

**SOLES' SPLIT DENOUNCED**

# Calabash To Consider Ocean Isle Plant For Sewer System

BY ERIC CARLSON

Rebuffed in their efforts to get a reduced price for the Carolina-Blythe sewage treatment plant, Calabash and Sunset Beach are now investigating the possibility of using the Ocean Isle Beach system as the cornerstone of a joint treatment system.

Representatives of Powell Associates, system engineers, Tuesday asked the Calabash Board of Commissioners to approve a feasibility study of the new approach. The study would be funded jointly by the two towns at a cost of no more than \$5,000 apiece.

And in another matter, the board voted unanimously to approve a sharply worded resolution condemning the efforts of State Senator R.C. Soles to divide the town into two municipalities of Calabash and

Carolina Shores.

At the board's previous meeting, the owners of Carolina-Blythe said the \$4.5 million asking price for the facility is "not negotiable." A majority of the commissioners have expressed doubts that the system is worth that much.

In a March 23 letter to the commissioners, engineers Joseph Tombro and James Billups outlined the steps that would be necessary "to fully develop the Ocean Isle Beach alternative."

First on the list was the feasibility study. Then the joint application for Farmers Home Administration funding would have to be revised to reflect the new plan for the system using the Ocean Isle Beach treatment facilities instead of Carolina-Blythe.

Next the towns would activate the recently formed South Brunswick

Water and Sewer Authority, "with certain limitations." One such restriction would be that the authority would not purchase the Carolina-Blythe Utility system "unless and until such time as the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association provides evidence to the authority that the majority of the residents favor such a purchase."

Finally, revenue bonds would be used to implement the Calabash portion of the sewer program "for all costs in excess of any grant amounts." This approach was recommended so "users of the new system would bear all costs of the system and there would be no obligation of the general tax base of the Town of Calabash."

Implementation of the plan would begin with service to the "Phase 1A"

areas of downtown Calabash, Village Green and parts of Calabash Acres.

Billups said he had contacted "the utilities director of Ocean Isle Beach," Odell Williamson, and determined that the town's treatment facility might be feasible and "within the realm of user costs previously targeted for the program which would have made use of the Carolina-Blythe System."

The Ocean Isle Beach system currently has a treatment capacity of one million gallons per day, Billups said. The Carolina-Blythe system, when completed, will have a capacity of 925,000 gallons per day.

The engineers also have asked the governing boards of Shallotte, Holden Beach and Ocean Isle Beach to consider joining Calabash and

Sunset Beach in the formation of a five-town environmental coalition to pursue state grant funding of a regional sewage treatment system.

Representatives of the towns will meet at the Brunswick County Emergency Services 911 building March 30 at 6 p.m. to discuss the joint venture. The towns will be asked to consider asking Gov. Jim Hunt to designate the proposed system as a state demonstration project, making it eligible for special funding as an estuarine water quality improvements program.

In another matter, the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution opposing Sen. Soles efforts to split the town, noting that a majority of citizens and residents oppose the division. The resolution will be sent to Soles, Rep. David Redwine and Rep. Dewey Hill.

It charges that Soles' proposal is motivated by "pressure and influence brought upon him by non-resident business owners of the town and others who have been obliged to comply with town zoning ordinances..."

The resolution further states that the split "would help only a privileged few; has no beneficial aspects to the town or its citizens; would create substantial fiscal, logistical and jurisdictional problems and is not in the overall best interest of the town..."

In other business the board agreed to schedule the week of March 29 to April 2 for the town's annual spring pick-up, including branches and other yard debris left by the recent storm. All leaves, pine straw and pine cones must be bagged for pick-up.

## BCC Student Seeks Aldermen's Help In Tidying Shallotte Image

BY DOUG RUTTER

Nadine Murray cringes every time she drives through downtown Shallotte. "I think Main Street looks terrible," she says.

Instead of just complaining, Murray proposed a solution in a recent paper she wrote for an English composition class at Brunswick Community College. The paper, "A Town In Decay," describes Main Street as a junk yard.

"There is endless rust, metal, nails, cement, bricks and garbage..." she wrote. "The garbage is revolting. This is a town without pride. Not only is it unsightly, it's dangerous."

Murray, a nursing student, started following through on her thoughts last week when she met with the town board of aldermen to solicit its support for her effort to clean up the community.

Armed with color photos of particularly unsightly spots, she suggested that enforcement of litter laws, fresh coats of paint on curbs and buildings and screening fences at certain businesses would help.

In her paper, Murray names two Main Street businesses that look like "a graveyard for old lawn mowers" and "a storage space for toxic waste." The composition, by the way, earned a grade of 100.

Murray, who lives just outside Shallotte, also said the town could use some public trash cans to discourage littering. The town presently doesn't have any garbage containers for use by the public.

Shallotte town officials agree with Murray that some sections of town need improvement. They said last week that if enough citizens and merchants get involved, they could make a difference.

"It's not that we're not concerned about it," Mayor Sarah Tripp said at last Tuesday's town meeting. "You can't force people to clean up their own private property."

Murray, who moved to the area about 1 1/2 years ago, said she plans to send personalized letters to business owners recommending improvements they can make to beautify the town.

Town officials said the litter law is hard to enforce because you have to catch litterbugs in the act. They also said getting buildings condemned as health hazards can be costly in terms of legal fees.

"The town coffers are not exactly brimming," Alderman Roney



NADINE MURRAY stands beside a pile of litter next to the Shallotte River in downtown Shallotte.

Cheers told Murray. "It is something that's hard to control. I appreciate your concern about it very greatly."

Added Mayor Tripp: "When you tax people to clean up their own mess, they really get mad at you."

Town officials pointed out that some downtown business owners have taken the initiative to landscape or renovate their property. They cited Bobby's Auto Parts and Coastal Drug Store as good examples.

"It's catching on," Tripp said. "We appreciate that some of the citizens are concerned about it. If

enough get involved maybe something will be done about it."

**IN BOLIVIA  
BRING HOME  
THE BEACON**

On Sale At  
BRUNSWICK COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
COMPLEX CAFETERIA  
KOPP'S SERVICE STATION  
SOUTHBOUND SERVICE STATION

## Governor Appoints Hooks To Replace Giles On District Superior Court Bench

Chief District Judge D. Jack Hooks Jr. will replace retiring Judge Giles Clark on the 13th Judicial District bench following an appointment last week by Governor Jim Hunt.

Hooks will be sworn in Monday by senior resident Superior Court Judge William Gore.

The 39-year-old Hooks said Tuesday he is "obviously pleased, but also a little intimidated" at the prospect of taking over for retiring Judge Clark.

Hooks has served for the past two years as chief district judge for the district, which includes Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick counties. He will fill Clark's unexpired four-year term which ends in 1996.

The governor said Hooks' "exemplary record" as a district court judge "makes him an ideal candidate for the job. His deep roots in southeastern North Carolina, and his experience in private practice and on the bench, will make him a fine superior court judge."

Hooks grew up in Whiteville and graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1976. He earned his law degree from Campbell

University in 1980. He went into private practice at Hooks and Viets in Whiteville in September 1980 and since 1985 has served as district court judge in the 13th district. He was named chief district judge in 1991.

The district bar association will be asked to submit the names of

three candidates to fill Hooks' district court judgeship. Expressing interest in the job are Assistant District Attorneys Ola Lewis and Donnell Kelly, former ADA Tom Aldridge and Seaside attorney Edmund Liles.

Gov. Hunt will make the appointment.

**March Coupon Special**

**FREE  
Pick-up &  
Delivery\***

**Milligan's  
Sharpening Shop**

\*Within 15 Mile Radius • With A Full Tune-up  
Lawn & Garden Tractors Only

501 Whiteville Rd., Hwy. 130 West, Shallotte, 754-8535

**NOW YOUR AD CAN REACH  
ALL OF  
NORTH CAROLINA  
FOR ONLY  
\$200  
25 WORDS  
\$6 each additional word**

**N.C. STATEWIDE  
CLASSIFIEDS**

**BLANKET  
NORTH CAROLINA  
OVER 120 NEWSPAPERS**  
(For more information, call this newspaper or...)

**SIMPLY FILL OUT THIS FORM  
AND SEND WITH YOUR CHECK.**  
(No Phone Orders. Larger order forms are available from this newspaper.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Advertising Copy: \_\_\_\_\_

25 Words—\$6 each additional word over 25.  
Word count: Telephone numbers (including area code) equal one word. Post office box numbers as two words, box numbers and route numbers as two words. The name of the city, state and zip code each count as one word. Other customary words count as one.


**SEND TO:**

**THE BRUNSWICK BEACON**  
CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING DEPT.  
P.O. BOX 2558, SHALLOTTE, NC 28459  
(919)754-6890

**COMPLETE INSURANCE  
PROTECTION**

**Call once  
and for all.**


Life...health...home...car...  
business. Whatever your insurance needs, we can satisfy them with Nationwide's quality protection that's priced to fit most any budget. Call us today.

  
Phillip W. Cheers  
4700 Main St.,  
Shallotte  
754-4366

**NATIONWIDE  
INSURANCE**  
Nationwide is on your side

Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company and Affiliated Companies  
Home Office: One Nationwide Plaza, Columbus, OH 43215  
Nationwide is a registered federal service mark of Nationwide Mutual Insurance Company


**Sail A Legend!**



**Queen Elizabeth 2**  
**SPECIAL 8-DAY CARIBBEAN CRUISE**  
Sailing round-trip from Charleston, SC  
Wednesday, May 12 to Thursday, May 20, 1993

**Ports of Call...**  
ST. MAARTEN, BARBADOS,  
MARTINIQUE, and ST. THOMAS.

A once in a lifetime chance to sail the beautiful QE2 on a big band theme cruise. We have special group rates available. Call today & book the trip of a lifetime.

  
**Brunswick Travel Inc.**  
CRUISE HEADQUARTERS  
1-800-852-2736  
754-7484 • 150 Holden Beach Rd., Shallotte, NC 28459