



A WINNABOW MAN was seriously injured in this car that wrecked on U.S. 17 at Town Creek Friday afternoon.

Three Injured In Town Creek Wreck

Three people were seriously injured Friday in a two-car accident on U.S. 17 at Town Creek.

Walter Terry Tharp, 74, of Winnabow, was charged with failure to yield after his 1983 Pontiac traveled past a stop sign and onto U.S. 17 at its intersection with N.C. 87, about 4.6 miles north of Bolivia, reported State Trooper C.E. Ward.

Tharp's car was struck in the driver's side by a 1977 Ford, driven by Patricia B. Beverly, 39, of Wilmington, Ward reported.

Ms. Beverly's car was traveling northeast on U.S. 17 when the 2:05 p.m. accident occurred. She was also charged with having an expired license, Ward stated.

Both drivers, and a passenger in the Beverly car, Delores Beverly, 19, of Wilmington, were seriously injured and taken by ambulance to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington.

Damage was listed at \$1,200 to the Tharp vehicle and \$2,200 to the Beverly vehicle.

Drivers Charged
Two drivers were charged following a Leland accident Friday in which they were both seriously injured.

According to State Trooper D.A. Lewis' report, the two cars collided on Village Road (S.R. 1472) around 7 p.m. after one car attempted a left turn onto a highway ramp and was struck in the side near the U.S. 74-

76 intersection.

Gary Steven Barnes, 17, of Leland, was traveling east on Village Road in a 1974 Volkswagen when he attempted a left turn, Lewis reported. Barnes' car collided with a 1987 Toyota driven by Michael John Tuczynski, 35, of Leland.

Barnes was charged with a yield violation and Tuczynski was charged with driving with no operator's license, Lewis reported.

Both men were taken to New Hanover Regional Medical Center for treatment.

Damage was estimated at \$3,500 to the Tuczynski car and \$500 to the Barnes car.

DWI Charge Filed
A Longwood man was charged

with driving while impaired after the car he was driving ran off of Mill Branch Road (S.R. 1331) about 4.3 miles west of Shallotte and struck a ditch early Saturday.

John James Ward, 20, was traveling south when his 1985 Buick ran off the road, struck a driveway culvert and came to rest in a ditch, State Trooper R.L. Murray reported.

Ward received class B injuries, which are serious but not incapacitating, and was taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply following the 4 a.m. wreck, Murray stated in his report.

Damage was listed at \$1,500 to the car and \$300 to a driveway owned by Doris Gore.

Holden Beach POA Takes Pro-Environment Stance

BY DOUG RUTTER

Members of the Holden Beach Property Owners Association left no doubt at their Thanksgiving weekend meeting how they feel about the need to protect the fragile coastal environment.

The 50 members of the 850-member group who attended a meeting Saturday unanimously approved an oral resolution favoring steps to preserve sand dunes and maintain wetlands around the barrier island.

Property owners also voted to sign up for *Coastwatch*, a bi-monthly news magazine published by the UNC Sea Grant program at N.C. State University. The subscription costs \$12 a year.

The moves were spurred, in part, by Jim Fournier and David Sandifer, two permanent residents who took seats on the town's board of commissioners Monday night.

Joining a discussion about dune protection, Sandifer said *Coastwatch* often includes tips on how to protect dunes and other information about the coastal environment.

Fournier said any effort to protect the oceanfront dunes shouldn't leave out wetlands on the waterway side of the island, which provide habitat for young marine life.

Sandifer and Fournier, who were elected to the town board Nov. 5, were introduced at the beginning of the meeting, along with the new mayor, Wally Ausley. Commissioners Gay Atkins, Gil Bass and Sid Swarts did not attend.

In a brief address, Ausley told property owners that he wants to hear their opinions and develop a good line of communication with the group. He invited letters from owners who can't attend town meetings.

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—HBPOA President Bob Lineberger On Candidates' Forum

board of commissioners," Ausley said. "We have a diversified group and an intelligent group."

Lesson Learned
HBPOA President Bob Lineberger said the association learned a good lesson when it hosted the bi-annual "Meet The Candidates Night" prior to the November town election.

He said a committee appointed to run the meeting didn't allow questions from the audience, even though members had voted to keep the format the same as past years when questions were permitted.

"I would like to apologize to the ones who were upset with the way the meeting was conducted," Lineberger said Saturday. "I apologize it wasn't handled the way a lot of people thought it would be handled."

Lineberger, who received a dozen phone calls at his Lincolnton home

after the meeting, said residents were allowed to ask questions after the meeting adjourned.

He said the meeting will be handled better in 1993. A specific agenda will be set up ahead of time, and voters will be permitted to ask questions during the meeting.

Executive Secretary Bob Buck reported Saturday that the association had 851 paid members and \$7,357 in the bank as of Nov. 30. He said membership had increased by 16 since last year.

Other Business

In other business, the association: **Agreed to send a letter to Brunswick Electric Membership Corp.** thanking it for the work it did that allowed the town to speed up its sidewalk project. Members want the local utility to continue working on its underground wiring program, which is behind schedule.

Coastal Advisory Council Nominations Under Review

BY DORI C. GURGANUS

The Coastal Resources Commission (CRC) will begin reviewing nominees to serve on the Coastal Resources Advisory Council (CRAC) "sometime this week, when the holiday is over," according to Roger Schechter, director of the N.C. Division of Coastal Management in Raleigh.

He said coastal municipalities and counties had until Nov. 22 to send in their recommendations to the commission, but that no action has been taken regarding them.

Of the 47 positions on the CRAC, all eight municipal seats and all 20 county seats are available to be filled. The CRC appoints members of the advisory council.

Both seats held by Brunswick County residents are among those up for appointment. Rosetta Short of Long Beach, a former CRAC Executive Board member, currently serves as a municipal representative while Robert Maultsby of Bolivia represents the county. Both have been nominated for reappointment.

A subcommittee of the CRC will review the list of names, looking for outstanding coastal residents who have been active in local issues. Other than that, "no qualifications are necessary," said Schechter's assis-

tant, Mary Beth Joiner.

A list of recommended nominees will be announced by the subcommittee at the next joint meeting of the CRC and CRAC, Dec. 12-13 in Nags Head. At that time, Ms. Joiner said the CRC will make appointments to the CRAC.

In addition to Ms. Short, the other municipal representatives on the CRAC whose seats are up for appointment are Dot Atkinson, Wanda Bell, John Doughty, Webb Fuller, Cecil Sewell, Robert Trost and Arthur Watson. Some of the seats will be filled by reappointment and others by new appointments, said Ms. Joiner. Members are appointed to two-year terms.

According to Schechter, there is no guarantee on the final number of municipal appointments to the CRAC from Brunswick County or any other specific community.

The county positions will be filled by one representative from each of the state's 20 coastal counties. Maultsby has been recommended for another term by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners.

Of the coastal Brunswick County towns, Ocean Isle Beach has nominated local architect Joe Johnson, Holden Beach has nominated Crawford Hart and Long Beach has nominated Ms. Short for reappointment.

Items On State Board Agenda

Two budget items relating to Brunswick County projects are expected to be approved by the N.C. State Board of Transportation when it meets Friday, Dec. 6, in Raleigh.

Also, members are expected to adopt the \$4.7 billion update of the 1992-1998 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The TIP is the transportation department's basic planning document that sets transportation priorities for the next seven years. It includes funding schedules for highways, aviation, bicycles, safety, public transportation and rail programs.

At its November meeting the

board approved \$11.86 million in funding for the widening of U.S. 17 from south of the Shallotte bypass to the South Carolina state line.

Friday it will be asked to adjust the cash flow of the project, budgeting \$3.4 million each in fiscal years 1991 and 1992, and then \$5.06 million in fiscal year 1993. No change in total funding is sought.

Board members will be asked to approve an additional \$160,000 in construction funds for widening and resurfacing N.C. 133 from Daws Creek Road (S.R. 1518) to Old Town Wynd (S.R. 1543), a distance of 6.4 miles. Previously the board approved \$750,000 for the project.

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