



Talking Spanish!
Call Elliott of Lenoir shows off one of the many Spanish mackerel caught recently in local waters. See the Fishing Report, Page 12-B.

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On The List?
Mt. Misery Road in Leland may have rough spots, but it's not among roads proposed for improvement. The list's on Page 3-A.

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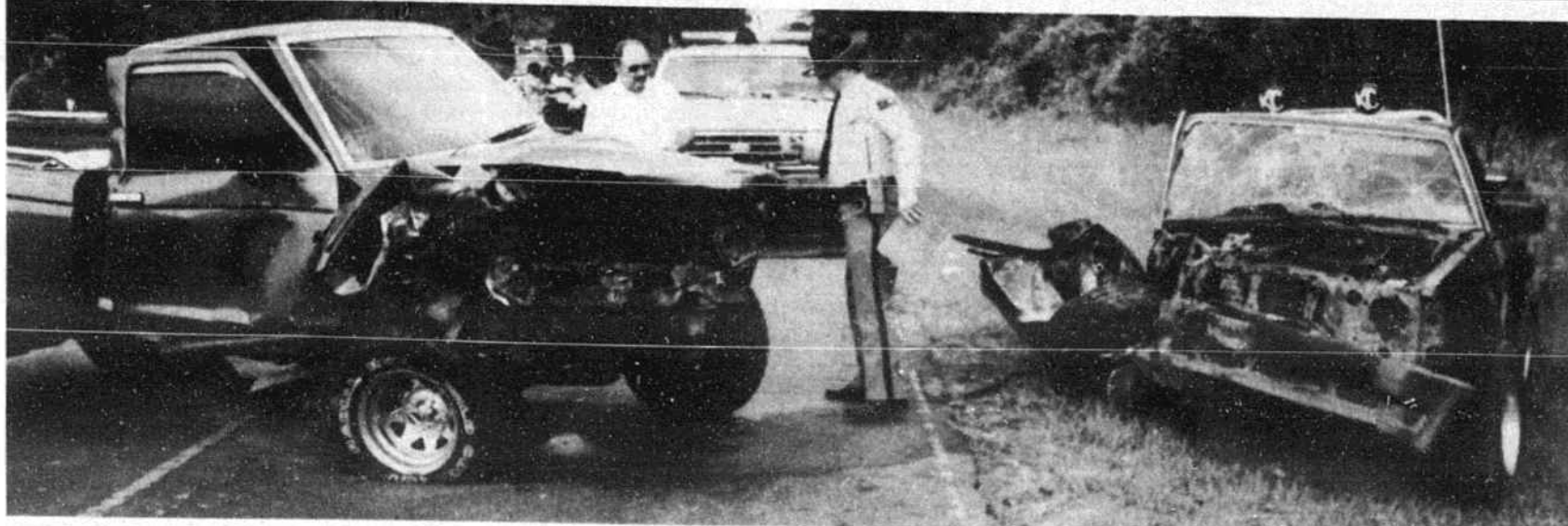
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STATE TROOPER B.D. Barnhardt and Brunswick County Emergency Management Coordinator Cecil Logan examine wreckage at the scene of an accident in which a West Brunswick High School junior died Tuesday morning. PHOTO BY BARNEY MORGAN

West Student Killed In Wreck

BY TERRY POPE

A West Brunswick High School junior was killed Tuesday morning in a head-on collision just south of Shallotte.

George Wendell Daniels II, 17, of Longwood, died at the scene of the accident, said State Trooper B.D. Barnhardt.

According to Barnhardt, Daniels was a passenger in a truck that crossed the center line on Old Shallotte Road (RPR 1316) and struck another vehicle head-on around 7:50 a.m.

The driver, William Russell Hines, 17, of Longwood, also a West Brunswick High School student, was seriously injured and taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply.

Barnhardt said Hines will be charged with driving left of center and misdemeanor death by motor vehicle.

The accident happened about three miles north of N.C. 904 when Hines' 1986 Mazda pickup, traveling north, crossed into the southbound lane of Old Shallotte Road and struck a 1986 Ford pickup traveling south, said Barnhardt.

Philip Allan Fulwood, 19, the driver of the southbound truck, and his wife, Janice Fulwood, 20, of Shallotte, were also injured and taken to The Brunswick Hospital. The couple received class B injuries, which are serious but not incapacitating, Barnhardt said.

Hines was treated at The Brunswick Hospital where he was admitted for observation Tuesday, said Helen Street, hospital spokeswoman. His condition was listed as good.

The Fulwoods were both treated and released Tuesday morning, Mrs. Street said.

None of the passengers or drivers were wearing seatbelts, Barnhardt said.

"It appears that if the Daniels subject had been wearing a seatbelt, it would have made a difference," Barnhardt said.

Both vehicles were destroyed. Daniels' death was the fourth recorded on Brunswick County's highways for the year, said Ruby Oakley, a spokesperson for the State Highway Patrol office in Wilmington.

Through the end of May last year, there had been five deaths on Brunswick County's roads, she said.

Vehicle Overturns

In another accident Friday, a Calabash man was charged with driving while impaired and reckless driving after the car he was driving ran off the road, struck a ditchbank and overturned near Sunset Beach.

Gregory Albert Fugit, 26, was traveling west on N.C. 904 about a mile west of Sunset Beach at about 1:55 p.m. when the 1984 Toyota he was driving ran off the road and skidded out of control, reported Barnhardt.

Fugit was traveling too fast to negotiate a curve, Barnhardt indicated. Fugit received minor injuries and was taken to The Brunswick Hospital.

Damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$2,000.

Runs Into Porch

An Ocean Isle Beach man escaped injury early Sunday morning after the car he was driving ended up on someone's front porch on Bay Road (RPR 1152) near Shallotte Point.

Sidney Edward Jones II, 20, was (See WEST, Page 2-A)

Contractor Gets Go Ahead To Build New Post Office

BY SUSAN USHER

Contractors received the go-ahead last week to begin construction of a new post office to serve much of the South Brunswick Islands area.

The notice to proceed, issued by Tom Russell, contracting officer with the U.S. Postal Service's Greensboro Facilities Services Office, comes approximately four years after the new post office was first proposed.

Its construction had been delayed because of a tight postal service budget. The project was reactivated only recently.

"It hadn't been six months since we found out it was on go again," said Ronald Reeves, superintendent of operations for the Shallotte Post Office. "It had been on the five-year plan."

Reeves said the new South Brunswick site will operate as a branch though it will be nearly three times larger than its parent office.

The new office will be situated on a four-acre site on N.C. 904 between Grissetown and Seaside.

General contractor Robert G. Snyder Constructors Inc. is to have it ready for occupancy by Feb. 1, 1992. Architect's sketches show the

South Brunswick Branch will be 13,450 square feet in size, with parking spaces for 55 customers and 29 office staffers and route carriers.

The Shallotte Post Office is 5,000 square feet, with limited parking and access for customers.

As proposed, the new branch would handle seven of the 10 rural routes now served by the Shallotte office. Its service area would include Brick Landing, Ocean Isle Beach, Sunset Beach, the Seaside area, Grissetown and Calabash—the most rapidly-growing sector of the Shallotte postal district, Shallotte Postmaster Frank Bringoli said.

The main office at Shallotte would continue to service rural customers on the three remaining routes, in an area stretching from north and east of Shallotte along U.S. 17 to Thomasboro, then extending in a straight line through Hickman's Crossroads to the South Carolina state line, as well as north toward Columbus County, meeting the Ash postal service area.

"The line extends out N.C. 904 almost to Longwood Post Office before our area stops," said Bringoli.

Ocean Isle Beach Bans Public Nudity

BY DOUG RUTTER

Ocean Isle Beach officials are trying to cover something up, but it's not a scandal at town hall.

Commissioners passed an ordinance Tuesday banning nudity on public beaches, streets and parks.

The new rule prohibits women from sunbathing topless and applies to both men and women when it comes to covering other parts of the body.

Specifically, the ordinance prohibits any fully developed female from willfully exposing her breasts.

Exposure is defined as "the revealing of the female breast with less than a fully opaque covering on any portion thereof lower than the top of any part of the areola."

Town officials also have made it illegal for people to wear thong bathing suits in public. Thongs are skimpy suits that make the wearer appear nude from the back.

The new rule prohibits people from appearing in such a state of dress "so as to expose to the view of others the human male or female pubic area, pubic hair, anus, vulva or buttocks with less than a fully opaque covering."

By passing the ordinance, Ocean Isle Beach becomes the second South Brunswick Islands community this year to outlaw public nudity.

Sunset Beach Town Council passed a similar ordinance in January following two straight 3-2 votes. The action was prompted in part by complaints about a scantily-clad jogger.

Police Chief Curt Pritchard said the same man also has visited Ocean Isle Beach. "He left Sunset Beach and came right up here."

Pritchard also said he has seen four or five topless women on the beach in his three years with the (See NUDITY, Page 2-A)

Highway Checkpoints Lead To 11 Arrests

BY TERRY POPE

Narcotics checkpoints set up at two locations in Brunswick County over the weekend resulted in 11 arrests.

Ten people were arrested on drug violations while a Holden Beach area man was charged after he failed to stop at a checkpoint in Leland Friday afternoon, leading officers on a high-speed chase that ended in Old Towne subdivision.

Orville Earl Reeves, 33, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, injury to real property, failure to stop for a blue light and siren and eluding arrest, said Lt. David Crocker, of the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department's narcotics squad.

Charges were filed by State Trooper J.W. Brooks, who pursued the stolen truck north on U.S. 17 and then south on N.C. 133 to the Old Towne community.

Crocker said Reeves drove through an 80-foot section of chain-link fence, then allegedly tried to drive between a truck and a tree,

striking both. He attempted to run from the vehicle, but was apprehended.

The 1989 Ford truck Reeves was driving had Michigan tags and was reported stolen from there, Crocker said. There were no injuries. The truck was destroyed.

Reeves was placed under \$16,000 bond.

Sheriff's detectives and Highway Patrol officers set up checkpoints on U.S. 17 south of Belville and on N.C. 211 near the Columbus County line Friday and Saturday.

A 1978 AMC car was confiscated during the arrests.

It was the third weekend since March that the county narcotics squad has worked with the Highway Patrol in manning checkpoints along Brunswick County highways. Drug dog Marcus Augustus Caesar, handled by Trooper J.V. Dove, also aided in the arrests.

So far, more than 20 people have been charged with drug violations as a result of the checkpoints,

Crocker said.

"We will continue to set up at random sites at random times," said Crocker.

The following arrests were made Friday and Saturday:

■Gregory Patrick Todd, 34, 25 Liberty Road, Boiling Spring Lakes, with felony possession of cocaine, maintaining a vehicle to keep cocaine and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was placed under \$4,000 bond. A 1978 AMC car was confiscated in the arrest.

■Johnny Morris, 31, of 612 Eighth Street, Wilmington, with felony possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and hendering and delaying an officer after allegedly trying to destroy evidence.

■Robert Nelson Justice Jr., 19, of Route 2, Leland, with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■Jackie Lynn Crocker, 24, of Route 2, Leland, with misdemeanor possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and transporting

spirituous liquor with a broken seal. He is not related to Lt. Crocker.

■Gregory Scott Greason, 30, of Andrews, S.C., with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■Wanda Kline Redmond, 62, of Andrews, S.C., with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■Ross Gregory Everett, 20, of 4001 Providence Court, Wilmington, with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■Deborah Wood Hobbs, 27, of Route 3, Hubert, with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■Michael Raymond Medwedeff, 19, of Cherokee Trail, Wilmington, with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

■Audrey Goodman, 28, of Leland, with misdemeanor possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Shallotte Bypass Opens Next Week

BY DOUG RUTTER

"I'm just glad I lived to see it." Those were the words of Shallotte Mayor Sarah Tripp last week as she waited out the final days without a U.S. 17 bypass around town—a road that some people said would never be finished in her lifetime.

Although final paving work isn't completed, the bypass will open next week, said Dave Boyleston, resident engineer with the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Boyleston says he hopes the road opens Tuesday, which would be just three days before homeowners and vacationers begin arriving in the South Brunswick Islands for Memorial Day weekend.

"We feel like we'll have everything sufficiently wrapped up by then," Boyleston said.

Traffic on some parts of the five-mile bypass will be restricted to one northbound and one southbound lane at first.

Probst Construction won't lay down the final one-inch layer of as-

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—Carson Durham
Shallotte businessman

phalt until after the bypass opens, meaning the four-lane road will be cut down to one lane in each direction in areas that are still being paved.

Boyleston said the final completion date will depend on the weather and flow of supplies to the contractor. "It ought to not take more than two or three weeks if everything goes his way."

The state's contract with the paving company requires the project to be finished by mid-August. If it isn't done in time, the state could levy fines of \$2,500 per day.

Shallotte officials say they expect the long-awaited bypass to relieve

some of the traffic congestion the town is known for without hurting downtown businesses.

Mrs. Tripp said she's looking forward to the opening. "I think it's going to have a good impact. I think it's going to take the people who didn't plan to be here in the first place out of the way."

Planning Board Chairman Herbie Ward said he thinks the bypass will help, but it won't be a cure-all for the town's traffic problems.

"The bypass will take a lot of the through traffic out of town," Ward said. "But we'll still continue with the heavy load because of all the businesses in town."

Although fewer cars are expected to pass through Shallotte once the bypass opens, most town leaders and merchants don't think the new road will hurt business.

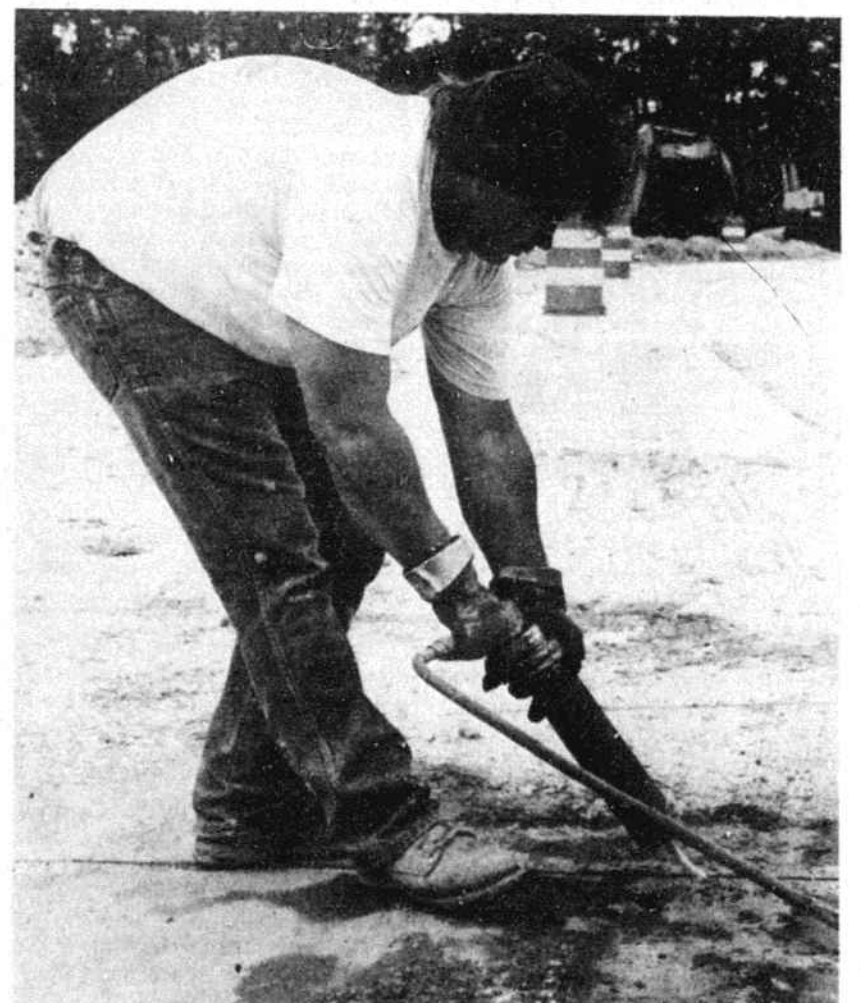
"I don't think it's going to hold the town back in any way," Mrs. Tripp said. "If anything, it will help us along."

Shallotte Planning Board member Carson "Pete" Durham, who owns a gift and card shop in town, expects the route to help him and most other businessmen.

"I think it's going to have a positive effect on business because right now you can't turn left in this town," he said. "I think it's going to be good for the general business in Shallotte."

Cal Batson, manager of Kirby's Department Store, agrees. "Most of the people can't get off the road to get into our business," he said.

Durham speculated that restaurants and gas stations may lose business at first. But he expects more lo- (See BYPASS, Page 2-A)



JOHNNY WHITLEY seals cracks in the pavement where wires were installed for a traffic light at the northern end of the U.S. 17 Shallotte bypass. Whitley works for Watson Electrical Construction Co. of Wilson. STAFF PHOTO BY DOUG RUTTER