

COMPLETING THE CIRCLE

Tandys Move From Beach To Chapel Hill

BY DOUG RUTTER

If John Tandy has any regrets about his days at Holden Beach, it's that he didn't spend enough of them fishing.

"I never did get enough of it," the former mayor said last week. "I just talked a good fight more than anything."

After a dozen or so years as permanent residents and more than 30 as homeowners, Tandy and his wife, Elizabeth, have moved to Chapel Hill to live closer to their family.

"This is kind of completing the circle for us," Mrs. Tandy explained. The retired couple lived in Chapel Hill for about two years right after they were married and have children and grandchildren in that area.

"We're just turning the page and starting a new chapter," she said. "We're not leaving Holden Beach really."

About 50 neighbors and friends of the Tandys gathered at Holden Beach Town Hall last Friday for a covered dish party in their honor.

Tandy served four terms as mayor of Holden Beach—first from Dec. 3, 1979, to Dec. 7, 1981, and then from Dec. 2, 1985, to Dec. 2, 1991.

"This is the time you just want to dig a hole and jump in," Tandy said, standing beside the familiar mayor's chair.

"I feel like I should have paid somebody for the privilege of serving you all," he said. "I'm going to miss a lot of things. You all are just a bunch of nice people."

The Tandys first built a house at Holden Beach around 1958 and had

lived at the beach since the late 1970s.

Tandy, a former high school principal and football coach and graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, is a former chairman of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners.

While he will miss the fishing opportunities, Mrs. Tandy said she will miss the boats more than anything else about Holden Beach.

The Tandy home on Shrimp Street provided a great view of boats cruising along the Atlantic Intra-coastal Waterway.

Up until a few years ago, she said all of the boats would blow their horns when they wanted the draw bridge to open. Now there's a high-rise bridge and no need for horns.

"Holden Beach is very close to us and always will be," Mrs. Tandy said. "We'll be back many, many times."

Wally Ausley, who took over as mayor in December, said last week's party marked the first time that all four Holden Beach mayors had been in the same room at the same time.

John F. Holden, the first mayor of Holden Beach, described Tandy as "a man of character."

"A lot of men and women have qualifications but don't have the character this man has," Holden said. "If more men and women in our country had the character this man displays we might have a better country."

Holden served as mayor from the time the town was incorporated on March 25, 1969, until Dec. 11, 1973. Kenner Amos is the only person

who served more years as Holden Beach's mayor than Tandy.

"I think the thing you can say more about John than anything else is he cares," said Amos, who was mayor for five terms between 1973 and 1985.

"He cares about his town, he cares about his church, he cares about his friends, he just cares," said Amos.

Local Woman Cut With Snuff Can

A local woman received about 10 stitches at The Brunswick Hospital last Wednesday night after her face was cut in a fight at Shallotte Middle School.

The fight between two women over a boyfriend broke out around 8:15 p.m. during a basketball game at the school, said Shallotte Police Chief Rodney Gause.

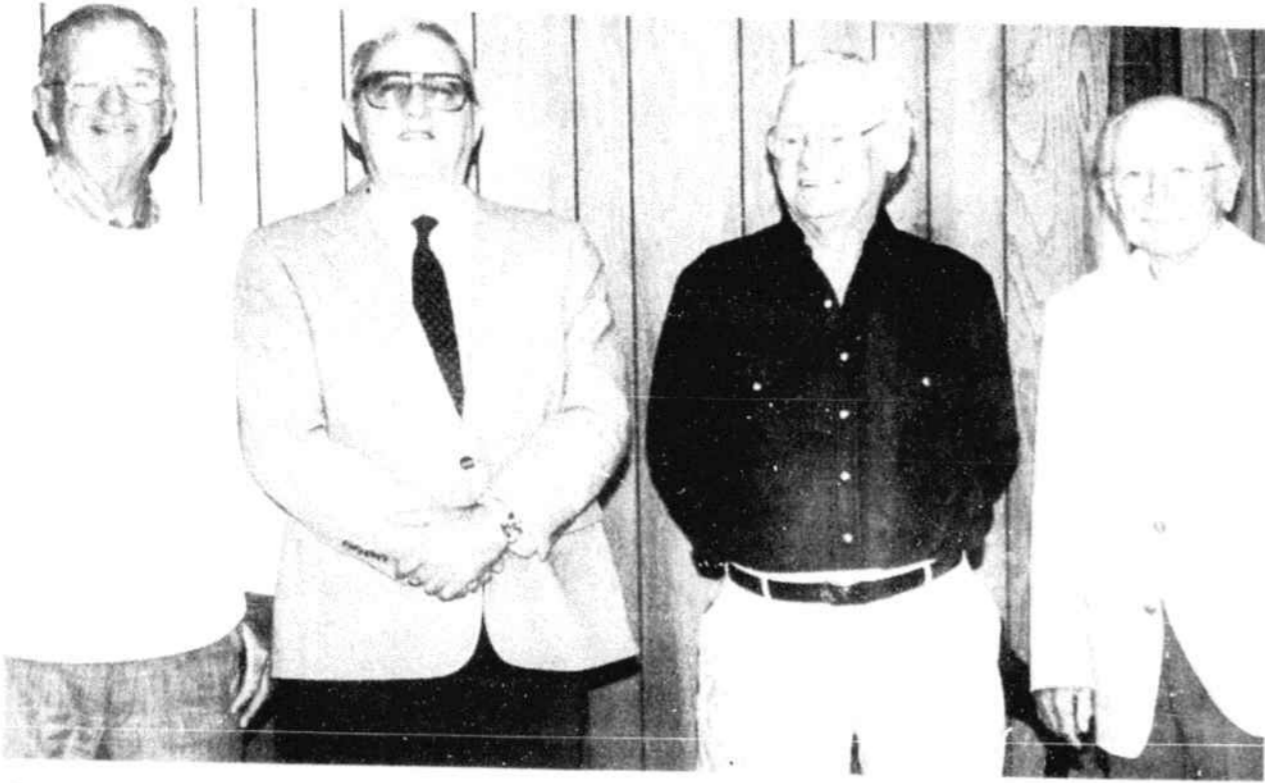
A woman threw snuff in another woman's face and then cut her face with the snuff can, Gause said.

"We thought it was a knife and we found out it was a snuff can later on," said the chief.

Gause said a warrant was drawn charging a suspect with assault inflicting serious injury. The warrant had not been served as of Tuesday afternoon.

Gause said the incident was turned over to the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department because the suspect doesn't live in Shallotte.

The police chief said the fight occurred during a Brunswick County Parks and Recreation Men's Basketball League game.



FORMER HOLDEN BEACH MAYOR John Tandy (second from left) and his wife, Elizabeth, have moved from Holden Beach back to Chapel Hill. Pictured with Tandy (from left) are Mayor Wally Ausley and former mayors Kenner Amos and John Holden.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

Seventeen Local Students Earn Honors At East Carolina

Seventeen students from Brunswick County attained academic honors during the 1991 fall semester at East Carolina University in Greenville.

Students who earned a "B plus" average with no grade below a "C" made the Dean's list. To make the honor roll, a student earned a "B" average with no grade below a "C."

Dean's list students are Cheryl Larneice Jones and Karen Evelena Jones, daughters of Charles and Evelena Jones of Winnabow; Mary Elizabeth Russ, daughter of Clarence and Mary Russ of Shallotte; and Joseph Thomas Smith, son of Joseph and Barbara Smith of Supply.

On the honor roll are Laura Nicole Richards, daughter of John and Ellen Richards of Southport; Tammy Renee Somersett, daughter of Charles and Dianna Somersett of Shallotte; B. Michelle Gore Vernelson of Greenville, daughter of Thomas and Jetty Gore of Supply; Julie Beth Allen of Clayton, daughter of Rex and Sharon Allen of Long Beach; William Brett McKeithan, son of Robert and Diane McKeithan of Southport;

Also, Joellen Carol Best, daughter of Joe and Jessie Best of Leland; Rachel Christine Boling, daughter of Philip and Mary Boling of Bolivia; Tisha Jones, daughter of Robert and Pearlene Jones of Leland; Sara Lynn Hardee, daughter of Keith and Sheryl Hardee of Calabash; Richard Kevin Chaisson, son of Richard and Betty Chaisson of Leland; Cary Wayne Clemmons of Cary, son of Thomas and Evelyn Corbitt of Southport; and Ashleigh Brook Dalrymple, daughter of James and Brenda Dalrymple of Leland.

Receives Honor

Tiffany Cashwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sankey C. Fields of Southport, has been named to the honor roll for the fall semester at St. Mary's College, Raleigh.

In order to qualify for the list, the 12th-grader had to maintain a 3.25 grade point average or higher while remaining in good standing with the school.

St. Mary's is a two-year, upper level preparatory school for women which offers liberal arts programs.

Receives Medal

Spec. George M. Anderson, an artillery fire-direction specialist at Fort Stewart, Ga., has been decorated with the Army Commendation Medal.

He is the son of Ramona Long and the stepson of Hamer Long of Bolivia.

The medal is awarded to individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or service in the performance of their duties with the Army.

Graduate Courses

Two Brunswick County servicemen have graduated special training courses with the U.S. Air Force.

Airman First Class Anthony L. Johnson has graduated from the aircraft fuel systems mechanic course at Chanute Air Force Base, Rantoul, Ill.

He is the son of Susan M. Johnson of Southport and a 1991 graduate of South Brunswick High School, Boiling Spring Lakes.

As an Air Force student, he was taught to inspect and repair intricate aircraft fuel systems.

Pvt. Roland E. Ward has graduated from a chemical operations specialist course at Fort McClellan, Aniston, Ala.

He is the son of Jimmie and Brenda Ward of Ash and a 1991 graduate of Whiteville High School in Columbus County.

In the course, Ward was taught the operation and maintenance of smoke generating equipment and identification/detection and decontamination equipment.

Sworn In

Robert Noe took his oath of office Jan. 14 to serve as commissioner on the town council of Calabash. He was elected to the seat last November, replacing Phyllis Manning, who did not seek re-election.



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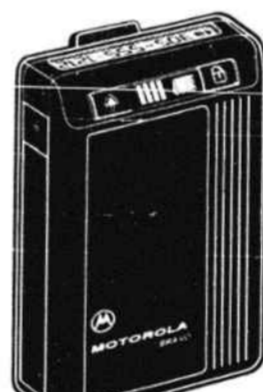
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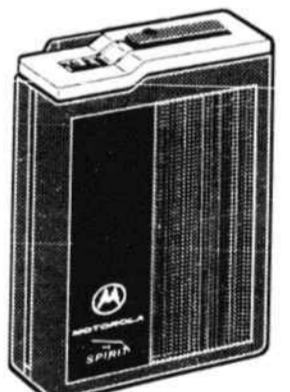
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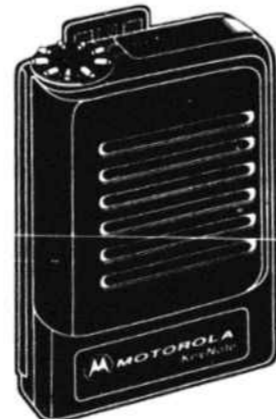
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