

Letters To The Editor

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should make a choice between 20-30 foot high security lights and sea turtles. I would hope, instead, they make a choice to read and advertise in a more responsible and fair newspaper.

Rick Bryan
Holden Beach
Turtle Program Coordinator

It's Not Too Late

To the editor:
I want to go on record as being opposed to the removal of the security lights on Holden Beach. This was done without any consideration of or input from the residents of the island.

It is not too late to reverse the decision.

Emily S. Frye
Holden Beach
and Bluefield, West Virginia

Flood Lights Not The Answer

To the editor:
In the eight years we have lived on the island of Holden Beach there have been many changes—some good, some bad, some for a few people and some for the benefit of all.

I just can't believe that the majority of the people wanted a complete black-out of the entire island. Why was not some phase of lighting put up before the security lights came down?

Many of the names on the petition against security lights are rental property owners. Why would they want to greet their visitors without some sort of lighting?

Flood lights are not the answer. Why not work together to beautify Ocean Boulevard with street lights, repaving, bike paths and some type of shrubbery or plantings?

Holden Beach is a wonderful place to live and we are lucky to be a privileged few to live on an island this close to the beautiful Atlantic Ocean. My husband and I have been through one war, in black-outs and such and I'm not crazy about this enforced one at my late stage in life.

Libby Simmons
Holden Beach

Not What, But Who You Know

To the editor:
I think it is time for answers for me and all the senior citizens of Brunswick County who signed the petition requesting the commissioners and county manager to replace Ronnie Robinson as head of the Department of Aging and put in a more qualified person with a better attitude and understanding of the needs of the senior citizens of Brunswick County.

It was a year ago that Mr. Robinson was a guest speaker at the monthly meeting of the county Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

He informed us who he was and stated, "I don't play the north against the south, or the east against the west. You don't come to me and demand anything. You tell me what you want and we will sit down at a table and I will decide whether I will help you or not."

Mr. Pinkerton (county commissioner) agreed that somebody needs to change his attitude, and he said he would take care of it. Mr. Clegg (county manager) promised action after I delivered a list of questions and statements from people who had called me from all over the county wanting answers to their questions.

Now, one year later Mr. Robinson is still on the job and so far as I can tell, still selling insurance on the side.

I mailed copies of that letter to three local papers, asking them to keep it in their files in case of a bad loss of memory. I am now giving permission for them to publish this letter and to thank the commissioners and the county manager for their prompt action and understanding of the situation.

It seems to be the case in Brunswick County that job security is, "It ain't what you know, but who you know."

Harold B. Watson
Long Beach

Pray Lottery Will Not Pass

To the editor:
It seems our elected official has finally come up with the solution to solve our financial woes in North Carolina. The lottery is going to be introduced as a savior; no more tax increases, and the budget can be balanced.

We are losing \$40 million a year to Virginia alone, it was stated.

I feel some more research should be done in regard to this. The states that do have lotteries still have money problems, they still have taxes, the elderly and those in need

have no more assistance, the monies that were to come in to boost education are very little if any, and the crime rate, if anything, is worse and getting worse.

The official elected from our area is going to introduce or help introduce this miracle bill. He is also the one who brought up that great bill to make the shag the state dance.

I for one cannot see how these two bills, as well as a couple more, have done anything to help the majority of people in our area, or the state of North Carolina. He was elected to represent the majority of people, not just a few. So if the lottery becomes a reality those who want to participate will be able to shag right down to the convenient mart and buy all the tickets they want.

With the rising cost of living, recession and tax increases, the people of North Carolina don't need something else to take their money. We need to turn our attention to what the word of God teaches in Matthew 6:25-34. Jesus spoke the words that all need to hear.

Pray this bill will not become a reality in the state of North Carolina.

William L. Chappel
Ash

Postal Service: Bad To Worse

To the editor:
Despite the recent healthy postal rate hike, our postal system has gone from bad to worse—deplorable!

I am not criticizing our local post office or its personnel; they all are innocently caught in the web of the bureaucratic national postal delivery dilemma. I am certain many others feel the same as I.

Just some instances, personally: It took a first-class, properly stamped and addressed letter 18 days for delivery from Calabash to a city in New York state. Another occasion it took a first-class letter nine days for delivery from Conway, S. C. to a point in N. Y. state. On another occasion a letter marked to a New York state city from Conway, S. C. never reached its destination and was either lost, "dead-lettered" or ended up in Alaska.

I believe we deserve better, faster and accurate postal service for the money we pay for this right.

I would suggest writing in protest to you congressional representative or Postmaster General in Washington, but hesitate for fear your letters would never reach them much before Christmas—if ever.

We can just hope for return of the pony express or overland stagecoach systems as they certainly would be faster and more accurate than the horrendous system we are saddled with today.

Douglas R. Wildey
Carolina Shores Village
Shallotte

What Happened To Delivery?

To the editor:
We have subscribed to your paper for nearly two years and look forward to getting it each week. We visit Brunswick County every year and have for years, so we do have a great interest in the area.

When we started getting the paper, it would arrive by mail on Saturday most of the time, or occasionally on Monday. Now we are receiving two papers together, a week later, and this week the Feb. 7 paper came on Feb. 14. It is puzzling after two years it arrived in a reasonable time and now so late.

Would appreciate if you could check into this matter for us and see where the problem is. It is not so nice reading the news a week or more late.

Mrs. Neil D. Phipps
Arnold, Maryland

(Editor's note to Mrs. Phipps and other subscribers who have written to complain about inconsistent and/or late mail delivery of the newspaper: We are continually contacting postal officials in Shallotte, across North Carolina and all the way to Washington, D. C. to beg for better service. We will continue to do so, but the only thing we are able to guarantee is that your newspaper is delivered to the post office in Shallotte on Wednesdays of the week of publication, in time for all deadlines to leave that day for out-of-town addresses. We have not missed that deadline in more than a decade. As a matter of fact, our pressman addresses himself a newspaper each week to his post office box in Shallotte so that he can check the quality of printing on a randomly-selected paper. He failed to receive a copy last week, despite the fact that we sent it to the post office in a bundle of papers sequenced to make distribution easier. We will continue to make every effort to get better service, but we have to, unfortunately, rely on the United States Postal Service.)



PHOTO BY BILL FAVER

THE OCEAN is the beginning and end of land and rain and winds and life.

The Beginning And The End

BY BILL FAVER

There is a real sense in which everything begins and ends in the sea. The land rose up out of the sea when plates collided or volcanic pressure pushed it up. The constant siltation of sand and stones down rivers and into the sea return land to the water. The erosion we experience at the beaches seems to be the sea biting off some land to return it to its origin.



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The rains that fall on the land come from moisture pulled from the sea by the sun. The moisture forms in clouds, condenses as it cools and returns to the sea by falling on the land, forming in streams and rivers and finally, moving back to the sea from which it came.

The winds move in response to the sea and storms form because of pressures and currents and gravitational pulls all tied to the sea.

If we believe what some of the scientists tell us, mammals began in the sea and one day some ancient creature crawled out on the land to bask in the sunshine. As the years passed, this pioneering creature stayed out of water for longer periods of time until it could live on land as well as in the water. Its gills,

used to obtain oxygen from water, evolved into lungs capable of getting that oxygen from the air. Many people believe man's development is tied to this same sequence and that this in part explains man's love of and dependence upon the sea.

Rachel Carson, author of *Silent Spring*, writes in another book:

"The sea lies all around us. The commerce of all lands must cross it. The very winds that move over the lands have been cradled on its broad expanse and seek ever to return to it. The continents themselves dissolve and pass to the sea, in grain after grain of eroded land. So the rains that rose from it return again in rivers. In its mysterious past it encompasses all the dim origins of life and receives in the end, after, it may be, many transmutations, the dead husks of that same life. For all at last returns to the sea—to Oceanus, the ocean river, like the everflowing stream of life, the beginning and the end.

This ever-changing sea is deep within each of us, tied to the rhythms of seasons and life. It is in our history somewhere, no matter where we live. It touches our lives in many ways and constantly reminds us to put ourselves in perspective when we feel too powerful or too important. It brings us the joys of beauty and happiness. It is the beginning and end in many, many ways.

Parent Conferences Tonight At South Brunswick Schools

Faculty members at South Brunswick Middle and South Brunswick High schools will work an extended schedule today (Thursday) so that they can meet with parents from 3:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

The evening conference schedule is intended to help parents whose work hours conflict with regular school day conference hours, said Bob Rhyne, principal of South Brunswick Middle School. Parents may contact either school to set up an appointment with any teacher

they would like to have a conference with.

"We have a number of students who are borderline and we really would like to talk with some of their parents," said Rhyne. "We can't do it alone; we've got to have parental support."

The school telephone numbers are South Brunswick Middle, 845-2771; and South Brunswick High, 845-2649.

Both schools will be closed Friday.

Visitors Aid Study

Third grade students at Union Primary School have been studying local government and how it works.

Several recent classroom visitors have added to the students' understanding by talking their roles in local government, indicated school spokesman Sue Chapman.

These include Sarah Tripp, mayor of Shallotte; Ada McDonald, a Varnantown alderman; Tom Simmons, a Boiling Spring Lakes councilman; 13th District Judge Napoleon Barefoot; and his wife, Kelly Barefoot, secretary to David Clegg, county manager/attorney.

Winnabow VFD To Sell Barbecue

Winnabow Volunteer Fire Department will serve barbecue dinners Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. at the fire station, said spokesman Ralph Frazier.

Plates costing \$3 each will include pork barbecue, potato salad, cole slaw and hush puppies.

The fire department is located on Governor's Road off U.S. 17 in Winnabow.

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