Tourism Is Day's Focus

daylong conference sponsored by the University of North Carolina Small Business and Technology Development Center beginning at 8:30 a.m. Monday, April 6, at the Kill Devil Hills Ramada Inn.

The event will focus on the economic outlook for the 1987 season. Featured speakers will include W.W. Hall Jr., director of the Center for Business and Economics Services at UNC-Wilmington and State Sen. Harold Hardison of Lenoir County, chairman of the Senate's Commerce Committee.

Three panels will explore coastal tourism from local and state perspec-



Named Top Producers

R. Hoyt Hucks Sr. of Shallotte was named a top producing agency manager, and Kenneth E. Ferguson of Shallotte was named a top producing agent of Farm Bureau insurance companies.

The honors were announced at the annual sales conference of the N.C. Farm Bureau in Winston-Salem March 15-17.

Coastal tourism is the topic of a tives and problems in beach develop-

Pre-registration is \$15, or \$20 at the door. Information is available from the SBTDC office at Elizabeth City State University, 1-335-3247, or 1-800-2580-UNC.

Bank Hosts Week-Long Open House

Southern National Bank of North Carolina will host a week-long open house April 6-10 at the Shallotte office in Twin Creek Plaza Shopping Center.

"We want to thank the community for the great response they have given Southern National Bank," explained Leo Johnson, Brunswick County executive.

Events for the week include refreshments every day during business hours and registration for a prize to be given away Friday, April

"Anyone can register for this drawing during the week of open house," Johnson said.

Southern National has assets of \$1.8 billion, is headquartered in Lumberton where it was founded in 1897, has 104 offices across the state, and is the sixth largest bank in North Carolina.

The Shallotte branch opened in December 1986.

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT formed the backdrop Saturday for ground breaking ceremonies at Ocean Isle Beach for the first high-rise condominium to be built in Brunswick County.

Ground Is Broken At Ocean Isle For 15-Story Oceanfront Project

A groundbreaking ceremony Saturday afternoon at Ocean Isle Beach kicked off construction of the first high-rise condominium in Brunswick County.

The 15-story structure, named Ocean Point, will be located on the oceanfront at the west end of the island, with views of the ocean, sound and marsh.

Developers are Ocean Isle Beach Mayor LaDane W. Bullington and her brother, DeCarol Williamson. Speaking at the groundbreaking, both assured a large gathering that the project will be one of which the community can be proud and one that will be in keeping with the familyoriented resort developed over the years by their father, Odell Williamson, who bought the island in 1953.

According to a news release, presales of units total more than \$7 million. Some of the owners were present for the groundbreaking Saturday. They were asked by Mayor Bullington to identify themselves by a show of hands.

Ocean Point will feature two- and three-bedroom condominiums ranging from 1,392 square feet for the twobedroom units, and up to 1,985 square. feet for three-bedroom models.

The project includes two outdoor swimming pools, an indoor-outdoor pool, extensive decking around the pools, boardwalks to the beach, and a sauna and exercise room.

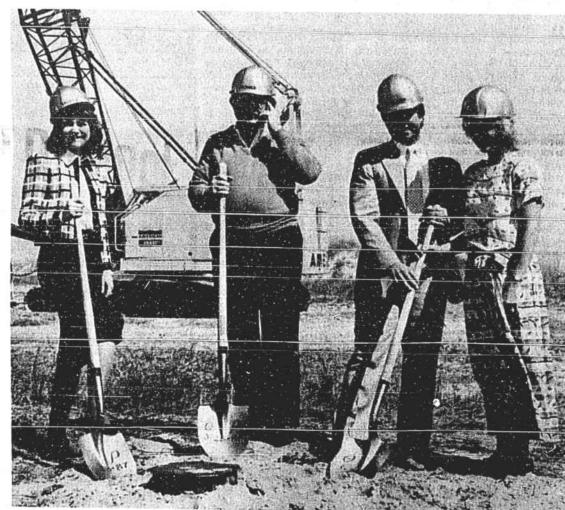
Extras include a full sprinkler system, cultured marble vanities, ceramic tile bathroom floors and wet bars.

Frank Norman Thompson of Charlotte is contractor for the project. Little and Associates of Charlotte is the architect, and Gifford, Nielson and Williams are land planners. "We have assembled the greatest group of professionals for the project," said Bullington.

Construction on the high-rise is beginning at a time when the town sewer system, which makes this type of project possible, is nearing com-

Ocean Point is one of two high-rise projects on the drawing board at Ocean Isle Beach, and the first one to get underway. Plans to build both of them were announced about a year

The other condominium is planned for the middle of the beach by Sloane Realty. It is a 12-story, 74-residence structure to be called Ocean House.



TAKING PART in the ceremonial groundbreaking are, from left, Ocean Isle Mayor LaDane Bullington, a representative of the general contractor, and Mr. and

Mrs. DeCarol Williamson. Gold-colored hard-hats and shovels marked the special occasion.

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