

Six members of the Rescue Squad were on duty through the period. They formed two teams with the town's two ambulances strategically located in separate parts of town to ensure at least one would be immediately available. Several firefighters remained in town. There were no local emergencies; however, there was a fire call for mutual aid from Indian Beach. The Summer Winds condominium's automatic fire alarm went off, and there weren't sufficient personnel available in that community to respond. Jack Thompson, three PKS policemen and four fire fighters responded to the call, followed by our ambulance. Fortunately the call was only a short-circuited fire alarm.

Commissioner Emily White was the PKS representative at the Carteret County Emergency Operations Center in Beaufort. Things were really hectic at that location and Emily was only able to snatch a four hour nap between Monday morning and Thursday evening. County officials were unrestrained in their praise of Emily's efforts during the crisis.

Among the lessons learned, it became apparent that the towns of Carteret County must have a portable, alternate radio communications net. If the storm had hit our area, telephone contact would soon be lost and the permanent, local government radio tower is vulnerable to storms. Reliable communications are vital to survival.

Post-disaster damage reports must be submitted much sooner than earlier plans required. We will have to establish an expeditious procedure for surveying the town's damages.

Kudos are in order for the Town Hall employees and the volunteer help who processed the rush of people applying for re-entry permits. The police force was superb to the last man and we are grateful to Mr. Williams, Manager of the Holiday Inn for his support.

GIL MILLINGTON

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Mary Korff was elected chairman of the Board of Adjustment at its September 4 meeting at Town Hall. Mrs. Korff thanked the members for the honor of serving the town, but brought a chuckle when she added that "my husband would not be willing to release his income tax reports".

HOLIDAY INN Mayor Haller administered the oath of office to new board members Bill Bosse, Art Browne, and Luther Hargroves and to Ed Baker and Bob Armstrong
VARIANCE who will serve second terms. Dan Vaughan was elected vice-chairman, and
GRANTED Town Clerk Corinne Geer will continue as secretary-treasurer.

The major business of the day was a hearing on the request for a variance on the new Holiday Inn sign. Kenneth K. Phillips, president of the Washington, N. C. operating company for the local Holiday Inn offered as evidence a letter from George Falkenberg, chairman of the PKS planning board, stating that the sign under consideration by the motel appeared to be within limits of the new sign ordinance. The ordinance allows message signs up to a maximum of 60 square feet. Further information showed a miscalculation of size had been presented by the former motel manager, which did not include the size of the border. This brings the sign to 64.24 square feet. Phillips pointed out that the sign was the smallest offered by the Holiday Inn corporation and was intended to replace an old sign that is 129 square feet. He added that the motel will be losing \$6,000 to buy out the rental agreement on the old sign.

Falkenberg testified that the original intent of the ordinance was to set limits that would accommodate the proposed Holiday Inn sign.

Considering the intent and the hardship that would be imposed if the motel could not use a regular corporate sign, the board voted unanimously to grant the variance.

JOAN DAWSON

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