

Mintz Explains Board Action On Registration

In the interest of a well-informed public, the Brunswick County Board of Elections has outlined the establishment of an Executive Office with registration procedures, and information regarding the November 3, 1970, General Election.

The North Carolina General Assembly passed legislative laws requiring all counties to adopt the full-time system of registration which must be accomplished by every county prior to January 1, 1971. The General Assembly directed in the Act that the State Board of Elections should adopt modified plans for counties that have less than 1401 registered voters. The purpose of the modified plan is to affect full time registration in a uniform manner throughout the state, while minimizing the cost to the county government as much as possible.

On November 5, 1969, the State Board of Elections advised the Brunswick County Board of Elections that they must adopt one of the approved plans and have in operation prior to January 1, 1971, and that this action may be accomplished immediately.

In compliance to this notice the Brunswick County Board of Elections with the approval of the Brunswick County Commissioners adopted Plan "B" whereas, an Executive Office must be established with an executive secretary to be in attendance to the prescribed duties between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday of each week. Legal holidays observed by other county offices will be observed.

The Brunswick County Board of Elections was advised on June (Continued On Page Three)



Photo by Maury Faggart

The Ocean At Sunset

Brief Bits Of NEWS

LIONS TO MEET

The regular meeting of Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 6:30 o'clock at Chez Steak at Yaupon Beach. An interesting program has been arranged.

COUNCIL TO MEET

The Southport Human Relations Council will meet Friday night at 8 o'clock. All members are asked to attend.

LIBRARY HOURS

New hours for the Shallotte Public Library now are in effect on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The library is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Saturday it is open from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

NEW OFFICERS

The Medical Staff at Doshier Memorial Hospital met September 8 and elected officers to serve during the fiscal year that begins October 1. Dr. Gene A. Wallin was elected chief-of-staff; Dr. Richard Corbett, vice-chief-of-staff; and Dr. Norman A. Templon, secretary.

County Farmers Select Community Committeemen

Farmers in Brunswick county have elected community committeemen and alternates for 1971, in a mail election.

Following is a list of committeemen elected with the first being chairman, followed by vice-chairman, member, first

alternate and second alternate: LOCKWOOD FOLLY—Aldreth C. Phelps, Alton Evans, W. McKinley Hewett, Carl H. Holden, Floyd W. Hewett. NORTHWEST—Paul Brown, Jean G. Medlin, George H. Skipper, James (Jim) Brown,

Earnest Radford.

SMITHVILLE—Willie Clemmons, Ervin Monroe, J.A. Chatman, Morris V. Crouch, Louie Cox.

SHALLOTTE—Arthur W. Bellamy, Guy A. Hughes, William I. (Buddy) Hewett, Russell Grissett, James F. Gore.

TOWN CREEK—William P. Gore, Harry H. Simmons, Ellis H. Lewis, E.T. Albright, W.H. Gardner.

WACCAMAW—Gardner King, Gardner McCumbee, Lonnie Evans, Lyle Ray King, Billy Ingram.

Each of the ASC community committees are made up of three members and two alternates, who serve for a one-year period. The candidate in each ASC community who received the largest number of votes is the committee chairman. Second highest is vice-chairman; third is regular committee member; fourth and fifth in the number of votes received are first and second alternates.

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"For Sin Pays Its Wage.."

"For sin pays its wage."—Romans 6:23

This passage was underlined on the first page Judge Ray Walton turned to in a paperback edition of the New Testament. Where did the judge get the book?

From the rear pants pocket of a man accused of auto larceny, driving under the influence, failure to stop for a blue light and siren, and resisting arrest.

Bibles are used in courtrooms to swear witnesses, but the New Testament in Robert Lee Roseboro's pocket surprised Judge Walton. He noticed the book as Roseboro left the witness stand, where he had denied stealing the car but did not contest the other charges.

Judge Walton recalled Roseboro and asked the defendant what book he had in his pocket. Roseboro showed the judge his copy of the New Testament and said he had been reading it. Walton opened the book and asked Roseboro to read.

"For sin pays its wage," Roseboro quoted from the book. Judge Walton had not passed judgment in the case, pending a conference with the probation officer.

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School Board Chooses Site; Building Plans Underway

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in regular session last Tuesday night with a group of parents representing Smithville Township Organization for Better Schools. W.P. Horne acted as spokesman for the group and main points of inquiry were: (a) Relief in transporting students crossing existing school district lines, (b) Racial balance of students and teachers as outlined by H.E.W., (c) progress on selection of school sites and initial construction of three area consolidated schools, (d) Progress on removing students now being housed at Fort Caswell, (e) Desirability of utilization of Piney Grove School to relieve overcrowded conditions at Bolivia High School and to provide additional classroom space at Southport, (f) made an appeal for board members to investigate existing fire hazards within some classrooms at Fort Caswell.

Chairman W.E. Rabon reviewed and outlined Board of Education past, present and future plans concerning the above inquiries. It was stated that pending no delays in school construction of area schools many of these problems would

be resolved during the next school year. Immediate relief through purchase of mobile class units during the next two months will correct the Fort Caswell situation. The patrons were advised to consult their local school committeemen and school principals pertaining to local school problems and providing no relief can be achieved at this level to seek assistance from the County Board of Education.

Robert Howard was appointed as committeeman for Brunswick County-Southport Schools.

The board accepted the resignation of Jerry Moore as committeeman for Shallotte High School.

Referring to motion made by Dr. John Madison during the May 25 meeting to make preliminary investigation of school site at Boiling Spring Lakes and providing engineering and all other aspects of site acquisition were favorable to select this site for the Southern Area School, the board having ascertained all phases of this site being favorable and having been approved by State School Planning Division, officially declare this site at Boiling Spring Lakes to be binding.

Upon request from officials of Boiling Spring Lakes Development, donor of site property, the board instructed its attorney to confirm the

board's action on acquisition and acceptance of property as school site and to allow the present owner to remove all timbers on physical site and athletic area and another area subject to School's Architect approval governing landscaping to total site.

Jack Croft, school architect, reviewed with the board final plans for the three area consolidated schools.

Teachers' contracts for 1970-71 were approved for—Bolivia—Carolyn Berkley; William Smith; B.C.H.S.—Robert Barton; Leland—Marva L. Mapson; Shallotte—Linda S. Kaneer; Charles F. Alexander; (Continued On Page Three)

Immediate Action, Members Promise

By ROBERT C. ELKINS

The Brunswick County Board of Education has engaged in many thoughtful sessions since the School Bond Referendum, seeking suitable sites for the area consolidated schools, coordinating planning sessions with the school architect in determining adequate physical plants for a comprehensive high school curriculum. These study sessions provided many avenues for constructive achievement, frustration and anxiety. Successful exploration and completion of site acquisition and building plans were often placed in jeopardy by pressure groups desiring particular school sites and additional building space.

From the initial planning stage the Board was faced with predetermined factors—factors that the Board must live with regardless of circumstances—of fiscal responsibility. These factors are: (1) Present indebtedness of the county established the limit for additional bonded monies; (2) Reluctance of the voting constituency to raise the tax level for educational purposes.

Two paramount issues faced the board—selection of school sites and determining physical plants for area schools, buildings adequate for a comprehensive program and allowing construction cost to remain within limits of available capital.

Quest for sites was undertaken immediately after passage of bond referendum. The Shallotte area site had been preconcived

in that it had been suggested as a site in previous school bond issues thus allowing for a smooth flow of communication between property owner and the Board toward acquisition.

The Leland area site presented no problem in that a donor offered twenty-five acres of land at a fixed price and an additional twenty-five acres at no cost. This location proved to be satisfactory.

Selection of the Southport-Bolivia area site presented problems from the beginning. More than a dozen sites were investigated. After careful consideration two possible sites were considered—Clear Pond and Beaver Dam. Soil testing and other physical characteristics proved these sites to be satisfactory. Owner's price on the Clear Pond site proved to be excessive for acquisition. Beaver Dam property owners acquisition cost was in line with estimates for the Shallotte Area School. Upon approval of the Beaver Dam site an injunction threat was placed against the board. To hasten the time element for school construction and to remove existing injunction to allow for sale of school bonds the board through careful deliberation agreed to select a site at Boiling Springs—this site being given at no cost. Immediately after this (Continued On Page Eight)



REV. ARGUINZONI

Rev. Arguinzoni Coming Friday

The Lower Cape Fear Christian Laymen's Association will have Rev. Sonny Arguinzoni as guest speaker Friday at the Community Building in Southport.

The public is cordially invited to attend the meeting, which begins at 8 p.m.

The pastor of Victory Temple Addict Church in Los Angeles, Calif., Rev. Arguinzoni will share the adventures of his work with addicts and the power of God to fill the needs of those who come to him in need and distress.

Sonny, as all friends call him, is a former drug addict from the streets of New York. At age 12 he began smoking pot and from his habit grew and by the time he was 16-years old he was on heroin. For six years he was a prisoner of heroin with all the consequences of drug addiction—stealing to pay for the habit, jails to pay for stealing, institutions for rehabilitation, and into the streets again with this cycle of events repeating itself many times. Through the ministry of David Wilkerson and Teen Challenge Center in Brooklyn, New York, and Nicky Cruz, Sonny was told of the love of God for him and how the power of God could set him free to become a new person.

The story of Sonny Arguinzoni's life is told in the book, "Twelve Angels From Hell" by David Wilkerson and he is also mentioned in another book by Nicky Cruz, "Run, Baby, Run."

Traveling with Sonny on this eastern tour is Freddy Hernandez who is a member of the Victory Temple Addict Church and a former drug addict who will share his testimony.

Top Officials Coming Here

Officials of several important state and federal agencies will be in Brunswick county this weekend and on Saturday night will be guests of honor at a reception at the Community Building.

Included will be Fred Steele, Federal Co-ordinator for the Coastal Plains Commission for North Carolina; James Johnson, head of FHA in North Carolina; George Marshall, State Director for the Small Business Administration; and Ronald Ingles, State Director for EDA. In an effort to make this a bi-partisan occasion, both Republicans and Democrats are cooperating in helping to entertain these visitors.



REV. M.W. WARREN, SR.

Pastor's Father Holding Revival

The Ocean View United Methodist Church, Yaupon Beach, will hold a revival beginning Sunday at 7:30 p.m., and concluding on Friday evening.

The Rev. M.W. Warren, Sr., of Candor, father of the Ocean View pastor, will be the guest minister.

A social hour will conclude both Sunday and Friday evening services. The pastor and members of the Ocean View Church extend an invitation to everyone to join in these worship services. (Continued On Page Three)

Cape Fear Rates High In Mercury Pollution

Small amounts of poisonous mercury compounds have been found in flesh of fish and game in North Carolina, but so far not in amounts dangerous to man.

"If the results of these early studies are borne out by later studies, it should be safe at the present time to eat fish and game in North Carolina as far as mercury is concerned," said Harry Cornell, Chief of the Division of Inland Fisheries.

Studies on the level of mercury contained in the flesh of North Carolina's wildlife are now underway, and early findings in dove samples collected across the state and fish samples from tributaries in the lower Cape Fear River show mixed and inconclusive results.

The dove and fish study was initiated by the N.C. Wildlife

Resources Commission, and of some 53 doves collected in mid-August before the peak of migration, only two had significant levels of mercury in the breast tissue, and even these levels (0.19 and 0.34 parts per million) were below the maximum Food and Drug Administration tolerance of 0.5 parts per million. Even so, all of the doves tested had levels of mercury in their breast tissues higher than those that occur naturally. No checks have yet been made on mercury levels found in the livers of these doves, but it is expected that they will range considerably higher than those found in breast tissue.

Although the study is not conclusive because doves are largely migratory, early in

dications are that where mercury levels are concerned, doves in North Carolina are suitable for eating. However, it has not been determined whether doves that have arrived from out of state during the peak migration will carry similar, relatively low levels of mercury.

Somewhat higher levels of mercury were found in fish collected by the Commission from Town Creek and Northwest Creek, tributaries to the lower Cape Fear River. The lower Cape Fear River is one of the watersheds in 12 states officially ruled by FDA to be seriously contaminated by mercury.

These fish, analyzed for mercury content by the N.C. Department of Water and Air Resources, showed levels which

ranged from a relatively insignificant 0.06 parts per million in a largemouth bass 0.91 ppm in a bowfin. The 0.91 figure is well above the critical level established by FDA. However, mercury levels in the flesh of sport fish such as largemouth bass were generally lower than those found in rough fish. Levels found in the livers of these fish generally ranged much higher than those found in the edible portions.

"As far as we know, the Cape Fear River has the most mercury pollution in the state, and that's why we started our study there," said Cornell. "So far, the studies have revealed no serious mercury pollution; however, that doesn't mean we won't find it in later studies, or that we're happy with what we have.

"Of the fish we've checked, none of the gamefish (which one normally would fish for and eat) has mercury compounds in edible tissues approaching the present FDA danger level, and only a few of the rough fish were found to contain dangerous levels. Even so, all of the fish tested has concentrations of mercury, and these levels were higher than in the dove samples.

"We are continuing our checks in other areas across the state, and also plan to sample fish from the main stem of the Cape Fear River."

Although the mercury levels are higher in fish, anglers are not expected to suffer immediate adverse reactions since to do so, they would have to eat some 80 pounds of dressed fish in a (Continued On Page Three)

Time And Tide

Ten survivors from the shipwrecked liner Dixie had been brought into Southport aboard the Texas Oil Co. tanker Reaper and were ferried ashore by men of Oak Island Coast Guard Station. There was news of the murder of Louis W. Ganus, Waccamaw township farmer; State WPA was going to spend \$4 million for port improvement at Southport.

This was the news in our edition of September 11, 1935.

There had been a tropical storm in this area on the preceding Thursday night. Power failure and fallen trees constituted the chief damage, other than the fact that dirt roads had washed badly from the rain.

It was September 11, 1940, and a perennial problem here in Southport had earned the consideration of Col. G.W. Gillette, chief of the U.S. Army Engineers office in Wilmington: He was going to (Continued On Page Four)