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## Union School Is Recognized

George C. Hodges, Staff Development Coordinator for District II, Early Childhood Education, visited Union Primary School recently. A few days after his visit Ralph King, superintendent of Brunswick County schools, received a letter concerning the visit. The following are excerpts from Hodges' letter:

"Visiting in Union School, one is keenly aware of an emerging trust in children, that children of all ages do act responsibly and creatively when given the opportunity."

"In such a short period of time together, Bob Sellers and his staff are already becoming a working team. There is ample evidence to indicate thoughtful planning, child awareness and mutual respect, which is absolutely necessary for quality educational growth. One has to be impressed with leadership that plans for the 'NOW' in education for children rather than taking a safe position of waiting to see how other people in other places are affected by innovative change."

"Mr. King, there is national interest in the progress and quality of the North Carolina Kindergarten - Early Childhood Education movement. We are proud that you, your staff, and the capable principal and teachers of Union School are an important part of that movement."

Commenting on Hodges' remarks, King said, "We at the central office have been continuously aware of the innovative instructional programs being implemented at Union School. It is indeed gratifying when knowledgeable people from outside the system praise the individual and collective efforts of our personnel."

## Deputy Sheriff Shot, Wounded

A Brunswick County deputy sheriff was slightly injured late Thursday night after being shot and beaten on a rural road near Leland.

Authorities are searching for three men believed to have been involved in the incident. One of the three may have been shot by the deputy, George Reed of Leland, authorities said.

The 41-year-old deputy's shoulder was grazed by one bullet and a second passed harmlessly through his clothing.

State Highway Patrolman Patterson said the shooting took place on rural paved road 1422 about two miles from the DuPont plant in Brunswick County.

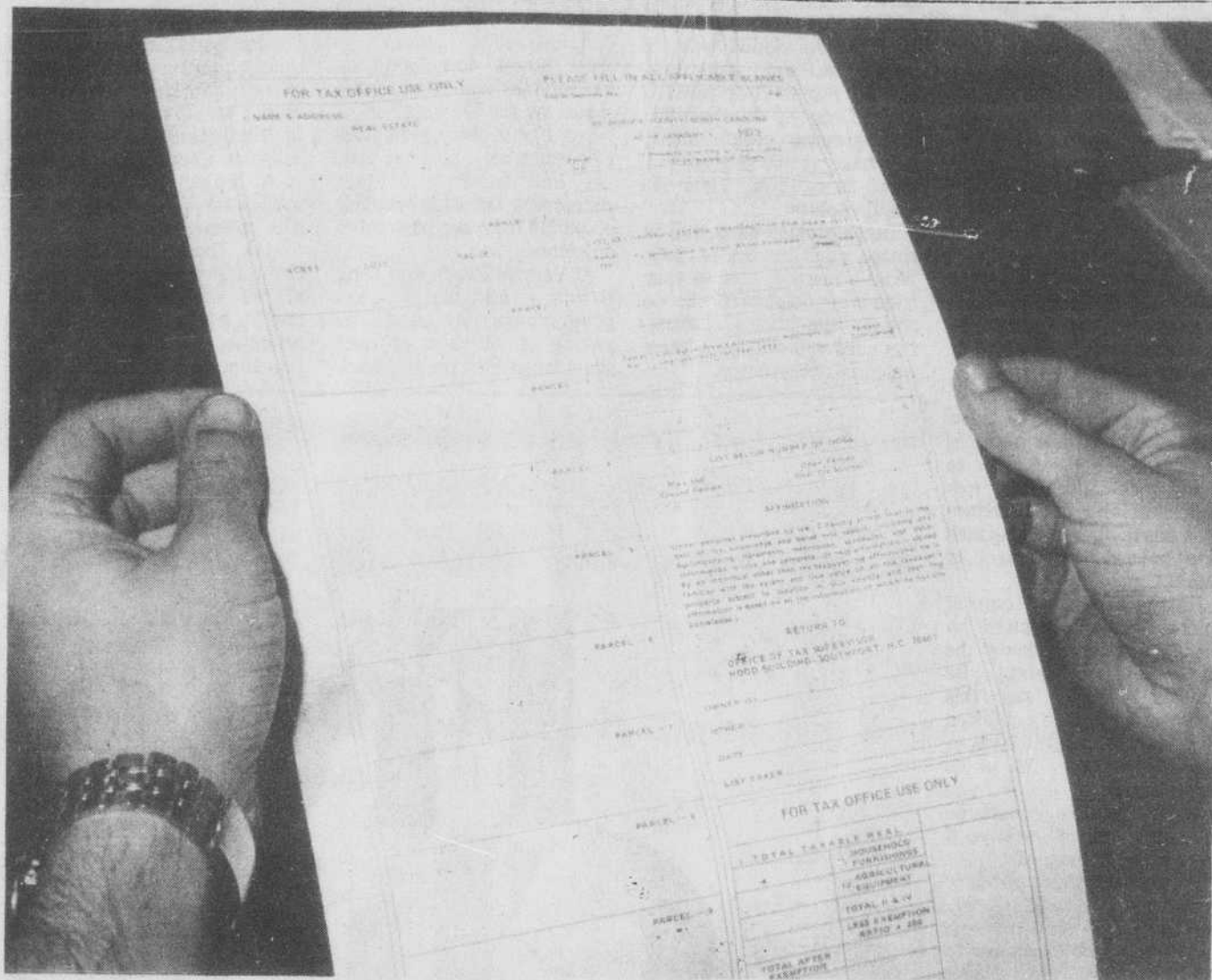
## All-Americans Planning Trips

A week in the Austrian Alps, a visit to Las Vegas, a long weekend at San Juan, Puerto Rico — likely prospects for members of Southport's All-American Club.

With more than 100 memberships and a trip to the Duke-Carolina football game already on the books, the "All-Americans" are looking forward to these and other attractions during the coming months. And free checking accounts, credit cards, life insurance policies, etc. — all part of the young adults club sponsored locally by Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company.

The All-American Club is a creation of United Carolina Bancshares, of which the Southport financial institution is a member.

The local club was organized last summer, with Philip King, III, serving as chairman of an advisory



NEW TAX-LISTING FORMS are being mailed to Brunswick County taxpayers this week, according to Tax Supervisor Jim Jeffreys. The new forms, which are being sent to all persons who listed taxes here last year, are expected to aid the taxpayer — who will not have to stand in line

awaiting help from a tax lister — and the tax office — which can start processing the forms immediately upon receipt. Jeffreys had requested that all forms be returned to the tax office in Southport by mail.

## New Tax Listing System Is Started

A new system of listing taxes in Brunswick County that should make the task easier for both the taxpayer and the county is being started this week, according to Tax Supervisor Jim Jeffreys.

Tax forms are being mailed to property owners who listed here in 1972, Jeffreys said. "Now these residents won't have to travel to specified places and stand in line."

The county previously had used tax listers, assigned to the various townships on certain days during the tax-listing period. Anyone who has never listed taxes in Brunswick County must contact one of the list takers in the township or visit the tax office in Southport. Failure to do so is punishable by law, the tax supervisor added.

A copy of the new tax-listing form, along with a register of list takers and their locations, is published in this issue of The State Port Pilot.

Jeffreys in explaining the new system said it should prove more convenient for everyone concerned — including the tax department. "As the forms are received," he noted, "they can be computed immediately, where the tax books had to stay in the list takers' hands until the listing period ended."

The new listing form will have the individual's name, address, real property description and other pertinent information preprinted on the form. The "real property," Jeffreys elaborated, includes both land and buildings.

The tax supervisor also pointed out that the value printed on the form represents 50 percent of the appraised value of the property.

Jeffreys said that upon receipt of a tax-listing form the individual should check the name and address to be certain the form has been addressed properly. Then he should check to see if he owns the property that is listed.

Then the individual should follow directions and list property located inside the town limits of any of Brunswick County's nine municipalities. Other sections call for the listing of all real estate transactions in

1972, new construction or deletion of buildings, dogs, farm livestock, machinery and household items such as appliances or furniture.

List takers will work in Brunswick County two days a week to help in the completing of forms. The locations and dates will

change, but there will be someone in each township twice each week.

Jeffreys said the forms must be returned by February 3 or postmarked by that date. If the forms are returned late, the individual will be subject to punishment prescribed by state law.

By Williamsons

## Scholars Again To Be Honored

Brunswick County high schools are making plans for "The Virginia and Odell

Williamson Declaration Scholarship Award."

The Williamson Declaration Scholarship Fund provides \$4,000 to be awarded annually in the Brunswick County school system. From this amount, two scholarships will be awarded to the senior boy and girl enrolled in the public schools of Brunswick County who are winners in the county declamation competition. Cash awards are made to the senior boy and girl who are chosen as winners of the local competition in the three county high schools.

## REAP Farm Aid Stopped

Death for one of the most popular federally-assisted farm programs in Brunswick County has been spelled out in orders from the White House.

The surprise cut-off affecting many county farmers was the Rural Environmental Assistance Program (REAP), the oldest program administered by the local ASCS office.

Since 1936, hundreds of area land owners each year have taken advantage of the cost-sharing program for permanent conservation measures on land in agricultural production.

The program was developed to assure wise use of land and protection of the nation's agricultural lands. The matching requirements were usually 50 per cent, but not more than 80 per cent shared by REAP, with maximum assistance of \$2,500 per participant.

Deletion of REAP, along with the Water Bank Program, was described as part of a government-wide crackdown on federal programs "which can be reduced or eliminated with serious consequences" in a drive to hold total revenue spending in the current budget year to \$250 billion.

Those eligible were owners, landlords, tenants or sharecroppers.

## Road Funds Total \$11 Million In Brunswick Under Gov. Scott

Concentrated road work near Leland and in the area south of Shallotte and Supply highlighted Brunswick County highway construction during Gov. Bob Scott's administration, according to a report released by District Highway Commissioner David Parnell of Parkton.

Parnell, appointed to his position by Gov. Scott, said that Brunswick County projects totalled in excess of \$11.4 million "and are among the largest for any county in North Carolina."

All of the projects shown on maps forwarded by Parnell are "either completed, under construction or under contract," he noted.

Most of the road construction started here in the

past four years is in the immediate Leland area, associated with the US 74-76 four-lane.

In the Southport area of the county, major construction included emergency repairs to restore traffic to Oak Island (\$500,000); preliminary engineering for a replacement bridge to Oak Island (\$30,000); resurfacing

of state road 1100 from NC 133 to dead end (\$25,000); grade, base and surfacing for Long Beach Volunteer Fire Department, done under the same project number as work for the Shallotte Rescue Squad and the Tri-Beach, Leland and Town Creek VFD's.

Also in the Southport area, an access road to the sanitary landfill site off NC 211 was completed and an access road to the South Brunswick High School site was paved at a cost of \$31,000. Bus drives and parking areas at the county's three new consolidated high schools were constructed at a cost of \$60,000 total.

In Southport proper on state-maintained roads, projects included preliminary engineering and right-of-way improvements (Continued On Page Two)

## County Gets Less, Towns More In Revenue Sharing

Changes in the federal revenue-sharing formula probably will mean less revenue-sharing money for Brunswick County and more for the nine municipalities because the county has a local-option sales tax.

A change has been made in the formula used to determine how much revenue-sharing money local governments will get. Under that rule, municipalities in North Carolina counties with the local-option sales tax will

be given credit for that one-cent tax in the calculation of their revenue-sharing funds.

That will increase the shares the municipalities get and accordingly reduce the shares counties get, according to Jerry Elliott, information director of the N.C. Association of County Commissioners. Before, only counties were given sales tax credit in determining distribution of the funds.

The reductions for counties will show up in the second installment of revenue-sharing funds, which are to be mailed to state and local authorities on Friday.

Elliott could not say how large the reductions would be. The shares given to governments are determined by a formula that takes into account per capita income, tax effort and population.

In the first revenue-sharing allocation, issued earlier this year, the 80 counties in the state with the local-option sales tax were credited with it in the tax effort section of the formula. The municipalities were not.

In the second allocation, however, the counties and municipalities both will be credited for the local-option tax. This will mean an increase in the municipalities' shares and a decrease in the counties'.

Elliott said the counties' reduction would be unpopular in most counties, because the county officials — not municipal officials — made the "potentially unpopular, political" decision to levy the one-cent tax in their county. No object to the tax has been voiced in Brunswick County.

North Carolina is one of six states that will be affected by the rule. The other five are Tennessee, Alabama,



NEW REGISTER OF DEEDS Arthur Knox was sworn into office recently by Shallotte Magistrate Mrs. Lela Osborne, ending a six-weeks waiting period while the county and state Boards of Elections decided that the Republican was the

rightful victor over incumbent Durwood Clark, Knox won by a narrow, ten-vote margin over Clark, who had appealed for a recount on the basis that human error was possible in the counting of so many votes.