

Hands-On Involvement Gives Students Look At Broad Range Of Occupations

It seemed like the perfect opportunity. Career education teacher Lois Morgan was looking for ways to expose her Shallotte Middle School students to as many different occupations as possible.

Real estate developer Buddy Milliken was planning a self-reliant, close-knit community to be built on a tract he owns adjacent to the school. He wanted to know the kinds of activities children would enjoy in such a setting.

Why not bring the two together? Milliken and Morgan decided at a meeting of the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, on which both serve.

Milliken brought scaled drawings into the classroom and shared his ideas with students. Working from a scaled plot mat, the students brainstormed for several days, then each drew a scale map and sketched his or her ideas for "their" community.

Then 21 students and Morgan took a first-hand look at the site with Milliken. Tramping through the woods off Pender Street for 2½ hours, they observed terrain that ranged from wetlands to low hills, with a former turpentine still site. The tract includes good specimens of native hardwoods as well as some protected plant species.

Invigorated with fresh ideas, some students went

back to the drawing board to add or delete ideas from their plans.

During early discussions, the middle school students came up with at least 28 occupations that would be involved in the development process at some point, said Morgan.

"I could tell them about those things. They may read about them. But when they see and touch, it becomes reality, and this is the kind of teaching I like," said Morgan.

As a result of their hands-on experience, some students found they had no interest, aptitude or ability for this kind of work, while others found it to their liking. Morgan said several students will be following the project through its actual development.

Milliken has shared the students' drawings at a seminar with professionals who are working with him on the project. He has also involved graduate students in the School of Design at N.C. State University in project development.

As a result of the cooperative venture, said Morgan, "Who knows. These students may become land planners, architects, civil engineers, environmental analysts, topographical drafters, conservation technicians or market researchers."



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TWENTY-ONE career exploration students from Shallotte Middle School surround developer Buddy Milliken (center) on the site of his proposed self-reliant, pedestrian-oriented neighborhood. On the front from left are Jill Rivenbark, Morgan Frazier, Jennifer Bailey, Patti Lewis, Milliken, Pete Testea, Bradley Hewett, Daren Sellers and (foreground) Lionel McNeil.



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Twice A Winner
 For the second consecutive year Security Savings & Loan Assoc. of Shallotte has won the Hometown Holidays decorating contest sponsored by the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce. Shown above with the "traveling" trophy they get to keep another year are (from left) staff members Candie Macon, Linda Robinson, Gloria Hill and Cindy Williams. Six area businesses entered the contest, which is now in its third year.

BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

Robertson Realtor Board President

William E. Robertson of R.H. McClure Realty has been elected 1994 president of the Brunswick Islands Board of Realtors.

Robertson was previously employed by Norfolk-Southern Railway for 37 years and moved to Brunswick County five years ago when he became a member of the Board of Realtors. He and his wife Shirley live at Sunset Beach and have two sons and four granddaughters.

Also installed were Peggy Stanley of Sloane Realty, president-elect; Linda Spivey of Alan Holden Realty, vice president; Anne Arnold of Coastal Development and Realty, secretary; and Dave Nelson of Century 21 Sunset Realty, treasurer.

Joins NationsBanc

Tamala Grissett-Grimes of Shallotte has recently joined the mortgage team of NationsBanc Mortgage Corporation as an account executive.

Her responsibilities include marketing and servicing Brunswick County with mortgage products.

Grimes has six years of experience in the mortgage industry and is working toward an associate degree in business administration.



GRIMES



HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS winners for the program's third week are (from left) Marian Melvin, Magalene Todd, Lena Gurganus (accepting for her husband Billy Gurganus) and Melanie Robinson.

Four Are Hometown Holidays Winners

Melanie Robinson and Marian Melvin, both of Supply, each won 50 chamber dollars in the third week of the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce Hometown Holidays promotion.

Robinson registered at Brunswick Community College, and Melvin, at Brunswick Electric Membership Corp.

Four people won prizes in the drawing held Thursday, Dec. 16.

Winning subscriptions to *The Brunswick Beacon* were Magalene Todd of Shallotte and Starlene Frink of Longwood; both registered at The Brunswick Hospital.

Chuckie Thompson of Bolivia won a wooden turtle from the Furniture Patch of Calabash; he registered at Pawn USA.

Billy Gurganus of Shallotte won dinner for two at Sizzling Sirloin Family Steak House; he registered at NationsBank.



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Students Honored
 Scott Irby (second from left) is shown with three students honored by NationsBank during December at Shallotte Middle School. From the left, Tracy Smith and Mark Darby were chosen as Students of the Month, and Adam Park as Citizen of the Month. They received gifts from the bank.



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Named To Trustees
 Dr. H.J. "Skip" Davis of Ocean Isle Beach (right) is sworn in to the board of trustees of the new N.C. College of Chiropractic by Secretary of State Rufus Edmisten. Ten initial trustees were given the oath of office at an organizational meeting at the N.C. Chiropractic Association office in Raleigh. Davis operates Chiropractic Center of Shallotte/Ocean Isle Beach.

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