

# No Smoking Debate Heats Up County Commissioners

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that's fair." Jones made a motion to adopt the policy, saying he did not intend to prohibit everyone from smoking at the complex, but to limit smoking in certain areas.

The policy would be weak, said Pinkerton, since it doesn't address what the penalty for smoking would be. "There's not anything in here, that I can find, of what you're going to do if I do light up," he said.

Jones replied, "I was hoping people would realize that we did have a policy and would abide by it."

Commissioner Donald Shaw, who does not smoke, said he believes there should be designated areas for smokers in county-owned buildings.

"I don't want to take away all of their rights," Shaw added.

Board discussion is important for ironing out problems with any proposed policy, Clegg said after the meeting. He plans to revise the policy and to bring it back to the board.

**Other Business**  
In other business Monday, the board:

- Voted to set aside \$23,500 to hire four temporary, part-time employees to erect road signs and to assign house numbers for the county's 911 program. The funds had been budgeted under signs, Clegg said.
- Set a public auction April 6, 10 a.m., at Cardinal Moving and Storage Co. in Wilmington for the sale of goods awarded the county from a bankruptcy settlement with Carolina Caribbean Carriers which had an Eagle Island office in Brunswick County. The county has also received \$40,000 from the settlement.

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ceived \$40,000 from the settlement. The items for sale include office supplies, a spreader barge, truck and marine supplies, Clegg said. A notice will be published.

■ Voted 3-2, with Chairman Kelly Holden, Shaw and Jones voting to seek proposals from the county's current liability and property insurers, rather than to seek proposals from different insurance companies. Pinkerton said he thought the county could save money by bidding for insurance, but Clegg said keeping the same company helps in continuity.

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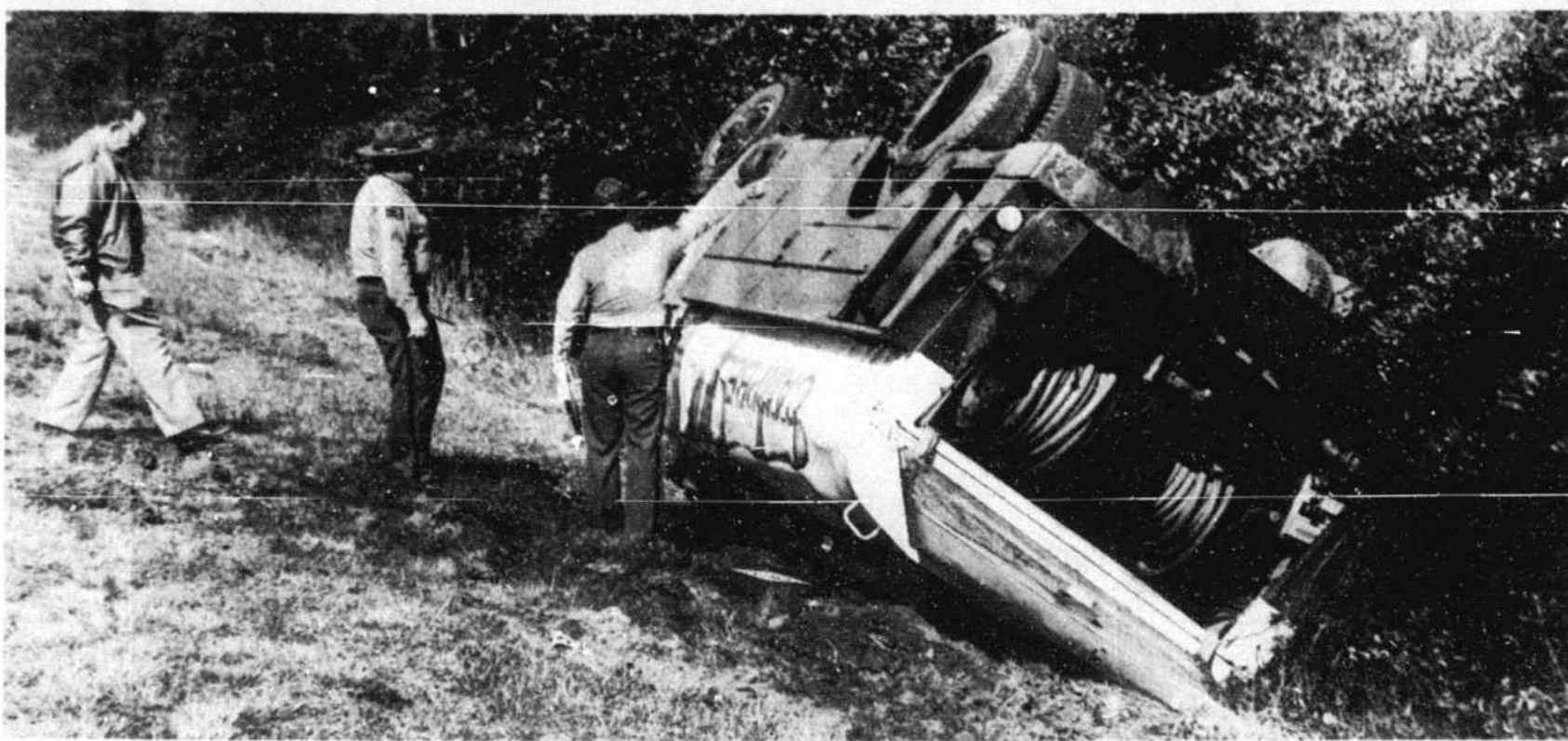
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CECIL LOGAN (left) Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator, and two state troopers look over the scene of an accident last Thursday on N.C. 211. This oil tanker blew a tire and overturned, spilling most of its load of diesel fuel.

# Overturned Tanker Spills Fuel

An oil tanker overturned near Southport last Thursday, spilling about 1,300 gallons of diesel fuel along N.C. 211.

Joseph Travis Ward, 55, of Nakina, was traveling on N.C. 211 about 4.6 miles west of Southport when a tire apparently blew out, causing the driver to lose control of the truck, reported State Trooper Jerry Dove.

The truck, carrying an estimated 2,000 gallons of fuel, was headed toward Southport around 9:30 a.m. when the accident occurred. The tanker ran off the left side of the road and overturned, damaging the truck's top and right side, said Trooper Dove.

Ward was charged with driving with the wrong class license that is required to operate an oversized truck, Dove said.

The 1988 Ford truck was registered to Campbell Oil Co. of Elizabethtown. Ward was transported by private vehicle to Doshier Memorial Hospital in Southport, where he was treated and released. The Highway Patrol listed Ward's injuries as Class B, incapacitating but not serious.

Brunswick County Emergency Management

Coordinator Cecil Logan and the Southport Volunteer Fire Department responded to the accident. Sand was used to soak up the spill while some of the fuel was pumped back into the tanker.

None of the oil spilled made its way to Beaverdam Creek along N.C. 211. Damage to the tanker was estimated at \$15,000, Dove reported.

N.C. 211 was closed to traffic for about 20 minutes as a wrecker worked to upright the truck.

In a 3:15 p.m. accident Friday, a Shallotte woman was charged with driving while impaired after her car ran off the road and struck some pine trees on Old Georgetown Road near Calabash.

Barbara Brown Brooks, 50, was also charged by State Trooper T.W. Caulder with driving left of center.

According to Caulder's report, Ms. Brooks was traveling on Old Georgetown Road about 2.4 miles north of Calabash when the 1984 Chevrolet she was driving ran off the road on a curve, crossed the roadway and ditch and struck a pine tree. The car came to rest on a second pine tree, Caulder reported.

Ms. Brooks was taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply with Class B injuries. Damage was listed at \$3,000 to the car.

In another accident last Wednesday, March 13, a Shallotte woman was seriously injured when the car she was driving collided with another vehicle about six miles south of Bolivia on U.S. 17.

Margia Mae Leach, 50, was taken to The Brunswick Hospital with serious injuries following the 7:30 a.m. accident. No other injuries were reported in the two-car collision.

According to State Trooper B.D. Barnhardt, Ms. Leach was traveling north on U.S. 17 when a truck driven by Douglas Kent Evans, 31, of Shallotte, slid on the rain-slick highway and crossed the center line, striking the Leach vehicle.

Evans was charged with following too closely. Barnhardt's report stated that Evans had applied brakes to avoid hitting a vehicle he was trailing just before his 1990 Ford truck slid into the southbound lane of traffic. The car in front of Evans was stopping to make a turn, Barnhardt reported.

Damage was estimated at \$2,000 to the Leach car and \$1,500 to the Evans truck.

# Bypass Industrial Park, County Asks DOT

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a concern for both the South Brunswick Islands and Southport-Oak Island Chambers of Commerce. They have requested that signs be placed on I-40 to route tourist traffic to Brunswick County from I-40 to U.S. 17 via the N.C. 210 connector and along U.S. 421.

Driving the interstate and passing signs now that direct traffic to the Topsail Island beaches makes Clegg's "blood boil," he said.

"I want to make it easier for people to get to Brunswick County," Clegg said. "It is no easier to get to Topsail Island from I-40 than it is to get to Brunswick County's beaches."

Greiner Inc. will conduct a second public workshop on the Wilmington bypass study next Wednesday, March 27, from 4 p.m. to 8

p.m. at Emma B. Trask Middle School on North College Road. Displays of the project study area will be available there for review.

The firm is collecting data it will use in recommending a proposed corridor for the bypass. The environmental impact study also considers an area's wetlands and wildlife habitat, archaeological and historical sites, public facilities, community disruption, relative costs and other potential impacts associated with the new roadway.

The first workshop was held in Leland in November. After next week's public hearing, the Greiner study team will select two preliminary corridor locations for a detailed analysis. That proposal will be the subject of a public hearing in April 1992.

# Warmer Temperatures Expected In The Area

It's beginning to look and feel more like spring across the South Brunswick Islands.

The outlook for the next few days calls for above average temperatures and near average rainfall, according to Shallotte Point meteorologist Jackson Canady. He said Tuesday that he expects temperatures to range from the mid-40s at night to around 70s during the daytime, with about a half-inch of rainfall.

"All in all, a serious transition toward springtime," he said.

For the period March 12-18, Canady recorded a maximum high temperature of 77 degrees, which occurred on the 18th, and a minimum low of 32 degrees, which occurred on the 12th.

An average daily high of 64 degrees combined with an average nightly low of 42 degrees for a daily average temperature of 53 degrees, which Canady said is about normal.

He recorded just under three-quarters of an inch of rainfall at his home at Shallotte Point.

## NON-RESIDENT PROPERTY OWNERS LEFT OUT

# Holden Changes Annexation Vote Proposal

BY DOUG RUTTER

Changes made Monday mean Holden Beach non-resident property owners would not get to vote on proposed expansion of the town limits under a local bill sought by town commissioners.

As now proposed, the town's registered voters would still get to vote before mainland property could be annexed. People who own property on the island but aren't eligible to vote at Holden Beach would be left out.

Town commissioners voted unanimously Monday morning for the new proposal, which had been developed over the past week during two board meetings and a meeting between the mayor, two commissioners and State Rep. David Redwine.

In a March 4 resolution commissioners endorsed the idea of an annexation vote and asked the General Assembly to pass a law requiring a vote of registered voters and property owners on any proposed changes to the town limits.

However, after talking with Brunswick County Board of Elections Supervisor Lynda Britt, Commissioner Judy Bryan said last week it wouldn't be feasible for non-resident property owners to take part in such a vote.

"She didn't see how it could possibly happen," Mrs. Bryan said at a town board meeting last Wednesday. "She foresaw a lot of problems with it." Mrs. Bryan, an opponent of annexation, proposed the local bill last month.

Ms. Britt said Monday that state election law does not allow property owners to vote. "There's nothing in the law book that gives you the authority to allow property owners to vote," she said. "Property owners

could own property in 12 places, but they can vote in only one place."

—Lynda Britt  
Elections Supervisor

brought into the town limits about 67 acres of property bordering the mainland causeway. The annexation was scheduled to take effect in June 1990.

The resolution adopted Monday mentions the annexation ordinance that was overturned and says annexation has been a divisive issue among residents of the town.

It points out that under current state statutes, a simple majority of the town board members could annex land, and that action could be contrary to the will of the people.

In addition to Mrs. Bryan, Commissioners Bob Buck, Gloria Barrett and Kenner Amos have supported the proposed legislation that would provide for a vote on annexation. They all voted against annexation last year.

Commissioner Gay Atkins, the only annexation proponent on the town board, voted against the first resolution calling for the state law because of the way the resolution was worded.

She was the only board member last Wednesday to vote against taking the concept of the annexation vote to Redwine. She said the exact wording of the resolution should be worked out first.

Mayor John Tandy and board members Bryan and Amos met with Redwine last Friday and brought a revised resolution to Monday's

meeting that incorporated Redwine's comments.

Commissioner Atkins, who has said all along that she wants the townspeople to decide the annexation issue, went along with the other board members and voted in favor of the new proposal.

To get her approval, town officials agreed to delete a section of the resolution that said the Holden Beach Property Owners Association (HBPOA) recommended against the most recent attempt to annex mainland property.

The HBPOA, a group of about 800 members that represents non-resident owners, voted 31-16 at a meeting two years ago to oppose annexation plans.

Ms. Atkins said it wasn't right to say the property owner's association opposes annexation because only 47 of the group's members attended that meeting held during the 1989 Easter weekend.

She also opposed the resolution because it didn't address how residents could call for a vote through petition. She wanted the provision included the resolution before she voted on it.

Ms. Atkins also voted against the first resolution because she thought it insulted mainland residents. The resolution said the priorities of island and mainland residents regarding the environment could differ considerably.

Commissioner Atkins has stated several times that she doesn't like the idea of the town going to the state legislature for special laws.

She said it's sad that Holden Beach has to turn to the General Assembly for help. "To go to Raleigh and have them govern us shows that we can't govern ourselves," she said.

## State Files Suit To Stop Waccamaw River Project

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The lawsuit says the state performed additional site inspections in late November, January and February—after mailing the most recent violation notice.

Those inspections and others up until the time the lawsuit was filed revealed that the site had not been brought into compliance and that severe off-site sedimentation damage had occurred and is continuing to occur.

"The nature of the violations, the measures needed to be taken to correct them, and the defendant's continued refusal to take corrective action, leaves the state with no adequate remedy at law for the harm

and damage done and threatened to be done," the lawsuit states.

"If this tract of land is allowed to remain as is, defendant will continue to violate the requirements of the Sedimentation Pollution Control Act and the state will continue to suffer immediate, pressing and irreparable damage," the state claims in the lawsuit.

Developer Dale Gore told *The Beacon* last month that the developers should not be held responsible for all of the violations because they occurred on property after it had been sold to private landowners.

The state maintains that the development company is responsible for the violations because they occurred

before the land was sold, according to Dan Sams, regional manager of the N.C. Land Quality section.

In addition to the state action, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued a "cease and desist" order in November to keep the developers from filling any more wetlands.

Wayne Wright, chief of the corps regulatory branch in Wilmington, said last month that he didn't know how many acres of wetlands. He was out of town at a conference this week and unavailable for comment.

Dale Gore also had denied the federal agency's charge. He said neither the company nor any people it sold lots to had pushed dirt into the Waccamaw River.

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