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Dedication Ceremonies for the new Holden Beach Town Hall were held Sunday afternoon with Congressman Charlie Rose as the featured speaker. Property for the town hall was donated by Emma Davis Holden in memory of her late husband Dr. Rothschild H. Holden, and numerous

## Driving Safety Instruction Set

A course in Defensive Driving will be held in Southport at the Jaycee building on May 2 and May 9 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Instructor for the course will be Bill Parham from the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles. It is also sanctioned by the National Safety Council and has been conducted throughout the United States and several foreign countries.

There is no charge for the course which will consist of lectures, workbooks, slides and discussions. The course is designed so that all ages, from the beginner driver to the elderly, will derive the same benefits.

The course is open to all residents of Brunswick County and those attending are asked to bring a bag lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

## New Town Building For Holden Beach Dedicated

A crowd of more than 100 people viewed the dedication Sunday of Holden Beach's new town hall, and the guest of honor, Seventh District Congressman Charlie Rose, gave the afternoon's key speech.

Mayor John F. Holden presented Rose with a gift for his wife, and he gave a historical summary of Holden Beach prior to Rose's speech.

"Holden Beach is a family beach where people are enjoying the world God has given us all to enjoy," Rose said.

"I have looked forward for a long time to the dedication of this building," the representative said. Rose pointed out that the new town hall is a symbol of

hours of labor were contributed by Holden Beach residents. A plaque commemorating the dedication (see insert) is located in the doorway to the building, which accommodates the town clerk's office, the police station and a town meeting room.

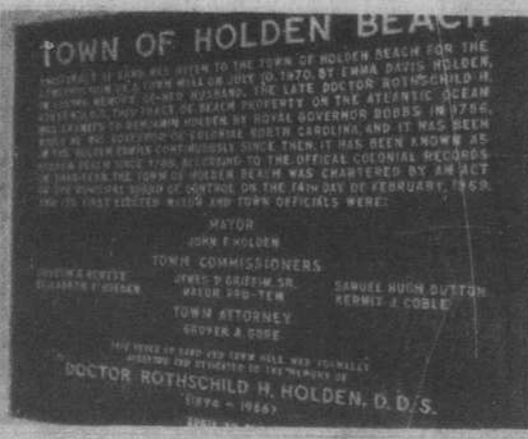
man's ability to work with each other for the common good of all. "It's not extravagant, but it's put there like it should be put," he said.

Rose also commented on the status of the proposed dredging of the Shallotte and Lockwood Folly inlets.

He said that he, county commissioners, and town commissioners have plans to survey the inlet situation on an aerial flight over the area. He maintained that, "the inlets need attention if the county is to retain and see development of its natural resources."

"Before May is over I will give to the commissioners a status report on where we stand on improvements," Rose promised. Rev. Ben C. Fisher gave

the invocation and dedicatory prayer, and Mayor Holden gave the welcome address. Continued on page 16



## Special Called Meeting

# Hospital Bond Election Now Set For June 16

By BOBBY HILL  
The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution at a special meeting Tuesday to hold the bond election for the proposed \$2.5 million county hospital on June 16.

The postponement of the special bond election, originally scheduled for May

5, represents the third date set for the referendum.

County attorney Thomas Horne revealed April 11 that the necessary application for the election had not been filed with the Local Government Commission. Horne said the failure to file the application was an oversight on the part of the bonding attorney.

At the county commissioners' meeting April 16, a tentative date for the election was set for May 28. Horne said that he had received a letter dated April 18 from the Local Government Commission approving the June 16 date for the referendum.

Commissioner Robert Simmons was late for the meeting, and he did not arrive in time to vote on the date for the bond issue.

In reply to a question by Chairman W.A. Kopp, Jr., Horne said that the ballot will be different from the previous ballots because of a section providing for a tax to provide maintenance and equipment for the proposed hospital.

Horne said, "I guess that's it, as far as I know. I talked to that man up there (the

bonding attorney in New York), and he said everything is alright."

Commissioner Vardell Hughes said, "That's all we need, is another drawback."

A motion was passed to schedule a joint meeting of the commissioners and Southport's Board of Aldermen to discuss the future of Doshier Memorial Hospital should the bond issue pass the referendum.

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## Tax Receipts Are Up Again

After several months of steady decline, collection of the local option, one-cent sales tax increased in March, indicating that the influence of Brown and Root activity on the Brunswick County economy has not diminished.

According to a report received from the N.C. Department of Revenue, collections totalled \$56,212.87 during March — the greatest one-month total this year. After collections between \$59,000 and \$67,000 last August through December, the monthly totals had dropped to \$54,823 in January, and \$47,180 in February. The March total is the sixth highest collection of the 18 since the local-option tax was first received in October, 1971.

Prior to that time, the county commissioners voted to levy the tax and received no organized public opposition. A vote of the people could have been held to determine if the tax would be put into effect, just as a referendum now could eliminate the tax.

The one-cent tax is applicable to all goods and services otherwise subject to the North Carolina three-percent levy. The tax is collected by the same agency (N.C. Department of Revenue) and is distributed to the counties where the funds were collected. A small collection fee is withheld.

Of the state's 100 counties, 80 have collected funds through the special levy. At least one other, Sampson, recently approved the tax and will receive its first distribution soon.

The March collection will be added to the January and February totals for quarterly distribution early next month. The three-month total should be the third highest since the levy was enacted, exceeded by the first two quarters of the current July-through-June fiscal year. The influence of Brown and Root is notable because the tax is applicable not only to what is sold here, but also to materials bought outside the state and brought here for use. Primarily because of the heavy industrial work at the CP&L nuclear power plant, the county has enjoyed the greatest economic growth (percentage-wise) of any North Carolina county for the past two years.

## Plybon Contract Termed 'Invalid'

Long Beach Mayor O. G. Coleman said at the town council's meeting Thursday that the council, "No longer recognizes Paul Plybon's contract," and he also said that a letter of apology would be sent to Plybon for "ridiculing" him at public meeting when questions were

## Power Off

Construction on the CP&L power line between Southport and Wilmington will result in an interruption of electrical service Sunday morning between the hours of 5:30 and 9:30 o'clock.

## Primary School By Next Year?

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in special session Monday evening to present representatives of the county board of commissioners a projected "revenue needs" estimate for a five-year period, and the board also awarded a contract to install football field lighting at each of Brunswick County's three new high schools to Paul T. Turner of Wilmington.

The board also announced that all Brunswick County schools will raise the prices of

lunch Monday 10 cents per meal. At that time, the price of lunch will be 40 cents for elementary schools, 45 cents for high schools, and 55 cents for adults.

A statement accompanying the raise in prices attributes the boost to, "the increase in the cost of food and other operational costs."

The board also released an announcement stating the ESEA, Title I, is still accepting applications for the kindergarten program. The

raised concerning the contract and Plybon's character. The contract with Plybon had originally been entered into by the council in private session after a public meeting, which is illegal. The contract with Plybon, president of Associated Consultants, Inc., was to have included negotiations for beach erosion protection and for financing of water and sewer systems.

Since that time, Plybon submitted a letter of resignation April 9 from Long Beach's Planning Board.

Three new members appointed by the council Thursday to the Planning Board include Nancy Leggett, W.P. Scott and Fletcher Swing.

The council discussed a charge by Ronald G. Dunn of a threat made to an employee of his newspaper over a phone in the Long Beach Town Hall by "Joe Barone" in the presence of acting Town Manager Ed Liggett.

Dunn charged that Barone had told the female employee she, "shouldn't be working for me." He said the em-

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## Merits Of New Hospital Heard In Public Meeting

Citizens attending an informational meeting on the new hospital project Thursday night at South Brunswick High School heard H.M. Anderson, chairman of the hospital committee, give a history of the project and described the services expected of the proposed 60-bed unit.

Anderson reported that the committee which he serves as chairman had been broken down into subcommittees. The site committee, he said,

had come up with the recommendation that the new hospital be built within a one-mile radius of Supply, since that is both the geographic and population center of the county. The finance committee had come up with the suggestion that the proposition be submitted to the voters in a countywide election in which they would decide whether or not to finance the hospital by a special tax.

At this point Anderson

expressed the thought that a growing economy probably will make it possible to finance a new hospital without an increase in the current tax rate.

Anderson reported that the first thing done by the committee had been to engage the services of a consultant to determine the nature and extent of need for improved medical facilities in Brunswick County. A 60-bed hospital, centrally

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MAKING PLANS for May 5 dance sponsored by the Southport Junior Woman's Club are the various committee chairman. Left to right, seated, are Mrs. James Kenney, overall dance chairman; Mrs. Curtis Cowan, tickets; Mrs. Charles

Trotti, house committee; standing, Mrs. John Lockhart, Jr., publicity; Mrs. Ed Harper, food; and Mrs. Fred Spencer, decorations. Proceeds of the dance will be used to help finance the Fourth of July Arts Festival.