### MORE LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# System Needs Help, But Not More Money

To the editor:

On behalf of the taxpayers, I want to thank the chairman and my fellow school board members in supporting my efforts to cut out of the school board's budget those line items that are inflated, unjustifiable or unexplainable. I realize we are not getting it all, but it's a start.

I can assure you we need the money, but not until the school board gets serious about obtaining the best quality education that each child is capable of learning. As for such things as a five percent across the board raise, it may sound good for a person making \$50,000 or more, such as a principal or superintendent. But for a classroom teacher it's almost an insult; yet we expect her to turn our children into well-educated young adults with little pay, little input and little control. I don't think it will work.

I proposed a financial security program for all classroom teachers. My

board said no. Did they come up with an alternate plan? No.

I proposed a plan for obtaining quality education for all children. My board said no. Did they come up with an alternate plan? No.

I proposed a physical training program that all children could participate in. My board said no. Did they come up with an alternate plan? No.

I proposed a plan for obtaining drug-free schools. My board said no. Did they come up with an alternate plan? You guessed it, no.

I'm convinced that our school system needs help, but not more money at this time. In fact, more money at this time may do more harm than good.

I want to thank James (Jimbo) Clemmons for his loyal support on standing for what is right.

Dorothy Worth

Member, Brunswick County School Board Shallotte

## Forming New Political Party Is The Answer

To the editor:

I propose a new party because Democrats and Republicans are politicians first and representatives second. This is especially true for Brunswick County, simply because we do not have the votes to make a political impression.

elect candidates. To do so, good members would be lost in the transition to Raleigh or Washington.

Recently Brunswick County lost a bid for a new, clean industry. The Republican Administration used some lame excuses tied to finances. Not lame-cripple-because not long ago another industry located with little financial background except for government aid.

Brunswick County lost a bus manufacturing company because decisions'were made to change locations. The change from Pender County did not carry political clout. Political clout-not finances-stopped the administration from approving the move.

Well, maybe that is not too bad because many Democrats in the General Assembly appear willing to give Brunswick County a new industry. What more can we ask and really, it makes sense to locate nuclear waste dumps and incinerators here because we don't have enough votes to make any difference.

Another case: except for fourlaning to Bell Swamp, Highway 17, in this county, looks much like it did in 1945. But the power structure points with pride to a schedule showing the Shallotte by-pass, four laning to Supply, and suggest that this powerless

buy anything that grows in Raleigh or Washington. I remember an old mule I used to

plow. He wore blinders but would kick out in all directions if a presence was felt and not seen. Taking a lesson from him, I am naming my new party "The Blinders Party." Member-My new party will not be looking to ship is offered to all the helpless counties-especially Pender-rumors have it that the bus manufacturing company will probably locate in a more desirable county than either Pender or Brunswick.

> Jess Parker Supply

## Are We Going To The Dogs?

To the editor:

I can understand the big stink about the leash laws on the beaches. But what about inland?

We have dogs that run in packs of two up to seven. In the last few months we've had two bad dog attacks. One dog attacked another dog and caused it to be treated by a vet. This month a doberman atacked my husky (who was chained in my yard) and then charged a four-year-old poy and a five-year-old girl.

This isn't the first time this dog ran loose. And the pup insists on dragging clothes off everyone's lines, digging up flowers and carting off small objects out of the yards.

Why should I spend time working in my yard trying to make my home more attractive when it's destroyed by everyone's pets?



Bookmobile

Schedule Set

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Marcus Mintz, a Brunswick County native, will take over as driver of the bookmobile route, which began its schedule June 3.

Mintz has an associate degree in library science from Lenoir Community College in Kinston.

The summer schedule is as follows:

#### WEDNESDAYS

12:00-12:30, Bethel United Methodist Church, Bolivia;

12:45-1:45, County Government Complex, Bolivia;

2:15-3:00, Inland Realty, Holden Beach;

3:15-4:00, Gospel Center Baptist Church, Varnumtown;

#### THURSDAYS

1:45-2:30, Town Creek Park: 3:00-4:00, Lebanon Baptist Church, Funston:

FRIDAYS 12:00-12:45, Calabash Auto Parts, Calabash;

1:00-2:00, Carolina Shores POA: 2:15-2:45, Ocean ofrest Entrance; 3:15-4:00, Soldier Bay Baptist Church, Ash;

SATURDAYS 11:00-12:00, Olde Towne Entrance.

ease some overcrowding. Currently there is a backlog of convicted persons waiting to serve short-term and weekend time at the jail. Sheriff Davis said the unit will

house only those convicted of nonmeanors and DWIs, and young of-

Lakes-Southport area convicted earlier this year of various misdemeanors whose sentences were delayed until mid-June. "We need to keep the 17- and

18-year-olds we get separate from the

Meanwhile, the new addition will not required, but I think it's important.'

STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

Women won't be housed in the section because state law requires two locked doors between them and male offenders. They are housed in a separate area of the jail.

Except for the exterior brickwork, County Building and Grounds employees did the \$8,000 renovation, transforming a classroom into a lockup with adjoining bath. "They did an excellent job," said the sheriff.

Like other jails, the interior is bare: four bunks and an overhead TV monitor, with space for two 4-man tables that have been ordered so that meals can be served inside the unit.





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The inspection should be made this month, according to Brunswick The eight beds will bring the total fenders. available to 44, which still isn't

violent crimes, mainly misde-

FOUR BUNKBEDS and four walls will await inmates assigned to a new addition at the Brunswick County

Jail Addition To Ease Overcrowding

Jail, as shown by a jailer, Sgt. Liston Gray.

BY SUSAN USHER

Some relief is on its way for the

overcrowded Brunswick County Jail.

An eight-bed addition is ready for its

first inmates, pending a good report

from the state's chief jail inspector.

County Sheriff John Carr Davis.

enough, according to the sheriff.

"When we moved in here it was too

He anticipates jail capacity will

The Town Creek Home Extension

Club will hear a program on home

safety when it meets Monday at 9

Guest speaker will be Peggy

Bargenquast, Brunswick County

Visitors are welcome to attend.

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Health Department counselor.

need to be doubled when the county

begins its space expansion at the

Bolivia complex.

Club To Hear

Safety Program

a.m. at Town Creek Park.

big," he said. "Now it's too small."

Its first occupants may be "the Southport Seven," a group of juveniles from the Boiling Spring

county should be thankful. If there are no right-of-way problems we may be allowed to join the state after the turn of the century.

I recently heard a state official exclaim, "Oh, thank you for inviting me, now I know where Brunswick County is." That particular person lives in Craven County which must be at least 75 miles up Highway 17. Since then I have given directions to find us to a state senator's office and another state official. Both know how to get here from Myrtle Beach but not from Winston-Salem or Raleigh.

be political. We are in it for the money and will accept anything that turns a buck. Just look at the money to be made by taking New York garbage, New Hanover County sludge, and could we ever make friends with the Nuclear Waste Compact.

Now is the time to strike, our own county does not want zoning so new industries could be located anywhere and by taking the billboards away from Wilmington we could advertise anything. We will even solve the Highway 17 problem. That right-ofway land is too valuable to be wasted on a road. If DOT will advance money saved, we can start building our industrial and political dumps immediately.

The real benefit of my new party is that we don't care about mundane issues such as water quality, transportation or clean industry. Why should we? Our political leaders teach us that only those with clout are important, and we do not have that commodity. So we propose to make Brunswick County a dump and really clean up by collecting money. Now friends, that is real clout, With enough of that commodity we could

I guess we're all just going to the dogs!

Carla Wilson Shallotte Point

### Church Did Not **Sponsor Ticket Sale** To the editor:

For the record, let me report an inadvertent error in the article last week about the square dance to benefit Hospice, the volunteer pro-Nope, my new party is not going to gram to help the terminally ill.

> Ladies of the Grace Baptist Church are active in supporting Hospice and other programs in Brunswick County to help those in need. However, the Grace Baptist Church, as an institution, did not sponsor the sale of tickets for the dance, as reported in the recent article.

> > Merle Hardee Shallotte

## **Hospital Praised**

To the editor:

I would like to congratulate Brunswick County on the fine medical facilities and doctors they have.

My father was a patient in Brunswick Hospital at Supply for 17 days. During his stay, he was treated with utmost care. Also, they strive to make their visitors very comfortable and welcome.

I have the highest regard for every employee at this facility. I have never seen a more dedicated group of professionals.

> Carolyn Floyd Charleston, S.C.

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