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BAILING OUT as the old Capt. James B. Church home comes tumbling down is machine operator James McLean. The old Southport landmark, located at the corner of Moore

and Howe Streets downtown, was demolished Friday. The piece of roof falling near McLean is between the operator and the front-end scoop of the heavy equipment.

Resort To Open In Calabash Area

A 1,960-acre resort community, representing a total investment of at least \$15 million, will be created in Brunswick County near Calabash.

Plans for the project were announced this week by presidents of Carolina Caribbean Corporation and Blythe Properties Inc., with construction to start immediately.

"It will be a shot in the arm for Brunswick County," Dennis Lehmann, vice-president in charge of planning and development, said Monday during a news conference held at the South Carolina visitors center, just across the state line from the Calabash project.

Sale of property is expected to begin about the first week in January.

The first phase of development will include 235 single-family cluster sites, 120 estate sites, an 18-hole championship golf course and clubhouse, commercial tracts and a marina on the

Calabash River. Subsequent phases will include additional homesites, multi-family areas, more commercial sites and neighborhood recreation facilities including tennis courts, swimming pools and park areas.

At the Calabash project, Blythe will be responsible for construction and Carolina Caribbean will market the resort nationally.

All but 180 acres of the Calabash project is located in Brunswick County. The property is bounded by the South Carolina line and US 17 and abuts Calabash. Property along State Road 118 (the road leading westward from the popular seafood community) is planned for commercial development, as well as strips along US 17.

incorporated, he noted. Dwight Crater, president of Carolina Caribbean, said the company had been researching land in this area and selection of the Calabash property was based on availability — "and it's a beautiful piece of land," he said, wooded and rolling.

The construction of Phase I is expected to take three and one-half to four years, Lehmann noted. Initial cost of development is expected to exceed \$6 million.

"We think we really have something nice for Brunswick County," he added.

Wreck Kills Supply Lady

A head-on collision near Supply Friday night claimed the life of a 57-year-old Supply woman and sent five other persons to the hospital.

Mae Maxine Simmons Bellamy died on impact when her car collided with a vehicle driven by George Henry Hill of Shallotte. The wreck occurred about one mile east of Supply about eleven o'clock.

Abraham Frink, a 66-year-old Shallotte resident traveling with Mrs. Bellamy, was hospitalized and listed in critical condition. Four of Hill's passengers were hospitalized for injuries ranging from facial cuts to internal injuries. State Patrolman S.C. Patterson, who investigated the mishap, said Hill was charged with driving without license, license plates or insurance.

Rescue Effort Ends In Death

Sunset Beach had its second drowning in less than a week, claiming the life of an Indiana man who attempted to rescue two swimmers who were themselves in danger of drowning.

Michael Charles McGarvey, 28, an Indianapolis resident, apparently got caught in a strong offshore current about noon Sunday when he swam out to help two endangered swimmers.

McGarvey's body was recovered about 10:45 a.m. Monday by a shrimp trawler operated by Captain Keller Thomas after a lengthy search. Thomas took the body to Calabash, where Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett was waiting.

Two other shrimpers and a Coast Guard vessel assisted in the recovery effort, along the Shallotte Volunteer Rescue Squad.

Witnesses said McGarvey was one of three bystanders who attempted to reach the two swimmers, both of whom were saved.

The Brunswick County project will include nothing on the park home, such as the Wizard of Oz attraction at Carolina Caribbean's Beech Mountain complex.

Property at the as-yet-unnamed development will be priced in the \$4,000 to \$8,500 per lot category, the lower price for a mobile home section still under construction.

The project is primarily resort-oriented, and spokesmen for Carolina Caribbean saw little prospect for a convention-type facility. About 1,200 acres of the development (all but 80 in this county) has been mapped.

Lehmann said the development will not have a "row-house" effect, but will have winding streets with neither curbs nor gutters. Underground utilities will be

Time and Tide

Thirty-five years ago this week shrimping news was of main interest around Southport. In one day the preceding week, twenty tons of shrimp were brought in here. About 100 shrimp trawlers were operating, with others arriving from various North Carolina ports to join the fleet; the catches were regarded as too good to pass up. The fleet of trawlers also brought much work for the Oak Island Coast Guard Station, which had the responsibility of watching over the shrimpers.

A Brunswick County deputy sheriff risked his life in the apprehension of a burglar. Dillon Ganey surprised the thief, deflected his weapon and seized him. The late Charles E. Gause, was appointed county tax collector, replacing the late S.K. Milliken.

Thirty years ago this week, campaigns were still being conducted for the collection of scrap metal to be used by the armed services. The most recent was conducted by the boys and girls of Southport High School. Progress was being made in the making of surgical bandages for the wounded overseas.

A report was made by the rationing board of its activities during the preceding month; farm machinery was being rationed at the county office; and Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company was doing satisfactorily in its first few years after organization, it was reported in a statement released by bank authorities.

Twenty years ago this week a survey was taken concerning the dredging of Lockwood Folly Inlet. Owners of boats using the

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Southport's Police Force Stops Work; 'On Vacation'

Southport woke up Monday morning and found itself without an active police department, but with the assurance of Mayor Dorothy Gilbert that the city was well-protected nonetheless.

"We are protected through the efficiency of the local fire department, the Sheriff's department, the State Highway Patrol and interested citizens," she said. The police department, according to Chief Walton Willis and his three patrolmen, has gone on vacation.

Willis, Ray Becraft, Charles Williams and George McCracken announced their "vacation" after a Sunday night meeting with Southport City Manager Alvin Kornegay. Cause of the action, said all four, was an advertisement that appeared in a weekend edition of a Wilmington newspaper, stating that the "City of Southport Needs Chief of Police."

Willis said the first he knew of the matter was when someone called his attention to the advertisement; Kornegay said he met with Willis last Wednesday morning and told him the city was looking for a new police chief but "apparently, it just didn't sink in."

According to Kornegay, the city Board of Aldermen met last Tuesday night and instructed him to advertise for a new police chief. The next morning, he said, Willis was called in and told of the decision and a few hours later the three patrolmen returned with Willis, talking mostly (Kornegay said) about what's wrong with city hall. Kornegay said the next he knew of the matter was Sunday night when he returned to Southport and talked with Willis and the patrolmen at the police department, where their desks had been cleaned out "and the keys thrown on the desk."

Kornegay said he was told

of the policemen's "vacation," which he said was satisfactory with city officials. If they chose to return, fine; Willis will be offered the job of working under a new chief, Kornegay said.

"Right now, we've got more protection than we ever had, if it gets down to brass tacks," the city manager added.

The four policemen met at the city hall Monday night to discuss the events of the day, and a petition was circulated asking that the actions of the city manager and the Board of Aldermen be changed.

"We've gone of vacation," is how Ray Becraft explained the action of the four-member police force. "I've been here two and one-half

years and I haven't had one, so I'm taking one now.

"Nobody has quit," he added. "Most of us having nothing less than four weeks coming."

Charles Williams said the Board of Aldermen apparently "thinks it will stop crime in Southport if they put a new chief on."

Becraft said the Board of

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Falls From Truck, Dies

A 42-year-old Bladenboro man was killed Tuesday afternoon at the west end of Ocean Isle Beach when he fell from the back of pickup truck and struck his head.

Curtis Griggers was riding the back bumper of a truck driven by Thomas Edwards, also of Bladenboro. Charles Iven and Clyde Todd were riding in the bed of the truck and witnessed the accident. They said Griggers slipped or was jarred loose and fell, striking his head.

The accident occurred about 3:30 p.m.

Powell Bill Funds Are Nearly Double

More than \$175,000 in Powell Bill funds has been disbursed to Brunswick County town to help with the maintenance of streets not included in the state highway system.

Most of the total went to Boiling Spring Lakes (\$68,721) and Long Beach (\$56,515), sparsely-populated towns with vast networks of roads originally built by real estate developers. Southport received \$31,264, primarily because of the 2,220 population listed in the 1970 census.

Shallotte, with a population

of 597 and 5.85 miles of roads not under the state system, was allotted \$9,326.

Powell Bill funds for the 1971-72 fiscal year were more than double last year's allocation because legislation by the 1971 General Assembly doubled the amount of gasoline tax earmarked for municipalities, from one-half cent per gallon to a full cent. Each municipality is allotted its share based on a formula in which population counts 75 percent and street mileage not on the state road system counts 25 percent.

Previously, distribution

was made with population and mileage counting equally. Under the revised schedule, Boiling Spring Lakes and Long Beach have not benefitted as greatly as towns with less road mileage.

Boiling Spring Lakes, which has only 245 residents, received \$2,271 for population but got \$66,450 for listed road mileage of 102.5. Total disbursement is \$68,721.95.

Bolivia received \$2,473.59, based on a population of 185 and road mileage of 1.17.

Long Beach received only \$4,570 for a listed population

of 493 but was allotted \$51,944 based on a road mileage of 80.14. Total funds for Long Beach were \$56,515.24.

Ocean Isle Beach, with a population of 78 and road mileage totalling 8.68, was allotted \$6,349.30 of the state Powell Bill funds.

Shallotte's total was \$9,326.90.

Southport, which has the largest population in the county, received about two-thirds of its total because of the number of residents here, and also got \$10,681 on the

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Commercial Fishermen Ask Canal Be Reopened

The reopening of Corncake Inlet was among topics discussed here Saturday as Brunswick County shrimpers and fishermen presented their case to the N.C. Fisheries Study Commission.

The deepening of Shallotte River, action by insurance companies concerning smaller vessels and the need for laws enabling individuals and small groups to bring action against polluters of estuarine waters also were mentioned during the hearing, held in the Brun-

swick County Courthouse and attended by approximately 15 persons.

Also discussed at the hearing were:

—The lack of communication between researchers and fishermen.

—The need for vocational courses in local high schools teaching the fundamentals of commercial fishing.

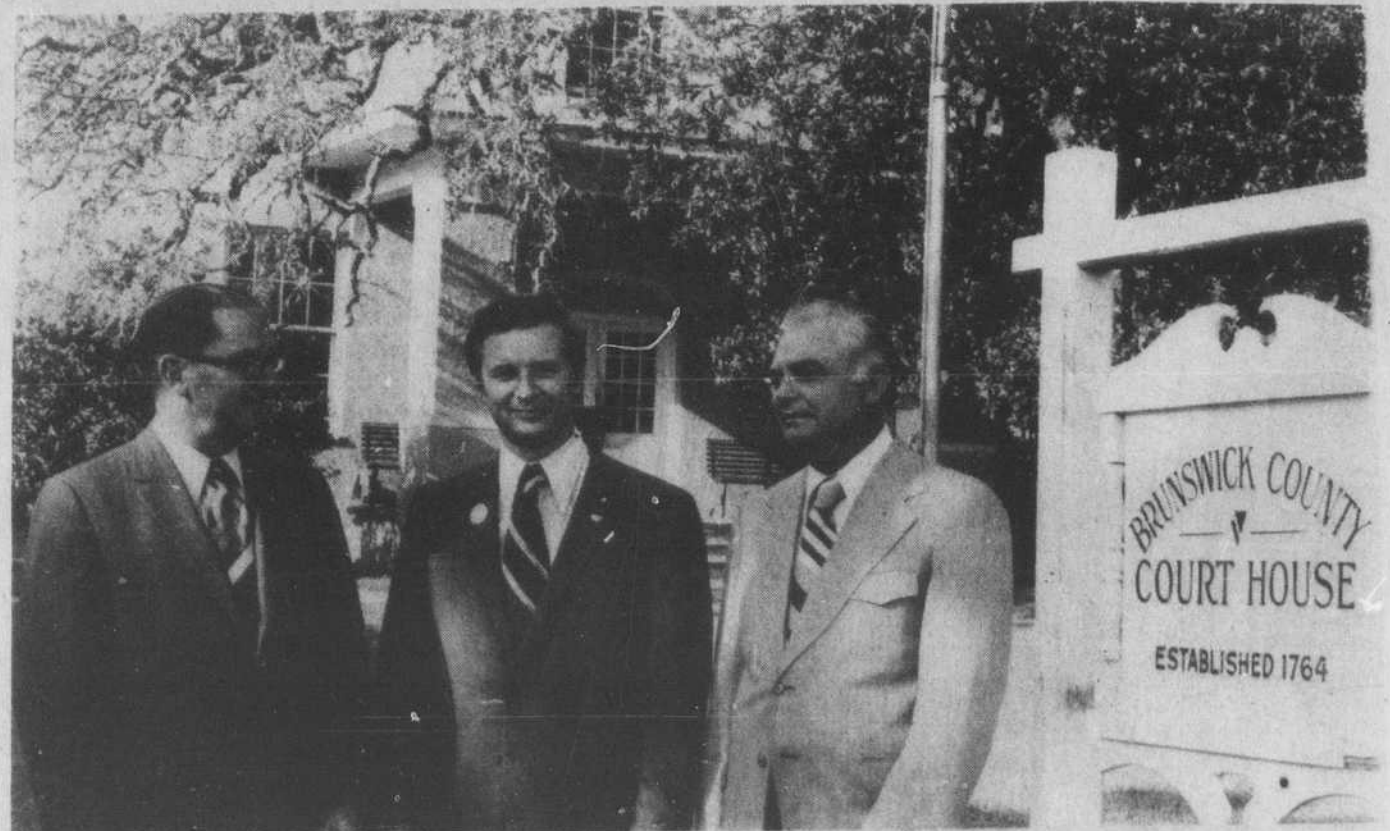
—The removal of numerous "hangs" in coastal waters which frequently cause irreparable damage to \$400 shrimping nets.

—Better conservation practices.

—More and deeper creeks, channels, and canals which would increase the estuarine areas in which shrimp mature.

Although his agency is not actively associated with the Commission, Dr. Thomas Linton, Director of the North Carolina Division of Commercial and Sports Fisheries, was present and addressed himself to this need for more estuarine channels.

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DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES met Tuesday afternoon in front of the Brunswick County Courthouse. E.J. Prevatte, left, is a candidate for the N.C. House of Representatives from the

Brunswick-Pender county district; Jim Hunt, center, is a candidate for Lieutenant Governor; and Durward Clark is a candidate for re-election as Brunswick County Register of Deeds.