

Motorist Helps Woman Escape

A Raleigh resident reported that another motorist helped her and her son escape from a hitchhiker who assaulted them in northern Brunswick County. For the details, see Page 5-A.

Calabash Results Are In

Calabash residents say growth management should be the top priority over the next 10 years and that they support higher taxes to preserve the Calabash River. See Page 7-B.



Redwine Reflects On Session

State Rep. David Redwine reflects on the state General Assembly's "short" summer session that just ended in Raleigh, calling it "more frustrating and less fun." For the story, see Page 7-A.

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State Prepared To Issue Permit For New Marina

BY DOUG RUTTER

The state apparently will allow construction of a marina on the Lockwood Folly River that has been opposed by local fishermen and conservationists since it was proposed more than two years ago.

The N.C. Division of Coastal Management is prepared to issue a permit that would open the doors for construction of an upland basin marina as part of the Lockwood Folly golf course development near Holden Beach, said John Parker, the division's chief of permitting.

"The file is relatively clean of objections," Parker said. "It's just a matter of fine tuning it." Parker said Tuesday there's a "good possibility" a major development permit will be issued this week.

Channel Side Corp., developers of Lockwood Folly, would be permitted to build 26 boat slips and one boat ramp, which is a scaled-down version of the company's original plans submitted to the state.

Annie Smigiel, president of the

conservation group Save Our Shellfish, is one of four area residents who sent a letter to the state opposing the marina, Parker said.

In the letters, Parker said the people objected to the proposed marina because they're afraid it will harm water quality in the Lockwood Folly River.

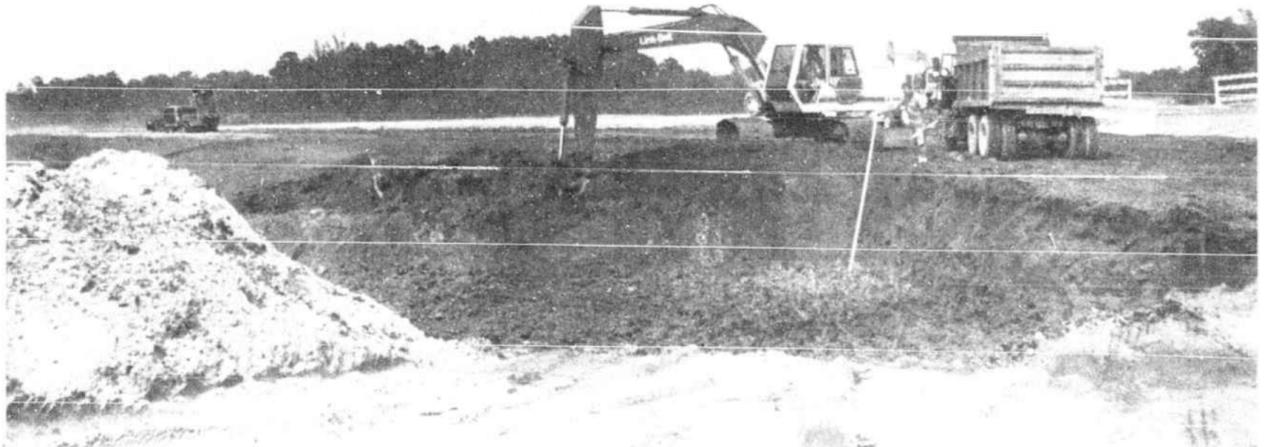
When notified of the impending permit decision Tuesday, Mrs. Smigiel said she wasn't surprised at the outcome. She said it had a lot to do with politics and money.

"I kinda figured they would get it in the end," she said. "They have more money than anybody else. I think it's just opening up the door for a bigger marina."

Channel Side turned in its original CAMA permit application in April 1988 with plans to build a private 50-slip marina and dry storage area.

Local fishermen, however, objected to the proposal, because plans called for the marina to be

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STAFF PHOTO BY SUSAN USHER

WORKERS for Propst Construction Co. of Concord undercut the roadway at the south end of the Shallotte by-pass at Old Shallotte Road. They are removing unsuitable "gumbo" and clay and filling the hole with dirt suitable to supporting the highway. James Burris, at right, is measuring for the proper slope. Rodger Bridgers is the equipment operator. The two said that end of Old Shallotte Road will not be closed off to traffic until after September.

U.S. 17 Dream Still At Least 3 Years From Becoming Reality For Brunswick

BY BOB HORNE

Imagine U.S. 17 as a four-lane highway from Wilmington to the South Carolina line, with by-passes around Shallotte and Bolivia.

That dream, which many people have had for many years, could be reality within three years, according to officials with the state Department of Transportation.

Actually, much of that work is scheduled for completion next year. The job is broken down into seven separate projects, with three in progress, a fourth that was scheduled to begin this week and three others in which rights of way are still being purchased and which apparently are at least three years away from com-

pletion.

By the end of next year, U.S. 17 should be four lanes from Wilmington to Supply and by-passes around Shallotte and Bolivia are scheduled to be completed. But four-laning U.S. 17 between Supply and the Shallotte by-pass, and south of the Shallotte by-pass probably is at least three years away, according to DOT officials.

Following are the seven projects and the current status of each, southward from Bell Swamp.

•Four-laning U.S. 17 from Bell Swamp to Bolivia, 4 1/2 miles. The contractor is Dickerson-Carolina of Castle Hayne. The bid was recently let and work was scheduled to begin

this week, with a scheduled completion date of Dec. 1, 1991.

•Bolivia by-pass, in which the grading, which is being done by W.E. Blackman Construction of Smithfield, is approximately 50 percent complete, according to DOT Assistant Resident Engineer Allen Pope.

Paving for the approximately seven-mile stretch, which will meet U.S. 17 near the county landfill, will be let when the grading is com-

pleted, Pope said. The original April 15, 1991 completion date for the grading of the project has been revised to June 1, 1991, because the contractor is behind, Pope said.

•Four-laning U.S. 17 from the Bolivia by-pass to Supply, approximately two miles. The contractor is C.M. Lindsay and Sons Inc. of Lumberton. The job is approximately 45 percent complete, according to Pope. "We're scheduled to

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Hurricane Bertha Causes Minor Beach Erosion

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BY DOUG RUTTER

Hurricane Bertha caused only minor beach erosion in Brunswick County when she passed off the North Carolina coast over the weekend, but county and town officials kept a close eye on her just the same.

"Even though it was only a category 1 storm, I tracked it and watched it real, real close," said Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan.

Beach town officials also kept tabs on Bertha, a minor hurricane but the first one of the season to threaten the Atlantic coast.

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Residents Giving New Recycling Centers A Workout

BY DOUG RUTTER

Two recycling centers that opened in southwestern Brunswick County in the last two months are getting a good workout.

Residents have responded in a big way to recycling collection trailers set up at Holden Beach and Calabash. Organizers say people have been hauling a steady stream of old newspapers, aluminum and plastic beverage containers and other recyclables to the centers.

"It's been fantastic," said Carole Rogers, who is assisting with the voluntary recycling effort at Holden Beach. "We've had a tremendous response, especially from the tourists."

Tractor trailers furnished by Bush Recycling of Florence, S.C. have been parked near Holden Beach and Calabash. The trailers are full of bins marked for different types of recyclable items. Volunteers at each location help people sort their recyclable items and place them in the correct bins.

The trailer in the Holden Beach area, which is sponsored by the Holden Beach Ladies' Club, is located on N.C. 130 East next to Video USA, about one-fourth mile west of the Holden Beach causeway.

It's open each Saturday from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. Organizers plan to open it another day during the week one day during the week, Ms. Rogers said.

"There's just a constant flow of people when we're open," she said. "If we could open during the week, I think we'd get twice as much stuff."

Ms. Rogers said the trailer has been used mostly by residents within a 10-mile radius since it opened June 30. People from Holden Beach, Shallotte, Supply and Varnamtown have taken advantage of the collection site, she said, as well as many people who are just visiting the area.

"A lot of people who come down here on vacation have told us



STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER

CAROLE ROGERS dumps a bag of glass containers into a box at the Holden Beach Ladies' Club Recycling Center Saturday. It's one of two recycling centers in southwestern Brunswick County that have opened recently.

they're glad they don't have to take their recyclables back with them," Ms. Rogers said. "They've changed their attitudes and behavior about throwing everything away."

The most common items dropped off at the center have been newspapers, clear glass containers, aluminum cans and plastics, Ms. Rogers said.

Gere Dale, co-chairman of the recycling program at Carolina Shores in Calabash, said more than 300 families are participating in the effort after less than two months of operation.

Dale said approximately 350 of the 500 families in Carolina Shores are recycling, based on a checklist at the recycling trailer. Also, between 20 and 25 families outside

of the golf course community are recycling.

"It's been super so far," Dale said. "We're just extremely gratified by the response we've had."

Organizers hope the response from Carolina Shores households will be even better, as a result of a recent telephone campaign. "We expect to get at least 90 percent based on the telephone conversations and follow-ups we've had with people," Dale said.

Area residents have been bringing all sorts of recyclable items to the center, he said, but the biggest single item has been newspapers. There are enough newspapers brought in each day the center is open to fill a 96-cubic-foot box.

Since the center opened June 4, two trailers full of recyclables have

been hauled away and a third one is well on its way to being full.

It takes about three weeks to fill a trailer with recyclable items, Dale said, and each trailer can hold about 16 green boxes worth of solid waste that would otherwise end up in the county landfill.

The center is open each Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. It's located at the Carolina Shores Property Owners Association dump site on Persimmon Road.

The recycling center presently is staffed by one volunteer each day it is open. If more people start recycling, another volunteer may have to be added, Dale said. "That's a nice kind of problem to have," he said.

BY DOUG RUTTER

Holden Beach Commissioners have hired a new town manager with more than seven years of municipal management experience, including several years in a coastal resort community.

H. Blake Proctor, city manager of York, S.C. since 1988, will begin working as town manager of Holden Beach Monday.

Proctor will be paid an annual salary of \$33,009 plus a \$50 per month automobile allowance and a \$3,000 relocation allowance, according to Holden Beach Commissioner Bob Buck, who made the motion to hire Proctor at a special meeting Monday.

The vote to hire Proctor was 4-0. Commissioner Gloria Barrett was absent, but Mayor John Tandy said she had given her approval of the hiring prior to Monday's meeting.

"The guy has a lot of experience...and is a rather capable individual," Tandy said. "We felt his talents are what this town needs right now."

Town officials and Proctor have agreed on an employment contract that sets forth the new manager's salary and benefits. The contract expires June 30, 1993. Tandy said the town board still reserves the right to fire Proctor at any time and Proctor can resign at any time.

Proctor will replace Gus Ulrich as town manager. Ulrich, who announced in early May that he planned to resign for personal reasons, will work his last official day as town manager Friday after about 1 1/2 years on the job.

Proctor was one of about 65 people who applied for town manager. Tandy said the Board of Commissioners interviewed Proctor twice during the search process, with the final interview coming last Friday.

Following a review of applications by the town Personnel Committee, the town board interviewed five people for the position besides Proctor. Tandy said commissioners had several quality applicants from which to choose.

Proctor's first position as a chief municipal executive was town manager of Indianantic, Fla. He worked in the tourist-oriented community

from 1981 to 1984 and said his experience there is what led him to seek the position at Holden Beach.

"I like that type of atmosphere," Proctor said in a telephone interview Monday. "I like that kind of small, closely knit community, and I like the beach."

Proctor also has worked as assistant to the city manager in Homestead, Fla., and served two years as city manager of Manchester, Ga. before taking the city manager's post in York.

Proctor received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from Florida Technological University in 1977. He is a candidate for a masters degree in public administration at the University of Central Florida, with the course work already completed.

The new town manager has studied public labor relations, traffic engineering and zoning administration at various institutions and completed the Federal Emergency Management Agency course on disaster preparedness, according to his resume.

As city manager of York, Proctor supervised seven departments with 58 employees and handled a \$3.5-million annual operating budget. He also was involved in water and wastewater system expansion projects, preparing a land-use plan and updating zoning and subdivision ordinances.

The 42-year-old Proctor is a member of the International City Management Association, American Society for Public Administration, Georgia Municipal Association and South Carolina City and County Management Association.

Proctor, who was born in Wales but has always been a United States citizen, is married and has a 7-year-old son. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968 through 1974.

He will be living on the second story of the town-owned house on Davis Street until he purchases a home. He said he'll be renting the unit from the town for \$300 per month.

"I look forward to coming to the beautiful town and becoming a member of the community," Proctor said. "I hope that I can do the community justice."