

30 Spellers Teaming Up To Compete In BCLC Bee

On Sept. 20, thirty brave adults will do something they haven't done for a long time, perhaps not since they were in elementary school. As teams of two, these individuals will compete in a spelling bee for the benefit of the Brunswick County Literacy Council.

As of Monday, the number of teams entered in the adult bee had increased to 15.

Teams will include two physicians, Dr. Irvin Cavado and Dr. John Mulholland, as well as representatives of Carolina Power & Light Co., The State Port Pilot, NCNB and Pfizer Inc.

Also entered are pairs representing United Carolina Bank, Southern Bell, The Brunswick Beacon, Brunswick Electric Membership Corp., Security Savings & Loan Assoc., Santita Trucking Co., Brunswick Community College, Brunswick County Schools, Atlantic Telephone Membership Corp. and Exide Electronics.

Judges will be Joseph Butler and Ed Lemon, principals of Lincoln Primary School and West Brunswick High School respectively, and Elaine Corbett, media specialist at South Brunswick Middle School.

Andrea Zinga of WWAY TV-3 and Don Parden of WDZD Radio Station will emcee the bee, which will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the student center of Brunswick Community College near Supply.

Gladys Wagenseil, coordinator for the Brunswick County Literacy Council, said the public is invited to help celebrate literacy and cheer for the teams.

Admission is free for spectators and door prizes and refreshments are planned.

A not-for-profit organization, the Brunswick County Literacy Council recruits and trains volunteer tutors to work one-on-one with adults age 16 and older who want to improve their basic reading and writing skills. Students are not charged for tutoring or supplies.

More information about the bee or the council's services is available by calling the BCLC office at 754-READ.

Board Hires Superintendent

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ing "some questions about background," Peterson said.

"All four got a lot of discussion tonight," Peterson said of Monday's four hours of interviews. "They really did."

The board met in secret session for over an hour following the interviews, which were also held behind closed doors.

Monday, Ms. Wallace called her interview process "very thorough."

"The board members expressed not their concerns as much as their lack of information," she added. "Those of us from out of the county, I just think they wanted more information. They were united in that respect, but whether or not they were united in their selection of Brunswick County schools superintendent remains to be seen."

The reinterview process was apparently called after information regarding Ms. Rogers surfaced and was discussed at last week's four-hour secret meeting of the board.

Prior to the closed-door session, one board member, Slockett, had referred several times to the still-to-be-named superintendent as "she".

When Ms. Rogers entered the board room for her interview Monday night, she carried with her copies of her published workbooks that led to her 60-day suspension without pay in the Wake County school system in March 1988. She, her husband, R. Kenneth Rogers, and Kathleen G. Becker, assistant principal for instruction at Raleigh's Broughton High, were partners in Fingertips Unlimited from 1979 to 1981.

According to her resume, the company published five sets of workbooks and teacher reference materials for remedial math classes. Those included a set of task cards

and three volumes of "Math Competency in Your Fingertips" workbooks in 1979 and 1980, copies of which were purchased for eight schools and the central office in Wake County between 1981 and 1988, purchases that exceeded \$4,000.

Such a sale was considered a conflict of interest and a violation of state law and board of education policy. When she left her interview Monday, Ms. Rogers did not stop to talk with reporters.

P. R. (Phlander) Hankins Jr. is a native of Brunswick County and holds a B.S. degree from Johnson C. Smith University in biology and general science and a M.S. degree from A&T State University in science administration. He has also done further study at N.C. Central University, UNC-Chapel Hill and East Carolina University. In Brunswick County, he has served as a high school teacher (1952-54); as teacher and elementary principal (1959-66); as A-V director (1966-73); as assistant superintendent of federal programs (1973-88); and as associate superintendent of federal programs (1988-90).

He decided to apply for the superintendent's position at the urging of others. He applied once before, but Kaufhold was chosen over him. "There is a lot of potential in the youth of Brunswick County," Hankins had told the *Beacon* when he was selected for interviews, "and I think more can be done to nurture and develop that potential."

He added, "I know the system and I should know the people."

During the interviews Monday, the superintendent's office sat dark and unoccupied adjacent to the waiting area of the central office.

"I think I'll probably move into that office now," Hankins joked with a reporter.

motion by Rabon, on the state highway system.

• Heard an annual report on the Brunswick Forest Service from Miller Caison. Caison told the commissioners the Forest Service is badly in need of an updated facility and asked their support for a bill in the legislature to secure funding for such a facility.

• Heard a report by Darryl Somersett, director of Operations Services, on the Caw Caw Watershed Project.

County Asked To Spend \$18,000 To Keep Local Recycling Centers In Operation

BY BOB HORNE

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Thursday night balked at agreeing to spend \$18,000 to keep recycling stations in the county operating until June 15, until commissioners can speak with the county's recycler.

Terry Munn, director of the Brunswick Clean County Department, and two board members of Brunswick County Keep America Beautiful told the commissioners that the recycler, Bush's Recycling in Florence, S.C., has informed the seven recycling centers in the county that, because of excessive expenses, it must curtail service to the centers Sept. 15.

Bush's Recycling had been providing trailers to the recycling centers at no cost, with the expectation of making at least \$150 per load off of the contents, Munn said. However, Munn said, four of the seven centers don't meet the \$150 quota. That, combined with increasing expenses, forced Bush's Recycling to plan to discontinue the service, he said.

Munn said he then conducted a survey of all area recyclers to learn how much the service would cost and that same firm, Bush's Recycling, had the low bid of \$200 per month per center.

Munn asked the commissioners for \$18,000 to operate 10 recycling

'Some' Manager Applicants Called To Verify Interest

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners Thursday night reviewed five-month-old applications and instructed the board's clerk, Regina Alexander, to call "some" to see if they were still interested in being interviewed for the job, according to Vice Chairman Frankie Rabon.

Board Chairman Gene Pinkerton, whose father is ill in Asheville, was absent, so Rabon conducted the meeting. Rabon made a motion that the four commissioners who were present go into executive session "to screen the applications."

Rabon and Commissioner Grace Beasley voted for the closed-door session and Commissioner Kelly Holden voted against it, saying the business could be conducted in open session.

When Rabon asked Commissioner Benny Ludlum how he voted, he said he hadn't and asked what would happen if he voted against the executive session and Rabon said, "Then the motion dies." Ludlum asked what would happen then and Rabon said, "There would be another motion." Ludlum then voted for the motion.

The commissioners returned to open session after about 1 1/2 hours in executive session and Rabon said the clerk had been asked to call "some" of the 47 applicants. However, he declined to say how many would be called and other commissioners also declined to provide the number.

centers for the nine-month period from Sept. 15, 1990 to June 15, 1991, with plans to add centers at Shallotte, Winnabow and Leland. He also said the action would bring all centers under the umbrella of the county's Clean County Department. The centers currently are operated

by various clubs or groups in Sunset Beach, Holden Beach, Long Beach, Calabash, Boiling Spring Lakes, Southport and at the county Government Center at Bolivia.

All county recycling centers have been in operation less than a year, Munn said, but already have pre-

vented 276.7 tons of waste from going to the county landfill.

Commissioners agreed with the importance of keeping the recycling centers operating, but because of uncertainty of exactly what type of contract the county would have with Bush's Recycling, how much income from the sale of the contents would be refunded to the county and how everything would mesh, felt they needed some answers before committing the money.

"I think we need Mr. Tucker (county Engineer Robert Tucker) in here," Commissioner Benny Ludlum said. "There are some questions I'd like to ask him."

Commissioner Frankie Rabon questioned what the input from the municipalities, which now operate the centers, would be under such a plan and Commissioner Grace Beasley questioned how such an arrangement would be billed and paid. All commissioners agreed they would like County Attorney David Clegg to survey any such arrangement before they commit to it.

The commissioners asked Munn to request that Bush's Recycling extend its service at least until the commissioners' next meeting on Sept. 17 and requested that Munn ask George J. Bush of Bush's Recycling to attend that meeting so commissioners can gain a better comprehension of the proposal.

Census Figures Thought Short

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county and town complaints to see if corrections are needed for the 1990 counts.

Final and official 1990 census data will be announced December 31, 1990.

Harvey says one way residents can help now is by sending in their census questionnaires if they still have them. The Bureau is still gathering information to amend its preliminary report as needed.

Accurate population figures are important for towns and counties because both state sales tax and beer and wine taxes are distributed based on population. Also, a portion of the state Powell Bill gasoline tax revenue, used by municipalities for street maintenance improvements, is allocated based on population figures.

According to the Census figures, Brunswick County's number of housing units increased during the 10-year period from 1980 to 1990 by 71.3 percent, from 21,565 homes to 36,931 households. During the period, the population increased by 41.7 percent.

The average household size in 1980 was 2.88 persons, Harvey said.

"By this rough 1990 figure, average household size would be 2.54," he added. "Some lessening of household size was expected, due to immigration of retirees and changing of lifestyles. I knew it would go down some, but not that much."

The preliminary population figures for the county's 17 municipalities are listed with their 1980 counts listed first, if available:

Bald Head Island.....	76
Belville.....	from 102 to 66
Boiling Spring Lakes.....	from 998 to 1,649;
Bolivia.....	from 252 to 226
Calabash.....	from 128 to 1,209
Caswell Beach.....	from 110 to 177

Holden Beach.....	from 232 to 628
Leland.....	1,793
Long Beach.....	from 1,844 to 3,815
Navassa.....	from 439 to 440
Ocean Isle Beach.....	from 143 to 523
Sandy Creek.....	238
Shallotte.....	from 680 to 828
Southport.....	from 2,824 to 2,338
Sunset Beach.....	from 304 to 310
Varnamtown.....	402
Yaupon Beach.....	from 569 to 734
Unincorporated areas.....	from 27,109 to 35,229

The number of housing units reported is also a sign of the county's growth over the 10-year period. Those figures follow, with the 1980 numbers listed first, if available:

Bald Head Island.....	327
Belville.....	from 67 to 33
Boiling Spring Lakes.....	from 466 to 824
Bolivia.....	from 110 to 100
Calabash.....	from 69 to 786
Caswell Beach.....	from 93 to 440
Holden Beach.....	from 1,027 to 1,624
Leland.....	747
Long Beach.....	from 2,927 to 4,618
Navassa.....	from 149 to 143
Ocean Isle Beach.....	from 412 to 1,913
Sandy Creek.....	79
Shallotte.....	from 268 to 348
Southport.....	from 1,207 to 1,138
Sunset Beach.....	from 547 to 1,066
Varnamtown.....	208
Yaupon Beach.....	from 435 to 592
Unincorporated areas.....	from 13,706 to 21,945

The census figures also list 491 county residents as living in group quarters.

Ocean Isle Teen Killed

An Ocean Isle Beach teenager was killed early Saturday when he was thrown from a pickup truck that overturned on N.C. 179 near the beach, according to the State Highway Patrol.

Damon Patrick Willard, 19, of Gause Landing Road, was a passenger in the 1985 Chevrolet pickup that overturned after running off the road at a high rate of speed around 12:20 a.m.

The driver of the truck, Christopher Dale Bowers, 17, of Shallotte, has been charged with involuntary manslaughter, driving while impaired and with a provisional license violation, according to State Trooper B.D. Barnhardt's report.

Barnhardt estimated the truck was traveling 85 mph when it ran off the right shoulder about .2 mile west of Ocean Isle Beach. The vehicle then crossed the roadway, struck a ditch bank and overturned two or three times. Willard, who was thrown 65 feet from the vehicle, died at the scene.

Both the driver and another passenger, Bryan Lawson, 18, of Shallotte, were injured and taken to The Brunswick Hospital. Barnhardt reported that neither the driver nor the passengers were wearing seatbelts at the time of the accident.

Damage was estimated at \$5,000 to the truck.

Twelve deaths have been reported on Brunswick County's highways for the year, said Highway Patrol spokesperson Ruby Oakley. Three highway deaths were reported in March and August of this year.

"So far, we are three over last year's total at this time," Ms. Oakley said. "Last year, we had three fatalities in September."

Another accident near the same location Friday evening caused just minor injuries but resulted in property damage to two vehicles.

Jimmy Russell Clemmons, 23, of Leland, was charged with failure to yield the right of way from a private driveway and with failure to burn his headlights after backing onto N.C. 179 and into the path of another vehicle, according to the Highway Patrol reports.

Clemmons' 1967 Ford truck backed into the eastbound lane about .4 mile west of Ocean Isle Beach and struck a 1989 Chrysler driven by Everett Wade Byrd, 73, of Clarkton. Both drivers were taken to The Brunswick Hospital with minor injuries.

Damage was estimated at \$800 to Clemmons' truck and about \$3,000 to the Byrd vehicle. The accident occurred around 8 p.m.

Cooler Nights In Forecast

South Brunswick Islands residents can expect temperatures to range from the upper 60s at night into the upper 80s during the daytime over the coming week.

Also, the area should see approximately three-quarters inch of rain-fall, Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady said Tuesday, with both temperatures and rainfall near normal for this time of year.

For the period of Sept. 4 through

10, Canady recorded a maximum high of 92 degrees on the 10th and a minimum low of 60 degrees on the 10th.

A daily average high of 90 degrees combined with an average morning low of 70 degrees for a daily average temperature of 80 degrees, which Canady said was about two degrees above average.

Canady recorded .82 inch of rainfall at his Shallotte Point residence.

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