



Legion Post Elects Officers

American Legion Post No. 247 of Shallotte installed officers for 1994-95 in a May 23 ceremony at the post home. Shown above with Commander Bill L. Alexander are (standing, from left) Rozell Hewett, senior vice commander; James Thigpen, post chaplain; Garland Shook, sergeant at arms; Richard Eisenman, adjutant; and Karl Wendelken, financial officer. Bingo Chairman Paul Smith is not pictured.

Grand Jury Returns 21 Felony Indictments Against Five Suspects On Sex Charges

Alleged sex offenses dominated the deliberations of a Brunswick County grand jury last week as it returned 21 felony indictments against five suspects accused of crimes that include rape, incest and taking indecent liberties with children.

The grand jury also returned a murder indictment against Daniel Cummings Jr., 29, of Red Springs in the April 22 shooting of Ash store owner Burns Everette Babson.

Among those indicted last week were:

■ Russell Lee Kirk, 32, of Green Loop Road, Leland, on charges of first-degree rape, first-degree kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury and four counts of first-degree sexual offense. He is accused of abducting a Wilmington woman, cutting her with a razor knife, raping her and forcing her to perform other sex acts during a four-hour ordeal in the Leland area May 5.

■ John Azar, 31, of Caswell Beach on five counts each of taking indecent liberties and crimes against nature. He is accused of having indecent sexual relations with a boy who was under the age of 16 at the time of the offenses, which are alleged to have occurred between June 15, 1992, and Feb. 20, 1994.

■ Gary Lee Walrath, 38, of Supply, on two counts of felonious incest. He is accused of having "carnal intercourse" with a family member in September and October of last year.

■ Efrid Burns Cox, 66, of 19th Street Long Beach, on a charge of first-degree sexual offense with a

male child under the age of 13.

■ Lewis Brantley Morgan, 52, of Buckeye Road, Leland, on one count of taking indecent liberties with a girl younger than 16.

■ Ronald Ellis Robbins, 42, of Cedar Hill Loop Road, Leland, on one charge each of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious bodily injury and possession of drug paraphernalia and two counts of cocaine possession. He is accused of using a shotgun to shoot Gregory Ballard in the back of his upper thighs on April 11.

■ Bobby Gene Evans, 40, of North Fodale Avenue, Southport on one count each of assault with a firearm on a government official, assault on a government official, resisting a public officer and communicating threats. Evans is accused of pointing a 9mm pistol at Southport Police officer C.T. Rivera, then hitting the officer in the head with it and threatening him by saying, "I'll kill you, cracker."

■ Shawn Everette Lashley, 21, of Ashboro on nine counts of breaking and entering a motor vehicle, seven counts of larceny and one charge each of felonious possession of stolen goods and larceny of a firearm. He is accused of breaking into cars in the Long Beach area, including an unmarked police vehicle, and stealing more than \$2,000 worth of property, including a .25-caliber handgun.

■ Daniel Ray Hardison, 23, of Cedar Hill Road, Leland, on a charge of habitual impaired driving. According to the indictment, Hardison was arrested April 9 on a

charge of driving while impaired by alcohol after being convicted of that charge on April 5, 1989, on June 10, 1993, and on Nov. 10, 1993.

■ Allen Dale Brooks, 30, of Hideaway Drive, Shallotte, on one charge each of possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine, trafficking cocaine by manufacture, trafficking cocaine by possession and two counts of maintaining a place to keep controlled substances.

■ Rupert Lee Edge, 45, of North Myrtle Beach on one charge each of trafficking cocaine by possession, by manufacture and by transportation, and one count of maintaining a place to keep controlled substances.

■ George Lewis Hooper, 40, of Dogwood Road, Leland, on one count each of possessing drug paraphernalia and cocaine possession.

■ Leonard Ray White, on one count each of possessing cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Lori Christine Spicer, 24, of Wilmington on one charge each of cocaine possession and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■ Ricky Varnum, 33, of Route 5, Southport, on a charge of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or forgery. He is accused of presenting a prescription for 10 pills to a pharmacist after the form had been altered to read 40 pills.

■ Lea Hedgecock Ganey, 34, of Moore Street, Supply on one charge each of maintaining a place to keep controlled substances and possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver approximately one ounce of marijuana.

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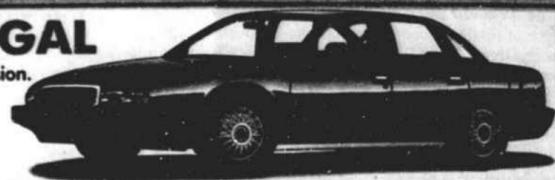
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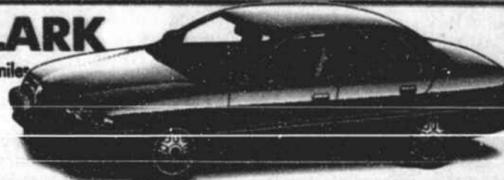
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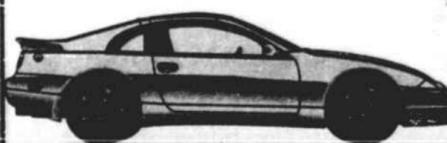
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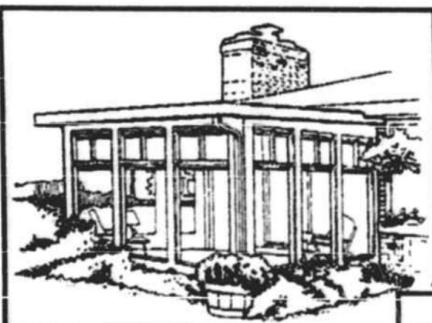
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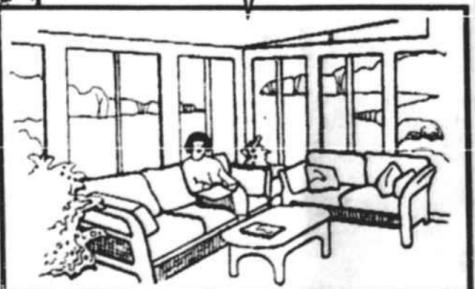
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