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Attendance Climbs At County's High Schools

Open house was held in each of Brunswick County's three new consolidated high schools on Sunday, and nearly 3,000 persons took the opportunity to see what progress had to offer young people here.

Visitors were greeted at each school by members of the Brunswick County board of commissioners, the Brunswick County Board of education, local school committeemen, central office staff, principals and teachers.

Souvenir programs were provided which included a floor plan of the school in order that visitors might tour the sparkling new facilities at their own pace. Refreshment centers were set up in each of the school cafeterias so that the guests could rest, refresh themselves and chat about the new school plant.

A good public turnout was noted at each of the new schools. The approximate attendance was 1,200 at West Brunswick High School, 750 at North Brunswick High School and 1,000 at South

Brunswick High School.

A record breaking student enrollment for the Brunswick County school system was reported at the end of the 7th day of the 1972-73 school term, according to Ralph C. King, superintendent of Brunswick County schools.

Enrollment count as of last Friday revealed that in grades 1-12, enrollment had reached 7,160. This far exceeded all projections by the school system with increases

shown in all areas of the county. Some individuals schools remained in line with projections.

The following is a breakdown of student enrollment by schools:

Bolivia 1-8, 668, up from 602 last year; Brunswick County-Southport Middle School, 489, up from 445 last year; Leland 4-7, 666, up from 586; Lincoln 1-3, down from 510 to 503; Shallotte grades 4-8, up from 906 to 1015; Southport 1-

4, up from 508 to 515; Union 1-3, up from 550 to 586; Waccamaw 1-8, with 460 reported each year; North Brunswick, up from 630 to 685; South Brunswick, up from 604 to 664; and West Brunswick, up from 881 to 909.

Overall, the schools experienced an increase of 478 students this year; the enrollment reported for the last month of the 1971-72 school term was 6,682.

In addition to the normal increase in grades 1-12, the school system is serving an additional 207 kindergarten age students in nine classes in the primary schools.

"Over-all we are now serving a total student enrollment of 7,367 which is an approximate 10 percent increase over last year," King stated.

Rent - A - Jaycee

There's a chance to beat the manpower shortage in Southport Saturday when the residents of this community will have an opportunity to "Hire A Jaycee".

The price is right, too, only \$2 per hour. That's the rate for ordinary hired help; skilled labor — and there is some available — comes a little higher.

This, of course, is another ingenious money-making project of the Southport Jaycees. They have tried it before, had good results, now plan to try it again.

For those who are interested, reservations can be made by calling 457-5281.

SHC Ditch Work Halted

The State Highway Commission has been instructed by Brunswick County officials to halt work on a drainage ditch at Holden Beach that would be in violation of the county's shoreline protection laws.

Jerry Lewis, county manager who also serves as chief Shoreline Protection Officer for Brunswick, said he received a call from Holden Beach property owner asking whether the dragline work being done by the department was authorized. Lewis contacted assistant Shoreline Protection Officer Ed Clemmons who reported that no permit was issued that would allow the leveling of the dunes in question.

The work reportedly was being done to drain a low area near the state-maintained road, but the work involved damage to the dunes and the cutting of nearby marshlands, Lewis said.

The county manager said that because the law against dune damage cities "any firm or corporation" he called for a ruling by the officer of N.C. Attorney General Robert Morgan. The State Highway Department, he was told, would come under this regulation.

Lewis said he contacted Highway Engineer J.H. Medlin, who reportedly told the county manager he had no idea there was such a requirement that precluded work in the dune area.

Barge Sinks In Waterway

A barge headed for a Georgetown steel mill sank near Holden Beach, partially blocking Intracoastal Waterway traffic. Salvage efforts are still in progress.

The barge, loaded with iron ore, broke under the weight of its load about one-half mile from the drawbridge.

A dragline crew, operating from another barge, spent the better part of a week dipping raw ore from the sunken vessel and transferring it to a third barge.

By Tuesday, most of the ore had been saved and workers had begun the job of pumping the water from the barge.

The mishap occurred in the middle of the waterway, slowing most vessels and stopping the heavier-draft vessels altogether.

A tugboat, assisting in the salvage attempt struck a nearby pier during the weekend, partially collapsing it.

Coast Guard representatives have been on hand to assist throughout the operation, and have helped steer lighter traffic around the wreckage.

Some of the ore was unavoidably lost overboard during the transfer.

Voting Rules More Lenient

The long-term residency requirement no longer stands in the way of new Brunswick County residents who want to cast ballots here in the November general election.

Mrs. Vivian Tatum, executive secretary of the Brunswick County board of elections, reports that anyone who has been a resident of a local precinct for 30 days is eligible to vote. This regulation, she noted, may be most important of recent changes in the voting law as construction workers move into the Southport and Leland areas.

To accommodate new registrants, the board will commence registration in the precincts on September 25, to last until October 9 and be available by appointment only.

Anyone who wants to register without an appointment should come to the board of elections office at Bolivia, located in a trailer beside US 17. The officer there is open from 8:30 until 5 p.m., Tuesday, Thursdays

and Saturdays.

Another new regulation concerning absentee ballots states that the ballots may be obtained in person at the Bolivia office. Previously, a written application through

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Thieves Hit Food Stores

A series of break-ins continues to plague Southport merchants with the Thriftway, the newest business in town, being the latest victim.

That store opened Monday and that night thieves broke a panel in the glass front door and gained entrance to the building. Howard Singletary, proprietor, said that they got a little over \$80 from the cash register.

During the past several days the Convenient Food Mart, located about one block away, was robbed by thieves

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SUNSET over the old Southport yacht basin brings to a close another day of activity on the waterfront. Many boats have been moved to the

Southport Boat Harbor but the old basin, almost a Southport tradition, is still used by charter boats and shrimpers.

Beaches Start Erosion Control

Beach erosion control is finally getting underway in an organized fashion here at Yaupon Beach.

Coastal Erosion Control, a Greenville company, has been awarded a contract to place sand-filled nylon bags in groins along the beach.

Nelson Hoke, a private contractor who is doing the actual work, said Monday that he would place 66 bags on the beach to form a finger-

like groin extending approximately 100 feet from the high tide mark into the ocean.

Hoke said that this first groin will be an experimental one only. Rivers and Associates, the engineers for the job, will make an inspection after several weeks to determine if tidal actions are creating the expected accumulation.

Permanent groins will be started only if the results are satisfactory. Hoke said that there had been some trouble in the past with individuals who filled and placed the bags improperly and who achieved dissatisfying results. For that reason the

bags are no longer available to individual buyers.

Each bag has a life expectancy of almost 30 years. When filled, the bags weigh in the vicinity of 7,000 pounds.

A full-scale groin project was completed last spring at Holden Beach, said Hoke, and results there have been highly satisfactory. He said that he has also done work in Folly Beach and Charleston, S.C. A second experimental groin was installed last week at Long Beach.

Long Beach City Manager Ed Liggett said that 74 bags were placed on the beach near Lockwood Folly Inlet where erosion had previously

severed a road.

Liggett said that the project authorized by the N.C. Department of Water and Air Resources, was started last Wednesday and was completed Friday. He said that the groin represented a \$2,500 local investment.

If that groin is successful work will begin on a larger more comprehensive project which will cost \$62,500.

Quick Action Contains Fire

Only another remarkable performance by the Southport Volunteer Firemen early Monday morning prevented a major fire in the business district as they contained a blaze in the Taylor building with only a partial loss to that structure.

This building recently was occupied by the law firm of Frink, Foy and Galney this week they have occupied temporary quarters on the second floor of the old Leggett home next door. Plans are to make necessary repairs to the Taylor building as quickly as possible so the law firm can return to this location.

Fire was discovered about 3:30 a.m. by Mrs. Gwendolyn Dixon, who lives in an apartment next door. Her call to the fire department brought speedy response and practically all damage was confined to the interior of the building.

There was some indication that the fire may have been of incendiary origin although there has been no follow-up action on the part of arson experts or local law enforcement forces.

Time and Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week a 69-year-old veteran canoeist from Philadelphia stopped here. C.T. Beachwood was traveling through the Intracoastal Waterway on the way to his summer home in West Palm Beach, Florida. He did things like this for exercise, having been a fine athlete at the University of Pennsylvania, and once holding the national pole vault record.

C. Ed. Taylor, local attorney, was named to an important State Junior Order committee dealing with mortality and life insurance statistics; a nautical preparatory school was considering the possibility of moving to Southport; the shrimpers reported their best catch of the season; and the decision was made to change the name of the local high school sport teams to the Southport Dolphins.

Thirty years ago this week, it was announced that there would be no more truck tires issued in Brunswick County that month because the quota had been reached.

Bill Wells resigned his position as Register of Deeds and S. Bunn Frink resigned his position of County Attorney, each to go in service. The government asked that phone calls be kept to a minimum; rigid restrictions were placed on the use of hardwood lumber; a strong demand was found to exist for dogwood, a growth found in large quantity on Bald Head Island; and the campaign to make surgical bandages was in full swing.

Twenty-five years ago this week, a specially-made shark fishing boat was brought to Southport to catch some of the species for special purposes. In the course of a normal day, the trained crew could catch 30 or more sharks and remove the liver from each. Oil extracted from the liver was sold to

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THRIFTWAY SUPERMARKET has opened a store in Southport. The new business, owned by Howard Singletary who also operates stores in Whiteville and Shallotte, is located on Howe

Street and shares a new paved parking lot with the Western Auto store.