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LONG LINES OF CARS waiting for gas at various Southport area stations has been prevalent during the past week as station operators have cut their operating hours and the amount of gas sold way back. The line at Convenient Food Mart, which apparently has the

greatest supply of gas locally, sometimes reached three blocks. A comparable line stretch along the shoulder of Howe Street Monday afternoon, waiting for gas at Roy's Gulf. Southport Sunoco and Hufham's Exxon have pumped limited quantities each day.

\$11 Million Called For

Board Reviews Proposal For County School Bond

By BOBBY HILL
The Brunswick County board of education Monday finalized proposed plans for an \$11 million school improvement project for state and county commissioner approval.

Included in the proposal is a \$5.5-million county school bond issue. Besides approving the bond issue, the county will also be asked to fund \$3.6 million over a six-year period.

Supt. Ralph King told the board they will "not be completely locked in" by approving the plans.

There will be "no question" about the first four of the proposed projects, said assistant superintendent

John Hicks. He said these first projects will be funded by the \$1.7 million the county received from the state School Bond funds.

The first four of the 14 projects need state approval next month, Hicks said.

Included in the four projects for 1974-75 are Lincoln Primary School (\$440,400), Bolivia Elementary School (\$511,800), Union Primary School (\$467,600) and Waccamaw Elementary (\$282,200).

The remaining projects require both state and commissioner approval. They are proposed to be funded from capital outlay and the school bond.

In order of listed priorities, the remaining projects include Leland Middle School for 1976-77 (\$2,100,000), Shallotte Middle School for 1976-77 (\$2,520,000), South Brunswick Junior School for 1976-77 (\$1,200,000), Bolivia Elementary School for 1977-78 (\$1,176,000), Waccamaw Elementary School for 1977-78 (\$924,000), Southport Middle School for 1977-78 (\$220,096), Lincoln Primary School for 1978-79 (\$183,264), Shallotte Middle School for 1978-79 (\$78,000), Union Primary School (\$153,336) and a central administrative complex for 1980 to include maintenance buildings and a school bus garage (\$500,000). Hicks told the board they

should hold a bond election "within the next year." He said they should determine an election date next month.

King warned against political involvement with the issue, and he recommended that the board consider holding a special election for the bond referendum. He said a special election would cost about \$12,000.

Member Bill Sue also cautioned turning the school projects into a "political football."

However, member Dr. John Madison replied, "I don't see how it can become a political thing." He said the school projects had been planned with a county-wide

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Long Beach Council Meeting

Town Won't Fire Liggett, Hears About Suit Vs. Self

By BOBBY HILL
The Long Beach Town Council voted Thursday not to sue itself for retaining Acting Town Manager Ed Liggett.

Attorney Thomas E. Horne, in a letter dated February 6, threatened to sue the town if it did not instruct the town attorney to file suit against

"all past and present" councilmen who voted to "employ or maintain" Liggett as acting town manager. Horne's letter listed his clients as Ronald G. Dunn and "other taxpayers."

Horne demanded that the council members pay back to the city about two years salary of Liggett. He threatened a "taxpayers' suit" if the town did not sue itself.

Councilman Russ Morrison and Mayor E.W. Morgan voted in favor of the suit. Killing the motion were councilmen Nancy Leggett, Ellis Dudley, Virginia

Christenbury and H.E. Joyce. The same combination of councilmen voted last month to retain Liggett until a qualified replacement is found.

Spectators and Councilman Leggett questioned Dunn concerning the other clients

in the lawsuit, but no other names were revealed. Town attorney Robert Jones said the anonymous clients must be named if and when the matter comes to court.

Dunn was also asked if he is a Long Beach taxpayer. He replied, "No, but that's a

completely irrelevant fact."

"I think this is the most ridiculous thing I've ever heard of in my life," said a man who identified himself as a "non-resident taxpayer." The audience cheered his statement.

Attorney Jones gave different interpretations of Horne's letter. He first said the suit would be "against those members who voted" for Liggett. Later he said Liggett would also be included in the legal action. "In other words, the vote is whether you're going to sue yourself or not," Jones said.

Liggett said success of this action in court would require paying back \$15,000 to the federal government. He said this portion of his salary was paid through federal grants, and not by the town of Long Beach. He said Long Beach had paid only about \$5,200 of

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No Position Uncontested

All Incumbents Seeking Re-Election, Races Full

All incumbent elected county officials are seeking re-election as filing ended Monday for the May 7 primary election.

Eight Republican candidates filed for two-year terms as county commissioner. The incumbent commissioners finishing their second terms include Robert Simmons of Shallotte

Township, William A. Kopp, Jr., of Town Creek Township, J.T. Clemmons of Lockwood Folly Township, John Bray of Smithville Township and Vardell Hughes of Waccamaw Township.

Those Republican candidates seeking their first commissioner post include John J. Child, Sr., of Northwest Township, Richard L. Appling of Smithville Township and Carolyn R. Roberts of Lockwood Folly.

Democratic candidates for commissioner include Andrew Gray from Lockwood Folly Township, Willie E. Sloan from Town Creek Township, Ira D. Butler from Smithville Township, Frankie Thomas from Northwest Township, W.T. Russ, Jr., from Shallotte Township and T. David Bowers from Lockwood Folly Township.

Eight candidates are vying for three non-partisan board of education slots for four-year terms.

Candidates include incumbent Wilbur E. Rabon of Town Creek Township, Barbara ("Bobbie") Young of Town Creek Township, Carter T. Lambeth of Smithville Township, incumbent John T. Madison of Shallotte Township, James R. Prevatte of Smithville Township, Franklin Randolph of Lockwood Folly Township and

Thomas J. Gray of Lockwood Folly Township.

Three Democrats have filed to run against Thomas J. Harrelson, of Smithville Township, who is seeking his third two-year term in the state House of Representatives. Democrat challengers include Allen C. Ward of Shallotte Township, V.A. Creech, Jr. of Northwest Township and K.T. Bellamy of Lockwood Folly Township.

Finishing his second four-year term, incumbent Sheriff Harold Willetts faces Republican challenger Alvis E. Lewis of Lockwood Folly Township. Democrats running for the sheriff position are Mack Ray McLamb of

Shallotte Township, D.E. Tripp of Shallotte Township, J. Walton Willis of Smithville township and Herman Strong, also of Smithville.

Veteran coroner Lowell B. Bennett is the sole Democratic contender for another four-year term. He will be challenged in the November general election by Republican Larry Andrews.

Democrat Clerk of Court J.E. ("Jack") Brown, an incumbent for 20 years, will face no opposition in the May primary election for another four-year term. The single Republican candidate for the clerk position is James I. Jeffreys, Jr.

Three Die In Leland Crash

A Leland man and two brothers were killed Friday night in a head-on collision on US 74-76.

The mishap was the first multiple fatality auto accident in Brunswick County in 1974.

The accident took place approximately one-tenth of a mile west of the intersection of Lanvale Road and the highway, according to State Highway Patrolman L.W. Davis.

There were no survivors in the accident.

Glen Davis White, 29, of Rt. 3 Leland was killed when his auto was struck by the vehicle occupied by the two brothers. Also killed were Ervin Junior and John Henry Godbold of Wilmington.

Both automobiles involved in the accident were demolished.

Davis said the accident occurred at a curve in the highway just west of a new highway overpass under construction. He said the curve has been the scene of fatal accidents previously.

Witnesses said the Godbold vehicle ran off the right side

of the road while traveling east. The driver made a series of efforts to regain control, they said. However, the vehicle returned to the road traveling sideways, witnesses report.

The car was struck broadside by a pick-up truck driven westward by White. The Godbold vehicle was identified as a 1973 rental car. White was driving a 1964 truck.

Brunswick County Coroner Lowell Bennett said all three victims were killed instantly in the crash.

Season Ends

Oyster season in Brunswick County ends at sunset on Saturday, March 2.

The announcement was made earlier this week by Arthur Cooper, director of the Department of Conservation and Development. He said his decision was based on the recommendation of Commissioner of Fisheries Edward McCoy.



MORE NEW EQUIPMENT for the playground across the street from the Southport primary school was installed this week as part of a project sponsored by the Junior Woman's Club of Southport. David Moore, center, physical education

instructor at the school, supervised the digging of holes by youngsters, making possible the mounting of the new equipment on a good foundation. With him is Mrs. Fred Spencer, member of the sponsoring junior woman's club.