



LEONARD COMPTON of Martinsville, Va., didn't let continuing erosion near the east end of Holden Beach keep him from enjoying his surf fishing out in early November.



CALABASH LEADERS took county and state officials on a tour of the Calabash River in August to show the need for dredging.

Brunswick County Opened First ABC Outlet In August

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Corp. at the Leland Industrial Park. Leased to Brunswick Community College, the building will house classes and serve as a training center for new and expanding industries.

While voter approval wasn't necessary to establish the building program, property owners will foot the bill for the projects, along with the day-to-day cost of operations.

A proposed 12-cent tax increase on property valuation sent more than 300 residents screaming for relief at a public hearing in June.

"If we keep going, we'll be the biggest industry in the county," warned Commissioner Frankie Ralston on the county's \$35.8 million budget.

Commissioners chopped away \$800,000, holding to a 9-cent increase per \$100 of valuation.

Tapping another source of revenues, Brunswick County opened its first ABC outlet in August in a leased building on Holden Beach Road. It was the first project of the county's new ABC Board, chaired by Joyce Vereen of Long Beach.

The site was chosen after an earlier attempt to merge with a municipal ABC board failed, dashing any hope of establishing services before the start of the tourist season.

Voters had approved countywide alcoholic beverage sales in a November 1989 referendum, opening the door for on-premise beer, wine and mixed drink sales in both incorporated and unincorporated areas of Brunswick County. The vote gave business owners in unincorporated areas one less reason for seeking annexation.

A flood of permit applications soon followed. Fears that the area would lose its family atmosphere led commissioners to ban adult

clubs and cabarets in the unincorporated sections of the county.

In other departmental changes, interim head of Building Inspections Julius "Buddy" Lewis resigned in August amid an investigation by the district attorney's office. He was indicted in October for embezzlement of county funds. Robert Tucker was hired in January as county engineer, a position that had not been funded for two years.

Tucker had the task of rallying residents toward a permanent recycling program and, on state mandates, limiting the amount of solid wastes rapidly filling up the county landfill in Supply. Another six years was ordered for the landfill while the county came to terms with George Bush, not the President, but a Florence, S.C., businessman who set up recycling trailers at six sites in the county that had been initiated and staffed by community volunteers.

Water: Too Little, Too Much
Water as well as recycling brought county leaders into continuing contact with local town officials, who wanted decisions, but got mostly discussion much of the year.

Sunset Beach officials approached commissioners in April supporting plans of a \$5 million capital improvement project for the county water system which would route a new main water line to areas south of Shallotte for future development. The Utility Operations Board continued to feed subdivisions off the main lines already in place through Special Assessment Districts, with SAD 12 as the largest project approved by the county thus far. It includes 10 subdivisions between Ocean Isle and Calabash.

Shouts of, "Let it rain!" flowed from the crowd at a public hearing on SAD 12 in September.

Public Utilities Director Jerry Webb was also handed a \$20,000 report in November from Daniels and Associates in Cary which suggests future water expansion projects for the county until the year 2010. The first phase it outlines is a \$3.8 million project to pump more water to southern Brunswick County.

Getting rid of water is what some Carolina Shores residents wanted and got when the county matched a state grant and began clearing the more than 14 miles of clogged canals in the PawCaw drainage district. A downturn in October resulted in no flooding to the areas already drained by the canals which had not been maintained for many years. The canals carry stormwater runoff from Calabash and Longwood developments to the Waccamaw River.

Resources Development Director Michael de Sherbinin resigned in February and was replaced by Thomas Monks, who watched eagerly in November as a state engineering firm began an Environmental Impact Statement on the proposed Norther Outer Loop, an I-40 bypass of Wilmington that would route traffic through northern Brunswick County, possibly through the middle of the Leland Industrial Park, which would help Monks bring more industry to the area.

Named to the steering committee overseeing the Loop was Planning Director John Harvey, who also tried to convince the U.S. Census Bureau that their 1990 census count was short by about 5,000 people for Brunswick County. Among the planners' concerns were new septic tank rules adopted by the state that increased the odds of local lots receiving permits for septic tanks, thus making lots once thought undevelopable more valuable to landowners.

Towns Push For Improvement

Nowhere was strong leadership more evident than in Calabash, where town commissioners and planning board members blocked out the community's clash of cultures and worked toward improvement of the town as a whole.

As a result of the merger of the old town and the Carolina Shores residential golf community in August 1989, Calabash started the year with an inexperienced town board made up of members representing the town's two distinct districts.

The board set an ambitious agenda, including new zoning ordinances, Calabash River dredging and a request to square off town boundaries through state legislation. In August, Calabash leaders sought help from county and state officials in reaching their goals. Some of the projects started this year should be wrapped up in 1991, while others will take years to complete.

The progress made in Calabash didn't come without occasional unrest. Town officials engaged in several heated debates in the spring over the method of trash pickup. Some businessmen criticized the town for its enforcement of the sign ordinance.

In another waterfront community, Varnamtown, officials dealt with a move to unincorporate the town at the start of the year, but at year's end were moving into the communi-

ty's first town hall.

More than 125 people signed a petition seeking to unincorporate the town that formed in September



RUDY SIMMONS was one of the leading players in a move to unincorporate the Town of Varnamtown in the early part of 1990.

1988. Rudy Simmons, a leader of the unincorporation effort, said the fear of escalating taxes was a major reason for the petition.

Petitioners and Varnamtown officials talked over their differences during a town meeting in March; the unincorporation effort did not resurface in 1990.

In October, town officials bought a house and lot on Varnamtown Road with plans to convert it into a town hall. Aldermen held their first meeting at the town hall in December, after more than two years of meeting in the community's churches.

Down the road at Holden Beach, annexation of the mainland causeway and the lasting effects of Hurricane Hugo, both holdovers from 1989, were the biggest issues of 1990.

The matter of annexation was decided in February, when town commissioners voted 4-1 to rescind an ordinance that would have brought about 67 acres of mainland property into the town limits. A previous town board had adopted the annexation ordinance in the summer of 1989, and the annexation would have taken effect last June. By overturning the ordinance, four commissioners made good on campaign promises that helped them get elected in 1989.

While the annexation proposal was laid to rest early, Holden Beach

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