



STEVE MANN, president of the South Brunswick Islands Home Builders Association presents a check for \$200 for Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity to the Rev. Dr. Richard W. Warner Jr., co-chairman of the local Habitat board. Looking on at right is Jack Scarborough, a Habitat board member who spoke recently to the home builders.

Garnering Support Habitat Priority

Brunswick County's Habitat for Humanity project has passed the half-way mark in collecting the \$3,000 in seed money it needs from 15 different sources, as local organizing efforts continue.

A recent \$200 check from the South Brunswick Islands Home Builders Association last week boosted the fund to the half-way point, with the pledge of additional financial and in-kind support.

"We want to make this one of our major projects for the coming year," said Steve Mann, president of the home builders group.

Habitat for Humanity is an ecumenical Christian housing ministry. Its objective both internationally and locally is to eliminate poverty housing and to make decent shelter "a matter of conscience."

"Things are happening, but it's slow," said the Rev. Dr. Richard W. Warner Jr., co-chairman of the local board. "Part of the difficulty is heightening awareness."

"We're real concerned," he continued. "We want it to truly represent the entire county."

Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity is working now to build a solid base of support in the form of commitments of volunteer labor, donations of materials or cash, and pledges for continuing financial support.

Warner said the local program has had more interest expressed by volunteers who are "ready to pound nails and build buildings" than from those who recognize that the organizational and financial structures must first be in place.

"This is not a one-time thing," said Warner. "If we don't have the committees or structure bringing in dollars on a regular basis, we may be able to build one house or two, but we won't have the long-term impact we have in mind. You can't build houses without money."

Habitat is a grass-roots effort. Families apply to the local project as prospective homeowners. Family selection is based on housing need, ability to repay a housing loan, family size and willingness to participate as a partner in Habitat's ministry.

Unlike some housing programs, Habitat involves no government funding.

It does expect project homeowners to work alongside other volunteers to build not only their own

home, but those of others as well.

Mortgages, on a no-profit, no-interest basis, are issued over a fixed time period, usually about 20 years. The mortgage payments go into a housing fund and recycled to build new houses.

Of 29 county churches contacted for support, less than half, 12, have responded, including the four involved from the start—St. James and St. Philips Episcopal, Jennies Branch Baptist and Camp United Methodist.

The local Habitat for Humanity board plans to hold another general meeting in the near future to update interested persons on the progress of the project and to allow participation by new volunteers. Meanwhile the board of directors meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at the Brunswick County Government Center.

Raising the \$3,000 from 15 sources—evidence of a broad base of community support—is just of the steps the local group must complete before it is allowed to formally affiliate with Habitat for Humanity International.

The international group recently set up an account for the local effort and is accepting donations on its behalf. Once the account has the \$3,000 minimum and the project meets other criteria, it will be recognized as a full Habitat affiliate.

To that end, the local project is incorporating as a non-profit organization, seeking additional funds and lining up volunteers on working committees for all aspects of the project

from fundraising and management to pounding nails. Warner, Scarborough and possibly other board members plan to attend a March 20-21 training session in Black Mountain sponsored by Habitat's South Atlantic regional center.

In the near future small "house" banks will be placed in businesses countywide to accept donations. Habitat is encouraging churches, civic groups or individuals to get involved in the project, either with one-time gifts of labor, materials or cash, or a pledge of continuing support in a specified sum. Churches can establish a "covenant" relationship with Habitat along those lines.

Warner, board members Jack Scarborough and Jimmy Register and others are available to speak to local church and civic organizations about Habitat and its self-help philosophy.

Meanwhile, the local Habitat group is exploring the possibility of finding a home site and then buying—at a cost of about \$10,000—a house being moved off a local beach, as one way of "getting started a little sooner," said Scarborough. "That's one of the quickest ways to get the volunteers out."

Checks payable to Brunswick County Habitat for Humanity can be sent directly to Habitat for Humanity International Headquarters, Americus and Church Streets, Americus, Ga. 31709.

Interested persons can request a speaker or more information on the local Habitat effort from Warner, at either 842-8498 (home) or 754-9313 (office).

Songwriters Will Perform Their Own Lyrics At Fest

You've seen their songs climb the charts, linked to the names of top performers.

Next weekend local country and crossover fans can hear the writers behind the hits perform their own songs.

"Nobody knows a songwriter's songs like he does," according to Dean Dillon, one of the more than a dozen artists who will entertain during the Songwriters' Golf Festival at Sunset Beach Feb. 21-23.

Sponsored and hosted by Sea Trail Plantation, the festival is a benefit for the Brunswick Community College Foundation and a first in this area.

It includes a two-round captain's choice golf tournament sandwiched around live entertainment by the likes of Nashville songwriters Dickey Lee, Jerry Chestnut, Sam Hogin, Bucky Jones, Danny Morrison, Johnny Slate, Chip Young and Dillon. (Information about the golf tournament is available from the Sea Trail Pro Shop.)

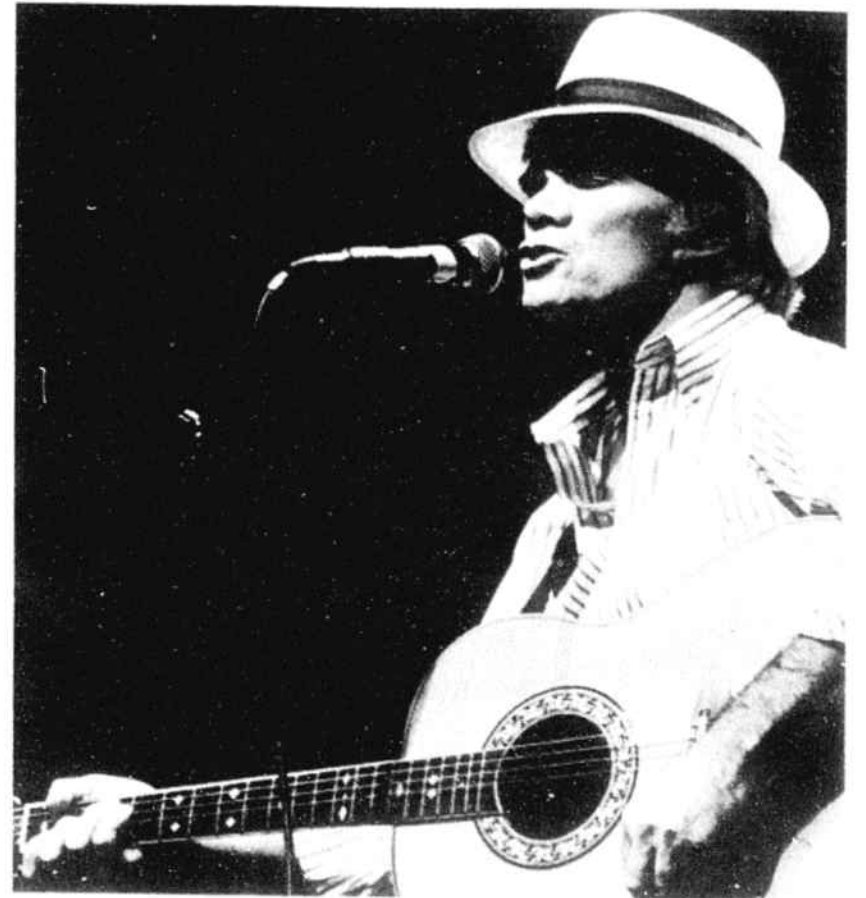
The artists will perform in concert Friday and Saturday at the Jones/Byrd Clubhouse at Sea Trail Plantation. Entertainment begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person each night, payable at the door. Tickets are also available in advance at BCC's main campus in Supply.

Tennessee native Dean Dillon sports both a southern drawl and a pony tail, and 12 number one hits to his credit, starting with *Lying In Love With You* in 1979. He's begun performing and recording some of his own material, with a debut album, *Out Of Your Ever Lovin' Mind*.

George Strait has recorded 30 Dillon pieces, taking eight to the top of the charts. These include *Unwound*, *Marina Del Rey*, *The Chair*, *Nobody In His Right Mind*, *It Ain't Cool To Be Crazy About You*, *Ocean Front Property* and *I've Come To Expect It From You*.

Jerry Chestnut was raised in the coal mining camps of Harlan County, Ky., and has seen hundreds of his songs recorded by artists ranging from Elvis Presley to Del Reeves, Jerry Lee Lewis and George Jones.

He's won 22 B.M.I. and six ASCAP awards as songwriter and publisher, and was songwriter of the



DICKEY LEE

year, internationally, in 1972.

Elvis recorded 12 Chestnut songs, turning two into million-selling gold singles, *It's Midnight and Trouble*.

Chestnut also wrote *It's Four In The Morning*, *A Good Year For Roses*, *If Not For You*, *Good Time Charley's* and *Looking At The World Through A Windshield*.

Dickey Lee has seen success on both the pop and country charts, and

as both songwriter and recording artist. His *Patches* climbed to No. 1 on the pop chart, while his *Never Ending Song of Love*, *Rocky Angels*, *Roses and Rain*, and *9,999,999 Tears* made it on the country chart.

Other artists have scored similar successes with his songs, notably *She Thinks I Still Care*, a top-of-the-chart hit for Elvis Presley, George Jones and Anne Murray.

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