May and charged with one count of embezzlement and six counts of obtaining property by false pretense. She pleaded guilty to both charges and was found guilty on all counts.

The offenses took place at her place of employment between April 20, 1984, and April 15, 1986, according to Assistant District Attorney Wanda Bryant, who prosecuted the case.

Thinking About Life Insurance?

Consider an established North Carolina company such as...

Jefferson Pilot

...represented by an established Brunswick County agency...

BRUNSWICK INSURANCE SERVICES

HWY. 17 • SUPPLY • 754-8672

©1987 THE BRUNSWICK BEACON

Redwine Adds Toll-Free Line

Rep. E. David Redwine has installed a toll-free number for use by his constituents in Brunswick County and elsewhere.

The number is 1-800-75-BEACH (752-3224) and it can be used to call Redwine to express views on legislation or for help in dealing with state government.

Last week he also co-sponsored HB 315, which would appropriate \$50,000 to be used to maintain and mark the new artificial reefs located off the waters of Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender counties.

He introduced two bills of local interest. HB 345 which would authorize wildlife enforcement officers to enforce the state's littering laws. He said this bill is an attempt to strengthen litter law enforcement, which would hopefully deter littering.

HB 347 would appropriate to the N.C. Department of Cultural

Resources \$5,000 in each year of the biennium to support expansion of the tour guide services on the Southport-Fort Fisher ferry. The guide program employs students during the summer months as tourist information guides for ferry riders. They point out local attractions, distribute literature and answer questions.

Redwine voted against HB 150, which would require hunters of big game such as deer and bears to wear blaze orange on their person.

"A number of you who are hunters expressed your dissatisfaction with this new requirement," he said in his weekly report. My vote was a vote expressing your concerns."

The bill has passed the House and been sent to the Senate.

In addition to his toll-free number, Redwine can be contacted in Raleigh by writing him at 2219 Legislative Building, Raleigh, NC 27611, or calling (919)732-5749.

Sea Trail Slates Road Work

More than half of the members of Sea Trail Property Owners' Association Inc. have sent in funds for road maintenance scheduled during April, President Melvin McBride reported at the group's March 26 meeting at the Sunset Beach Fire House.

He said 309 of 768 members have paid.

Vernon Ward of Brunswick Technical College was the guest speaker.

Also, March 27 and 28 were set as clean-up dates, announced Bill Scharoun, beatification chairman.

The group voted to donate \$50 to the Sunset Sands Garden Club toward their efforts to maintain and beautify entrances to the subdivision. Also, a \$20 check was presented in memory of a recently deceased member, Blon Fowler, which was also turned over to the club for a tree or plant to be planted in his memory.

A moment of silent prayer was also held in his honor.

Continuation of a discussion on street lights was tabled until the next meeting.



Our Seafood is So Fresh We Sometimes Have To Ask Them To Leave

Twin Lakes

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT

Sunset Beach/579-6373

©1987 THE BRUNSWICK BEACON

Easter Sale

women's

Exciting dress pumps, flats, and casuals, ready for spring... reg. \$11.97

Your choice **\$8**

■ 3 pair pkg. sheer knee hi's...\$1

Pic 'n Pay Shoes®

children's

Girls' dressy slip-on or casual lace-up. Reg. \$9.97...
Your choice **\$6**

Women's thong slide or two-buckle sandal...
\$4
Your choice
■ Misses'...\$4
reg. \$6.97

Women's sport socks...\$1

men's

Men's canvas deck shoe...
\$5
reg. \$7.97

Casual Handbags...**\$5**
(Reg. \$6.97 to \$7.97)

Cuga®

Men's fitness shoe or jogger...
\$10
Your choice
reg. \$14.97

Women's comfortable canvas fitness oxfords...
\$5
reg. \$6.97

\$7
reg. \$9.97
■ Misses'...\$6

TWIN CREEK PLAZA, SHALLOTTE

Sale prices good thru Tues, April 21. MasterCard, Visa, or Choice. Open evenings and open Sundays 1-6 pm.