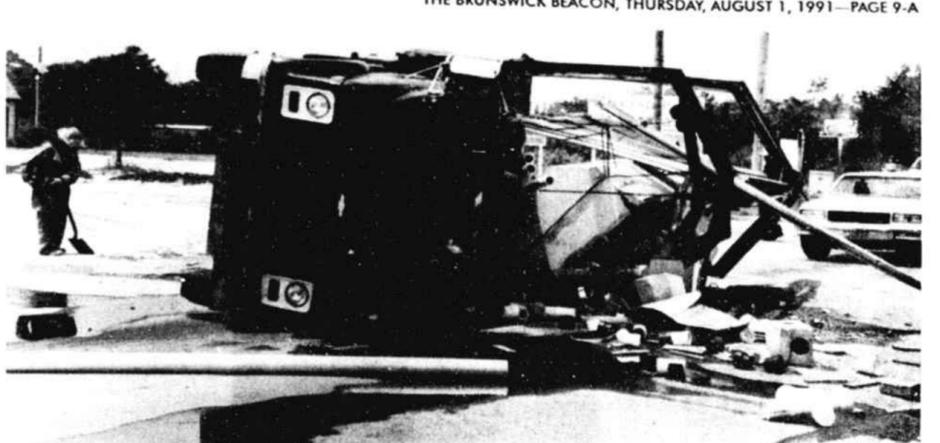




TROOPER BARNEY WILKES (left) and rescue volunteers responded Monday to a two-vehicle accident at Supply in which several persons were injured.



THE DRIVER WAS INJURED and damages were estimated at \$5,000 when this F & R Development Inc. truck overturned at the Holden Beach intersection last Wednesday.

Truck Driver Charged In Supply Wreck Monday

Several vacationers from the Raleigh area were injured Monday afternoon in a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of U.S. 17 and Mt. Pisgah Church Road at Supply that backed up traffic for more than an hour.

Trooper Barney Wilkes of the N.C. Highway Patrol said Tuesday that a tractor-truck was south bound on U.S. 17 when traffic ahead of it slowed for a vehicle making a turn. When the truck driver braked, he lost control of the truck which skid-

ded into the northbound lane. An oncoming van struck the driver's side of the truck.

The driver of the truck has been charged with driving left of center. Names of those involved in the accident were not available Tuesday.

Coastline, Shallotte and Town Creek Volunteer Rescue Squads responded to the scene, along with a local volunteer fire department.

Wilkes said there were multiple personal injuries, with several of the

van's occupants—vacationers from the Raleigh area—transported to The Brunswick Hospital with serious injuries.

Wilkes said he and other troopers have been responding to a large number of accidents over the past few days, many of which may have been related to weather conditions.

"A lot of them happened during the rain," he said. "People just won't slow down."

Also, a two-axle truck overturned last Wednesday as it attempted a

right turn onto the Holden Beach Causeway, injuring the driver, N.C. Highway Patrol spokesman Ruby Oakley said Tuesday.

James Harvey Hewett, 18, of Shallotte, was castbound in the 1968 Chevrolet owned by F & R Development Inc. of Supply. He was taken by ambulance to The Brunswick Hospital, where he was treated for class B injuries, which are serious but not incapacitating.

The incident happened at 1:15 p.m. eight-tenths of a mile west of

N.C. 130 at its intersection with Sabbath Home Road (S.R. 1120).

Trooper D.B. Harvell, the investigating officer, said the truck had a

broken wheel cylinder. No charges were filed.

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

Calabash Renames Roadways

At least a dozen streets in Calabash have been renamed to avoid future confusion for emergency service personnel responding to 911 calls.

In order for the 911 system to be activated, every street with three or more homes must have a name, said Lee Hitchcock of the Brunswick County Planning Department.

"The county does not have jurisdiction within the city limits, but we have worked with the Calabash Planning Board and the Property Owners Association of Carolina

Shores in renaming the streets," said Hitchcock.

Identical street names and names with the same first word have been changed, he said, so that in the event of an emergency, rescue members can get there as quickly as possible.

Some streets that have been renamed include River, McLamb and Carter Road and any streets beginning with Calabash.

All Calabash streets have been renamed as necessary, he said.

Coastal Resources Panel Keeps Sea Wall Ban

BY DOUG RUTTER

North Carolina's ban on sea walls, jetties and groins is alive and well for the time being.

The N.C. Coastal Resources Commission made no changes to the six-year-old rule prohibiting erosion-control structures that "harden" the beach when it met last week in Beaufort.

However, commissioners did agree to consider a proposal that would simplify the process of asking for an exception to the rule, said Jeannette Johnson, spokesperson with the N.C. Division of Coastal Management.

Commissioner Dan Besse's proposal would allow those seeking a variance to skip an administrative hearing before state officials and present their case directly to the CRC.

The coastal panel didn't vote on the proposal last week. It will likely be discussed when the CRC meets in Wilmington in September, Ms. Johnson said.

The commission banned bulkheads and other structures that "harden" the beach in 1985, reasoning that such devices may control

erosion in one place but tend to shift the problem elsewhere and limit access to the beach.

In recent months, however, some of the panel's members have said the rule is too strict and there should be a procedure to allow exceptions.

Several CRC members initiated a proposal in March that would allow sea walls, jetties and groins on the beach if they would not "cause significant adverse impact" or if they would "provide overriding public benefit."

At their meeting last week, commissioners heard from two coastal geologists and two coastal engineers. They urged the panel to proceed with caution in considering any changes to the beach-hardening ban.

Ms. Johnson said Coastal Management staff will present informa-

tion on the near-shore and offshore disposal of dredged sand as an erosion-control measure when the commission meets in September.

Other Business

Following a public hearing last week, the commission voted to increase the fee for minor CAMA permits from \$25 to \$50, Ms. Johnson said.

Local governments that administer minor permits receive the fees. Minor permits are needed for all development in areas of environmental concern that is not considered major.

Projects that are larger than 20 acres or have a structure that covers more than 60,000 square feet or that require another state or federal permit must receive a major permit from the Division of Coastal Management.

Ms. Johnson said the coastal panel took no action on two other proposals that went to public hearing last Thursday.

One of the rules would make coastal property owners promise to remove or demolish their homes if they become threatened by erosion.

About 25 people spoke in favor of the idea at the hearing, Ms. Johnson said, and the commission received more than 130 letters supporting the plan.

The CRC didn't vote on a proposal to allow maintenance dredging in shellfish beds, coastal wetlands and submerged vegetation.

Ms. Johnson said CRC members decided to see how a recent rule change that allows maintenance dredging in primary nursery areas works before they include other areas.

Sunset Planners Will Meet Today

The Sunset Beach Planning Board was to meet in special session at 10 a.m. today (Thursday) to review preliminary and final plats for a small subdivision in Sea Trail Plantation.

The subdivision, Forest Walk, will include eight single-family lots off Clubhouse Drive and Sea Trail Drive West, said Linda Fluegel, town administrator.

The planning board will forward a recommendation regarding the plats to the town council for consideration at its Aug. 5 meeting.

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