

State Transportation Board Awards Resurfacing Contract

BY DOUG RUTTER

The state Board of Transportation Friday awarded a contract for the resurfacing and shoulder paving of 22.8 miles along U.S. 17.

The stretch from N.C. 87 to the South Carolina state line will be improved by Dickerson Carolina Inc. of Castle Hayne at a cost of about \$1.1 million.

According to Tommy Peacock, N.C. Department of Transportation highway design branch manager, work should begin later this month and be completed by Aug. 15.

Meanwhile, grading and drainage work continues on the southern half of a bypass around Shallotte which is part of a 40-mile, \$50 million four-laning project through all of Brunswick County.

Clearing work is underway for the southern 2.32 miles of the bypass, from Mulberry Street south to near Old Shallotte Road.

Vecellio and Grogan Inc. of Buckley, W.Va., should be completed with the preliminary work by November. The grading contract was awarded last fall for slightly more than \$1.5 million.

A work contract for grading and drainage for the northern 2.48 miles

of the Shallotte bypass should be awarded in July. The state estimates the cost of this work at \$1.9 million.

Peacock said a contract for the paving of the entire bypass should be awarded in January of 1990. The state estimates that paving of the 4.81-mile bypass will cost about \$4 million.

He said the bypass could be open to traffic before the end of 1990.

In other business pertaining to the Shallotte bypass, right-of-way has been acquired for the rest area/visitor information center to be constructed near the bypass on N.C. 130.

A contract for the \$1.1 million facility should be awarded in early 1990 with completion scheduled for later that year.

Other local projects in the state's Transportation Improvement Plan which calls for the completion of four-laning of U.S. 17 through Brunswick County by 1994, include another bypass around Bolivia.

Construction of this bypass should begin next winter with paving expected to start in the winter of 1990. Completion of the 7.3-mile stretch, estimated at a total cost of \$11.2 million, is expected in 1992.

Four-laning of U.S. 17 from the South Carolina state line north to the Shallotte bypass is scheduled to begin in the fall of 1991, with completion expected in the second half of 1993.

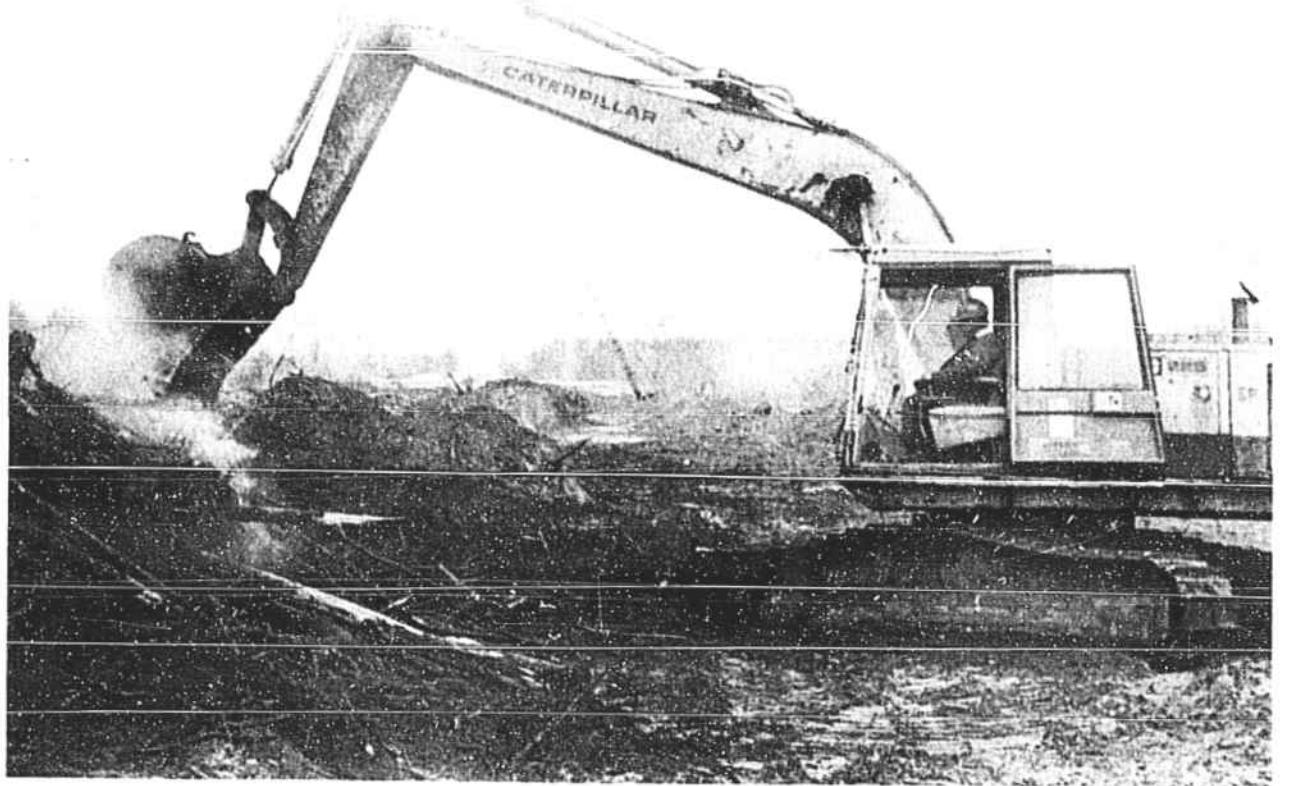
The total cost of this project, which includes 11.6 miles of roadway, has been estimated at \$17.6 million. Acquisition of right-of-way alone, which should begin this fall, should cost the state about \$6.4 million.

North of the Shallotte bypass, highway widening of the 5.18 miles of U.S. 17 south of N.C. 211 at Supply is scheduled to start in the winter of 1990 and be completed in the spring of 1993.

The cost of this segment, including right-of-way acquisition, is estimated at \$6.9 million.

Four-laning of the 1.8 miles between N.C. 211 and the Bolivia bypass, estimated at \$2.6 million, is scheduled to begin next fall and should be completed in 1990.

The 4.5 miles north of the Bolivia bypass to the existing four-lane highway where N.C. 87 intersects U.S. 17 should be completed in the fall of 1991. This project should cost about \$4.1 million.



WORKER Robert Johnson moves debris with a backhoe last week as clearing continued for the U.S. 17 bypass around Shallotte. Grading and drainage for the southern part of the bypass, from Mulberry Street south, should be completed this fall. Preliminary work for the remainder of the bypass will begin this summer.

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Winnabow Man Charged In Weekend Shooting

BY RAHN ADAMS

A sheriff's department spokesman said Monday an argument between two brothers-in-law resulted in the weekend shooting death of a Boiling Spring Lakes man in the Town Creek area.

Elbert Keith Robbins, 30, of Winnabow, was released Monday from the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department on \$50,000 secured bond, according to Detective Douglas "Sonny" Padgett.

He was charged Saturday with murder in connection with the shotgun slaying of William Gordon Nance, 33, of Elm Street, Boiling Spring Lakes, according to Brunswick County Sheriff's Detective Nancy Simpson.

Ms. Simpson said the shooting occurred Saturday around 2 a.m. in a wooded area off Lee Buck Road near

Town Creek. Nance, who was struck by a 12-gauge shotgun blast under the chin, was dead on the scene.

Robbins, Nance and at least three other men were sitting around a bonfire "drinking beer and talking" when an argument erupted between the brothers-in-law, Ms. Simpson said. Robbins' sister was Nance's wife.

Witnesses told the detective that Nance cut Robbins on the shoulder with a knife, which prompted Robbins to retrieve a shotgun from his pickup truck.

"According to witnesses, he (Robbins) went to his truck, got his shotgun, fired a shot into the air and told him (Nance) not to cut him again," Ms. Simpson said.

Witnesses reported that Nance then lunged at Robbins with the knife and cut him again in the shoulder

area immediately prior to the shooting. Ms. Simpson said Robbins told her that the shotgun discharged accidentally.

One of the witnesses went to a nearby residence and called the Town Creek Volunteer Rescue Squad, which in turn notified the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department of the incident at 2:15 a.m.

Robbins was taken by rescue squad ambulance to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply, where he required stitches for the two knife wounds.

Following his release from the hospital early Saturday, Ms. Simpson transported him to the sheriff's department for questioning and charged him with the murder. He was jailed without bond pending his first court appearance, which was Monday.

New York Murder Suspect Apprehended In Shallotte

BY RAHN ADAMS

Local lawmen Monday arrested the suspect in a New York City murder case after receiving a tip that the man was staying in the Shallotte area.

Michael Mayes, 20, of New York, N.Y., was taken into custody Monday night at a Mulberry Street residence, according to Brunswick County Sheriff's Lt. Jimmy Bryant.

Being held in the Brunswick County Jail without bond, Mayes confessed early Tuesday to the Feb. 23 machine-gun murder of a 15-year-old

girl in Brooklyn, N.Y., Bryant said.

Mayes made his first court appearance Tuesday in Bolivia and waived extradition to New York, Bryant said. The suspect was charged here on a fugitive warrant for attempted murder in a separate New York case.

The detective added that New York Police, who also hold a murder warrant for Mayes in connection with the Feb. 23 shooting, were expected to transport the suspect back to New York on Wednesday (March 16).

According to Bryant, the sheriff's department Monday received information from a "reliable source" that Mayes was staying at a Mulberry Street residence outside the Shallotte city limits. Bryant declined to identify the local individual with whom Mayes lived for 10 days, but stated that the suspect has no relatives here.

Mayes—using the aliases "Trooper Mike" and "Jerome Varn"—came to Shallotte from New York on March 5. The suspect was accompanied by Leon Antonio Dillard, 17, also of New York, who Bryant said was an eyewitness to the Feb. 23 murder. No charges were filed against Dillard.

After obtaining the fugitive arrest warrant and a search warrant, about 10 officers from the sheriff's department, Shallotte Police Department and the SBI converged on the residence Monday around 5:45 p.m. and made the arrest.

Bryant said Mayes attempted to escape by jumping out a window, but was taken into custody by lawmen waiting outside. No further trouble was reported.

The detective said Mayes was unarmed at the time of his arrest, although lawmen seized a .38-caliber handgun during a search of the residence.

GOP Convention—

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Williams directed his delegates with arm motions and quick conferences at one side of the public assembly hall at the county complex. His strategy involved several parliamentary maneuvers that included having the first two nominations of delegates from the floor ruled "out of order" because they had not been "seconded;" a "substitute motion" offering in their stead a list of 44 names; and "calling the question" for vote on his slate of nominees before other nominations could be made—and without nominations having been formally closed.

"I've never seen such a thing in my life," an unidentified Shingletree Precinct delegate told the group.

Delegates rejected the 44-name list 61-59 on their roll call vote. The first vote was invalid because of questions regarding the votes each precinct was eligible to cast.

They then approved on a 124-1 roll call vote a slate of 44 persons who had been nominated one at a time.

However, that list is still subject to change. Lynelle Cox said Sunday that officers had begun checking to ensure that all those elected were eligible, a process that could take up to a week.

In choosing 44 alternates—who serve as delegates should any of the delegates not be able to attend the district or state conventions—Dozier broke with standard procedure, with the convention's approval. He first allowed each precinct to nominate two alternates each, then had delegates draw the names of eight

precincts which were allowed to fill the remaining slots. It was earlier proposed that township chairmen be allowed to complete the nominations, a motion defeated vocally on Williams' direction.

While stressing throughout the meeting a goal of fairness, midway the meeting, Dozier shook his head in good humor and commented, "We're really going by parliamentary procedure today... It's been a lively convention."

Administration Boosted

In his remarks Harrelson, a Southport businessman, cited the accomplishments of Gov. Jim Martin's administration in areas such as economic development, the environment and transportation, and defended what he termed "unjust criticism" by the media of Martin's environmental program, telling the 200 to 250 attendees, "Don't believe everything you read; it ain't always so."

In his remarks, Chairman Dozier noted the steadily increasing GOP registration in the county and encouraged local Republicans to get out the vote. He said a 69 percent turnout of those registered as Republicans, plus an 18 percent crossover vote of conservative Democrats is needed in November. "With that," he predicted, "we'll put everybody in office."

Four Arrested In ALE Raids Near Shallotte

BY RAHN ADAMS

Four local residents were arrested on alcohol charges over the weekend after local and state authorities raided two establishments near Shallotte.

Large quantities of alcoholic beverages were confiscated Saturday around 9 p.m. at The Joint on Airport Road and Freeman's Club on Mulberry Street, said Pam Hunt, a drug officer with the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department.

The raids were conducted by officers from the Alcohol Law Enforcement (ALE) office in Wilmington, Brunswick County Sheriff's Department, Shallotte Police Department and New Hanover County Sheriff's

Department, she said.

According to search warrants on file at the Brunswick County Clerk of Court's office, ALE agents had been investigating the possible illegal sale of alcohol at the establishments since early February, as a result of complaints from citizens and local law enforcement officers.

Adolph Garfield Holmes, 47, and Leroy Holmes, 18, both of Airport Road, were arrested at The Joint.

Each was charged with possessing taxpaid alcoholic beverages for illegal sale and resisting a public officer. Adolph Holmes also was charged with possessing liquor where its possession or consumption was

unauthorized. Both were released from custody on \$500 unsecured bonds.

Freeman Hankins, 30, of Shallotte, and Yvonne Marie Blue, 28, of Mulberry Street, Shallotte, were arrested at Freeman's Club.

Each was charged with possessing taxpaid alcoholic beverages for illegal sale. Ms. Blue also was charged with selling an alcoholic beverage without a permit. Both were released on \$200 unsecured bonds.

All four defendants are scheduled to appear in court on the charges May 4.

According to the search warrants, an ALE agent conducted an undercover investigation at both establishments on Feb. 5 and Feb. 19.

Also, on Feb. 27, Brunswick County Sheriff's deputies responded to a fight at Freeman's Club and uncovered 33 bottles of liquor and 13 cases of beer after obtaining a warrant to search the premises.

Normal Weather Is Forecast

Temperatures and rainfall should be near normal over the next few days in the Shallotte area, said Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Daytime temperatures near 60 degrees and overnight lows near 40 are expected, along with about one-half inch of rainfall.

For the period of March 8 through 13, Canady recorded a daily average temperature of 57 degrees, which

was five degrees above normal.

The average daily high temperature was 68 degrees, and the average daily low temperature was 46 degrees.

Canady said the maximum high temperature of 72 degrees occurred on March 10, while the minimum low of 32 degrees was recorded March 12.

He measured 1.11 inches of precipitation in the Shallotte area during the five-day period.

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