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Thieves Strike Two Businesses

Two prominent Brunswick County businessmen, including County Commissioner J.D. Clemmons, were victims of thieves during a three-day period this week.

Thieves broke into Clemm's Texaco outside Shallotte Monday night and stole about 2,500 cartons of cigarettes. Commissioner Clemmons, who owns the service station, said the retail value of the cigarettes was about \$7,500.

Thieves stole accessories from about nine cars parked on the lot at Brunswick Motor Sales, Inc., on Highway 133 outside Southport early Saturday morning. Owner Dub Clewis estimated the value of the accessories stolen and the damage done at between \$1,500 and \$1,800.

Brunswick County Sheriff Harold Willes could not be reached for comment on the two robberies. He was attending the North Carolina Sheriffs' Convention at Wrightsville Beach.

Clemmons said he discovered the cigarette theft after he opened his business Tuesday morning about 7:30. He reported that the thieves broke out a rear window and entered the station. He had a security light behind the store.

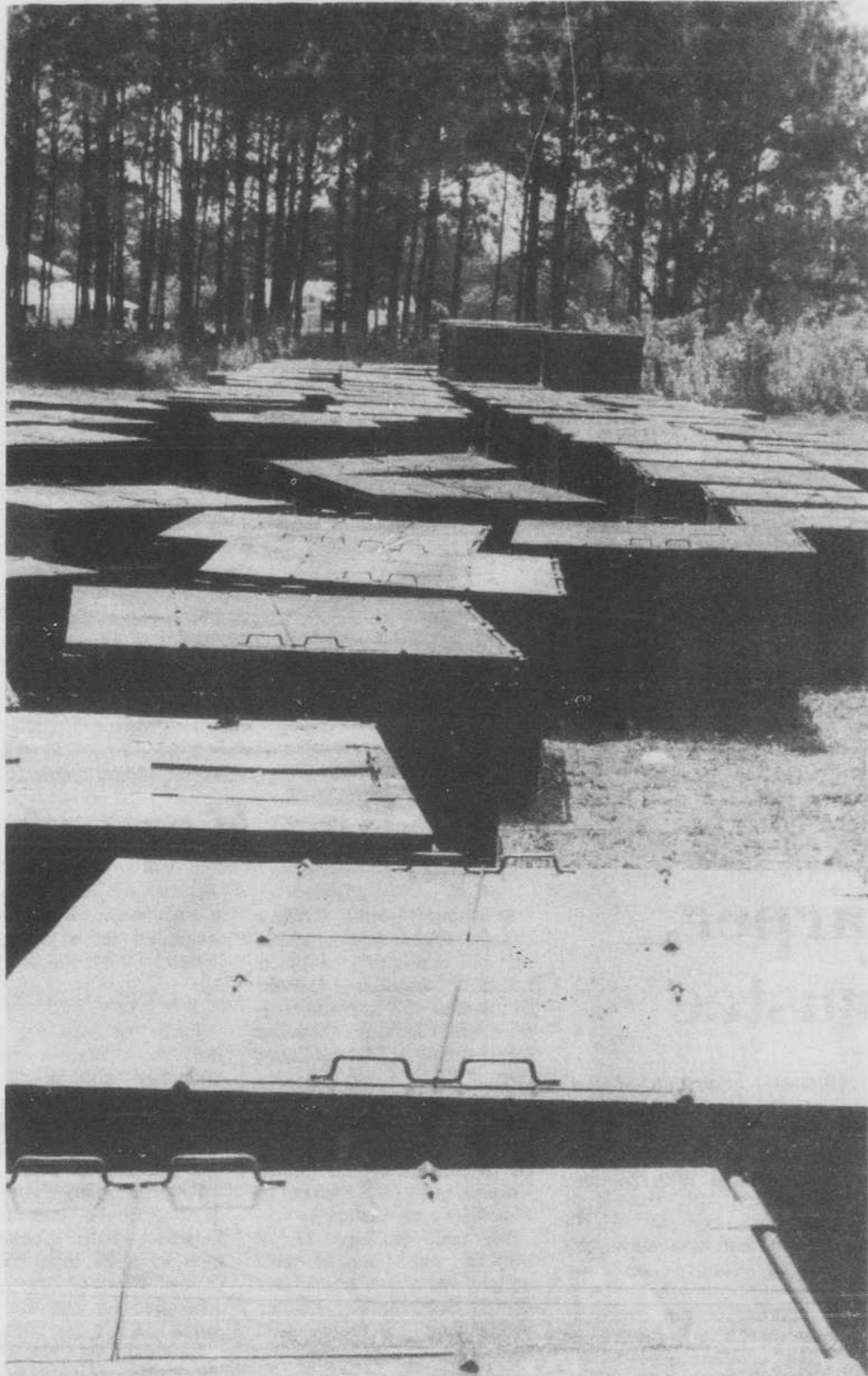
"I slept real well Monday night and heard no noise," said the commissioner, who lives about 100 yards behind his service station.

Despite the large theft, (Continued on page 8)

Beer Okayed

Boiling Spring Lakes residents voted 86 to 24 Tuesday to approve sales of beer within the town.

Unofficial results are pending finalization when the vote is canvassed. According to election officials, one vote is yet unopened and will be cast at the canvass period.



SANITARY LANDFILL equipment has begun to arrive in Brunswick County, witness these heavy metal boxes that will be distributed throughout the county for trash disposal. The boxes will be emptied into a front-end loading truck that will carry the refuse to one of the county's solid waste disposal landfills. The truck has not arrived, however, as the boxes sit idly by the intersection of NC 211 and US 17 at Supply.

Town Boards, Owners Charged

Suit Says Zoning 'Void', Seeks Condominium Halt

By ROBY HILL
Yaupon Beach planning board chairman John Thompson filed a lawsuit Thursday requesting a list of injunctions and seeking to nullify zoning for a \$5-million condominium.

The condominium is proposed to be located on a triangle of land east of Yaupon Beach and south of Nc 133. Thompson's complaint alleges the residential apartment (RA) zone for the development was adopted "without proper notice and

advertisement" required by both state law and town ordinances.

Plaintiff Thompson claims that the manner used in adopting the zoning ordinance "effectively prevents citizens from exercising their right to protest" as provided by law and ordinance.

Defendants listed in the complaint include the town of Yaupon Beach, the town council and planning board, owners of the proposed condominium site and the development corporation

(Venture Management, Inc.)

Thompson's complaint asks for permanent and preliminary injunctions to prohibit adopting an RA zone unless it is done according to state law and town ordinances.

Injunctions are requested to prohibit the town from "entering into any contracts for the provision of public utility services to" the proposed condominium. Thompson is also asking the court to forbid Venture Management, Inc., from

beginning construction or selling units of the development "until zoning approval and building ap-

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Oak Island Area Worst In County

All-Out Battle Against Mosquito Being Waged

By BILL ALLEN

An all-out war has been declared on mosquitoes in Brunswick County, according to Ed Clemmons, solid waste and director.

"We know that it will be a hard war to win because mosquitoes are always breeding, especially after heavy rains," Clemmons declared. "But we are going to do everything we can to help people living in mosquito-infested areas of the county."

The county began the all-out war on mosquitoes recently when four ULV cold-air aerosol fogging generator trucks were placed in service. The four new generator trucks join the one-year-old Buffalo Turbine machine, which has been used the entire summer.

Generally, the mosquito trucks are operated in Brunswick County in the evenings between 5 and 10 p.m. Clemmons said that research has shown that more mosquitoes are out late in the day than during any other period.

Although a great deal of

talk has been heard about the mosquito problem in the county this summer, Clemmons does not believe it is as bad as it has been. "I don't think it is as serious this summer as it has been in past summers," he declared.

Clemmons urged residents who are having problems with mosquitoes in their sections of the county to contact the Brunswick County health department offices in Southport or Shallotte or the county manager's office in Southport.

They can also contact Clemmons or Operators-Evaluator Carl Holden and Henry Fulrod at Holden Beach, Malcolm Grissett and Garry Long at Shallotte, and Harlee Perkins at Leland. The five men are operator-evaluators in the mosquito control program in the county.

"Since Brunswick is a large county and our staff is small, we depend on complaints to tell us where the mosquito problem is the worst," Clemmons reported. "We have found that almost 100

percent of the complains we receive are accurate."

Once a complaint is received, it goes to Clemmons. The director then sends a member of his department out to make an on-site inspection and to apprise the situation. If mosquitoes are found, the man will use the fogging generator on the spot.

"We make daily evaluations of the complaints we receive to validate the presence of mosquitoes," Clemmons stated. "We try to investigate each complaint within one day after receiving it. We want to use our equipment where it is needed."

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Long Beach Agenda

Modular Home Matter Slated

Long Beach will hold a public hearing at its regular meeting Thursday to add two new members on the planning board.

Also, according to the agenda, the council will call for a public hearing on an amendment to prohibit modular homes from the

residential-area zone. Town manager Frank Kivett said Tuesday the hearing for this amendment will probably be held at the town's next monthly meeting.

The town has faced at least one controversy over allowing the modular homes in the most restricted area zoned residential. After losing a legal battle this past winter, the town was forced to allow one modular home into the residential area. Superior Court Judge Coy Brewer ordered that the town issue a building permit to the owner of the modular home.

Only last week the council held a special meeting caused by the request for another permit for a modular home. Attorney Richard Owens told the town a permit must be issued. However, building inspector Boyd Phillips expressed reservations about the modular home.

About three months ago, the planning and zoning boards were combined into the single, five-man planning board. The addition of two new members is reportedly designed to give better representation of the town's population. The newly-enlarged board will have about a month to reach a consensus on the proposed

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Bald Head Saga Continues

Channel For Marina Is Delayed By Court

The Conservation Council of North Carolina and the Sierra Club, refusing to admit defeat on legal action aimed at stopping the Bald Head Island marina project, obtained an injunction Friday until an appeal can be heard on the case.

Judge Braxton Craven of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled Friday that Carolina Cape Fear Corporation may proceed with construction of the marina, but cannot connect it to the Cape Fear River until the suit involving the project is

settled in court.

U.S. District Court Judge John D. Larkins, Jr., had ruled last Monday that the two environmental groups had no standing in court to stop construction of the proposed marina.

The Conservation Council and the Sierra Club, which have fought the project from the very beginning, filed notice in U.S. Eastern District Court Thursday to appeal Judge Larkins' decision.

In ruling that the access channel cannot be built until

the court decides the appeal, Judge Craven said the case was not "easy or frivolous."

"All I want to do (in making the decision Friday) is protect the jurisdiction of the court," Judge Craven declared. "I want to protect the right of appeal."

Judge Craven expressed hope after the two-hour hearing that the panel of judges can hear the appeal and make a ruling by September 1.

He rejected a suggestion made by a Carolina Cape (Continued on page 6)

Dedication Was Sunday

Leland Library Opens In Old Bank Building

The Leland branch of the Southport-Brunswick County Library was formally opened Sunday afternoon with a program involving everyone from boys and girls to county officials, with Robert Howard of Southport and Waccamaw Bank serving as master of ceremonies. Ralph King, Superintendent of Brunswick County schools, was the principal speaker.

Special recognition was given to L.R. Bowers, president of Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., for making the library project possible through the donation

of the old bank building, which now is located on the old Leland High School campus on Highway 74-76. A plaque was presented Bowers by James Clemmons on behalf of library officials.

Also receiving special recognition was Mrs. A.P. Henry, Jr., president of Friends of the Library and a member of the board of trustees for the Southport-Brunswick County Library. She accepted a plaque from John Long in appreciation for her role of leadership in making the branch library service available in the

Leland community.

The program was held outdoors in front of the new facility with a cross-section of area residents present and participating in the dedication ceremony. The invocation was by the Rev. Darrell Rooks, and this was followed by the flag ceremony, with the Boy Rangers in charge. Mrs. Becky Howard, wife of the master of ceremonies, led in singing the Star Spangled Banner and following the welcome by Harold Aldridge, chairman of the library board (Continued on page 8)



OFFICIATING AT THE RIBBON-cutting ceremony Sunday afternoon at Leland public library was Stephanie Helms, Miss Brunswick County. Others, left to right, are Robert Howard, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Narine Russ, librarian; and Harold Aldridge, chairman of the board of trustees for the Southport-Brunswick County Library.