

Wrecker Service Bills Shallotte For \$11,483

BY DOUG RUTTER
Shallotte officials received a bill for \$11,483 last week from a local wrecker service that claims it has stored three vehicles for more than a year and installed a motor for the town.

Aldermen took no action relating to the bill from John DuBoise, which listed work done for the Shallotte Police Department.

"We need to have time to do some research," Mayor Sarah Tripp said after receiving the bill at last Wednesday's town meeting.

Attorney Harry Heilig, who was representing DuBoise, presented the itemized bill, which includes more than \$1,300 in interest charges.

DuBoise is charging the town \$10,085 for storing three vehicles at his business on N.C. 130 West and \$1,353.82 for installing a motor.

According to the bill, DuBoise stored a blue patrol car for 508 days, a beige car for 485 days and a black truck for 763 days.

He claims one of the vehicles has been stored at his shop since Aug. 18, 1989, and two vehicles have been there since last spring. DuBoise is charging the town \$5 per day for storing each vehicle.

Police Chief Rodney Gause said the town board is handling the bill. "The only thing I can say is he's never charged us in the past for storing vehicles. The reason he's doing it now I don't know."

Heilig said he wouldn't comment on the matter until the dispute between the town and his client becomes a matter of public record. DuBoise also declined to discuss the bill.

Workers Concerned
A recent fire at a North Carolina chicken processing plant has prompted several calls from people worried about workplace safety at some Shallotte businesses, Mayor Tripp told town board members last week.

In response to those concerns, she said Fire Chief Tim Carter planned to inspect commercial buildings to make sure all exits are

clear and doors can be unlocked from the inside.

Twenty-five people died in a Sept. 3 fire at the Imperial Food Products plant in Hamlet. Locked and chained doors prevented some people from escaping.

"I think this thing at Hamlet has scared a lot of people," Mrs. Tripp said. "I know it scared me."

Alderman Joe Hewett, who works at Federal Paper Board Company, said state safety inspectors were at the plant last week. He said there aren't enough state officials to inspect small businesses like the ones in Shallotte.

Other Business

In other business last week, aldermen:

■Zoned lot E-25 in Brierwood Estates as R-15. Nobody spoke at a public hearing on the zoning held prior to the meeting.

■Met in executive session to discuss a pending lawsuit involving property taxes. Alderman Jody Simmons requested the closed session. No related action was taken in open session.

■Tabled proposed changes in the acreage fee ordinance and a decision on a request to annex property in Brierwood being used for tennis courts and parking.

Cast Of Show Listed

Six women will share the stage in the Brunswick Little Theater's fall production, *Steel Magnolias*.

Director Martii Barletta has cast the roles as follows: Barbara Russell as Clarice; Stuart Callari as Ouiser; Gloria Yount as Truvy; Juli Newton as Shelby; Jean Hrdlicka as M'lyn; and Gina Carlson as Anelle.

The group is still recruiting production volunteers to help with sets, props, costumes, lighting, ticket sales, publicity and concessions for the show, which will be presented around the Thanksgiving holidays. To volunteer, call Bob Hrdlicka, 1-919-278-4212.

LIGHTS RULED IN VIOLATION Holden Board Rejects Appeal From Pavilion

BY DOUG RUTTER
The Holden Beach Board of Adjustment ruled last week that lights outside Surfside Pavilion violate a town ordinance and must either be redirected or taken down.

After hearing testimony Sept. 16 and visiting the pavilion the following night to look at the lights, the board voted unanimously last Thursday to uphold the ruling of former interim town manager Gus Ulrich.

Ulrich had ruled in July that the business violated the ordinance because lights weren't shielded and shined off the property. He said the lights were a nuisance because the source of light was visible from outside the property.

Erwin and Irene Snyder, who live on Hillside Drive three houses east of the pavilion, had complained to the town because the lights shined inside their porch and house.

Board of adjustment members said last week that two of the lights attached to a pole on the pavilion's miniature golf course shine directly at the Snyder home.

"As far as the ordinance goes, that would constitute a nuisance in my opinion," said Vice Chairman Martin Feldt.

Board members said the problem could be easily corrected by shielding the lights or directing them down at the golf course. They said more lights could be added to better illuminate the golf course.

Earlier in the week, pavilion owners Alan and Lyn Holden had testified that they thought the lights illuminated their property.

They argued that the outside lighting at the pavilion had been reduced considerably since the ordinance took effect last fall, and that the lights were only used during the tourist season.

Alan Holden didn't contest the board's decision last Thursday, but said he wasn't satisfied with the ordinance because it doesn't give a clear-cut definition of nuisance.

He said the town needs to define nuisance lights in the ordinance instead of waiting for somebody to complain. Holden said there will

continue to be problems as long as personalities are involved.

"Everybody's level of nuisance is different," said his brother, Lyn. "The way it stands now, it depends who your neighbors are as to what problems you have."

The owners said they didn't want to spend money on lights for the pavilion only to have the town order that they be removed. "We have nothing to prevent us from making a mistake again," Alan Holden said.

Town Manager Gary Parker said he thinks the ordinance is "fairly clear" because it doesn't allow any direct lighting to shine outside the property it is on.

Parker said lights that are aimed toward the ground are fine. Lights that shine off the property they are intended to illuminate and directly into a neighbor's house are a nuisance.

Holden Beach's planning and zoning board is presently reviewing the lighting ordinance, as requested by town commissioners.

Department Gets Drug Fines

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Department has received \$7,441 in forfeited drug proceeds.

Law enforcement agencies that help investigate drug cases also share in the proceeds. The amount distributed to 20 departments last week totaled \$305,363, said U.S. Attorney Margaret Currin.

Under the provisions of the Comprehensive Crime Control Act of 1984, the federal government can share federally forfeited property with state and local authorities that assist in drug cases.

Property used to facilitate drug

transactions, and the proceeds of drug transactions, may be seized and forfeited to the federal government. Some of the seizures were adopted and processed by the Drug Enforcement Administration while some were processed by the FBI, said Ms. Currin.

Sharing of proceeds is used to promote law enforcement cooperation at all levels, she said. Some of the seized items, such as cars, boats or planes, may also be used by narcotics agents to combat illegal activities.

The funds are to be used for law enforcement purposes, she said.



Sharky's Den
"Best Bite On The Beach"
NEW OWNER: Judith Kotara
OPEN YEAR 'ROUND!
Wed. 5-9 PM • Thurs., Fri., Sat., 12-10 PM
We Deliver From Calabash To Shallotte
OCEAN ISLE BEACH CAUSEWAY • 579-9177

O'NEIL CAISON CONSTRUCTION

- Site preparation for homes and businesses
- Sediment basins and detention ponds
- Fill dirt for building sites & septic systems

OFFICE AT STOPLIGHT AT HOLDEN BEACH
(919)842-3190 **(919)842-2564**
OFFICE HOME

SECURITY SYSTEMS
RESIDENTIAL - COMMERCIAL - INDUSTRIAL

PELEN, inc (919) 754-5333
(803) 249-3333

Palmetto Electronics & Engineering
"Professional Sound & Security"

- Burglar Alarms
- Fire Alarms
- Medical Alert
- Closed Circuit TV
- Sound & Intercom
- Digital Dialers

3769 Sea Mountain Hwy
Little River, SC 29566
©1991 THE BRUNSWICK BEACON

So How Do I Pay For It?



How can I say to
to a smile like that
When our dentist
recommended
Hillas wear
braces, there was
really only one
question I had
How do I pay for it?



I think we can add
on over the garage
Maybe we'll need
another bath there,
too. The neighbors
recommended a
good contractor.
Only thing is,
how do I pay for it?

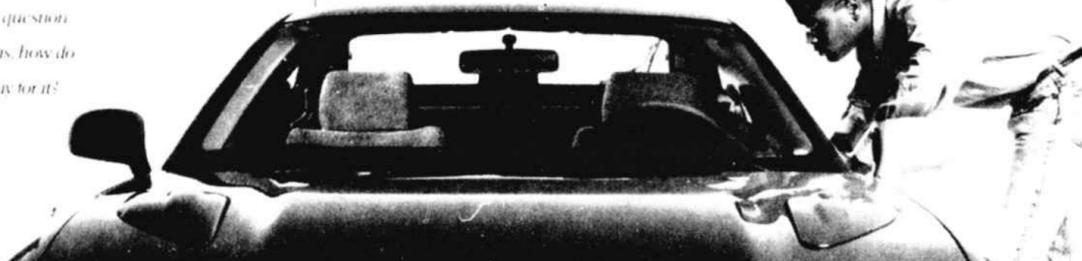


I started
with a
travel
agent.
Looked
at all the
brochures.
I asked
questions. And
finally picked out
the spot for my
dream vacation.
The question
now is, how do
I pay for it?

Definitely red
instead of blue.
I think stick,
not automatic.

Probably go with
the optional stereo
package and
leather seats.

There's only one
thing I haven't
figured out. How
do I pay for it?



Just Ask.

We started with a
list of almost 50
schools. Narrowed
it down to a dozen
or so. Then my son
was accepted by
a couple of his
top picks. Now
I just have one
question. How do
I pay for it?



NCNB

Ask The Loan Source.™ It's the source that can answer your questions about almost any type of loan. The source that can offer competitive rates, flexible terms, even preapproval. The source for loans is NCNB. The Loan Source. Stop by our nearest office during business hours or call 1-800-ASK-NCNB, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m., Saturday 8 a.m. to noon.