

## C.B. Jamboree On Sept. 24-26

A Citizens Band "Jamboree By-The-Sea" co-sponsored by the Oak Island C.B. Club and the Southport-Oak Island Chamber of Commerce will be held Sept. 24-26 at Long Beach.

The first annual event, which will replace "Octoberfest" as a fall attraction for the beach communities, is expected to draw between 5,000 and 10,000 weekend visitors to the area.

"We have seen the success of C.B. jamborees," said Chairman Mike Williams. "The Brunswick County C.B. Club held a similar event during the Azalea Festival and attracted several thousand persons. Last spring when we started preparing we learned that a jamboree was scheduled in the state every weekend this fall."

The co-sponsors believe the attraction of the beach will make this jamboree one of the best.

"We will have the customary displays and entertainment, but we have so much to offer that the 'Jamboree By-The-Sea' should be enjoyable for the whole family," Williams noted.

Included in the three-day schedule are children's events, a junior fishing tournament, a miniature golf tournament and dancing. "And the beach strand is only a couple hundred feet away from the jamboree site," the chairman said. Golf also is available.

The Chamber of Commerce interest in the jamboree is bringing vacationers - and therefore business - to the community.

"We have seen that C.B. activity revolves around the family," said Chamber President John Barbee. "Many will bring their campers and this helps the campgrounds; others will stay in area motels and rent cottages from realtors; they will buy groceries and other items here; and they will eat in area restaurants."

"We can see a tremendous impact on business in the area that weekend," he said.

In order to not conflict with business for area merchants the sale of concessions has been limited to refreshments by the beach C.B. club

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IMPROVEMENTS ARE being made to the Sawdust Trail intersection of NC routes 211 (extending from upper left to lower right of the photo) and 87. Work involves the widening of both routes to include turning lanes and, according to officials in the Department of Transportation, traffic signals.

## Health Board OK's Minimum Lot Sizes

Minimum lot sizes for construction have been established for the first time in the history of Brunswick County.

The action to require lots to have no less than 15,000 square feet in area to contain a septic tank was approved by members of the Brunswick County Board of Health.

The minimum lot size is contained in the 31-page "Rules and regulations governing the disposal of sewage from any residence, place of business or place of public assembly in Brunswick County." The new rules and regulations will take effect in all areas of Brunswick County on September 13, including municipalities.

"No permit shall be issued

for the installation of a septic tank system on any lot less than 15,000 square feet in area," the new regulation states.

The only exceptions are "in approved mobile home courts; where there is a corporate water system, or otherwise approved by the Health Director."

Brunswick County Health Director Richard Walker said that he plans to grant no exceptions to the new rules and regulations under his authority.

"The rules and regulations are designed to basically limit the use of septic tanks to soils that are suitable for nitrification," Walker stated.

Chief Brunswick County Sanitarian Jerry Webb, who drafted the rules and

regulations at the request of the Health board, said they "basically put in writing what we have been doing, with the exception of establishing minimum lot sizes."

Webb, who pointed out that he has been working on new rules and regulations since April, said they were comparable to state regulations.

"The General Assembly has adopted a law that says that sewage disposal systems installed improperly or in unsuitable soil or in areas too densely populated have a detrimental effect on the public health through contamination of the ground water supply, and enacted legislation in 1973 to insure the regulation of a ground absorption sewage disposal system," he explained.

Webb pointed out that most of the counties in the state have minimum lot sizes for septic tanks. Most of the minimums are 20,000 square feet.

"It (15,000 square feet) is a big jump, especially when you consider that we have never had a minimum lot size," Webb declared. "We were looking for a workable regulation for the county and I think 15,000 square feet of usable land is a workable lot. It gives more room for septic tanks on lots."

Webb said he did not believe the minimum lot size would impose a hardship on land owners in the county "although it will take getting used to it."

The minimum lot size will not apply to lots recorded at the Brunswick County Register of Deeds office before the ordinance goes into effect on September 13.

In addition to minimum lot sizes, the rules and regulations spell out the soil absorption system used in the department. A site evaluation will now include topography, soil characteristics, ground water elevation, depth to impervious strata and percolation tests. Ground water elevation and percolation

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## Swain Defends Non-Residency

Director of Purchasing and Personnel David Swain has defended his residency in New Hanover County while working for Brunswick County.

Swain, a native of Brunswick County, said he feels "sure that I pay more Brunswick County property tax than the average taxpayer. If J.K. Bradbury and Elias Sloan are taxpayers of this county please let them come forward and list their taxes so that they can be billed for same."

He said he could not find in county records where they are listed as taxpayers. "These people seem so concerned about the county taxpayers' money paying the salary of the county personnel director," Swain said in a letter addressed to the editor.

In the August 25 edition Bradbury had written a letter to the editor critical of Swain for working in the county for over a year while continuing to live in New Hanover County.

"If a place is good enough to work in, it's good enough to live in," said the Bradbury letter.

The Sloan letter the week before had raised the question of whether Brunswick County had a residency requirement for employment.

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## Financing Schools: Which Way Best?

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Brunswick County Supt. Ralph King has been instructed to investigate the best method to finance school construction needs in the county.

King was authorized during a meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education on Monday night to develop preliminary information about the financing of school construction. He said that he planned to obtain information from the state.

School board members took the action after receiving a resolution from Brunswick County commissioners. Commissioners said in their resolution that they would "accept any request for a bond issue."

Member William Sue recommended that the board delay discussion of the resolution until King had time to develop more information.

But member Franklin Randolph, Mrs. Eileen

Kellagher of Holden Beach and Mrs. Maurine Moyer of Bolivia said they believed the matter should be discussed at the meeting because of the need for schools in the county.

Randolph said he believed voters would approve a school bond issue, but that it would take hard work.

"If we tell the truth, put it on the line and provide facts and figures, it can be approved," he declared. "If we fail, we can at least say we tried. But we should let the people speak."

Mrs. Kellagher said her sixth grade daughter had headaches every day last week because of the heat in the school she was attending.

She said the county could not make much progress educating children by building one school at a time when so much work has to be done.

Sue said the school board requested a bond issue two years ago but the county commissioners rejected it.

They said at the time the pay-as-you-go system was the best approach, he pointed out.

Sue noted that the board requested \$1.5 million this year to start planning a new Shallotte school. But he said the commissioners cut the money out of the school budget.

Sue said that using both the pay-as-you-go approach and a bond issue might be the best method to finance the construction of schools. He said a study should be made to determine the best method.

Member W.T. Bowen suggested that the board consider holding a joint meeting with the commissioners to discuss the matter. He said he questioned whether voters would approve a \$10-million bond issue at this time.

Chairman Wilbur Earl Rabon said the board has shown its dedication to improve facilities during the

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## Nailheads Hold Answer To Leaky School Roofs

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The solution to the leaking roofs at the three county high schools has apparently been found, Brunswick County Board of Education members were told at a special meeting Monday night.

"Yes, I think so now," Architect Robert Sawyer told member William Sue, who asked if the roofs would stop leaking after the work was completed.

Sawyer also gave the board a report on the project to install air-conditioners in the six school cafeterias without them. He said the installation work would not be finished until October.

Sawyer told the board that the contractor on the roof project has had a number of problems since starting the work to replace the three roofs this spring.

In fact, he said the roofs still leaked, especially when heavy wind accompanied

rain storms, after they were replaced at South and West Brunswick.

An investigation was conducted and it was found that the water was going through the decks at the nail heads, Sawyer reported. "We are having to seal every nail head to solve the problem," he declared. "There is no question that it must be done."

Sawyer said the contractor originally estimated that it would cost \$11,302 per school to seal the nail heads of prevent leaking.

After doing more figuring on the price, Sawyer said the contractor has determined that the work to seal the nail heads at each school will cost no more than \$10,565.

"This is what is stopping the leaks on the roofs," Sawyer declared.

"He will do the work at costs and guarantee that the price will not exceed \$10,565 per school," the architect told the board members.

Sawyer said he has never faced a problem where a roof leaked because of the nails.

"I can't explain why the problem about the nails never came to our attention," he stated. "I have made a specific request to the manufacturer to provide us with information about the nails being used in other construction."

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He said there would be no problem with having the roof contractor, who is responsible under contract, to repair the interiors damaged by the rain.

Sawyer said the contractor has informed him that the roof and interior work at South Brunswick should be finished by the end of the week. He said a detailed inspection will be made before the work is accepted.

He said the crew working on South Brunswick will move to North Brunswick to begin major work after finishing the first school. He said the work at West Brunswick should be finished in about two weeks.

He told member W.T. Bowen that a lot of water had dropped on the West Brunswick basketball gym floor. But he said the exact damage has not been determined.

Sawyer said the contractor will not have to do as much deck work at the schools as was originally believed. He said the work will cost less than anticipated.

The architect admitted that the roofing projects at the three schools moved off to a "horrendous start" because of the rainy weather and other problems, especially since the type of shingle had to be changed.

"The first 30 days had to be used to orient the crews and get the workmanship to acceptable standards," he explained.

He said the problems have apparently been solved and the "job is moving along well now."

The board voted unanimously to approve change orders to pay the additional costs to seal the nail heads. "We want to do what is necessary to have leak-proof roofs," Chairman Wilbur Earl Rabon declared.

The board is paying the costs to have repairs made to the three roofs, which have leaked since the high schools opened four years ago. The board plans to take legal action to obtain money for the projects.

Sawyer also told the board that the air-conditioning projects for the six lunchrooms will not be completed until October.

"I feel the equipment will arrive within the next week," he reported. "I expect it will take three to four weeks to install the units. I guess we are looking at October."

Sawyer said the air-conditioning units are late arriving because they were not ordered until the first of

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## Holiday Closings

Most everybody will be closed on Monday in observance of Labor Day.

Schools, banks, savings and loan associations, and city, county and federal offices will all take the day off. The post offices will offer box service only.

## Enrollment Up; Anderson Out

School board attorney Mason Anderson was fired during a special meeting of the Brunswick County Board of Education on Monday night.

The board voted unanimously to instruct Supt. Ralph King to tell Anderson that the board "no longer desired his services."

Anderson, who is a Shallotte attorney, did not attend the meeting where he was fired.

King was also instructed to make a recommendation at the next meeting, which will be held September 13, about the employment of a new school board attorney.

Chairman Wilbur Earl Rabon said that King should request that Anderson turn over all legal matters pertaining to the school board.

The action to dismiss Anderson was taken after the board had voted unanimously to hold a closed executive session to discuss "personnel." Member - Elect Shirley Babson, who was attending the meeting, members of the public present and the press were told to leave the room while the closed session was being held.

The closed session lasted less than three minutes, and the board then voted unanimously to fire Anderson. No public reason was given for the action.

In other business, King told the board that the school system experienced one of its best opening days this year although some problems

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