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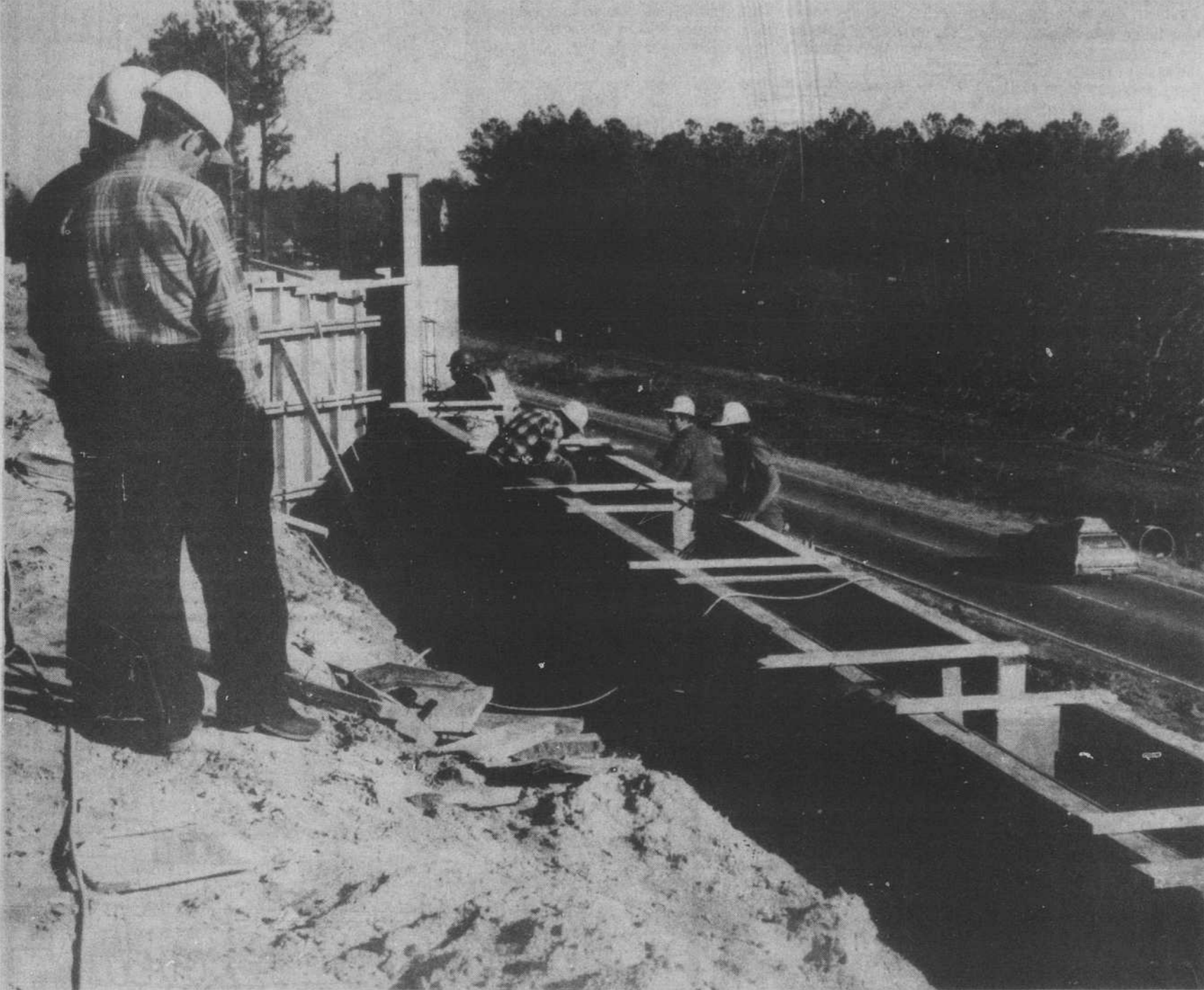
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CONSTRUCTION OF AN OVERPASS for U.S. 74-76 near Leland is underway as part of the US 74 "Mountains-to-the-Sea" highway project. Several miles of four-lane is completed in the northern part of Brunswick County, and progress is

reported in construction of new roadways in the immediate Leland area. Near this overpass of the present US 74-76 route is another overpass of a secondary road, creating the first phase of a highway interchange in the area.

## Hearing December 11

# Election Appeal To Be Weighed

Alex Brock, secretary of the State Board of Elections, said Tuesday that a public hearing will be held in Raleigh on December 11 to consider the appeal of Durwood Clark for a recount of General Election ballots which showed him to be a 10-vote loser to Republican Arthur Knox in their race for Register of Deeds for Brunswick County.

Clark had appealed to

the State Board of Elections after his appeal to the Brunswick County Board of Elections had resulted in a 1-1 tie vote, with Chairman Hubert Bellamy being absent. In making his appeal, Clark emphasized that he was making no charge of fraud or other irregularities, but felt there existed a possibility of human error.

Last week George Clark, Wilmington

attorney representing Knox, filed affidavits which charged that A.H. Gainey, Jr., member of the Brunswick County Board of Elections, had wagered a large sum of money on the outcome of the General Election in Brunswick County; charged that Hubert Bellamy, chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections, had made a statement on the night of the election that he "had some ballots in his pocket"; and charged that Gainey and his secretary, Mrs. Jean Fullwood, were observed on the morning of the canvass of votes by the Brunswick County Board of Elections sealing ballot boxes which were stored in the old Brunswick County jail in Southport.

Answers to these charges are now in the process of preparation and will be submitted to the State Board of Election for consideration in the disposition of this case.

Ernest E. Parker of Southport is attorney for Clark in his appeal for recount.

## County Ballots Are Due Now

Brunswick County farmers have until December 1 to return their ballots to elect community ASC committeemen to serve in 1973. Ballots have been mailed to all known eligible voters, and these ballots must be post-marked or returned by December 1.

These farmer-elected committeemen play an important role in the local administration of farm programs. Their assistance has proved to be an effective means of gearing national programs to fit local conditions.

Each farmer also has definite responsibilities. Possibly one of the most important is the participation in the election of community committeemen. All farmers are urged to study their ballots and to vote on the

most qualified persons to represent them as community committeemen.

Ballots will be publicly tabulated on December 8 at the ASCS office in Shallotte. All elected committeemen will serve as delegates to the county convention on Tuesday, December 12, for the purpose of electing a county ASC committee.

Any person with questions on any phase of the election is invited to visit the local ASCS office for complete information. Any person who feels he is eligible to vote and did not get a ballot should contact the ASCS immediately.

## Quarterly Distribution

# Sales Tax Funds Top \$172,000

Brunswick County and nine municipalities received a record \$172,714 from distribution of the one-cent sales and use tax for the quarter ending September 30, according to a report received this morning from the N.C. Department of Revenue.

The total easily surpasses the \$143,659 during the quarter ending June 30, and is more than double the amount received less than a year ago. For the quarter ending last January 31, the county received \$76,627 and that total increased to \$106,138 for the quarter ending March 31.

The October receipts, reported last week in excess of \$65,000, will be added to funds received during

November and December for disbursement after the first of 1973.

Collections in Brunswick County during the July-August-September period totalled \$174,464, but one percent was withheld by the N.C. Department of Revenue as a collection fee. The tax is collected on items otherwise subject to the state's three-percent sales and use tax.

Of the net \$172,714, the county received \$146,793. Distribution among the nine Brunswick County municipalities was made on an ad valorem (or property tax) basis with Long Beach receiving the most because of the high valuation placed on oceanfront property.

Long Beach received \$9,562 of the quarterly distribution; Southport \$6,587; Shallotte \$2,859; Bolling Spring Lakes \$1,164; Bolivia \$98; Holden

Beach \$1,701; Ocean Isle Beach \$1,502; Sunset Beach \$799; and Yaupon Beach \$1,645.

The county ranks 32nd among the state's 79 counties that receive funds from the penny sales tax.

The levy was approved a year ago by the county commissioners as a way to help ease the burden on the payers of property tax. The tax played a major role in the

commissioners' decision to reduce the per-hundred-dollar tax 48 cents to the current \$1.42.

Most of the income is directly attributable to Brown and Root, contractors for the CP&L nuclear power plant here — not so much for the trade brought into the area as for the materials bought elsewhere and brought here.

The "sales and use" tax takes into consideration such usage.

## Site Recommended For Central County Hospital

A proposed hospital would be located in the Supply area, according to recommendations made by the Brunswick County Hospital Authority, and

Thurston Mntz, head of the site selection committee, presented the recommendations to the county commissioners. All three sites are located within one mile of the small community, near the geographical center of the county.

The number one priority site is at the intersection of state road 130 and US 17 at Supply. The number two priority site is on the north side of US 17 on state road 1344. Recommended as the third choice was a site at the intersection of Highway 211 and state road 1342 on the south side of Royal Oak River.

These three sites were chosen from a list of six in the Supply area. Recommendations were made on studies by the site committee, a hospital consultant and the Medical Care Commission.

Anderson told the board a number of reasons existed for the recommendations, including the availability of land. After the meeting, he refused to elaborate on the criteria used to establish the priorities. He said he could not say without the rest of the site committee, although he and Mintz were designated to go before the board to tell

from the victim at knifepoint. In another recent occurrence, Willie Smith of Iredell County was arrested and charged with robbing two Southport boys with a pistol. He had demonstrated the effectiveness of his weapon by firing it several times, apparently to intimidate the youngsters. This turned out to be a non-profit venture for the defendant. He only got 50 cents.

Two cases of vandalism have occurred recently. One was when a brick was thrown through the glass front at Vereen's Service Center. The other was when someone threw a chunk of cinderblock through the glass door at Southport Thriftway. In neither case did there appear to be any attempt at robbery and no arrests have been made.

Authority to the board of commissioners on Monday. Mason Anderson, chairman of the Brunswick County Hospital Authority, and

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## Mrs. Sasser New Director

Mrs. Rhone (Dorothy) Sasser of Shallotte has been appointed Brunswick County 1973 March of Dimes director, according to Dewey Chapple, Jr., State March of Dimes chairman.

Mrs. Sasser is the former Dorothy Faulk of Nakina, and she attended Campbell College. Mrs. Sasser has been active with the Parent-Teacher Organization.

Mr. Sasser is associated with the Waccamaw Bank and Trust company and they reside in Shallotte. They are the parents of two boys, ages nine and five. The Sasser's are members of the Camp Methodist Church in Shallotte.

Mrs. Sasser succeeds Mrs. M.H. (Marie) Rourk, who has spear headed the successful fight against polio and now birth defects in Brunswick County for the past 25 years. In accepting the appointment, Mrs. Sasser said, "birth defects have become the number one childhood

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## Thief Caught Red-Handed

Larry McNeil, Southport youth, was arrested by Policeman Frank Hamel in the act of breaking into E-Z Way Grocery and now faces charges of breaking and entering. Allegedly, he told the arresting officer he just wanted to get some wine.

Policeman Hamel was making a routine check of places late at night when he reportedly caught the defendant red-handed.

Another recent case of violence led to the arrest of Willie Parker and LeRoy Johnson, charged with robbing a crew member from a ship at Sunny Point. This occurred near the Convenient Food Mart, where the victim made his report. Policeman Hamel and James Van Dyke answered the call, got the description of the two, who were charged with taking \$70

## Holiday House

The public is invited to attend and participate in the Holiday House event, scheduled this Saturday and Sunday in the Community Building, Southport.

Attractive decorations will be shown, table arrangements displayed and various Christmas ideas exhibited. Participants are asked to bring their exhibits, etc., between 9 a.m. and noon Saturday. Entries will not be judged; the purpose of the show is to share ideas.

The show will be open from 1 to 5:30 p.m. both days. Additional information is available from co-chairman Mrs. L.J. Hardee and Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr.

## Swearing In This Monday

Brunswick County commissioners elected Nov. 7 will be sworn in for their two-year terms at the courthouse in Southport on Monday at 10 a.m. A reception at the community building will follow, and the public is invited to both events.



MISS MERRY CHRISTMAS, Kim McDougle of Southport, was crowned Saturday night at Shallotte in a pageant sponsored by the Shallotte Jaycees. Kim, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

William McDougle of Southport and a student at South Brunswick High School, will reign over this Saturday's Christmas Parade at Shallotte, scheduled to begin at 2 p.m.