



### Bear Bright Goes Visiting

An invitation to share promotional ideas in national presentations has generated special recognition for Bear Bright, the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation's promotional teddy bear. General Manager David J. Batten, pictured with Bear Bright, was invited by the National Rural Electric Association to accompany the teddy to Denver, Nashville, Minneapolis and Baltimore. Batten gave a slide presentation on the use of characterizations in advertising and promotions. Bear Bright was created by BEMC's member services department to promote security lighting and other services. Judy N. Gore, manager of member services, also made a presentation in Baltimore on the many member service activities of BEMC.

### Board To Study Road And Bridge Projects

Eight road and bridge projects in Brunswick County will be on the agenda of the N.C. Board of Transportation when it meets Friday morning in Fayetteville.

Additional funds are being requested for preliminary engineering in the building of bridges over Town Creek and a branch of Town Creek west of Winnabow.

At the same time, a reduction of funds is sought for a bridge on state road 133 over Juniper Creek at the Brunswick-Columbus county line.

A right-of-way resolution will be

### Summer Schedule Begins June 15

Brunswick Technical College will begin its regular summer schedule June 15. The hours of operation will be 7:30 a.m.-10:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday. The college will close on Friday.

Registration for summer quarter classes will be held from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. and 5 p.m.-8 p.m. June 23 on the Supply campus.

**Oak Island Cinemas**

**CINEMA I**  
Starts Friday  
**PREDATOR (R)**  
2:00-4:00-7:00-9:00

**CINEMA II**  
**HARRY AND THE HENDERSONS (PG)**  
2:10-4:10-7:10-9:10

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## Apartment Vacancies Put Project On Hold

BY SUSAN USHER

Continuing vacancies in one Shallotte housing project have prompted caution on the part of Farmers Home Administration officials reviewing plans for a similar project.

"We want to see if it will clear up in the summer as we anticipate," said Terry Wade of DTH Development, which proposes to build Shallotte Village Apartments off Smith Avenue with FmHA financing.

He asked Shallotte aldermen last Wednesday night to extend the firm's sewer service option into the next FmHA funding cycle. The town has set aside 11,000 gallons per day of its 13,000 gpd excess treatment plant capacity for the project, which restricts what it can offer other projects. It took no action on Wade's request.

Plans were proceeding on schedule, he said, until around the first of the year when FmHA learned of "substantial vacancies" and the absence of a waiting list at Shallotte Manor project.

FmHA doesn't see the market as top-rated anymore, he indicated. "We were surprised; it was a shock to all of us with DTH."

"However, we won't give the go-ahead to build where is no demonstrated need."

Construction of Shallotte Manor Apartments on N.C. 130 West, was subsidized by FmHA, as is proposed for the DTH project.

Permits have been obtained from the state that allow the town to provide the apartment complex sewer service, with a 90-day grace period granted with issuance of the permit.

An earlier study, said Wade, indicated the market for the apartments is good in the area, one of the best in this district.

#### Ordinance Amended

Amendments made to the town's sign ordinance Wednesday are intended to address, among other concerns, continuing problems with the use of flashing light and other so-

called portable signs within the town.

Portable signs are not allowed, other than those grandfathered in when the sign ordinance was adopted.

However, the board noted, to get around that provision businesses have taken otherwise readily moveable signs off their chassis or trailer.

"Several more have popped up," said Mayor Jones. "I really think we need to address this problem."

The changes in the ordinance require, specifically, that:

- off-premise signs, defined as located "farther than 150 feet from the business building, parking area or property line" and used only for businesses located within the town's corporate limits, must be not more than four feet square in area and the bottom of the sign not less than three feet from street level and not more than five feet from street level in residential areas.

- In commercial areas, the restriction for most signs is not less than five feet or more than 40 feet from street level.

- temporary real estate signs, no more than two square feet in size, must not be less than three feet or more than five feet from street level, while temporary signs directing the way to non-profit group events, limited to 16 square feet, must meet the same placement restrictions.

- Signs announcing the name of a subdivision or housing project, located on the property at the entrances, are to be submitted to the planning board and zoning board for approval.

#### Fees Reaffirmed

On a divided vote, aldermen decided Shallotte residents will continue paying the same fees for electrical inspections as before.

With the retirement of contract electrical inspector Van Weeks, the town recently hired David Moore on a 30-day trial status.

Last Wednesday, with Aldermen David Gause voting in opposition, the

board decided to continue charging \$17 per visit, the standard charge used by the county and most local municipalities. Charges are reduced for the fourth or other additional visits, while commercial rates are \$50 for up to the first 50 circuits, then \$1 for each additional circuit. A temporary service is another \$17.

"I still think it's too high when the inspector lives here in town," said Gause.

A typical inspection requires three trips to approve phases of work, totaling up to four hours for a house and up to eight hours for a business, said Moore, "I think it's worth it if it's done right."

#### Meeting Set

Town aldermen, members of the planning board and the general public will discuss a first draft of the town's land use plan update at a meeting scheduled Monday, June 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

#### Budget Adjusted

To reflect a \$1,723 increase in Blue Cross/Blue Shield coverage without increasing the tax rate, aldermen made slight changes in several line items, without changing the total budget figure.

The changes came after a public hearing on the budget during which no comments were received.

Aldermen are expected to adopt the budget at their June 17 meeting. The tax rate should be unchanged, at 44 cents per \$100 of property valuation, with expected collections of about \$220,138.

#### Parking To Change

Several parking spaces along U.S. 17 in front of Coastal Insurance and the Shallotte Post Office will likely be eliminated in the near future, according to Mayor Jerry Jones, along with some spaces along N.C. 179 near Shallotte Middle School.

Postal carrier Danna Moore told the board carriers and the general public had trouble seeing to make

left-hand turns from Pine Street.

Jones said the town staff had talked about the problem earlier with the N.C. Department of Transportation and expect to include both groups of spaces in one resolution to be adopted by the board.

#### Loitering Noted

Following several complaints, the town is also looking for a way to eliminate loitering by undesirables in Shallotte Municipal Park at the intersection of U.S. 17 and N.C. 130 West.

"They sit there all day and return after the police go through," said Mayor Jones. "Somehow or another we're going to do something."

### Officer Joins Shallotte PD

Tommy Allen has joined the Shallotte Police Department as a patrolman, following a unanimous vote by the Shallotte Board of Aldermen last Wednesday.



Allen, 29, has worked as a patrolman with the Rockingham, Ellerbe and Ocean Isle police departments. Most recently he has been employed with a surveying firm and as an auxiliary officer with the Ocean Isle Beach Police Department.

He will work a six-month standard probationary period.

Allen fills the slot that was earlier offered to and accepted by Steve Edge, who at the last minute could not relocate to Shallotte.

Allen's appointment at Chief Don Stovall's request was approved following a 17-minute executive session.

### Lions Club Sets Installation

Shallotte Lions Club will hold its installation night June 18 at 7 p.m. at Jane's Seafood House on Holden Beach Road, with visiting Lions and their guests invited.

The date was announced at the June 4 meeting of the Lions at Joe's Barbecue.

President Harry Pigott also announced that \$300 would be given to the Boys and Girls Home at Lake Waccamaw for use of the Lions Cabin there.

In other business, the club was reminded that Barbara Jones of Ash begins training this month at the

Leader Dog School in Rochester, Mich. She returns July 2 and will be accompanied by her dog. The club is financing her training.

Speaker at the June 4 meeting was Leland Lions Club member John Crowder, environmental health supervisor with the Brunswick County Health Department. He spoke on the agency's preventative medicine programs and also noted that the thrust of the environmental health section is "to offset the consequences of man's impact on the environment," reported Jess Parker.

### Notary Class To Be Offered

Brunswick Technical College will sponsor a notary public education class in the law library of the courthouse in the county complex in Bolivia June 15 and 16 from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$15 and a \$5 textbook is required.

Robert Robinson, register of deeds, will be the instructor. More information is available by calling the Continuing Education Department at Brunswick Technical College.

### Rabies Clinics Set Saturday

Rabies clinics will be held Saturday, June 13, at veterinary offices in Supply, Calabash and Southport from 9 a.m. until noon.

The clinics are sponsored in conjunction with the Brunswick County Health Department.

Rabies shots will be \$5 each, while distemper and parvo shots will be offered at the regular rates.

State law requires that both cats and dogs be vaccinated for rabies. For more information, contact the Brunswick County Animal Control section or Health Department.

Participating are Brunswick Animal Hospital, Supply; Cape Fear Animal Hospital, Southport; and Calabash Animal Hospital, Calabash.

### Money Game Course Offered

Brunswick Technical College will sponsor a course entitled, "The Money Game and How To Play It," during the summer quarter through its Continuing Education Department.

The class will meet from 6:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. on Thursday in Room 156 at West Brunswick High School, beginning June 18. The registration fee will be \$15 plus the cost of a textbook. Students may register at the first class meeting.

Topics to be covered in the course include investments, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, and other forms of tax free investments. Instruction will be offered in the areas of estate taxes and retirement financial planning.

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