



CALABASH COUNCIL members turned out Monday to dedicate the restaurant community's first permanent town hall. From the left, Town Clerk Janet Thomas and council members Linda Roberts, Suzi Moore, Sonia Stevens, Patti Lewellyn and Robert Weber look on as Building Inspector William Dunker presents Mayor Doug Simmons (right) the certificate of occupancy for the town hall.

Calabash Dedicates New Town Hall

BY SUSAN USHER

Mayor Doug Simmons donned a dress shirt and tie and councilwomen Suzy Moore, Patti Lewellyn, Linda Roberts and Sonia Stevens dresses for the dedication Monday of Calabash's new town hall.

Along with Councilman Bob Weber, Building Inspector William Dunker, Town Clerk Janet Thomas and about 20 other citizens, they feasted on punch and cookies and admired the 950-foot square structure that sits beneath the county's

elevated water tower on Persimmon Street. The building itself was done by Monday, but most office furnishings had not arrived and the landscaping—potted plants—was temporary.

Built at a cost of approximately \$29,000 by Associated Builders Corp. of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., the hall is debt free, paid for with funds set aside by town councils over the past several years.

Like other town officials, Mayor Simmons had taken Saturday off (from fishing or hunting, in his case,

one council member said) to help fix up the new building.

Monday he told open house guests, "A lot of effort has gone into this day... but it's our building, payment free."

While their guests chatted in another room, council members held a quick stand-up meeting in the clerk's office, setting a public hearing on the proposed 1987-88 budget for June 22 and hiring Terry Willetts of Shallotte for a 30-day trial period as electrical inspector.

Tax Rate Increase Would Help Holden Repair Dunes

BY TERRY POPE

Holden Beach would raise an additional \$22,000 in revenues for dune repair should the town increase its 1987-88 tax rate by one cent.

Several commissioners agreed the one-cent increase is needed. It is a decision the board must make before June 30, the date town budgets must be finalized.

"I think it is absolutely and totally a necessity," said Commissioner William Williamson as board members reviewed the 1987-88 proposed budget at a workshop last Thursday morning.

The session following a special meeting to discuss the Jordan Boulevard regional parking facility. Copies of the budget are posted for public inspection at the town hall, said Town Administrator Bob Buck.

If the town keeps its 11 cents per \$100 of valuation tax rate, the town would operate on \$395,600 in general fund revenues. The revenues are estimated on property value worth \$204 million.

Buck said the valuation does not include \$4,244,238 for personal proper-

ty, which cannot be taxed by local governments this year.

The proposed budget lists expenses as follows: \$125,105 for general government; \$14,944 for public buildings; \$112,763 for police; \$15,000 for fire; \$54,120 for streets; \$67,968 for sanitation; \$700 for beach access and beautification; and \$5,000 for contingency.

The public buildings budget includes the cost of building a maintenance garage for the public works department. The town has also budgeted \$9,400 of police funds for a new four-wheel drive patrol vehicle for the beach strand.

The town has also set aside \$35,000 under streets for the paving of Sand Dollar Drive in the Heritage Harbor subdivision during the next fiscal year. The cost of installing a storm drain line (\$8,000) in the 182 to 184 block of Ocean Boulevard West has also been included.

Board members also discussed a possible increase in the beautification and access budget to \$1,300 so the town can purchase trash containers

and posts for the beach strand.

Another \$7,000 has been budgeted to purchase a used four-wheel drive truck which will be used to empty the trash containers and to pick up debris along the beach strand.

The budget shows an increase in the monthly retainer fee for Town Attorney Doug Ledgett, from \$300 per month to \$350. Buck said it is the first increase for Ledgett since he was appointed by the town in January 1980.

The town has also budgeted \$1,200 to Coastline Volunteer Rescue Squad, \$100 to the West Brunswick Branch Library and \$1,000 as unspecified.

Several streets on the island now have underground wiring, Buck said. The residents have assessed themselves to pay Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. for the wiring projects.

The board agreed to encourage property owners to continue having the wires placed underground. However, the town will not become involved in helping to finance the projects, at least during the 1987-88 fiscal year.

Leland Man Dies After Being Thrown From Car

A delayed fatality Saturday as the result of a May 10 one-car accident has pushed the death toll to eight on Brunswick County highways for 1987.

Ernest G. Owen Jr., 24, of Leland, died Saturday at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. He was a passenger in a car that struck a ditchbank and overturned three times on Northwest Road (RPR 1419) near Leland.

According to Trooper D.A. Lewis' report, Owen was thrown from a 1980 Mercury driven by Okey Alan Spaulding Jr., 33, of Leland, after the car ran off the road on a curve and struck a ditchbank 11 miles northwest of Belville. The car overturned three times and landed upside down in the middle of the road, Lewis reported.

Owen was thrown approximately 75 feet from the car and landed in the northbound lane. Lewis estimated Spaulding was traveling 80 mph when the accident occurred.

Spaulding has been charged with DWI and with exceeding safe speed. He was also seriously injured and taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$2,000.

The fatality increases the 1987 death total to eight for Brunswick County highways compared with five for the same period last year.

In another accident last Wednesday morning, a Shallotte woman was seriously injured when her car was struck head-on on N.C. 130 one mile east of Shallotte.

Ann Berry Sorrell, 60, remains in intensive care at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington. Her 1987 Oldsmobile was struck head-on by a 1978 Ford driven by Wendy Callendar Kohler, 21, also of Shallotte, Trooper D.A. Lewis reported.

According to Lewis' report, Ms. Kohler was pulling onto N.C. 130 when she lost control of her car and crossed the center line.

Ms. Sorrell's car was also struck in the rear by a 1973 Volkswagen driven by Charles Holt Durham, 19, of Shallotte.

Ms. Kohler, who received minor injuries, was charged with driving left of center and Durham was charged with failure to reduce speed.

Damages were estimated at \$10,000 to the Sorrell car, \$900 to the Kohler car and \$400 to the Durham car. The accident occurred around 10:45 a.m.

A Shallotte man was seriously injured last Thursday after being thrown from his 1985 Ford truck.

According to Trooper Lewis' report, Alfred Franklin McLaurin, 28, was traveling south on U.S. 17 approximately seven miles south of Shallotte when his truck ran off the road on the left and overturned twice.

McLaurin was taken to the Brunswick Hospital in Supply. He has been charged with DWI, Lewis reported. Damage was estimated at \$8,000 in the 10:30 p.m. accident.

In another accident Saturday, a Supply boy was seriously injured after his bicycle pulled into the path of a car on Turkey Trap Road (RPR 1181) five miles east of Shallotte.

According to Trooper L.M. Richardson's report, Jeremy Hewett, 5, was riding his bicycle

when he pulled from a driveway and into the path of a 1978 Dodge truck driven by Quincy Carnell Bryant, 47, of Supply.

Hewett was seriously injured and taken to New Hanover Memorial Hospital. Bryant was charged with DWI, Richardson reported.

Damage was estimated at \$100 to the truck and \$25 to the bicycle in the 3:05 p.m. accident.

In another accident Sunday morning, a Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad 1987 Ford ambulance received \$900 in damage after striking a deer on Four Mile Road (RPR 1184) .2 mile west of Ocean Isle Beach.

According to Trooper T.W. Caulder's report, the ambulance was traveling east on an emergency run when the deer ran onto the road.

The driver, Gregory Lee White, 25, of Supply, pulled onto the shoulder of the road after hitting the deer, Caulder reported.

No charges were filed in the 2:30 a.m. accident.

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The menu will include barbecue and ham plates with yams or French fries, cole slaw and hushpuppies. The price is \$3.50.

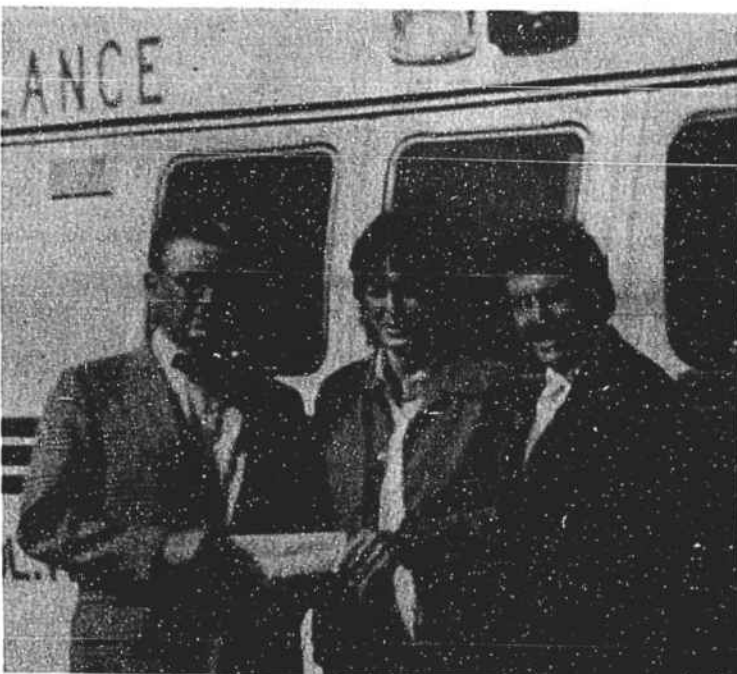
Take-out orders may be purchased by calling 842-2333.

All proceeds from the event will fund the upkeep of the fire equipment and station.

Winnabow Plans Barbecue

Barbecue dinners will be served June 6, from 11 a.m. till 5 p.m. by the Winnabow volunteer fire department at the station off Hwy. 17 on Governor's Rd. in Winnabow.

Dinners will consist of pork barbecue, cole slaw, potato salad, and hushpuppies. The cost will be \$3.



Shalotte VRS Gets Boost

Woodrow Russ, treasurer, and Danny Cartrette, agent, for Woodmen of the World, recently presented Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad Chief Janice Hargis with a check for more than \$400 to buy a piece of equipment for the squad's new ambulance.

Senior Council Hears Of Hospital Plans

The Brunswick County Senior Council met May 19 at the government complex in Bolivia, with seven senior citizens groups represented.

Grace Peoples pointed out the purpose of the council, for each club to help other clubs in the county.

Henry Heichart spoke on several plans of Brunswick Hospital's senior advisory group for senior citizens.

John Lewis discussed the 911 emergency number, a bus for senior citizens, and eye care for seniors.

The June budget hearings by

Brunswick County Board of Commissioners were also announced.

A program planning committee was appointed, including Heichart, Peoples, Lewis, Jo Nash, Edna Roy, and Clyde Horton.

The next meeting will be held June 16.

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factor, too, no matter what your needs may be. If there are times when you need help to see clearly, you will be able to benefit by wearing glasses or contact lenses. Only an eye examination can tell you if your vision needs help.

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