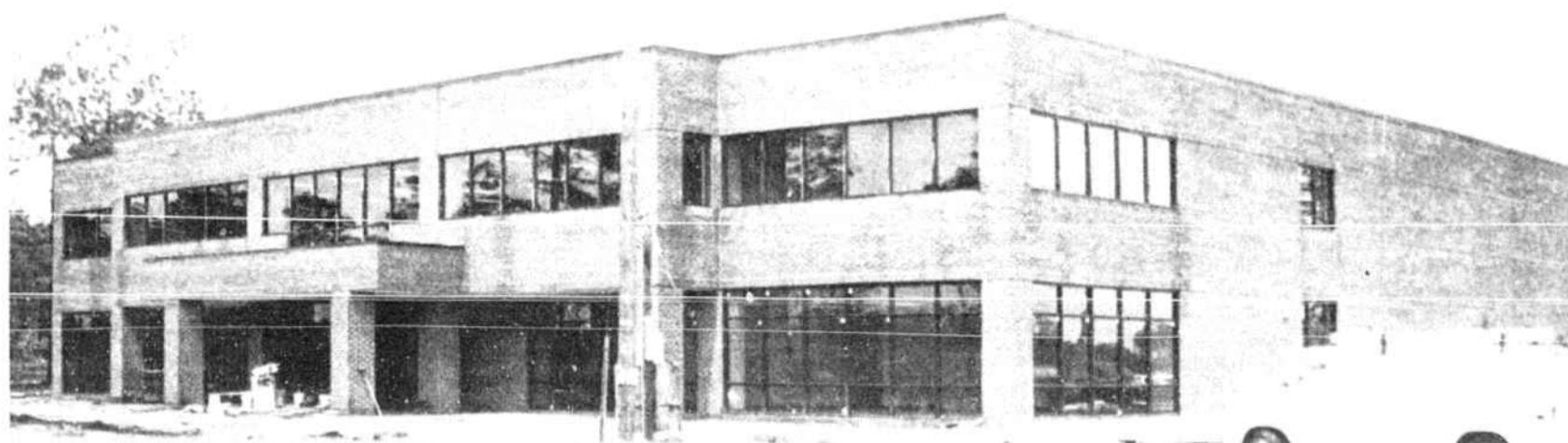




EXIDE ELECTRONICS is scheduled to begin limited production Sept. 4 in this 100,000-square-foot building and plans to eventually employ 250 people.



THE TRAINING CENTER was scheduled to be officially purchased by Brunswick County this week for \$1.1 million.

County Construction Projects At Various Stages

BY BOB HORNE

A number of construction projects involving the Brunswick County government are at various stages of construction, from nearing completion to not yet started.

Two projects—the Brunswick Community College Industrial Training Center at the Leland Industrial Park and a jail expansion—are just about ready to open.

A new wastewater treatment facility for the county Government Center at Bolivia is still being reviewed by the state for a permit, but is expected to be completed this year and the new Department of Social Services Building is "pretty much on schedule," for an April 1990 completion date, according to county engineer Robert Tucker.

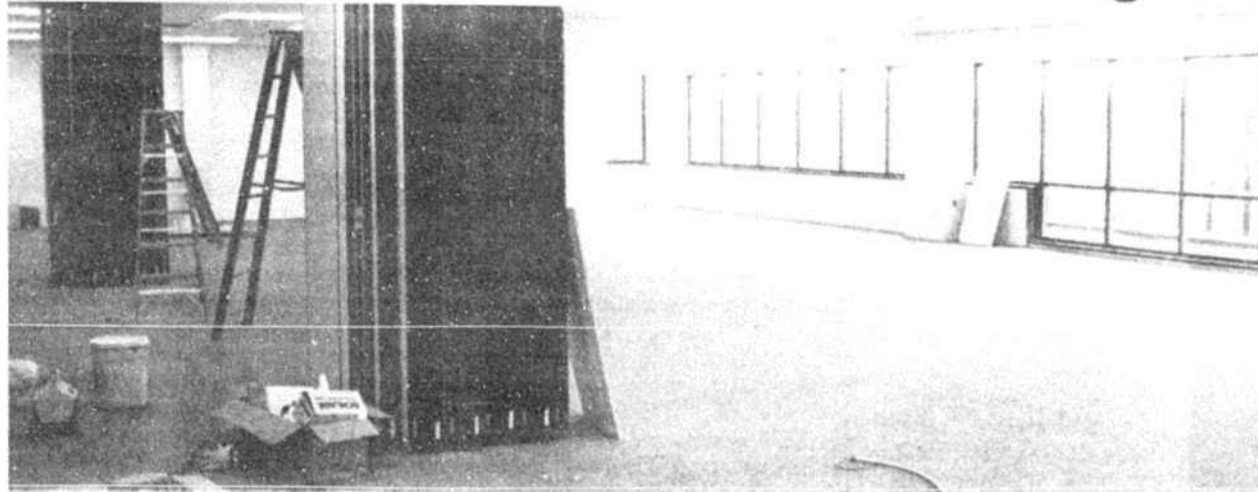
In other projects, an expansion of the building housing the Operations Services, Solid Waste and Engineering departments at the county government complex is scheduled for an early December completion date, the main road into the Leland Industrial Park is scheduled to be paved within two weeks; a sewer project for the front side of the park is expected to be finished soon; and paving and sewer work for the back side of the park are just about ready to proceed.

Jail Expansion

The jail expansion should be completed in 2-3 weeks, Tucker said. The \$512,000, 2,700-square-foot addition will add 20 cells and 34 bunks, and a dayroom and exercise room for female inmates. The 34 additional bunks will increase the jail's capacity to 78, according to Sheriff John Carr Davis.

By state law, the jail technically is not supposed to open until the new wastewater treatment facility is ready. Tucker originally thought the two projects would be completed about the same time. But with the state delays in issuing a permit for the wastewater treatment facility, the jail apparently will be completed at least two months before the wastewater-treatment facility, which will replace the faulty septic tank system now in use.

However, Tucker believes the county will be allowed to open the



THE CLASSROOM AREA of the Training Center can be divided into two or three classrooms by pulling the dividing partitions.

jail without having the wastewater-treatment facility completed.

"As long as we're showing signs of doing something, I don't believe they will prevent us from occupying the building," he said Monday.

Tucker said all deficiencies that the state ordered corrected a few weeks ago have been corrected.

Wastewater-Treatment Facility
When it is completed, the wastewater-treatment facility will be a system that uses a spray field to dispose of treated wastewater, Tucker said. It will be located directly behind the county government complex but will be buffered from sight by trees and a berm, he said.

The system will include two lagoons, one for 30-day chlorination treatment and the other for storage, before it will be sprayed on about 5 1/2 acres of nearby wooded property owned by the county.

Tucker says the \$160,000 wastewater treatment system should last about 10 to 15 years.

Operations Services Expansion
A 2,800-square-foot addition to the existing building that houses the Operations Services, Solid Waste and Engineering departments should be completed in early December, says Darryl Somerset, director of Operations Services.

The expansion will enable the county to house two departments—Clean County and the Department of Aging—that are now housed in a

building at Supply, as well as provide sufficient space for the Engineering Department and a conference room for all five departments that will be working out of the building.

The construction is budgeted to cost only \$80,000, because county employees will be doing most of the work, Somerset said. He said the Building and Grounds Department, which has a carpenter, plumber and electrician in the department, is heading up the project. The county employees work on the building in their spare time, Somerset said.

The county employees can handle a project of this magnitude, "because of the size and nature of the construction," Somerset said. He said the county will contract the brick work.

The original building was constructed in such a manner for \$44,000, including the heating system, Somerset said. After the county completed the building, a contracting firm estimated the building would cost \$75,000 to construct without the use of county employees, he said.

DSS Building

A new Department of Social Services Building should be completed around its April 1990 scheduled date, Tucker said.

The 20,000-square-foot building, which is located behind the existing Social Services Building, will cost

about \$1.4 million. Tucker said he anticipates the Health Department taking over the existing DSS offices once they are vacated, with perhaps some other offices moving into some of the space.

Industrial Park Work

Several projects also are in various stages at the Leland Industrial Park, according to Tucker, with the main road into the park scheduled to be paved within the next week or so.

The paving, which will be done by the state Department of Transportation, will extend just past the entrance to Exide and is expected to be completed for Exide's grand opening next Friday.

A sewer project for the front part of the Industrial Park also is nearing completion, Tucker said. The project is being paid for by Economic Development Grant funds and the county will maintain and operate the system, he said.

The county is rebidding for construction of a natural gas line, because the original bid didn't attract a sufficient number of bidders, Tucker said.

The county also is prepared to move ahead with paving and sewer improvements on the back side of the park, the part owned by the county, Tucker said, but has to wait until the natural gas bids are in, so it will know how much money it has left to fund the other projects.

Brunswick To Officially Buy Training Center This Week

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The first 30 Exide employees have already received their classroom training at the BCC campus during construction of the Training Center, Ms. Jenkins said. They will begin receiving their production training at the Training Center next week, she said.

A six-week training period—this time all of it at the Training Center—is scheduled to begin Sept. 17 for a second group of 30 or more new Exide employees. Exide plans to open limited production Sept. 4 with the first group of 30, Ms. Jenkins said. Exide has announced that it plans to eventually employ 250 people at the 100,000-square-foot plant.

The Training Center is a 20,039-square-foot, two-story building de-

signed to provide space for classroom and production training for employees and prospective employees for existing and newly located county industries.

The production assembly area is a 10,100-square-foot area that encompasses both floors in a single huge room in that half of the building.

The classroom-training half of the building includes the following facilities:

- 3,600-square-foot classroom, which can be divided into two or three classrooms by sliding partitions.

- This room has a total seating/viewing capacity of 450 and can be divided into three 150-student "row-seating" capacity. It includes three overhead transparency projec-

tors, one slide projector, one color video projector, one VCR, one video camera with tripod, six flip-chart stands and one table-top computer.

- One 20-by-30-foot conference room with six folding conference tables, 20 conference chairs, one VCR/monitor combination and one overhead projector.

- One 20-by-25-foot self-study area with 15 individual study booths, three personal computers for CBT training and two monitor/VCR combinations.

- One 20-by-30-foot media center library with 15 book/video cases, six full-size meeting tables and 25 study chairs.

- Six 15-by-12-foot office/preparation areas.
- Three 20-by-15-foot meeting

rooms with four folding tables and 20 chairs.

- A break area that will seat 50 people.
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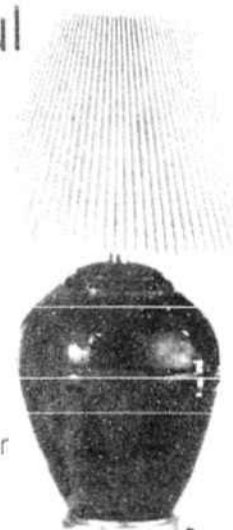


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