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School Closed Friday, Monday

Brunswick County students will not attend school on Friday and Monday, October 25 and 28, according to School Supt. Ralph C. King.

"These days are part of the extended term of employment for teachers," he reported. "The extended term provides teachers with additional work days which can be used for such non-instructional responsibilities as student evaluation, updating school records, in-service training, and attending professional meetings."

On Friday, most Brunswick County educators will attend the District 13, North Carolina Association of Educators meeting in Wilmington. Those who do not attend will report to their regular duty stations. All personnel will be at their duty station on Monday, he reported.

Town Meeting Conduct Talked

The Long Beach Town Council held a 40-minute executive session Tuesday morning in an attempt to restore order to town meetings.

No vote was taken following the executive session, but the Nov. 7 meeting agenda will include discussion of the proper conduct of board meetings and public hearings.

The conduct of meetings reportedly became a serious issue after the Oct. 10 meeting which ended in a fight between the mayor's wife and a member of the rescue squad.

About ten citizens attended the open portion of the Tuesday board meeting, during which the council took action on two matters: The Oak Island VFW was

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A NEW FLAG FLYING over Southport is the one designating the city a "National Bicentennial Community." The banner was presented during ceremonies last Thursday at City Hall.

Ceremonies Last Thursday

Southport Is 'National Bicentennial Community'

Southport was officially designated a National Bicentennial Community during ceremonies in front of City Hall last Thursday.

The highlight came when Col. Robert S. Milner, executive director of the Wilmington bicentennial committee, presented a special flag designating Southport a National Bicentennial Community, to City Chairman William H. Crowe. Col. Milner represented the North Carolina Bicentennial Committee at the

ceremonies. Chairman Crowe then handed the special flag to members of the South Brunswick High School Color Guard, who placed it under the American flag on the pole.

Maj. Harvey C. Barnum, Jr., who delivered the featured address, called on citizens to rededicate themselves to "this glorious country of ours and the principles for which it stands".

"We must look to the future and take the challenge, and

each of us must dedicate ourselves to the cause of freedom and peace," said Maj. Barnum, who is secretary to the chief of staff, 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune.

"Democracy has never been nor never will be an easy form of government," he continued. "Because it is a government of the people, it makes each of us responsible

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Ex-Husband Charged

Teacher Slain On NB Campus

A divorced husband has been charged with murder after a North Brunswick teacher was killed in the high school parking lot last Wednesday afternoon, Sheriff Harold Willetts said.

Edward Armand "Peewee" Ganey, 28, of the Wilmington area was charged with first-degree murder after being arrested near the scene. He has been placed in jail in Southport. Ganey is charged with shooting Mrs. Cynthia Ganey, 28, in the back of her head at close range, Lt. George Reed said.

Lt. Reed said Mrs. Ganey was getting into her car in the parking lot after school was dismissed when the shooting occurred.

Deputy George Ballard, who was on duty at the school because of a recent disturbance, was directing bus traffic at the time of the shooting. He said he heard a



CYNTHIA GANEY ... file photo

shot and saw a car speed away.

Deputy Ballard said he jumped into his car, pursued

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Local Government Advises Against Move

Hospital Authority Named, Two Locals Are Selected

By BILL ALLEN
The appointment of members to the Brunswick County Memorial Hospital Authority and the naming of a personnel - purchasing director highlighted a meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners on Monday.

E.A. Britt of Leland, P.R. Hankins of Bolivia, William McDougle and Robert Howard, both of Southport, Percy Hewett and Albert Parker, both of Supply, Mason Anderson and Thurston Mintz, both of Shallotte and Clyde Raymond Babson were appointed to serve on the newly - created authority.

Earlier in the meeting the board voted, with Vice-Chairman J.T. Clemmons in opposition, to create the Brunswick County Hospital Authority after a long discussion. (See related story in this edition of The State Port Pilot).

The action was taken despite the fact the Local Government Commission opposed the creation of the authority. "I was also advised that the Local Government Commission opposed the creation of a hospital authority at this time anticipating problems in connection with the issuance of bonds," County Attorney Thomas Horne told the board in a memo.

The board adopted a resolution "hereby establishing a hospital authority ... under authority of Article 12, Chapter 131 of the General Statutes of North Carolina ... which authority is hereby invested with all the powers and duties prescribed by law."

The authority will replace the board of trustees which is "hereby dissolved and terminated."

Members of the authority were appointed, as required by law, by Chairman William Kopp, Jr. He said he received recommendations from other commissioners before making the appointments.

Terms of office will be announced at a later date.

Anderson, Hankins, Babson, Parker and Hewett all served on the old board of trustees. Britt, McDougle, Howard and Mintz are new members of the authority. John J. Childs, Jr. of Leland and James Scott Elliott of Holden Beach, members of the board of trustees, were

not appointed to the authority. In addition, Trustee Ward Fuller of Southport said he did not want to be appointed after he resigned.

L. Steven Hughes, who is serving as assistant tax supervisor, was unanimously named to the new position of personnel and purchasing director for Brunswick

County. Hughes was named to the post after the board held a 14-minute closed executive session to consider the matter. The three members of the press attending the meeting were dismissed from the room.

County Manager Neil Mallory suggested that the

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Willetts Claims Deputy Sober

Drunk Driving Charged Against On-Duty Deputy

A veteran Brunswick County deputy sheriff has been charged with drunk driving after a traffic accident in the lower end of the county Sunday. The Pilot learned this week.

Highway Patrolman W.A. Long confirmed that Deputy J. Herman Osborn, 58, has been charged with both driving under the influence and failing to decrease speed.

Long reported that Deputy Osborn, who was driving a

Sheriff's Department car and wearing his uniform at the time, ran into the back of a vehicle operated by Steven Wayne Henry of Rt. 1, Shallotte, on Highway 904 near Gause Landing about 12:30 Sunday afternoon. He estimated damages at about \$200 to each of the two vehicles.

Patrolman Long said Henry came to the magistrate's office in Shallotte about 3 o'clock

Sunday afternoon and asked him to investigate the accident. The patrolman said he happened to be in the office at the time.

He reported that Henry told him Deputy Osborn gave him (Henry) his name and left the scene after the accident.

The patrolman said he investigated the accident and charged Deputy Osborn with the two law violations late Sunday afternoon. He said the deputy made bond and was released. He is scheduled to be tried in District Court on November 20.

Patrolman Long reported that Osborn recorded .10 on the breathalyzer at 7:05 p.m. Sunday, more than six hours after the wreck.

Damages to the Sheriff's vehicle, Long noted, included a bent bumper and fender.

Patrolman Long said Deputy Osborn claimed he had something to drink after he returned to his home, located on US 17 between Thomasboro and the South Carolina line, after getting off duty.

The Pilot contacted Henry, but he would not discuss the incident on the telephone. He did say he was concerned about the early investigation

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Subtract 1 Hour

A bonus hour of sleep is due Sunday morning.

In keeping with the rule of thumb on adjusting clocks for the beginning and ending of Daylight Saving Time — "Spring, forward; Fall, back" — on Saturday night at bedtime the clock should be set back an hour.

DST officially ends at 2 a.m. Sunday at which time, if someone is yet awake, the clock should be run back to 1 a.m.

The Daylight Savings Time Energy Conservation Act was passed last year when there was a critical shortage of fuel and Congress extended daylight for the waking hours of most Americans. President Ford recently signed into law a new bill to return the country to Eastern Standard Time effective Sunday morning. Daylight Savings Time will resume February 23, 1975.

Judgement Remains In Force

County Board Must Pay 'Full Costs', Says Clerk

By BILL ALLEN
Brunswick County commissioners have to pay the full court costs involved in the Open Meetings Law injunction to remove the judgment, Clerk of Court Jack Brown told The Pilot on Tuesday.

"We will give them (board members) credit for the money they pay, but the bill will not be paid in full until all the bill of cost is collected," Brown declared.

Brown also said he considered it (the bill of cost) a judgment against the individual commissioners, and not against the Board of Commissioners and the taxpayers.

Brown, veteran Clerk of Court for Brunswick County, made his comments after the Board of Commissioners voted 3-to-1 Monday to use county funds to pay \$1,281.70 of the \$1,814.44 bill on the

recommendation of County Attorney Thomas Horne.

Commission Chairman William Kopp, Jr., who cast the negative vote, said he intended to pay one-fifth of the bill out of his own pocket.

Kopp went to the office of the Clerk of Court Monday morning and paid \$362.90, which court officials said is one-fifth of the \$1,814.44 total cost.

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners was found guilty of violating the N.C. Open Meetings Law on June 7. After rendering the judgment, Judge E. Maurice Braswell ordered the board members to pay the cost of the action.

A bill of cost totaling \$1,814.44 was presented to the board October 11. No official action was taken then, but

Chairman Kopp announced that he intended to pay one-fifth of the cost.

County Attorney Horne recommended that the board pay only \$1,644.60 of the \$1,814.44 bill of cost. He recommended that the board not pay \$163 for reimbursement for stenographic costs for answers to the interrogatories and \$6.80 to the woman who made the transcript on appeal cost.

Brown said the county cannot reduce a bill of cost once it is submitted. "A bill of cost can't be negotiated," he declared. "If the board wants the bill reduced, their attorney will have to go before a Superior Court judge in open court and make a motion in the case. The judge has the authority to reduce the bill if it is shown that something is wrong."

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Charges Pending

Speeding Cars Wreck, 1 Dies

A Dutch Village woman was killed on her birthday early Sunday morning after her car sideswiped another vehicle and crashed, the Highway Patrol has reported.

Patricia Faircloth Thomas, 20, was killed after her car crashed at a high rate of speed on Highway 211 about 1:40 a.m.

Ernie Thomas, 20, of Dutch Village and Rocky Lane Hewett, 16, of Rt. 2, Supply, passengers in the car, suffered "serious injuries" and were taken to the hospital. Another passenger, Tony Faircloth of Rt. 2, Supply, was treated and released.

James Daniel Cochran, Jr., 18, of Southport, the driver of the other car, was not injured in the accident.

Patrolman Jamie Adams of Leland, who is investigating the accident, estimated that both the Thomas and the Cochran cars were traveling at speeds up to 120 mph at the time of the accident.

He said he expected to file charges after he completes his investigation of the accident.

Patrolman Adams said Mrs. Thomas was driving west on Highway 211 at an "excessive high rate of

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