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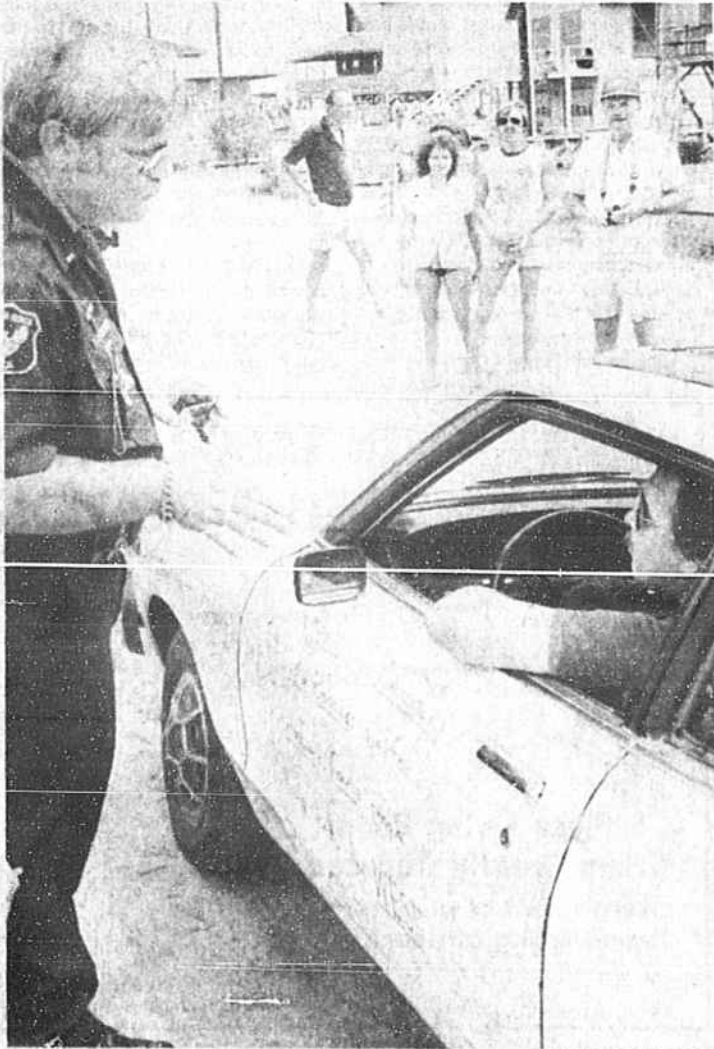
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STAFF PHOTO BY TERRY POPE

HOLDEN BEACH Police Officer George Adkins explains to Raymond Cope, driver of one of 15 cars that passed beyond the barricade Sunday, why he is assisting property owners with gathering names for trespassing warrants.

Holden Beach Protesters Face Trespassing Charges

BY TERRY POPE

Twenty-nine warrants for trespassing were filed Sunday afternoon after a caravan of protesters drove past the barricade on the west end of Holden Beach during a planned demonstration there.

Some of those participating in the protest said a second caravan and demonstration may be held this Saturday. Of the 29 persons charged with trespassing, four were permanent residents of the island while the others owned homes on the mainland.

Trial for the 29 residents has been scheduled for Sept. 16 in Brunswick County District Criminal Court. Trespassing carries a maximum fine of \$25 and/or 30 days in jail.

The warrants prepared by Magistrate Roney Cheers in Bolivia were filed by Peggy Whitley, agent of the Holden Beach Enterprises Inc.,

owners of the west end tract that has been closed to everyone but property owners and their guests.

The barricade was installed four weeks ago amid protests from motorists and those seeking access to the beach strand along the west end. Town officials have acknowledged that the state road turns into a private drive where the pavement ends.

About 30 cars began lining up at the Holden Beach Fishing Pier around 2 p.m. Sunday for the drive to the west end of the beach. Many cars had signs taped to the doors and windows, bearing such statements as, "The Lord giveth, Roberts and Griffin taketh away."

Jim Griffin Jr. and Virgil Roberts are principal partners of Holden Beach Enterprises. Griffin stated last Tuesday that if the demonstrators passed the barricade

Sunday, they would be subject to trespassing.

The warrants filed at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office charge the 29 suspects with "going upon lands in possession of Holden Beach Enterprises located at the west end of Holden Beach without a license therefor and after forbidden to do so."

"The entry and presence on the land was unlawful in that the defendant remained after being asked to leave by Forest Whitley (the gate keeper)," the warrants state.

Jeanette Roach, clerk at the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, said Tuesday all of the warrants have not been served by the department since many residents listed out-of-town addresses.

According to the documents filed, the following 29 persons are being charged with trespassing:

- Edward Paroda, P.O. Box 165, Quail Haven, Supply;
- Betty Paroda, Quail Haven, Kirby Road, Supply;
- Mary Shields Paroda, Route 3, Quail Haven, Supply;
- Larry Field Marshall, Rt. 9, Box 181A, Charlotte;
- Stratton Robert Maxey Jr., Rt. 1, Box 341A, Raleigh;
- Louise Miller, 303 Abbott Avenue, Lexington;
- Noah Riley Miller Jr., 303 Abbott Avenue, Lexington;
- Hugh Dale Stohler, 5710 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro;
- Sally Stohler, 5710 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro;
- Sarah McClendon Stohler, 5710 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro;
- Linda Patrick Nelson, 696 Pear Street, Kinston;
- Charles Snyder, Rt. 2, Box 310, (See TRESPASSERS, Page 3-A)

Local Marijuana Crop Valued Over \$200,000

BY TERRY POPE

The fall harvest season began Monday morning for the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, which collected more than \$200,000 in marijuana plants during a two-day investigation.

According to Sheriff John Carr Davis, it is possible that one or two persons will be charged with growing the marijuana plants. As of Tuesday afternoon, no charges had been filed

in the investigation.

Federal spotter planes were used to help guide Brunswick County narcotics officers to the marijuana plants. Davis said 227 plants were pulled up and confiscated by the sheriff's department on Monday and 70 marijuana plants were also found on Tuesday.

"The state's estimated street value is at \$800 per plant," Davis said. "They've found 70 so far today, but I

don't know if they'll find anymore or not."

Davis was also in the field Tuesday morning helping drug squad detectives locate the spotted marijuana plants with the help of the spotter plane above. The department conducts an annual search for the fields once the plants have matured in the fall.

"These were small plots, mostly in wooded areas," Davis said. "But

they were mature plants ranging from six to 12 feet high."

The small plots were "scattered about, pretty much all over the county," Davis said.

The value of Monday's crop exceeds \$181,000 while Tuesday's work produced more than \$56,000 in marijuana plants based on the state's street value. Davis said it will be known within several days if any charges will be filed.

School Bells Ring Tuesday As Summer's Almost Over

BY TERRY POPE

School bells will once again ring Tuesday morning, sending approximately 8,500 Brunswick County students straight from the Labor Day holidays and back to the classrooms.

Those school bells will also ring a little earlier Tuesday, at 8:15 a.m. instead of 8:30 a.m., as was last year's schedule before the state's Basic Education Program mandated 5½ hours of instructional time for all students.

Several curriculum changes, classroom projects and even a few new faces await students Tuesday to help replace their thoughts on surfing or those summer days at the beach. For county eighth-graders, several new projects highlight a revamped social studies and science curriculum, said Assistant Superintendent Ed Lemon, in charge of curriculum.

All county eighth- and seventh-graders will enroll in an integrated science course this year that also includes a segment on energy. For eighth-graders, the school system has also arranged for part of that study on energy to be conducted at the Carolina Power and Light Company's Brunswick nuclear plant in Southport, Lemon said.

Tom Corbitt, director of the Brunswick Nuclear Visitor's Center, has agreed to work with the county to provide each eighth-grade classroom an opportunity to study nuclear energy at the facility.

The addition of exploratory courses at the middle schools, which Lemon said represents "a major amount of work," will also provide seventh- and eighth-graders with something to look forward to this school year.

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Return To DSS Said 'Harder' Than Going To New Department

BY SUSAN USHER

Returning as director of the Brunswick County Social Services Department after nearly a two-year absence has been harder, says Jamie Orrock, than starting an entirely new job.

"It has been harder for me, at least," he said Monday night after attending his first board meeting since his Aug. 21 return. "It requires reorientation. You'd like to remember everything from before, but there's a void, no continuum."

Still, he said he's glad to be back—and there were indications the feeling was mutual. Monday, a sign on one wall read, "Welcome Back Mr. O."

"I'm glad I'm back," he said. "I believe I'll enjoy it now just like I enjoyed it then. I missed working with the people on the staff, in the county."

"It's challenging," he added, "and I enjoy what I do."

At Monday's meeting, the mood was optimistic, with no evidence of or references to past differences between the board and its returning director. Both expressed a willingness to work closely together and get on with the agency's responsibilities.

"Our goal is to make this department the best in North Carolina," Chairman Frankie Rabon told Orrock. "Working together, I think we can do it."

Orrock said he realized he needs

the board's help, adding later that he is impressed with members' interest and concern for the people served by DSS.

To one member appointed to the board during his absence, he said, "All I ask is a chance," to which member Louis "Bobby" Brown replied with a grin, "You've got it."

A New Start

As a returning director, Orrock is dealing with an essentially new staff because of high turnover in the department, and also a new board. Betty Varnam is the only member of the board who was serving at the time of Orrock's dismissal. She voted for his dismissal and also his reinstatement.

In a written statement Monday,

she said, "As to the action taken by the Brunswick County Board of Social Services, I, again, weighed the facts and accepted the advice of counsel."

"I am now prepared to work with the director of the Department of Social Services in any way possible and look forward to a relationship that will be in the best interest of the department and the people it serves."

Mrs. Varnam said that in each instance on the board when she has had "to weigh certain facts" and vote regarding situations involving the director's office, "I have voted what I felt was in the best interest" of the department and the people of the

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State Foresees Delay In U.S. 17 Four-Laning

BY SUSAN USHER

The next stage in the four-laning of U.S. 17 across Brunswick County to the South Carolina line may be postponed because of a shortage of funds, a state transportation official said this week.

Frank Price, in charge of long range planning for the N.C. Department of Transportation, said the four-laning of U.S. 17 from N.C. 87 at Bell Swamp (N.C. 87) to N.C. 211 at Supply may be deferred.

The \$16 million, 13.5-mile project was to begin within the year. Right-of-way for the project has already been obtained at a cost of \$2.2 million.

Price said it was "difficult to explain" the funding problem behind the proposed delay of this and other projects statewide.

He said the state had based its proposed spending on allocations from the federal government. But all the federal dollars earmarked for the state cannot be spent next year, part of budget control system at the national level that keeps the Highway Trust Fund solvent at all times as required by law, he added.

"We're caught in a 150 million dollar squeeze of having the money on the books, but not being able to spend it."

Price said projects were selected for postponement systematically, based on factors such as traffic volume, accident rates and a roadway's potential im-

pact on economic development and tourism.

"That way we could make a reasonable and logical recommendation to the board on which projects should be funded and which ones delayed," he added.

The State Board of Transportation will take final action on the recommendations at their October meeting, when members will also adopt a revised 10-year improvement plan.

"Unfortunately this one was one that did not make the cut," he said.

As Price understands the deferral, the postponement doesn't change the priority given the projects.

"It depends on the transportation improvement plan update, but we anticipate that because of the work already done on these projects they will get first priority in 1986-87," he added. "This project has not been put on the back burner in any way."

Price said the postponement of the Bolivia segment, which includes a bypass around Bolivia, could cause a delay in the Shalotte bypass.

"It may take a little longer, but we are hopeful it won't," he said. Right-of-way acquisition for the Shalotte bypass was to resume next year, with construction completed by 1988.

"The entire four-laning project will get done, but it may take a little longer to accomplish," said Price. "It's still a priority with the department."



STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

REINSTATED SOCIAL SERVICES Director Jamie Orrock accepts checks totaling \$222 for a foster children's Christmas fund presented by board member

Betty Varnam on behalf of two friends. It was Orrock's first board meeting since returning to work last Wednesday after a 22-month hiatus.