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Sales Tax Distribution Reflects County Growth

Brunswick town and county governments have received more than \$100,000 from the second distribution of the one-cent sales tax.

The distribution by the N.C. Department of Revenue includes proceeds for the quarter ending March 31. The funds are distributed on an ad valorem basis to the county and the towns of Southport, Long Beach, Yaupon Beach, Boiling Spring Lakes, Bolivia, Shallotte, Holden Beach, Ocean Isle Beach and Sunset Beach.

The Department of Revenue withholds 1.035 percent of the collections as its fee.

The county received \$88,500.67 from the sales tax collected during January, February and March. In the first quarterly distribution, the county had received \$63,893.79 of the total distribution of \$76,627.85.

The total distribution reported this past week for Brunswick County is \$107,248.92, substantially more than the first quarter funds. Also received this week was the report of collections in April, which totalled \$42,224.99 for the greatest one-month collection to date.

The collection of the sales tax, which is applied to all purchases subject to the state's three-percent levy, is indicative of the economic growth of Brunswick County.

The distribution of the second-quarter collections was made to Brunswick County towns on the following basis: Boiling Spring Lakes, \$823.60; Bolivia, \$70.83;

Holden Beach, \$1,195.49; Long Beach, \$6,609.20; Ocean Isle Beach, \$1,061.06; Shallotte, \$1,456.16; Southport, \$4,660.00; Sunset Beach, \$572.74; and Yaupon Beach, \$1,189.14.

Long Beach receives the largest distribution because of the large tax base for ocean front property and the Tranquil Harbour subdivision. If the collections were distributed on a population basis, Southport would receive the most

money.

The one-cent sales tax was approved last summer by the county board of commissioners without a vote of the people. There has been very little opposition to the levy, however, as most counties in this part of the state have enacted the extra sales tax.

The \$150,000 the county has received from the first two distributions is the equivalent of a 15-cent levy added to the current property tax rate of

\$1.90, and in the opinion of the county board the fairest way to add the needed, extra revenue was through the penny sales tax.

The sales tax collection is expected to remain high through the summer as tourists flock to the Brunswick County beaches. The April collection will be added to collections in May and June, to be distributed for the quarter ending June 30.

The N.C. Department of Revenue reported earlier this spring that Brunswick County had experienced a greater increase in sales tax collection during the past 12 months than any of the state's other 99 counties.

During the 12 months cited in the report, the collections here increased 33.14 percent, or three times the state average.

Angry Patient Kayoes Doctor

A Southport woman who attacked Dr. Norman Hornstein with a Coke bottle May 9 was placed on probation in District Court here Tuesday.

Dorothy Reifsnnyder, 48, pleaded no contest and was sentenced to six months in prison, but the term was suspended upon payment of \$100 and court costs.

Dr. Hornstein, who told Judge Ray Walton the woman was under the influence of either alcohol or drugs when the assault occurred, said he came to the hospital about 4 a.m. when it was reported the defendant was creating a disturbance. He called the woman into the emergency room so she could be treated. "I won't go in there," she is reported to have said, "he'll have to come out here."

The Reifsnnyder woman

reportedly began telling whom she would call (the SBI, FBI, Camp Lejeune), and while Dr. Hornstein was writing her comments, he said, he was struck over the head with the soft drink bottle. The force of the blow smashed the bottle, he told Judge Walton, and the cut required six stitches to close.

"It quite easily could have caused a compound fracture and death," said the doctor. Mrs. Reifsnnyder, whom Hornstein described as seeming "more angry than in pain," did not testify. Her lawyer contended that a severe migraine headache had caused her to act irrationally in striking the doctor.

Said Judge Walton, "If she had something besides a Coke bottle, she might have killed somebody."

Canal Seeding Due Next Fall

The banks of the canal under construction by Carolina Power and Light Company in connection with its Brunswick plant will be seeded with grass and pine trees at the earliest planting opportunity this fall.

M.A. McDuffie, construction manager for CP&L, says the banks will be planted "by Christmas."

McDuffie said it is the policy of CP&L to restore construction areas to an eye-pleasing condition. He said the restoration of vegetation is part of the company's commitment to protect the environment.



EROSION ON LONG BEACH near Lockwood Folly Inlet slowed during the past week but still threatens the state-maintained road through the King's Lynn section. A series of groins on the

west side of the inlet, at Holden Beach, are to be constructed soon, hopefully to halt even more severe erosion on that strand.

County Board 'Dismayed' About Dredging Impasse

The maintenance of Lockwood Folly Inlet, being paid more attention here now that the west end of Long Beach is being washed to sea, came under fire this week by the Brunswick County board of commissioners.

In a letter to the U.S. Department of the Interior, the county board expressed dismay that "one so far removed and with so little knowledge of the local situation has the ability to completely stop a project which would contribute to the economy of our county."

The objection by the county commissioners was based on the Department of the Interior's rejection of dredge spoil sites after the sites had been approved by the N.C. Department of Natural and Economic Resources, the Department of Commercial and Sports Fisheries and the Environmental Protection Agency.

After the rejection, county officials sought alternate sites, but the only site the Interior Department would approve included a good stand of timber. This, in due course, brought a letter from Rep. Alton Lennon to Gov. Bob Scott, stating that his efforts to help find a suitable spoil area have been futile: "property owners have refused to allow the spoil to be placed on high ground," Lennon told the governor.

The last-term Congressman added that the \$99,000 allocated for maintenance dredging is in jeopardy, which could mean

a two-year delay. Lennon said that Col. Albert Constantino of the Corps of Engineers reported to him that dredging could begin immediately if suitable spoil areas could be found.

The blame for any delay,

county commissioners have repeatedly said, lies in a bureaucratic government. In reviewing the Department of Interior rejection, their letter stated, "it becomes very apparent that many of the statements made reflect a

complete lack of knowledge of the local situation, and in particular, it is evident that the reviewing marine biologist included about every known species of fin fish as well as wildlife in an attempt to justify his position.

"We invite any member of your organization to locate any muskrats, raccoon or rabbits in the proposed spoil area," the commissioners stated.

They called for the department to re-evaluate its decision and to make on-the-site inspections of the area. The commissioners also asked Rep. Lennon to rebudget funds for the maintenance dredging.

A public hearing about the proposed dredging of the Lockwood Folly River and Shallotte River will be held at Shallotte June 12. According to the notice of the hearing, a resolution to study the river

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Democrats To Meet Saturday

Much needs to be done at the Brunswick County Democratic Convention at Shallotte School this Saturday at 2 p.m., according to state party chairman John Church.

Church pointed out that only delegates elected at the

precinct meetings could vote.

Officers of the county Executive Committee must be elected this Saturday. This includes a chairman, first vice-chairman, which must be of the opposite sex to the chairman, and a second vice-chairman. If the chairman and first vice-chairman are of the same race, the second vice-chairman must be of that race other than the race of the chairman and first vice-chairman, which constitutes at least 20 percent of the registered Democratic voters in the County.

A third vice-chairman must be 30 years of age or under if the other vice-chairman are over 30 years of age. A secretary and a treasurer must also be elected.

Other positions to be filled are: members of the state Executive Committee, members of the State Senatorial, House of Representatives, Judicial and Congressional districts,

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GOP Caucus On Saturday

The Brunswick County Republican Party will hold its County Convention Saturday at Shallotte Courthouse at 2 p.m., according to Charles E. Blake, chairman.

The purpose of this meeting will be to select delegates and alternates for the district and state conventions. There will be a representative present from each of the gubernatorial candidates' campaign staff. All interested Republicans are urged to attend.

Help Offered County Tourism

Bill Hensley, former executive director of the Travel and Promotion Division of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, has challenged a group of tourism interested citizens of Brunswick County to "get your house in order."

Hensley, currently vice-president of the North Carolina Motor Club and vice-president of the Travel Council of North Carolina, related some of his own experiences in the travel promotion business in offering ideas of methods to increase the tourist trade in Brunswick County during a meeting last Tuesday night at the Ebb Tide Restaurant, Holden Beach.

The meeting was sponsored jointly by the Travel Council of North Carolina and the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick

County. Representing the Travel Council were Carl Lowendick, president of the council, and executive director of the North Carolina Petroleum Council; Bob

High, public relations director of the battleship North Carolina, and vice-president, east, of the Travel Council; Hensley; and Mrs. Evelyn Covington, executive

secretary of the Travel Council.

Jake Stephenson, director of the Resources Development Commission for Brunswick County, was master of ceremonies for the program.

More than 20 Brunswick County citizens representing seven county communities and a scattering of business interests attended the dinner meeting. Represented were banking institutions, restaurants, charter boats, campgrounds, government, real estate and education.

The purpose of the gathering was to present to interested citizens new ideas in promoting the tourist business in Brunswick County, and to inform these citizens of the availability of the North Carolina Travel Council is assisting the promotion of the area.

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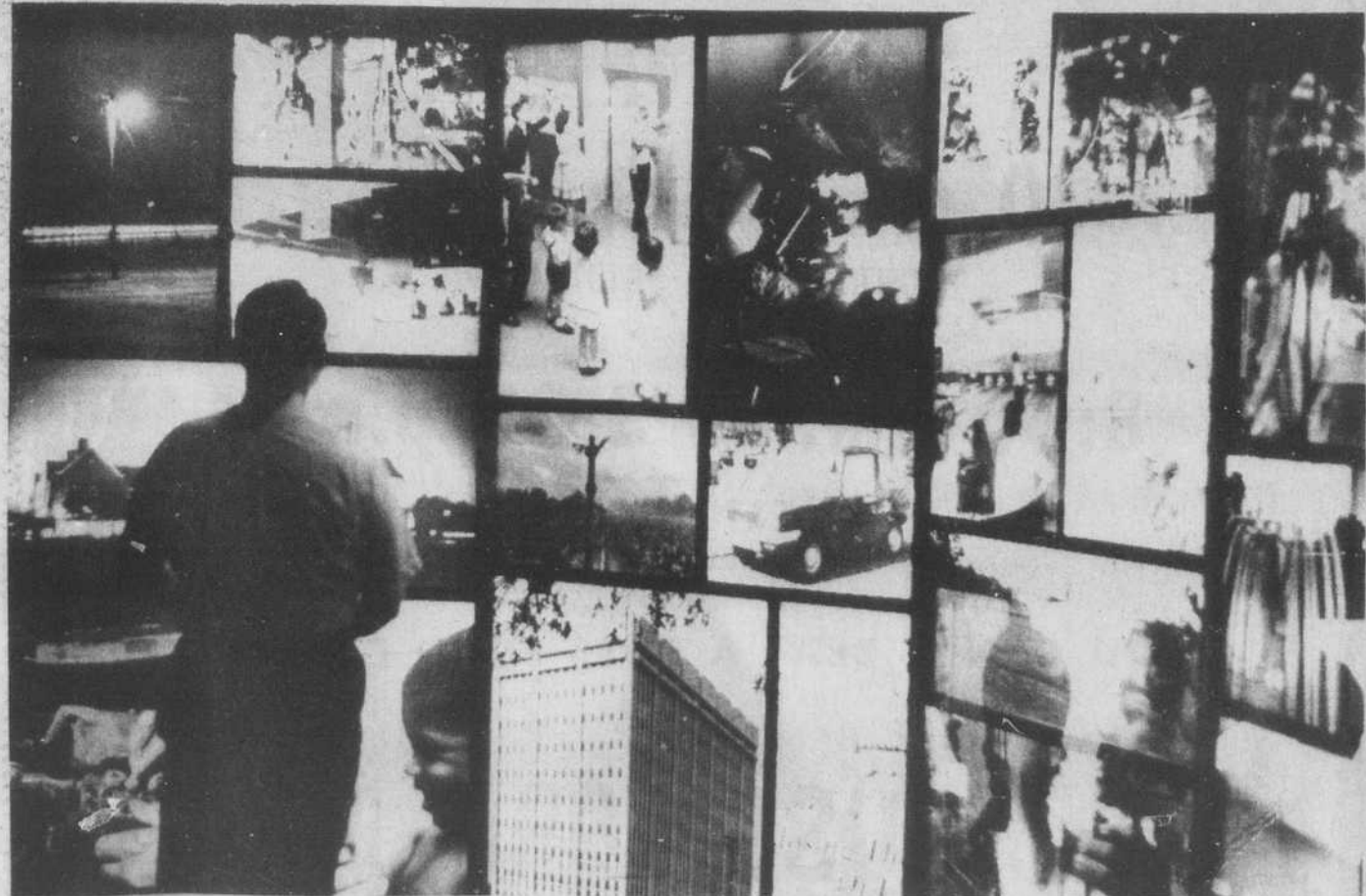
Time And Tide

May 25, 1937 — Plans were being made for an outboard motor boat race, with the Carolina Outboard Association as sponsor. The farm outlook in Brunswick was described as good; and Vacation Bible Schools were in progress throughout the county. Fishermen were warned to time their trips with the tide; fishing stories in upstate newspapers were attracting many to this area; and there had been fun for all — plus a lot of action — in an old-fashioned track and field meet at Camp Sapona.

The time was May 27, 1942, and Judge Clifton Moore and Congressman Alton Lennon were engaged in a three-man race with David Sinclair for the post of district solicitor. The primary election was to be the following Saturday.

Plane spotters were warned that stations must be manned 24 hours a day (there was a war on); and the rationing board was swamped with requests for tire purchase certificates. There were extra pages in The Pilot as candidates made their final

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THE CP&L VISITOR CENTER, located on NC 87 near Southport, is expected to be a top attraction this summer. "The Energy Story" tells

of the nuclear power plant under construction here, and relates what the multi-million dollar facility will mean to people of North Carolina.

Former Southport Doctor Funds Citadel Scholarship

A former Southport physician now semi-retired and living in Charleston, S.C., has bequeathed \$250,000 to The Citadel for scholarships to the military college.

Dr. William S. Doshier, a native of Southport, has created a trust that will be funded to the maximum allowed by the Internal Revenue Service. First consideration for the scholarships will be given to young men who are residents of either Brunswick or New Hanover Counties.

Although not a Citadel graduate, Dr. Doshier said, "I am impressed with the All-American boy image of Citadel cadets and the outstanding quality of the college's graduates and their

dedication to the principles of loyalty to God and Country. Mrs. Doshier and I would like others to be able to attain this type of education."

Dr. Doshier said the scholarship fund established in his name would provide one or more \$1,000 scholarships each year for "bright and somewhat financially disadvantaged young men" without regard to race, creed, or color. It is hope that other persons will establish similar scholarships for deserving cadets or contribute to the fund which he has established.

Dr. Doshier received his B.A. degree from Duke University and his M.D. degree from the Medical College of Virginia in Rich-

mond. He started his practice in his hometown of Southport and four years later moved to Wilmington where he practiced for 19 years. He subsequently served for 12 years with Veterans Administration hospitals before retiring as chief of the outpatient clinic in Manila in the Philippines and settling in Charleston.

On accepting the Doshier trust, Maj. Gen. J.W. Duckett, president of The Citadel, said, "I deeply and sincerely appreciate this generous endorsement of The Citadel System of education and pledge to continue producing the high quality graduate for which The Citadel is known."

Burned Vehicle Found On Pier

Investigation of a case in which a car was pushed to the end of the Yaupon Beach pier and burned has resulted in the arrest of three area youth and a warrant for another.

Yaupon Beach Police Chief Aubrey Hickman reported that John Woods of Long Beach, Ricky Smith of Southport and a juvenile have been arrested and placed under \$700 bond. A fourth suspect has fled out-of-state, Hickman reported, and the FBI has been called into the case.

Awaiting the fourth defendant will be a \$1,200 bond.

The four are charged with setting fire to a 1965 Mustang belonging to Brunswick Motor Company of Southport, and damage to the Yaupon Beach pier. According to Chief Hickman, quick action by the Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department saved the end of the pier from burning.

Hickman said his investigation revealed the car, which was found on the pier early last Saturday morning, had been loaned to John Miller. The four other youth reportedly held a grudge against Miller, and decided to push the vehicle off the fishing pier. When the car stuck at the end of the pier, it was burned.

Assisting Hickman in his investigation were the State Bureau of Investigation and Sheriff's Deputy Tom Yarborough. Trial is set for June 16 in Southport.