

## King Memorial Program To Feature Civil Rights Film

A program honoring the birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be held Jan. 18 at the Public Assembly Building in Bolivia.

The event, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., is sponsored by the Black Cultural Awareness Committee of the Southport-Brunswick County Branch of the NAACP, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Spokesman Linda M. Green said the program will feature a film, "Happy Birthday Dr. King!," produced by the McDonald Foundation and presented by Fred McCree, director of the Heritage House Center for African Studies in Wilmington. Its theme is the civil rights movement and Dr. King's role. Children will tell of the movement from Montgomery to Memphis through recitation and poetry. Also featured in the film are Full Force, Run D-M-C, Stevie Wonder, Andrew Young, Willie Tyler & Lester, and the Ebenezer Baptist Church Choir.

The public is invited; there is no admission charge. Refreshments will be provided by the sponsoring corporation.

Cultural awareness books will be available courtesy of a Wilmington bookstore.

## Calabash To Advertise For Water System Bids

**BY DOUG RUTTER**

Following a 25-minute executive session Monday, Calabash Town Council authorized Mayor Doug Simmons to sign a work specification contract allowing the town to accept bids for its water system.

The executive session was requested by Town Attorney Mike Ramos to discuss contractual matters pertaining to the system.

Also Monday, consulting engineer Alan Lewis presented council members with state-approved plans. The plans call for a county water line extension to Ivey High Road, Oak Street and Nance Street, which fall under Phase I, as well as extension of lines to Riverview Drive which has been planned for the next phase.

Before reviewing final water system plans with council, Lewis presented letters to the board members which he said contained two separate estimates for bids, for Phase I and for the entire planned project.

"I think it would be wise to keep this information confidential at least until we accept the bids," said Lewis. "Contractors would love to get their hands on this information."

Council is expected to open bids and award the contract at its Jan. 25 meeting.

**Hughes Appointed**

In other business Monday, council filled one of six vacancies on the town planning board.

The town appointed Tink Hughes to serve as one of three board members residing within the town's extrajurisdictional area (e.t.a.).

Currently, there are only two other members on the planning board, Bob Crocker and Betty Weidmaier. Crocker also lives within the e.t.a., while Mrs. Weidmaier resides within the town limits.

**Certification Needed**

Also Monday, council took no action despite the possibility of being without a building inspector on Jan. 16.

Bill Dunker, who was hired as building inspector two years ago with a probationary certificate, is required to pass a state certification exam if he wishes to continue serving the town.

Town Clerk Janet Thomas said the

town will have to hire another inspector, possibly on a temporary basis, if Dunker has not been certified by Saturday.

Dunker said he could pass the exam, but would have to travel to Raleigh at a time when the certification is offered.

**Grants Discussed**

Council also heard from Clerk Janet Thomas Monday that approximately \$15 million in state grants will be available in fiscal year 1988 for water and sewer projects and agreed that the town should look into these funds as applications become available.

Referring to the monies, Mrs. Thomas said, "We need to get our foot in the door."

Mayor Simmons said the town should again request the assistance of State Rep. E. David Redwine and Sen. R.C. Soles, who made unsuccessful attempts last year to secure \$100,000 for the town water system.

**Other Business**

In other business Monday, council:

- Heard from Mrs. Thomas that as of Jan. 7, 62.5 percent of the 1987 town taxes had been collected. She said the rate was about the same at this time last year, when the town ended up collecting more than 90 percent of the taxes.

- Heard from Mrs. Thomas that the council needs to appoint someone to work with consulting engineer Ken Weeden and Coastal Management Field Representative Haskell Rhett in developing the town's land use plan. She said it could be someone on the town council, planning board or any interested and knowledgeable citizen.

- Appointed John High as the council's fifth member (See related story this issue.)

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### Largest Tax Check Received

Carolina Power & Light Co., which operates the Brunswick Nuclear Plant near Southport, paid its \$4.2 million county tax bill for 1987 on Jan. 5. The payment was some \$400,000 more than the 1986 payment and is the county's largest single tax payment. Presenting

the check (from the left) are Victor Horrell, CP&L Wilmington Area Business Manager, and David E. Kelly, director of community relations, Brunswick Plant. Accepting it are Nancy Moore, county tax collector, and John Smith, county manager.

## Blaze Totals Leland Home

Four persons escaped injury last week in a fire that destroyed a Leland area home.

Leland volunteer firemen were called to the Elores Waddell residence on Old Fayetteville Road last Thursday at 9:22 p.m., according to Chief Mike Thomas.

Thomas said the roof of the wood frame house had fallen in and the structure was fully involved in flames by the time firefighters arrived on the scene.

"There was nothing left to save of the house," Thomas said.

As a result, firemen worked to keep the blaze from spreading to three mobile homes located only 20 to 30 feet from the burning house, he said.

No damage was reported to the mobile homes.

"We kept the trailers cooled down and concentrated our efforts there until we had our water supply set up," he said, noting that firefighting efforts continued for over two hours.

Thomas said Mrs. Waddell, her daughter and two grandchildren were at home when the fire started.

According to Thomas, the children reported hearing "a cracking noise"

and then discovered the blaze in a rear section of the house. The four fled the house and called the fire department from a neighbor's residence.

Thomas said the cause of the fire was undetermined due to the extent of damage. "The house was so far gone, we couldn't determine where the fire started," he said.

Heavy rainfall and icy road conditions last Thursday night slowed the fire department's response to the fire call by about five minutes. However, the inclement weather was not "a major problem," Thomas said.

## Town Creek Slates Dinner

Town Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad will hold a dinner on Saturday, Jan. 16, starting at 11 a.m.

The menu will feature a choice of fried chicken, potato salad, green beans and rolls, or barbecued pork, cole slaw, candied yams and hushpuppies. Plates are \$3.50 each.

Proceeds benefit the rescue squad, said Laura Coulter, secretary.

The squad building is located on U.S. 17 at its intersection with N.C. 87 south in Winnabow.

## Child Behavior Seminar's Topic

A Jan. 16 seminar offered by the Small Business Center at Brunswick Community College will deal with managing children's behavior in a preschool setting.

The instructor will be Stephanna Tewey of Learning Links at Long Beach.

Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. There is no charge; the seminar is provided through a state grant to the center.

For more information contact the center's director, Velva Hall, at 754-6960, ext. 146.

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