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WORK ON NC 211 progressed considerably during the past week with the clearing of right-of-way to the north of the present route. The nine-mile project from Midway to Supply will result in a re-routing of NC 211 traffic by way of Bolivia,

with heavy traffic required to use NC 87 between Southport and Winnabow. The work includes replacement of the Lockwood Folly Bridge and straightening the road in that section.

Car Question Hanging

'Urgent' Meeting Called, Cancelled

The county commissioners aborted an emergency meeting Thursday called to discuss the cancelling of a contract for 14 sheriff cars with Willetts Ford.

The commissioners cancelled the contract February 4, saying none of the cars had been delivered. They cited the contract delivery date of January 1.

Chairman W.A. Kopp, Jr., said he had called the emergency meeting.

"I take it in my discretion not to call the meeting to order," Kopp said.

Kopp said he had called the meeting for reconsideration of the cancellation, because two of the cars had been delivered to Willetts Ford in Bolivia February 5. He said five of the vehicles were

reportedly in Charlotte awaiting shipment. The other seven patrol cars were, he said, "on the assembly line."

According to the amended state law on open meetings, the commissioners can call an emergency meeting. The commissioners are also allowed to call special meetings after giving a 48-hour notice.

Kopp Thursday instructed the clerk, Carol Greene, to call a special meeting. Contacted Tuesday, Kopp said the matter will be held until the commissioners' regular meeting next Tuesday.

When asked on Tuesday why the special meeting had not been called, Kopp said, "I changed my mind." Sheriff Willetts said

Tuesday he thought, "the cars are essential."

When asked if his department needs a 460 cubic-inch engine (the largest produced by Ford), Willetts said his deputies "can't run down criminals with Volkswagens." He claimed the number of high-speed chases justifies the more powerful vehicles.

Commissioner J.T. Clemmons said February 4 the commissioners should consider a more economically-powered car for the sheriff's department to conserve fuel in the face of the energy crisis.

Willetts also said Tuesday the large-engined automobiles were required in the bid specifications because

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Special Monday Meeting

Yaupon Siren Funded; Town Resignations Are Questioned

By BOBBY HILL
After voting Monday night to authorize \$2,000 for a fire and emergency siren, the Yaupon Beach town council held an informal discussion of the town's water system.

Cape Fear Council of Governments planner Ed Regan discussed with the council plans to extend city water to the newly-annexed portion east of city limits. He

also urged the council to participate in the COG program with their capital improvements budget, with free COG assistance.

Civil Defense Director William Scott reported the county commissioners will accept bids February 19 on the siren. The commissioners will act as a sponsoring agency to obtain matching federal funds for the siren, he

said.

The Yaupon council had previously authorized \$1,000 for the siren, but Scott said the commissioners had requested the council pay all non-federal costs. He said Brunswick County Emergency Preparedness Director Col. James E. Gordon had termed the siren "necessary" in a report to the commissioners.

Councilman Marvin Watson made a motion that the council approve up to \$2,000 for the siren. He said the siren would give the town a higher fire rating and lower the cost of fire insurance.

Councilman William Smalley however maintained that, "These things need to be budgeted." He said \$1,000 is currently budgeted for a siren, and he asked for a financial report from the fire department.

Watson again made his motion, and the measure passed with Smalley abstaining.

Further formal discussion or action by the council was canceled when H.H. Pinkerton pointed out that state law requires that special meetings be limited to the purpose for which they were called. Voting to adjourn the meeting, the council heard a presentation by

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Boyles To Be Lions Speaker

Speaker for the February 21 meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be Harlan E. Boyles, deputy state treasurer and secretary of the Local Government Commission.

Previously Boyles served as tax auditor of the N.C. Department of Revenue and as tax accountant for the N.C. Tax Study Commission. He also has served as secretary to the N.C. Tax Review Board.

Boyles is a graduate of UNC-Chapel Hill with a B.S. degree in accounting. He is known as the right-hand man of State Treasurer Edwin Gill.

Public Hearing In Raleigh

No Local Opposition To Management Bill

By BOBBY HILL
Only support was heard from Brunswick County for a proposed Coastal Area Management Act at a public hearing Thursday in Raleigh.

However, Dare County representatives strenuously opposed the bill, calling it a "state zoning act."

William Henderson of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation, developers of Bald

Head Island, was the only witness from this county. He maintained the measure would bring all local, state and federal agencies together and "will expedite development in an orderly manner."

Rep. Tommy Harrelson has previously stated his support of the proposal.

None of the county commissioners attended the hearing. However, a sign of tacit approval was given Cape Fear Council of Government Executive Director Beverly Paul when he briefed the commissioners recently on the hearing.

Commission Chairman W.A. Kopp, Jr., told Paul he had served on a committee making recommendations for amendments to the bill. He said the amended legislation had incorporated all five of the recommendations made by his committee.

The bill has been changed to allow more participation

and authority by local governments.

The House bill, part of a package of major land use legislation held over from the 1973 session, was sent back to committee last week after being amended and passed to the floor by a unanimous committee vote.

Committee chairman Rep. Willis Whichard (D-Durham) said he withdrew the bill after numerous requests for another hearing.

However, many legislators are speculating that the measure will never pass during this session because of the intense pressure from developers and realtors.

Brunswick realtors have voiced support for the proposal as one that will not hinder "good developers." However, county developers and realtors had expressed opposition to the unamended bill in a public hearing last summer. Most of their

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Suit By Town Against Town At Long Beach?

The Long Beach town council has been instructed by attorney Thomas E. Horne to sue itself to pay back to the city about two years' salary of Acting Town Manager Ed Liggett.

Horne's letter, dated February 6, makes this "demand" on behalf of Ronald G. Dunn "and other tax payers."

A lawsuit must be brought by the town attorney against "all present and past members of the board" who voted to "employ or maintain" Liggett as acting town

manager, the letter states. If the legal action is not instituted "within a reasonable time," a taxpayers' suit will be filed "to achieve such purpose," according to the letter.

Opponents of Liggett as manager have maintained his employment violates the town charter, which states the manager must be a resident of the town.

Liggett, a Winnabow resident, has repeatedly said publicly he does not intend to move to Long Beach. He has also said in public he will "vacate the premises

promptly" when a replacement is found.

The council in a special January 29 meeting voted to retain Liggett until a qualified replacement is found. Mayor E.W. Morgan and Councilman Russ Morrison voted against the motion, stating a preference for the administrator to be fired immediately. Those councilmen voting to retain Liggett temporarily, included Ellis Dudley, Nancy Leggett, H.E. Joyce and Virginia Christenbury.

At that meeting, town attorney Edward Green told the council "you are in violation" because Liggett is an "acting" manager. He said the charter stipulates the town "shall" have a town manager.

Contacted Tuesday, Horne said he could not identify the "other taxpayers" he listed as clients in his letter. However, he said they will attend the next town meeting next Thursday.

"I expect they'll all be there," he said of his unidentified clients. "There's a bunch of them."

The council is reportedly holding an executive session this Saturday to interview two candidates for the manager position. When asked if the demands for court action will be dropped if a new manager is hired, Horne answered, "My clients haven't said so."

According to Horne, councilmen who have voted to "employ or maintain" Liggett will be forced to pay about \$3,000 each to the city if his clients win their proposed suit. This would amount to about \$24,000, Horne noted. "That's a nice figure," he said.

More \$\$ For Water System

The county water system has received a \$468,000 grant from the Economic Development Administration, the office of Congressman Charlie Rose announced Tuesday.

The system now has received over \$4 million in funds.

The EDA grant is for Phase I of the system. This phase and EDA grant, according to Rose's office, will supply water to Southport, Yaupon Beach, Bolling Spring Lakes, Bishop, Long Beach and Winnabow.

The water will be sold wholesale to municipalities, according to Troy Doby of the Pierson and Whitman consulting firm of Raleigh. "The county is not in any way attempting to pre-empt the responsibilities of the municipalities to furnish

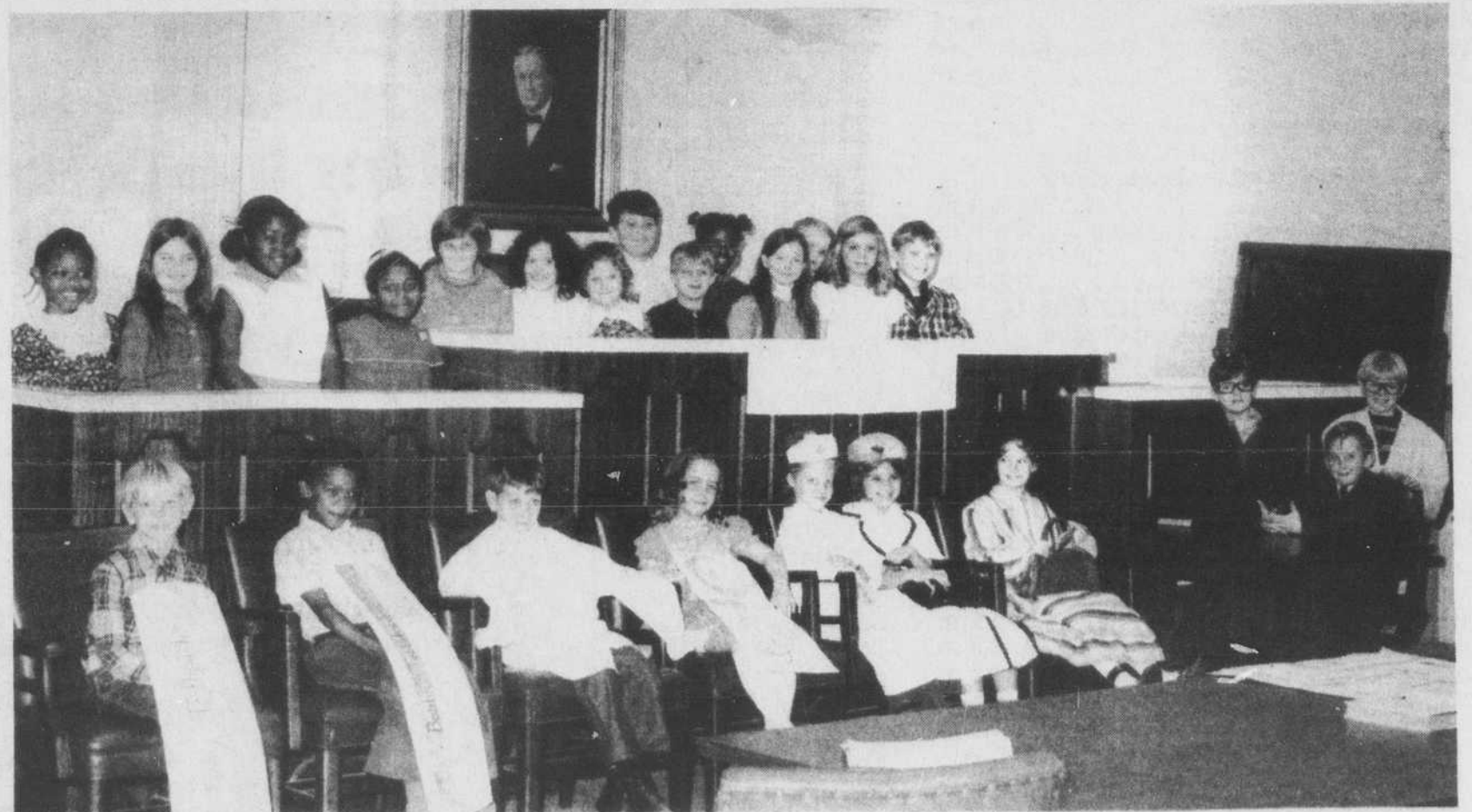
retail water for individual customers," he said.

A \$250,000 grant for the system was received in September, 1973 from the Coastal Plains Regional Commission. Also, the Farmers Home Administration has approved \$3 million in loans, and the county reportedly has committed \$312,000.

Doby said in September the target date for completion of Phase I had been set for May of this year.

The first phase will consist of 11 wells and water treatment facilities, Doby said. Target production is five million gallons per day, according to Doby. He has said a one-million gallon tank will be constructed at the intersection of state roads 1527 and 1528.

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"TRIAL OF THE DENTAL HEALTH SIX" was conducted Thursday in the Brunswick County Courthouse and it was no contest. The Southport Primary School class of Mrs. Ellen Muellerweiss performed admirably in the skit. Included in the program were Karen Jackson, moderator; Doug Aman, the judge; Ernie Champion, defense attorney; Darin Smith, prosecutor; Michael Potter, clerk; Kerry Warren, "Terry Teenager"; prisoners Joey Walker (Dr. Smile), Linda Koontz

(Miss Kindly), Melissa LeBlanc (Mrs. Worker), Jeff Fuller (Tommy Toothpaste), Alan Jackson (Bobby Toothbrush), Deborah Barbee (Candy Sweet); and jurists Alicia Brown, Yvonne Watson, Kim Price, Jayne Rores, Teresa Norwood, John Muellerweiss, Jenny Bowling, Allison Lewis, Susan Bledsoe, Jimmy Hewett, Carol McCracken and Tiffany Timmons.