

Arrests Made In Alleged Beach Burglary Ring

BY RAHN ADAMS

Local authorities have charged two teenagers and filed juvenile petitions against five other youths in connection with a suspected burglary ring.

According to Brunswick County Sheriff John C. Davis, the arrests stem from approximately 25 break-ins in the Long Beach area over the past four to six weeks.

"It apparently is (a burglary ring)," Davis said Monday. "We're still investigating it."

Davis said the sheriff's department recently charged Jimmy Lewis, 17, of Oak View Drive, Southport, with six counts of breaking, entering and larceny. Woodrow Craig Poindexter, 17, of Fayetteville, was charged with three counts of breaking, entering and larceny.

Also, the investigation resulted in 57 juvenile petitions involving four youths, Davis said. He added that the charges and juvenile petitions were filed by the sheriff's department last week.

Lewis and Poindexter also have been charged in Long Beach, according to Long Beach Police Chief W.A. Workman.

The police chief said Lewis was

charged Feb. 24 with five counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, three counts of burglary and two counts of breaking, entering and larceny.

Poindexter was charged Feb. 25 with breaking, entering and larceny in connection with a Jan. 25 break-in at the Long Beach Pier, Workman said.

Some 21 juvenile petitions involving five youths were filed by Long Beach Police, he reported.

Workman said Lewis was placed in the Brunswick County Jail under a \$15,000 bond. Poindexter was jailed under a \$5,000 bond.

According to Davis, the break-ins were both residential and commercial, with "everything from mopeds (motorized bicycles) to microwaves" stolen. Workman said three bicycles were recovered by police.

The arrests were made following stakeouts in the Long Beach area.

"We put together a little task force, worked a lot of nighttime man hours and caught some of them inside buildings," Workman said Monday.

Both Davis and Workman said they expect additional charges to be filed as a result of the ongoing investigation.



Honor Students Get Tips

Hazel Williams (far right), director of developmental studies at Brunswick Community College, tells West Brunswick High School National Honor Society members that college freshmen are expected to be self-motivated and to accept responsibility, i.e., to do laundry, wake up on time, eat properly, take notes,

turn in assignments on time, know how to take tests and manage their money. She added that only one out of four entering college freshmen actually graduate. Listening (from left clockwise) were Bonnie Stanley, Jeff Mintz, Brent Tyndall, Craig Doshier, Becky Stanley, Kelly Ward and Penni Simmons.

Area Beach Towns Request County Help Fighting Litter

Mayors at two area beach towns want county assistance in their fight against litter.

Threatened by an ever-growing problem of trash being dumped on local roadsides, town boards at Sunset Beach and Ocean Isle Beach are supporting plans of their respective mayors to write letters to the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners requesting help.

In a letter last week to Grace Beasley, chairman of the county

commissioners, Sunset Beach Mayor Mason Barber requested that the county provide a biannual pickup of litter along highway approaches to the town.

He wrote that the "resources of the county are greater than those available to Sunset Beach" and offered three possible approaches to the problem.

Barber suggested that commissioners could include the cleanup project as a budget item, appeal to

state agencies for assistance and/or include the town in the court's Community Service Program which coordinates various projects done by public offenders.

Ocean Isle Beach Mayor Betty Williamson also said she talked with Mrs. Beasley and was told that the county would set up some type of clean-up campaign following a March 24 meeting with litter campaign specialist Sarah Humphries.

She also said she called the local N.C. Department of Transportation office, but was told that there was very little help available directly through the state. DOT does sponsor roadside clean-up campaigns each April and September, providing litter bags and assigning extra roadside crews to problem areas.

Mrs. Williamson did say a request would be made to the state DOT office for additional "No Litter" signs to be posted along N.C. 179 and other roads leading to Ocean Isle.

"We are really in a good location, but then there's all the trash on the highways," she added.

The entire county, she explained, and not only the beaches, needs to be aware of the problem with littered highways. She said it affects the whole area if tourism dollars are lost.

Mayor Barber also wrote that "area-wide concern for a clean environment and a wholesome pride need to be aroused in Brunswick County, a place where the folks are too good to be littering, and the area is too beautiful to be littered."

"It is my feeling that trash along the thoroughfares is an offense to everyone, and the situation is critical. We need to take immediate action to halt a worsening situation."

Holden Commissioners To Consider Backhoe Purchase

Holden Beach Commissioners will reconvene at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) to consider purchasing a new backhoe for the town.

Town Administrator T.C. Birmingham said he recommended the idea of buying the new piece of equipment during Monday's town meeting.

He said the new backhoe, offered by R.W. Equipment Company, would cost the town only \$22,545.

Although the machinery would usually cost \$45,900, Birmingham explained that the town would receive a \$15,000 discount for purchasing it under state contract and would save another \$9,900 for trading in the old backhoe.

He added that the town's current piece of equipment is nine years old and is expensive to continually repair.

In other business Monday, commissioners reviewed two letters of opposition during a public hearing concerning the assessment roles for the paving of three town streets.

Birmingham said resolutions confirming the assessment roles for the paving of Dolphin Drive, Tarpon Drive and Sand Dollar Drive should be adopted during the April 11 town meeting.

Letters opposing the assessments were written by Carlos E. Odell of Tarpon Drive and John F. Bartosh of Sand Dollar Drive.

While the paving of the three streets was paid for upfront by the town, property owners will be assessed 60 percent of the actual cost of the work. The assessment charged each lot owner will be based on frontage abutting the street.

Property owners along Dolphin Drive will be assessed about \$3.95 per front foot, while those along Tarpon Drive will have to pay approximately \$3.72 per foot. Persons owning lots abutting Sand Dollar Drive pay \$6.72 per foot.

Residents along those streets brought the project to commissioners through petitions. The petitions had to be signed by at least half of the property owners along the street as well as owners of at least 50 percent of the land abutting the street.

Birmingham said the cost for paving the three streets was approximately \$53,735. The 60 percent of the cost not absorbed by the town, \$32,241, will be split among 120 property owners.

Commissioner Georgia Langley was not present Monday.

Anti-Litter Meeting Set

In response to pleas from various local groups, Brunswick County Commissioners will hold a public meeting next week concerning the county's litter problem.

The meeting will be held Thursday, March 24, at 7 p.m., at the Public Assembly Building in Bolivia.

Featured speaker will be Sarah Humphries of Jacksonville, director of the Onslow Clean County anti-litter organization. Her group is affiliated with the Keep America Beautiful office in Raleigh. Humphries is also a trainer for Keep America Beautiful Inc.

According to Commissioner Chris Chappell, Ms. Humphries' anti-litter program will be similar to one she presented to Brunswick County of-

ficials about 1½ years ago.

"She made a presentation to us that was outstanding," Chappell said, noting that the program encourages a strict litter ordinance as well as community involvement. "If we'll just make it a county awareness... then we can clean up Brunswick County."

At a workshop meeting last month with Lena Ross, president of Citizens Against Toxic Shenanigans (CATS), Chappell suggested inviting Ms. Humphries back to Brunswick County for the encore presentation. CATS and other local groups, including Sunset Beach and Ocean Isle Beach town officials, recently have expressed concern about the countywide litter problem.

Local NSDAR Members Attend State Conference

Four members of the Brunswick Town Chapter of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution attended the March 7-9 state conference in Pinehurst.

State business of the organization was conducted, local chapters presented activity reports to the state regent and certificates of appreciation and cash awards were given to North Carolina's outstanding American history teacher as well as the state's best young essay writers.

Local chapter members in attendance were Vail Ellis, regent; Helen Taylor, vice-regent; Abbie Bitney, secretary; and Patsy Wood, junior doll chairman and chairman for the NSDAR president general's project.

A full report on the conference will be given during the March 16 chapter meeting at the home of Betty Stanley in Boiling Spring Lakes. Guest speaker will be Sue Chapman from Brunswick Community College.

Plans are being made for chapter

members to attend the 97th Annual Continental Congress, April 18-22 at NSDAR Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

4-H Club Forming At Holden Beach

A new 4-H Club now forming in the Holden Beach area is actively seeking members, according to Billy E. Privette, associate county extension agent for 4-H.

According to Privette, 4-H can have a positive influence on children. It is an informal, out-of-school, community-based education program. Clubs also hold outings, attend summer camps and participate in other activities that make learning fun.

For more information on 4-H or the Holden Beach club, contact Privette at the county extension office, 253-4425.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Seven Chore Providers Trained

Seven people were trained recently to provide in-home services under the chore, personal care and CAP programs offered through the Brunswick County Department of Social Services.

Receiving certificates on March 8 at the Public Assembly Building at the Brunswick County Government Center were: Ida McNeil, Glendora Green, Blanche Bryant, Gina Spivey, Sandra Price, Margaret Benton and Rosemary Harrison.

Thelma Briggs was instructor for the 60-hour course, which was offered by the social department in conjunction with Brunswick Community College. Participants studied home management, diet and nursing skills.

Persons interested in providing in-home services in the community are asked to send their name, address, and phone number and indication of interest to Chris Stewart, CPS, Brunswick County Department of Social Services, P.O. Box 219, Bolivia, NC 28422. Those who write will be notified when classes are offered again.

Earn Piano Honors

Two Shallotte students, Melissa Stanley and Demaris Russ, received the top honor rating of Superior in the piano solo division of the North Carolina Federation of Music Clubs Eastern District Festival. The competition was held at East Carolina University on Feb. 27, with approximately 705 students participating.

Melissa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Latham Stanley of Shallotte and Demaris is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Russ. Both attend Shallotte Middle School, are members of the Wilmington Junior Music Club and are piano students of Dr. Carolyn Gresham.

Hardee Named

Tori Kinsey Hardee of Shallotte was named to the fall 1987 president's honor roll at USC Coastal Carolina College at Conway, S.C.

She earned a 4.0 grade point average and took at least 12 credit hours.

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Also available are puppies of assorted breeds and sizes.

Caesar and other animals can be seen Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the shelter, located off N.C. 211 south of Supply.

Library Seeking Community Talents

West Brunswick High School wants to know what talents each area resident has to offer the community.

The school library hopes to build a computer data base containing individuals' names, addresses, phone numbers and top interests.

Using such a base, persons interested in watercolor painting or any other hobby or activity would be able to identify and contact one another.

For more information, call Jim Price, school librarian, at 754-4338, ext. 8.

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