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Motel Owner Slain Friday

A 47-year-old Brunswick County man was shot to death in his place of business Friday, and a business affiliate has been charged with the shooting.

Eugene Hinson, owner of Hinson's Truck Stop on US 17 south of Shallotte was shot about 1:15 a.m. Authorities say seven shots were fired, four of which struck the victim. Two shots apparently went wild, and officials say the seventh was a blank.

The alleged murder weapon, a .22 caliber target pistol mounted on a .38 frame, was recovered soon after the shooting. All six bullets were recovered, including one imbedded in a door panel.

Two shot struck Hinson in the back, and two more hit him in the chest and stomach. Authorities surmised that Hinson tried to flee after being shot head-on, and was cut down by the shots in the back as he made for the door of the restaurant.

An autopsy performed at New Hanover Memorial Hospital indicated Hinson (Continued On Page Three)

Capt. Doshier Dies Sunday

Capt. Arthur J. Doshier died Sunday morning at New Hanover Memorial Hospital in Wilmington where he had been a patient for several weeks. He was 74 years of age.

He retired several years ago from government service with the U.S. Army Engineers after serving as master of dredges engaged in major projects on the east coast, the west coast and in the gulf.

Following his retirement he became active in political affairs and served for several years as chairman of the Brunswick County Board of Elections. Later, he served several terms as a member of the Brunswick County Board of Education and played an active role in laying the groundwork for the three consolidated high schools which now serve the county.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Florence Doshier of the home; by four sons, Ralph Doshier of New Jersey; Gerald Doshier of New York; David Doshier and George Doshier of Colorado; and one daughter, Mrs. Ruth Cunningham of Pennsylvania; and by one brother, Capt. Jesse Doshier of Southport.

Graveside services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by the Rev. Bryan Doshier, assisted by the Rev. Macon Wood. Interment was in Northwood Cemetery.

Southport Plaza Plan Announced

Southport Plaza, a \$1.2 million community shopping center containing 15 or 20 stores, has been proposed for the Sawdust Trail area.

Harold Greene, who played the major role in the development of Boling Spring Lakes, has purchased an option on land belonging to Corporal O.H. Lynch, already cleared near the NC 211 and 87 intersection. Complete development, leasing and management would be handled by Commercial Realty Company of Wilmington.

"We are excited about doing a shopping center in Southport," said Commercial Realty President Charles A. Paul, who added that his firm has received commitments from several of the larger stores that wish to be included in the center. "Our plans are well underway with an anticipated construction starting date of April 1 and a completion date of October 1."

According to Paul, the shopping center would



BEING HELD WITHOUT PRIVILEGE of bond is Robert H. Dixon, charged with murder in the Friday afternoon shooting death of Eugene Hinson, operator of a motel in the Grissetown section of Brunswick County. Here, a member of the Shallotte Rescue Squad prepares to remove Hinson from the South 17 Truck Stop, where he was fatally wounded, while Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett and Sheriff's Deputy Milton McCumbee discuss the shooting.

Yaupon Board Opposes Plan For Trailer Park

The Yaupon Beach Board of Commissioners held its January monthly meeting recently with Mayor Clarence Murphy presiding and Commissioners Jack Allen, Frank Aman, Gibson Barbee, Jr., William McDougle and William Smalley present. The meeting had been postponed for one week due to the sleet and ice storm. Mayor Murphy told the commissioners that he had

heard from Long Beach that that community was interested in Plan B of the Corps of Engineers regarding beach erosion and hurricane protection and felt the town would be in a better position for federal assistance if Yaupon Beach would rescind the resolution to drop Plan B. After considerable discussion, all commissioners, except Commissioner Smalley who opposed the new resolution, voted to withdraw the motion of December 5, 1972 concerning the beach berm, known as Plan B, pending further study and until more information is received from the Corps of Engineers and the Water and Air Resources Commission.

The commissioners voted that all plumbers doing business in Yaupon Beach must post their state plumber's license number at the town hall and must show the license number on the permit. The plumbing permit fee will be \$1 per fixture with a minimum fee of \$5 on any building. The plumber or owner must request a rough-in inspection before the walls are closed in and also a final inspection.

Mayor Murphy announced that Clifford G. Strassenburg, Community Planning Director of the Department of Natural and Economic Resources, had acknowledged receipt of the letter that Yaupon Beach wanted to take advantage of their services. He has included the Town of Yaupon Beach in the application to H.U.D.

Commissioner Smalley advised that the town auditors, Jano, Cline and Barnard of Statesville, had sent a letter of resignation. The auditors for Brunswick

County — Cherry, Bekaert and Holland of Wilmington — had been contacted and (Continued On Page Three)

Starts Thursday

County Clean-Up Effort Now Gaining Momentum

Tomorrow is the first day of the Brunswick County clean-up campaign, and if the cooperation during February is as wholehearted as during the preliminary planning, project director Ed Clemmons expects a successful program.

"We have had a grand

response," said Clemmons, who also is manager of Brunswick County's sanitary landfill program. "We have had many people calling us, wanting to know what they can do to help."

Greatest response, Clemmons noted, has come from the immediate South-

port-Yaupon Beach-Long Beach area. An organized clean-up, headed in Southport by Mrs. Betty Smith, is scheduled east of Howe Street on February 13 and west of Howe Street on February 15. Clean-up of the Southport waterfront will be on February 10.

Mrs. Jan Eaton of the Woodbine Garden Club is currently soliciting help from school-age children for a clean-up of the Fort Caswell roadside on February 8, a Saturday.

The county will provide transportation of trash to the sanitary landfill site on these days, as well as February 20 when a clean-up is planned for Yaupon Beach and Long Beach.

But according to Clemmons, this is only the start. "It will go beyond February, we can see that already," he said.

Brunswick County, expected to provide heavy equipment to clean-up the worst of the trash dumps, has written about 150 letters to schools, clubs and other groups asking cooperation in the February campaign. The letters were mailed just last Thursday, Clemmons said, so much more response is expected — "especially out in the county." The Supply Lions Club, for example, already has announced plans for a clean-up effort in that area.

Sheriff Harold Willetts has promised to put some teeth into the anti-litter ordinance, advising his deputies "to tighten down" on violators who dump trash on roadsides and other's private property. He said overall complaints have decreased, probably because of the sanitary landfill program that has provided an impetus for the clean-up drive.

Willetts has asked that anyone witnessing a violation of the anti-litter law contact his office.

The greatest effect of the clean-up, Clemmons said, would be on the individual homeowners. About the conspicuous trash dumps—the "eyesores"—Clemmons said it will be the responsibility of the county to appropriate necessary funds and organize the clean-up. "This is where the big contractors will come in," he explained.

Without a larger-scale clean-up, Clemmons con-

Rose Sends Mobile Office To Serve Area Residents

Congressman Charlie Rose has come up with a unique solution to a problem that plagues most representatives, namely the establishment of district offices. The Seventh District Congressman plans to use a 24-foot mobile district office as his way of solving the problem.

The mobile office will be staffed by Rose's administrative assistant, Rip Collins. Rose said, "I believe this approach will better serve the people than a fixed district office in one location. What we want to do is give our people the opportunity to come and talk with my administrative assistant at a place close to where they live."

Beginning in February, Rose said, the mobile district office will make regularly scheduled stops at every post office in the district.

The Brunswick County schedule calls for February 6 stops at Shallotte from 9 a.m. until noon and Bolivia from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m.; February 13, at Calabash from 9 a.m. until noon and Leland from 2 to 6; February 20 at Long Beach, 9 until noon, and Southport 1 p.m. until 6; and February 27, Shallotte from 9 until noon and Varnumtown from 2 until 6.

These stops will be made on Tuesdays.

Congressman Rose pointed out that Collins would relay the problems of constituents to his Washington office. "This should enable any

person with a problem involving the federal government to be assured of prompt action by my Washington office," Rose added.

The roving district office is something that has not been used before in North Carolina, although may have expressed interest in the idea. Mobile offices are used by other congressmen across the country and have been hailed as an excellent solution to keeping in contact

with constituents at home.

"This is the reason my top aide is manning the mobile office," said Rose. I consider it to be extremely important that my constituents have a person to whom they can talk, not only about their problems, but their opinions on pending legislation and government operations generally."

Rose added, "I want our constituents to realize that (Continued On Page Three)

Co-Op Expects Better Years

The Tri-County Farmers Association, Inc. annual meeting failed to produce a quorum Thursday night, with the result that new directors could not be elected as planned.

Other business on the agenda, including the annual financial report and the executive committee report, went on as planned.

Roy Schaal, N.C. Rural Fund for Development auditor, told the group that the local association showed a larger deficit in the year just ended than in the previous year, but cautioned the listeners against losing faith.

The most recent deficit — \$20,836 — was experienced largely because of the Tri-

County group's opening of its new building, said Schaal, and an expanded staff. Net loss for the previous year was \$11,940.

Schaal noted that the gross margin percentage for each of the six crop categories (cabbage, pickled cucumbers, LG cucumbers, sweet potatoes, peppers, and others) averaged 16.7 per cent, with sales totalling \$33,129 and gross margin ("profit") amounting to \$22,903.

plants, packaging) totalled \$28,994, with gross margin for these sales set at \$2,658.

Schaal predicted that the local co-op would show a net gain in its operation if it continued to triple its sales in (Continued On Page Three)



A \$10,000 CHECK from the City of Southport to Doshier Memorial Hospital was presented this week by Mayor Dorothy Gilbert to W.F. Cupit, administrator of the medical facility. The hospital is in the midst of a financial crisis and the city Board of Aldermen voted to contribute the money to help.

Brunswick County commissioners have stated they would give \$20,000 to the hospital if certain conditions were met, among them that the chairman of the hospital Board of Trustees resign. No course of action has been determined on this matter.