

A Final Fling Before School

BY BILL DEARMAN, EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT
South Brunswick Islands Chamber Of Commerce

The final weekend of summer fun is here. While summer is not officially over until late September, it is back to school for the kids and a return to the normal routine for the family. Soon football, both college and professional, will be the main attractions on the weekend—not the beach.

It has been a great summer for the South Brunswick Islands and we want to encourage our visitors to return again next year. But, enough of next year or next week for that matter; we still have one glorious weekend to enjoy. It is going to be a weekend filled with sun, fun and the excitement of fishing for king mackerel.

If you like to fish we hope you will enter the tournament. If fishing is not your cup of tea, join us for all the excitement of the weigh-in.

There will be two days of fishing and that means we will have two days to join in the fun. Each day there will be live entertainment featuring Flipside and Clifford Curry. Delicious seafood will be available for those who have worked up an appetite.

This year we will have a single weigh-in location at the end of the Ocean Isle bridge canal at Ocean Isle Park on East Third Street on Ocean Isle. With a single location, everyone can be part of the excitement as the boats bring their fish in to be weighed.

The weigh-ins will be from 2 to 5:30 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday. We will be looking for you.

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A personal note: Tuesday, Aug. 31, was Ann Laughinghouse's last day as an employee of the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce. Ann will be missed. She has worked for the chamber, both as a volunteer and as paid staff for several years, but has decided that her roses need her more than we do. She was always cheerful, perky, and ready to help visitors with information about the area. In any new endeavors Ann undertakes, we know it will be done well and we wish her only the best.



DEARMAN

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IRS Offers To Listen

Sept. 17 has been declared "IRS Listens Day" at the federal agency's office in Wilmington.

Between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. a problem resolution officer will be available to help area residents with any unresolved federal or state tax matters. The service is aimed at taxpayers who have tried to resolve their tax problems through normal channels and still have not done so.

Taxpayers should bring any documentation or correspondence relating to the case with them to the private conference. The service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

The IRS office is located at Suite 200, 3904 Oleander Drive, Wilmington.

King Wins Cash

Melissa A. King of Mulberry Street, Shallotte, took home 100 one-dollar bills as the winner of the Dollar Days Giveaway held by Heilig-Meyers Furniture in Shallotte.

She said she registered at the store while picking up a chest of drawers purchased by her mother, Ada King, also of Shallotte.

Business Week Activities Set For September 20-23

A mobile business assistance center has been scheduled to provide resources in Brunswick County Sept. 20-23.

The center's scheduled visit here last year was cancelled so that it could respond to South Florida's small business victims of Hurricane Andrew.

Brunswick Community College Small Business Center, the three local chambers of commerce and the U.S. Small Business Administration will co-sponsor "Business Development Week" while the center is here.

The week's plans include an open

house, luncheon, workshops and seminars on employee search techniques, cash flow dilemmas, financing, federal government procurement, marketing strategies and other topics.

The public is invited to participate in the activities. They are specially targeted to those considering starting a small business and to current business owners considering expansion.

For more information about Business Development Week in Brunswick County, call Brunswick Community College Small Business Center at 754-6900, 457-6329 or 343-0203.

July Jobless Rate Unchanged

Brunswick County was one of only four North Carolina counties whose unemployment rate was higher than 10 percent in July, according to a monthly report from the N.C. Employment Security Commission.

ESC's calculations set the Brunswick seasonally adjusted jobless rate in July at 13.7 percent, the same as in June.

According to ESC, seasonally adjusted unemployment rates eliminate the changes which normally occur at about the same time and in about the same magnitude each year.

"Seasonal employment is deleted, so that if there's a significant change in the rates, either up or down, it's due to something other than seasonal factors. The data best shows trends in labor market conditions from month to month," the report states.

Brunswick County's unadjusted July jobless rate was listed at 11.6 percent.

Those figures are based on a labor force of 21,160 persons, 10,970 of whom are employed and 2,890 who are looking for work.

The county with the lowest rate was Orange, with 2.8 percent. Highest was Graham, at 15.4 percent.

July unemployment rates for other

coastal counties included New Hanover, 7; Pender, 7.4; Onslow, 5.8; Carteret, 6.3; Dare, 3.8; and Currituck, 4.

The state seasonally adjusted rate was 4.5 percent, a .9 percent drop from the June rate of 5.4. ESC analysts regard 5 percent as a "near full-employment situation."

The national unemployment rate for the month was 6.8 percent, according to the report.

Legal Notices

ESTATE NOTICE

The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Bernard L. Jones, Jr., deceased, late of Brunswick County, this is to notify all persons having said claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of December, 1993, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 26th day of August, 1993.

Kay Lasater Lambert, Executrix for the Estate of Bernard L. Jones, Jr., Deceased
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Sept. 23

FEDS MUST APPROVE PLAN

Co-ops, CP&L Both Expect To Benefit From Agreement

BY SUSAN USHER

Carolina Power & Light Co. (CP&L) and the North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC) have reached agreement on a proposed 30-year contract to govern electric power supplies and coordination between the two organizations.

Final agreement depends upon approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Rural Electrification Administration (REA).

"It's a good contract for CP&L and it is a good contract for us in the NCEMC," said David Batten, general manager of Brunswick Electric Membership Corp. (BEMC). NCEMC is the power supply arm of Carolina Electric Cooperatives, a network of electric cooperative organizations in North Carolina that includes BEMC.

CP&L Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Sherwood H. Smith Jr. and Carolina Electric Cooperatives Executive Vice President Wayne D. Keller said the agreement marks a new era between the organizations. It will enable the two to meet the electric power requirements of their customers better, and support further the economic development and creation of new jobs in North Carolina.

"We are more partners than we were 30 years ago as a result of efforts by us both because our ultimate goal is the same, lower rates and greater reliability," said Batten of the two organizations.

Under the agreement, CP&L will allow NCEMC to use the CP&L transmission system to transfer power from its own resources and to make even more efficient use of its load management program.

At Brunswick Electric, said Bat-

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—David Batten, General Manager BEMC

ten, that means CP&L will now signal co-ops when its peak demand period is occurring, whereas before BEMC "had to guess."

That means co-ops like BEMC will be able to hold their demand costs down by timing local load management efforts to tie in with those of CP&L. "Our peak (period of highest demand for electricity) won't make a difference. Theirs will," he said. The co-ops will benefit from the savings incurred by CP&L. The demand charge paid for wholesale electricity is based on the highest point of demand for electricity that occurs during the month. Load management is an effort to level out demand and reduce that charge.

Presently BEMC controls about 16 megawatts a month through load management. "It makes a difference," said Batten.

In summer months CP&L peak usually occurs between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m., while the peak in BEMC's area traditionally comes later because of the greater percentage of residential services. Winter peak usually comes in the morning.

The agreement, said Batten, assures NCEMC that it will be able to purchase adequate supplies of electricity from CP&L for the next 30

years. However, the agreement also allows some flexibility. If NCEMC wants to replace a portion of the electricity it buys from CP&L with electricity from another supplier or through facilities it builds, it can—in increments, and while giving substantial (five-year) notice to CP&L so it can adjust its own plans for making sufficient electricity available either through plant construction or supplier contracts.

"For example, between now and 1996 we have the opportunity to arrange to purchase 200 megawatts from other sources," said Batten. "That's the only opportunity we'll have until 2001."

"It's something we're looking at. If we can arrange a contract to purchase electricity at a lower cost than CP&L's for at least 10 years or so, it might be worth our doing it."

Under the agreement: ■NCEMC agrees to withdraw a competing application for an operating license for CP&L's Walters Hydroelectric Plant in western North Carolina;

■NCEMC agrees to withdraw its objections before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to CP&L's contract for purchase of 400 megawatts of electricity from Duke

Power Co.;

■NCEMC agrees to give CP&L notice before building its own generating facilities or before choosing another power supplier; and ■NCEMC may gradually assume full responsibility, subject to certain limitations, for meeting the electricity needs of its 27 member cooperatives.

The NCEMC supplies wholesale power to 27 rural electric cooperatives serving more than 1.6 million North Carolinians.

Seventeen of these cooperatives, including BEMC, serve assigned territories dispersed throughout the territory assigned to CP&L. CP&L serves approximately 1 million customers in a 30,000-square-mile service area in central and eastern North Carolina, an area around Asheville in western North Carolina and the northeastern portion of South Carolina.

K-Mart Says Not Planning Local Store

A corporate official says there are no immediate plans to build a K-Mart in Shallotte, despite rumors about the department store coming to town.

A spokesperson at the K-Mart International offices in Troy, Mich., said last week she had nothing in her files to indicate a new store would be built in Shallotte.

Shallotte Building Inspector Albert Hughes said Tuesday he has heard rumors about K-Mart coming to town, but said he knows of no formal plans for the store.

Center Offers Injection Therapy As Way Of Managing Chronic Pain

"Oh, my aching back." Chronic pain. Pain that recurs again and again, with little or no relief possible from traditional methods of treatment.

Eight-six million Americans suffer from some form of chronic pain, with back pain among the most common type, enduring anxiety, depression, fatigue, loss of appetite and sleep disturbances. Chronic pain can affect individuals of all ages, interfering with daily activities.

Chronic pain disables more people than cancer or heart disease and costs the United States economy more than \$90 billion per year in medical costs, according to the National Chronic Pain Outreach Association.

The new Coastal Carolinas Pain Center, now in operation at The Brunswick Hospital in Supply, will treat and educate people on chronic pain management, announced Earl Tamar, the hospital's chief executive officer. The center is run by Dr. Kenneth L. Willeford, staff anesthesiologist.

Tamar said the hospital is pleased to be able to expand its services and offer such an innovative method of treatment that has the potential of

helping a large number of people in the area.

Chronic pain management is a subspecialty of anesthesia. Working in a clinical setting, anesthesiologists use techniques similar to those performed in the operating room to administer different classes of medication with minimal risk, said Daphne Yarbrough, director of marketing.

If detected early, any chronic pain syndrome can be treated more effectively.

While a majority of chronic pain patients are treated for back pain, injection therapy can also be used to treat other disorders such as myofascial pain syndrome, a form of musculoskeletal pain; reflex sympathetic dystrophy, or the burning pain that follows trauma or injury such as an ankle sprain, and nerve pain following a viral infection.

Patients at the center will go an initial evaluation process to determine the source of the pain and how it can be treated. Back pain can be caused by a variety of conditions, Willeford indicated.

Many patients treated for chronic back pain with injection therapy are able to continue working while un-

dergoing treatment. In many cases, injection therapy enables patients to avoid surgery.

"We have learned to use our expertise in new ways that allow us to

help individuals who suffer from chronic pain," said Willeford. "Through injection therapy and 'nerve blocks,' we can actually interfere with the transmission of pain."

Nearly \$900,000 In New Construction Reported

Permits were issued for almost \$900,000 worth of new construction in the unincorporated areas of Brunswick County during July, according to figures compiled by the county planning department.

A total of 62 permits were issued for mobile homes and 11 for other single-family dwellings built at an estimated cost of \$877,946.

Two permits were issued in July for commercial construction valued at \$41,240 along with one permit for a \$6,000 addition, six permits for garages valued at \$99,840 and eight

for decks or porches valued at \$34,067.

There were a total of 308 permits issued by the department during July, including 127 for building, 113 electrical, 29 plumbing and 39 mechanical.

During the first seven months of 1993, there were a total of 2053 permits issued, including 499 for mobile homes and 86 for single family homes valued at a total of \$10.1 million. The average value for single-family homes permitted this year is \$69,658.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Town Council of Sunset Beach will hold a public hearing Monday, September 13, 1993, at 7:00 P.M. at the Sea Trail Convention Center located in the Jones/Byrd clubhouse.

PURPOSE: 1. Whether to adopt Sections #154.255-257 setting forth the permitted uses, special uses and dimensional requirement for the CR district.
2. Whether to zone Bird Island (Mrs. Price's property) as Conservation Reserve District.

Documents are available for inspection at the Town Hall of Sunset Beach during regular business hours.
Linda Fluegel, Zoning Officer