

# BEMC Members Face Election Choices

BY SUSAN USHER

Brunswick Electric members will have a choice of candidates for two seats on the cooperative's board of directors during elections Saturday at the BEMC annual meeting.

The annual meeting will be held at the Odell Williamson Auditorium on the Brunswick Community College campus north of Supply. Registration and voting will be from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., with the business meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Four seats on the board are up for election. They are held by incumbents Moses C. Herring, District 4 (Shallotte, Supply, Holden Beach); Emery Smith of Nakina, District 5 (Old Dock-Nakina area); Jake Godwin of Clarendon, District 6 (Chadbourne area); and Earl D. Andrews of Shallotte, who was appointed to represent the relatively new District 12 carved from District 4 (Shallotte, Ocean Isle Beach). All four men have been nominated for election to three-year terms. Herring is serving as the board's assistant secretary-treasurer.

This is the first election held since the board of directors added the new district, which for the first time gives Brunswick County a majority of members on the board. The single at-large seat is held by Robert G. Ward of Winnabow.

Both Columbus County directors up for re-election, Smith and Godwin, face challengers Saturday.

Delmas Elwood Benton of Route 1, Nakina, was nominated by petition as a candidate for the District 5 seat, while Howard McPherson of Route 1, Clarendon, was nominated for the District 6 seat.

## DISTRICT 5

An electrical engineering technician, Benton

said he thinks his understanding of how electricity works and his training and experience in management and maintenance, would be advantageous to him as a board member. His objective is to "serve the people," he said, with no specific plans in mind.

"I want to get on and find out what's going on first. I want to see a better co-op and I would like to see better representation, geographically more or less, of the counties."

Smith, a farmer and warehouseman, has served as a BEMC director for 12 years and is seeking re-election because he feels he can "do a good job" and is proud of the leadership and service the co-op is providing.

"Most people who know me respect me and my ability to make decisions, but the (election) is the decision of the people and I respect that."

In addition to his experience on this and other boards, Smith said he has taken all the training courses for co-op directors and knows the job.

"I represent the people in this area (District 5), but I also represent the entire membership of the co-op. I represent the beach people too. You can't go on geographic representation."

Smith said he doesn't think there are any pending issues before the board. "Any time an issue comes up we try to work it out to the benefit of all, not just one or two. Sometimes that takes time."

"It makes me feel good when we go to meetings and we are several years ahead of a lot of co-ops across the country in terms of services. We're service oriented. We try to give them a lot for their money."

Benton was appointed by Smith to serve on the co-op's election and credential committee last year.

## DISTRICT 6

A farmer, community leader and U.S. Army veteran, McPherson said he was asked to run for the office because people consider him to be trustworthy and capable of serving.

"I'm making no big promises, but I will try to the best of my ability to communicate members' concerns to fellow board members and to the management," he said. "There are a lot of issues and concerns people have expressed to me."

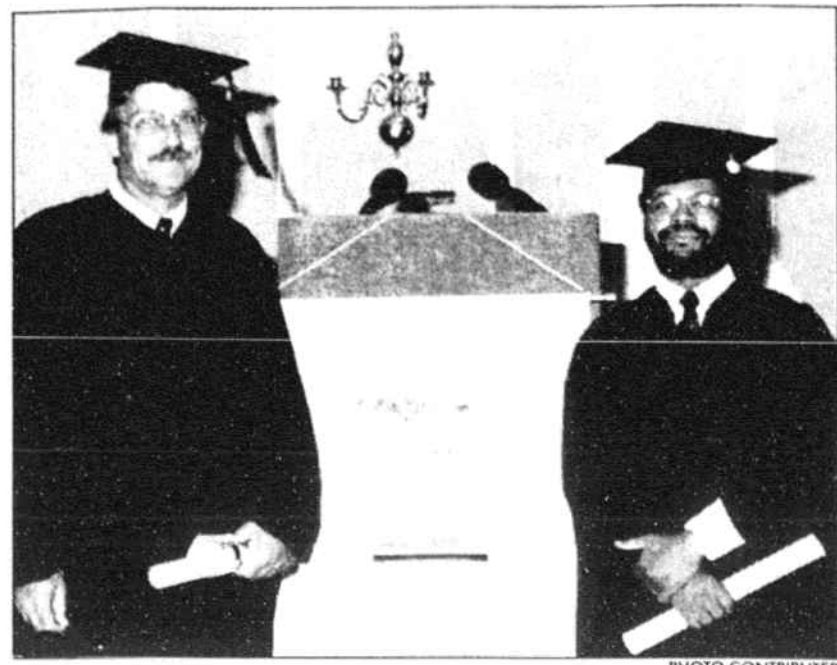
He has served as a leader in his church, Beaverdam Freewill Baptist, and on the state Home Missions Board, as an Agricultural Soil Conservation and Stabilization community committeeman and as a member of the Tobacco Associates. He sings with the McPherson Quartet.

Incumbent Jake Godwin has served on the board 12 years. A farmer who also owns rental houses and mobile homes, Godwin said he represents poor people on the board of directors and is qualified to do so "by being poor myself," as well as representing the business community.

"We've got a real good working board, a group of solid-thinking businessmen. I enjoy it and I would like to continue serving," he said.

This is the second consecutive year BEMC has held its annual meeting in Brunswick County. Until 1984 the annual meeting was traditionally held in a tobacco warehouse in Columbus County. Since then the meetings had alternated between locations in Brunswick and Columbus counties. A large majority of the co-op's members and services are located in Brunswick County. BEMC serves customers in Brunswick, Columbus and small areas in two other counties.

The board of directors sets policy, establishes rates for services and oversees management of the customer-owned rural electric cooperative.



## Earn Their Degrees

Donald W. McCaskill (left) and T.R. Jones, employees at Carolina Power & Light's Brunswick nuclear plant, received their bachelor of science degrees in nuclear science and engineering from the University of Maryland University College at a special commencement exercises recently in the Research Triangle Park. They were among 19 employees from CP&L's three nuclear sites to make up the program's first graduating class. The program is designed to increase reactor operator competence, comply with licensing policy and encourage employee self-development, according to a company spokesman.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Barefoot Cited For Insurance Service

Glenda J. Barefoot, district representative with Modern Woodmen of America, was cited for outstanding life insurance service recently at the 43rd annual convention of the National Association of Fraternal Insurance Counselors.



BAREFOOT

Barefoot, a Modern Woodmen representative since 1973 who relocated to Brunswick County in 1991, received a certificate and plaque for quality business and production at the convention in Atlantic City, N.J.

As a fraternal insurance counselor, Barefoot was required to complete an extensive basic and advanced training course, pass three comprehensive exams and meet established requirements.

### On Loan To Campaign

Brunswick County native

Treadwell Bell is one of five area residents who will represent companies by joining the Cape Fear Area United Way for three months to help manage the 1993 fundraising campaign.



BELL

Bell is a 19-year employee of Du-

Pont. He lives in Southport with his wife Edith and daughters Tia and Demetra. He has been involved in the employee campaign at the plant in various capacities, such as tour chairman, yard coordinator and solicitor.

Other representatives include Ernie Abrahamsen of Corning, Johnnie Green of Southern Bell, Jim Mott of Corning and Pam Thompson of the American Red Cross.

Their time and talents will be "on loan" and free of charge to the United Way until mid-November.

**L BOOKWORM**  
is having two book signings  
Oct. 30, 2-5 PM,  
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# Crack Repairs Will Delay Restart Of Brunswick Unit

BY SUSAN USHER

Repair of cracks found in the Unit 1 reactor core shroud at Brunswick Nuclear Plant near Southport is expected to delay restart of the unit until the end of the year.

Carolina Power & Light Co. spokesman Mac Harris said Tuesday the utility decided last week to repair the shroud now, though the crack poses no immediate safety threat.

The repair modification is being overdesigned so that it will suffice even if the existing crack worsens over time. It is designed to last the life of the plant, which was licensed in 1971 for 40 years of operation. The connection must be designed to

secure the shroud and prevent its lateral movement in a severe earthquake.

The cracking, caused by corrosion of the steel, is inside the cylinder, running along the weld seam that connects its top and sides. The weld connection will be replaced with a bolted connection. Stainless steel clamps and the equipment to bolt them in place under water are being designed and manufactured, said Harris.

CP&L is continuing to study the cylinder for all evidence of cracking, using ultrasound readings and metal samples to determine the length and depth of the crack along the seam. Harris said this will establish a base-

line for comparison when the cylinder is inspected in the future. The crack currently measures about six-tenths to seven-tenths of an inch deep.

Harris said the repairs are expected to cost between \$5 million and \$10 million. "That is expensive, but it represents a small portion of the total value of the plant."

The unit has been out of service since April 1992 and was to have been brought back on line this fall.

Engineers are also restudying videotapes made during the 1991 inspection of Unit 2. "We found several small cracks but they have no impact on our safety margins," said Harris. The shroud will be inspected

again in early March when Unit 2 is shut down for routine refueling.

As a preventive measure, CP&L also plans to start injecting hydrogen in the water that flows through the fuel bundles. The hydrogen molecules will bond with oxygen molecules freed when the unit is operating, creating ordinary molecules of water and reducing the potential of further corrosion cracking.

With the continuing mapping of the shroud and fabrication and installation of the new bolt-on clamps, Harris said restart of the unit isn't expected to begin until the end of the year. That means the unit would return to service in early January 1994.

# Food Service, Lodging Inspected By Health Department

Environmental health specialists with the Brunswick County Health Department inspected and graded the following food service and lodging facilities during September.

Food service grades are based on a perfect score of 100 percent, with points taken away for infractions of health standards. A grade of "A" is given to scores of 90 percent or above; a "B" to scores from 80 percent to 89 percent; and a "C" to scores of 70 percent to 79 percent. An establishment which scores lower than 70 percent would not be allowed to continue in operation.

**School Lunchrooms:** Bolivia Elementary, 96; Leland Middle, 93; Lincoln Primary, 96.5; North Brunswick High, 94; Shallotte Middle, 97.5; South Brunswick High, 93.5; Southport Primary, 95; Supply Elementary, 94; Union Primary, 91.5; Waccamaw Elementary, 97.5; and West Brunswick High, 94.5.

**Restaurants:** Cook's Nook, Brunswick Community College, Supply, 96.5; Beach Cafe, Holden Beach Causeway, Supply, 93; Bennett's Seafood Restaurant, Calabash, 92; Betty's Waterfront Restaurant,

Supply, 93.5; Big Nell's Pit Stop, Beach Road, Ocean Isle Beach, 94; Brunswick County Bowling Center, Shallotte, 90; Burger King, Shallotte, 90; Calabash Seafood House, Calabash, 87; Crabby Oddwaters, Sunset Beach, 94.5; The Dawg House, Shallotte, 94; Derbster's Dining & Sports Lounge, Calabash, 83.5; Dockside, Calabash, 97; Duffer's Pub & Deli, Seaside, 96; Eastside Restaurant, Calabash, 90.5; EB & Flo's, Bald Head Island, 96.5; Food Service Inc. Snack Bar, DuPont PD Plant, Leland, 94; Ginny's Chicken House, Holden Beach causeway, Supply, 82; Hardee's, Leland, 90; Hardee's, Shallotte, 94.5; Jane's Restaurant, Supply, 90; Kentucky Fried Chicken, Shallotte, 91; Lockwood Folly Halfway House, Supply, 93;

Also, Lockwood Folly Snack Bar, Supply, 95; Mama Brava's Pizza Cafe, Calabash, 84; Mama's Place, Seaside, 90; Maxton's Restaurant, Varnamtown, 92.5; McDonald's, Shallotte, 92.5; McDonald's, Southport, 91.5; Mercy's Family Restaurant, Southport, 91; Minuteman Food Mart, Seaside, 94.5; Oak Island Restaurant, Yaupon Beach,

90.5; Ocean Crest Windjammer, Long Beach, 90; Ocean Isle Cafe & Tavern, Ocean Isle Beach, 96; The Pharmacy, Southport, 84; Pirates Cove Restaurant, Yaupon Beach, 85; Pizza Country U.S.A., Seaside, 98.5; Pizza Hut, Leland, 93; Pizza Hut, Shallotte, 95.5; Pizza Hut, Southport, 92.5; Sandfiddler, Southport, 92.5; Sea Captain Restaurant, Southport, 91; The Seaford Barn, Holden Beach causeway, Supply, 91.5; Service America No. 1 Cafeteria, DuPont, Leland, 93.5; Service America No. 2, DuPont, fiber division, Leland, 94; Sheila's Country Kitchen, Calabash, 95; Shirley's Burger House, Leland, 90; Silver Hill Grill, Supply, 93; Sim's Country Bar-B-Que, Grissetown, 95; Sizzlin' Sirloin Steak House, Shallotte, 94;

And, Subway, Shallotte, 92.5; Tavern On The Tee, Sunset Beach, 90.5; Thai Peppers Restaurant, Southport, 91; Twin Lakes Restaurant, Sunset Beach, 92.5; Walmart Snackbar, Shallotte, 98.5; Western Sizzling Steakhouse, Southport, 90.5; Wilson's Old Fashion Hamburgers, Southport, 91.5; Y's Cafe, Southport, 91.5; and Yacht Basin Provision Co., Southport, 93.5.

**Food Stands:** Ann's Grill, Oak Island, 97; Food Lion Deli, Leland, 92; Scotchman No. 115, Belville, 84; West Brunswick High School football concession, Shallotte, 91.

**Meat Markets:** Beach Mart Meat Market, Holden Beach, 86.5; Food Lion, Leland, 94; Vereen's Red & White, Long Beach, 88.

**Push Cart Vendors:** Denny's Cafe, opened.

**Day Care:** Duck's Child Care, Leland, 2 demerits, superior; Kids Connection, Shallotte, 4 demerits, superior; Kids Connection II, Shallotte, 6 demerits, superior; Kids Connection III, Shallotte, 2 demerits, superior; Little World of Learning II, Leland, 25 demerits, approved; Longwood Head Start Center, Longwood, 12 demerits, superior; Lots-A-Tots, Leland, 4 demerits, superior; Piney Grove Head Start, Bolivia, 4 demerits, superior.

**Rest/Nursing Homes:** Ocean Trail Convalescence Center, Southport, 91.5.

**Private Schools:** Carolina Christian Academy, Shallotte, 93; Community Chapel Christian School, Shallotte, 99; and The Cray School, Shallotte, 96.

# Business School Studies Value Of Beach Property

A study of beach property values by the East Carolina University School of Business has confirmed what most land developers already know too well: people will pay more to be near the water.

But it's not just the proximity to the water that determines the value of coastal property. A view of the ocean will fetch more dollars too. And the price is also affected by the amount of beach frontage, by the value of nearby properties and by the size and shape of the lot.

ECU business professors Margaret Capen, David Chatterjee and Paul Wertheim, and graduate student

Jon Jividen collected data at Land's End, a residential development at Emerald Isle. Their findings were published in "Real Estate Appraiser," a national journal.

In their research, the authors examined nine characteristics they believed would affect property value. These consisted of average value of adjoining lots, lot size, lot shape, distance from the beach, view of the ocean, location on a pond, type of access street (through street or cul-de-sac), amount of beach frontage and distance from the development's closest edge.

Five of the characteristic were

found to be significantly related to prices. They were: distance to the water, the amount of beach frontage, ocean view, regularity in shape of the lot and the value of neighboring lots.

The researchers said their study offers practical uses for builders, investors and appraisers.

Builders, they said, would benefit

by knowing those characteristics used in the valuation of lots by developers. Investors could use the results in judging the relative value of alternative beach properties. Appraisers can apply the findings to determine which tangible qualities of coastal lots have measurable impact on market value.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Calabash will hold a public hearing to consider the following new and amended sections of the Calabash Zoning Ordinance on October 12, 1993 at 6:30 P.M. at the Calabash Town Hall.

The effected area consists of the Town of Calabash and the One Mile Extraterritorial Jurisdiction.

- Section 16: Subdivision Regulations
- Section 8: Amendments to 8.01.9 C. Dimensional Requirements; 8.01.12 Planned Unit Development District.

These ordinances are available for public inspection at the Town Hall, during normal working hours.

Janet Thomas, Town Clerk  
Town of Calabash

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Sealed bids will be received by the Local Government Commission of North Carolina at its office in the Albermarle Building, 325 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27603-1388 until 11 o'clock A.M., North Carolina time, **October 12, 1993**

such bids to be opened in public at said time and place on said day, for the purchase of \$2,130,000\* Refunding Bonds, Series 1993 for the Town of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, dated November 1, 1993 and maturing (subject to the right of prior redemption) annually, \$80,000 1994, \$50,000 1995, \$170,000 1996, \$165,000 1997, \$200,000 1998, \$195,000 1999, \$185,000 2000, \$180,000 2001, \$175,000 2002, \$165,000 2003, \$160,000 2004, \$150,000 2005, \$145,000 2006 and \$110,000 2007\*.

Copies of the Official Statement and each Notice of Sale and Bid Form relating to the bonds may be obtained from the Local Government Commission (919-733-3064). Each bid must be submitted on a bid form in the applicable Notice of Sale and Bid Form. The bonds will be delivered on or about November 2, 1993. \*Subject to change as provided in the Official Statement and Notice of Sale and Bid Form relating to the bonds.

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Raleigh, North Carolina  
By Robert M. High  
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