Utility Board Recommends **Three New Water Projects**



LANDING TWO RESIDENT Jim Smart questions UOB members Monday about plans for SAD 8.

More Rainfall **Expected Here**

Above average rainfall but seasonable temperatures are expected over the next few days in the Shallotte area, according to Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady.

Canady said rainfall through the weekend should measure about an inch, which is about one-quarter of an inch above normal. Temperatures should range from around 70 at night to the upper 80s during the day.

During the period of Aug. 16 through 22, the daily average temperature was 81 degrees, which Canady said was two degrees above normal. The daily average high temperature was 90 degrees, and the daily average low temperature was 73 degrees.

The maximum high temperature during the period was 93 degrees, occurring on Aug. 18. The minimum low temperature was 70 degrees, occurring on Aug. 16 and 22.

Canady measured 1.33 inches of rainfall during the seven-day period.

BY RAHN ADAMS

After hearing mostly positive comments from property owners Monday night, the Brunswick County Utility Operations Board voted to recommend that the county proceed with three special assessment district (SAD) water projects located in the Calabash area.

The projects include SAD 8 (Shady Forest, Landing Two and Landing Three), SAD 10 (Calabash Acres south of N.C. 179) and SAD 11 (Pine Bur Acres and Carlyle Acres).

More than 100 property owners in the three SADs turned out for the three 30-minute public hearings Monday night in Bolivia. UOB members Ed Gore, Ernest McGee, Alfonza Roach and Robert Nubel were present, while Bill English, Morris Crouch, Jimmy Oldham and Frankie Rabon were absent.

The UOB's unanimous decision to recommend the projects came during a 30-minute special meeting following the public hearings. The meeting included a 15-minute executive session requested by Planning Director John Harvey to discuss "possible land interest acquisition."

After the closed session, the board voted to recommend to commissicners that UOB Attorney Mike Ramos be authorized to make offers for several water line easements in SAD 6, which is located in the Whispering Heights/Water Wonderland areas.

In other action taken Monday, the utility board voted to recommend that commissioners award the contract for the SAD 5 (Ocean Pine Acres) project to low-bidder W & S Underground Inc. of Florence, S.C.

W & S Underground's \$82,725.60 bid was almost \$29,000 below the second lowest bid. Engineer Jay Houston also stated that the company's bid was considerably lower than an original \$107,000 estimated project

All three UOB recommendations will be presented to commissioners at the county board's Sept. 6 meeting.

During the public hearings Monday, property owners had mainly two questions: When will the water be available, and how much will it cost? Only two of the 26 speakers expressed outright opposition to the water projects. Both were residents of Pine Bur Acres.

Board members and the UOB staff explained that the projects will take at least six months to complete before their final costs are known and assessments can be tallied.

However, officials noted that the respective assessment rates in the county's first two SADs were \$6.64 and \$6.51 per foot of frontage.

If the commissioners decide to proceed with the new projects, a second public hearing will be held for each district after the projects are completed and before assessments are



The ruling stated that Sunset

Beach and Twin Lakes "shall im-

mediately and forthwith remove any

and all barricades or other im-

pediments restricting in any way the

use by plaintiffs or other members of

the public of Sunset Boulevard to the

ocean." However, Trest said Monday

that no changes would be made on

the property "until there's been a

final ruling (after appeal) or another

MOTORISTS on Ocean Boulevard at Holden Beach found the going a little difficult Sunday afternoon when a severe thunderstorm dumped 1.1 inches of rain on the Shallotte area in just under an hour. Stormwater stood several inches deep between Boyd and Roger streets, where this photo was taken.

Some 40 dredge spoil islands along Six mosquito control trucks began Paine Sentenced

sprays the Waccamaw, Sea Trail and Seaside areas.

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the most common species here, he

Hickman said mosquitoes can lay

anywhere from 100 to 400 eggs at a

time. The eggs hatch five to 10 days

after they are exposed to warm

water. If uncontrolled, two mos-

quitoes can turn into more than 2,000

What they need to reproduce,

besides water, is food. "Along the

coast-our most populated

area-there's nothing else for them

to eat but people," Hickman said.

larger the mosquito population is."

'The more food that's available, the

in only a matter of weeks, he said.

a probationary sentence, supported by statements filed noting assistance rendered by Paine to area residents, while the prosecution requested an indeterminate prison sentence, with the length the prerogative of the judge.

In prosecuting the case, Carpenter argued that the cases introduced as evidence in court were a "representative sampling" of conduct over a period of several years. The defense claimed that the incidents were mistakes or the actions of office employees, an argument rejected by both the jury and again Monday by Judge Britt.

Britt specifically allowed Paine to be reached for comment Tuesday. report to a women's prison within the federal system as designated by the Bureau of Prisons, on 12 noon at a date to be set by the U.S. Marshal's Service.

Citing possible medical needs of their client, the defense has requested that Paine be assigned to the Federal Women's Facility in Lexington, Ky., with Judge Britt concurring in his recommendation.

The charges against Paine stemmed from a joint investigation begun in

July 1986 by Carpenter's unit and the Office of Investigations of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Greensboro. Approximately two dozen former patients were called as witnesses by the prosecution.

MOSQUITO CONTROL SUPERVISOR Rick Hickman (right) talks with truck driver Charles Long, who

the Brunswick County coast are

prime breeding spots for mosquitoes.

Hickman spotchecks all of the areas,

and when they contain water, he

treats them with Malathion to kill

"If you miss one of them (spoil

areas), you're going to populate a much larger area," he said,

remembering a Friday afternoon

earlier this month when his truck

broke down before he could treat a

spoil island near Holden Beach. By

the following Monday, his office was

swamped with complaints from

Holden Beach area residents.

mosquito larvae.

Also testifying was former Paine employee Sharon Hewett, who pleaded guilty in February 1987 to mail fraud in a plea bargain agreement in which she agreed to testify against

A date for her sentencing has not

been set, Carpenter said Tuesday. Paine was represented by Raleigh attorney David Long, who could not

Mosquito Problem Depends On Rain spot-spraying the county in April. The two full-time and four part-time truck drivers began making regular rounds of the county in mid-June.

STAFF PHOTO BY RAHN ADAMS

Hickman said his department this year has sprayed 880 gallons of a 91-percent Malathion solution and 175 gallons of a 57-percent Malathion solution, at a total cost of about \$19,825 for the chemical alone.

He noted that residents can help his department out by getting rid of old tires or other objects that often hold stagnant water. Also, individuals should be sure to empty buckets and other containers where mosquitoes

Landfill Schedule To Change Sept. 5

The Brunswick County Landfill and all solid waste transfer stations will return to regular operating hours next month.

According to Landfill Director Leo Hewett, the facilities will be open Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., beginning Monday, Sept. 5.

Hewett said the landfill and transfer stations have opened an hour earlier and closed an hour later during the summer months in order to make the facilities more accessible.

Judge Rules Lot Is Public

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The developer filed a second withdrawal of the property shortly after last November's trial, due to questions that were raised concerning the 1958 plat and whether or not the 1970 withdrawal was premature. Law requires a 15-year waiting period for withdrawal.

However, Briggs' ruling states that both withdrawals "are void and without legal effect in that the property in question was not unused or adandoned for a period of 15 years or more . . . " The public used the lot for beach access through 1987, the judge said.

Briggs also dismissed the company's claim of ownership through adverse possession. "That other than putting up the fence (for stabilization) as required by governmental agency in 1976, the defendant has not 'used' the property subject of this lawsuit since 1976."

The judge pointed out that Gore's federal application in 1976 to stabilize the lot listed "to provide muchneeded additional public and business parking" as the purpose for the stabilization work.

In addition, Briggs answered the defendant's claim that dedication of the street right-of-way was never officially accepted by noting that "the plaintiffs were purchasers of lots at Sunset Beach . . . by reference to the 1958 plat, and they, therefore, accepted the offer of dedication of Sunset Boulevard to the ocean south of Main Street." Briggs did not mention the town council's 1970 resolution in his ruling.

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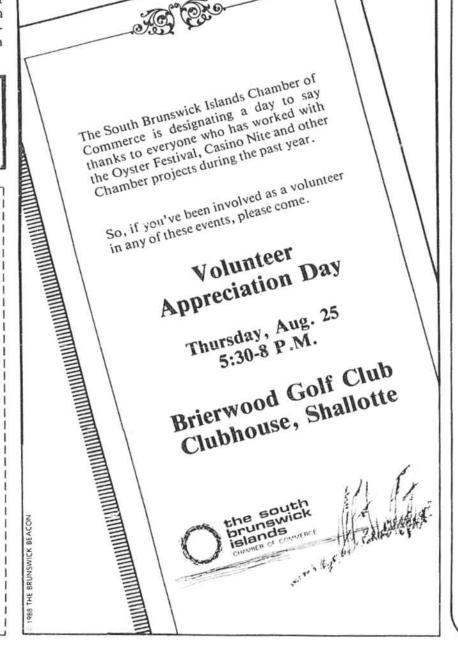
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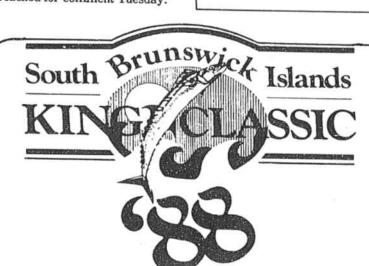
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