

Recycling Coordinator Eyes 25 Percent Goal

BY TERRY POPE
Picture 9,000 tons of garbage. That's 25 percent of Brunswick County's estimated 37,000 tons of solid waste that must somehow find its way into recycling bins by January 1993.

Keeping the tons of glass, paper and aluminum out of the county's landfill in Supply is a big goal for Mary McCarley, but she hopes to have plenty of help in the next 10 months.

Industries, small businesses, residents and tourists—everyone who uses recyclable products—will be called on to help Brunswick County's new recycling coordinator reach her 25 percent goal, a mandate from the state for every North Carolina county.

"Even if somebody just feels like they are doing one little bit," she said, "that's going to add up and save raw materials."

The Tennessee native remembers how she joined the recycling bandwagon in the early 70s. Somehow it never quite caught on with the average citizen. Now county governments are facing the threat of huge

finer if they can't encourage citizens to recycle and to use less landfill space.

But if everyone begins to recycle, will there be a market for all of the goods? Will the world be flooded with stacks of old papers and warehouses filled with crushed glass? Or perhaps it'll be an ideal world.

"It would be fantastic," said Mrs. McCarley, who has a degree in environmental health from East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tenn. "You can't make people do things, but once someone starts recycling then it becomes a habit."

Her young son helps with recycling at home, sorting items in bins purchased from a local hardware store. If guests put a recyclable material in the trash can or in the wrong container, he gets very upset, she said.

He knows to take the caps off of bottles and to rinse them out before putting them in the bin. He knows how to rinse out aluminum drink cans and to separate colored newspaper, or slicks, from the newspaper rack. The kind of slick paper that

More Recycling Stations Will Open During Summer

Brunswick County will collect recyclable materials at 10 stations when its program is in full operation.

Waste Industries Inc. now accepts aluminum, newspapers plus brown, green and clear glass at its manned stations. It hopes to develop a market for plastics later.

Drop sites, open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, are presently located at:

- Hale Swamp Road Transfer Station, on N.C. 179 south of Shallotte;
- Southport Transfer Station, on N.C. 133 at the Smithville Park;
- Leland Transfer Station, on Chappell Loop Road, west of Belville.

These are manned sites with someone available to help sort items. Additional sites will be placed this summer at the following locations:

- Open Convenience Station, Oxpen Road, Holden Beach;
- Supply Sanitary Landfill, off U.S. 17, Supply;
- Seaside Convenience Station, N.C. 904, Seaside;

Three temporary recycling stations will be set up this month at the following parks, during regular hours, until permanent convenience stations are built in the communities:

- Town Creek District Park, U.S. 17, Winnabow;
- Northwest District Park, U.S. 74-76, Leland;
- Waccamaw District Park, Waccamaw School Road, Ash.

most advertisements and magazines are printed on are not accepted at Brunswick County's existing recycling stations.

If a child can do it, then there is hope that adults will, too. Mrs.

McCarley believes if recycling is made convenient, with neighborhood drop sites more visible and adjacent to trash bins, then adults will take the extra step to help save raw materials.

She will approach industries and larger companies first, hoping to get to the 25 percent goal quicker by going for the vein, the county's largest trash producers.

should have been," she said. "We'll try to get everyone involved."

The technology exists to recycle goods, if only the public's desire is there, too, she said.

"There are only so many raw materials in the world," she added. "Once you run out there are no more. We have to come up with ways and means to deal with our solid waste."

"But I want to reach out and get information to everybody," she said.

In addition to the 25 percent goal, Mrs. McCarley has other goals: to restart paper recycling at offices in the Brunswick County Government Center; to reach the public with brochures and flyers at area welcome centers, chambers of commerce and real estate firms; and to make recycling more convenient for the average resident.

Beach tourists make up a large part of Brunswick County's summer population. They, too, need to do their fair share during the summer months, she said.

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Two Injured In Calabash Wreck

Two people were injured in a three-car accident on N.C. 179 in Calabash last week.

Lilian Reczuch Genatiuk, 62, of Calabash was charged with making an unsafe movement after the 1988 Chevrolet she was driving turned into the path of another car on March 25, State Trooper W. H. Thompson reported.

Ms. Genatiuk was traveling south on N.C. 179 when she attempted a left turn into the parking lot of Pioneer Savings Bank, Thompson stated. Her car was struck by a 1988 Ford driven by James Foy Bennett, 73, of Shallotte, who was traveling north on N.C. 179.

The impact caused the Bennett car to strike a 1991 Oldsmobile, driven by Peter Breckenridge Sperry, 65, of Calabash. The Sperry vehicle was stopped in a driveway at the bank, Thompson reported.

Bennett and a passenger in his car, Eva Russ Bennett, 75, of Shallotte, received injuries and were taken to The Brunswick Hospital in Supply following the 3 p.m. accident.

Damage was estimated at \$4,500 to the Genatiuk car, \$3,000 to the Bennett car and \$350 to the Sperry car.

Wrecks At Hale Swamp
Two people were injured Friday when a driver failed to yield the

right of way at the intersection of N.C. 179 and Hale Swamp Road (S.R. 1154) just south of Shallotte.

Christin Elizabeth Aikman, 17, of Ocean Isle Beach was traveling on N.C. 179 when her 1983 Oldsmobile was struck by a 1979 Ford driven by Rose James Ward, 50, of Boiling Spring Lakes, State Trooper B.C. Jones reported.

Ms. Ward's car, traveling on Hale Swamp Road, struck Ms. Aikman's vehicle in the right passenger area, Jones reported. Ms. Ward was charged with failure to yield the right of way in the 6 p.m. accident.

Both Ms. Ward and a passenger in her car, Mary James, 76, of Hamlet received minor injuries and were taken to The Brunswick Hospital.

Damage was estimated at \$3,000 to the Aikman vehicle and \$2,000 to the Ward vehicle.

DWI Charge Filed
A Wilmington man was charged with driving while impaired following an early-morning accident Sunday on U.S. 74 about 6.8 miles west of Leland.

James Benjamin Puleo, 23, was charged with DWI and a stop sign violation following the 1:35 a.m. accident, State Trooper C. E. Ward reported.

According to Ward's report, Puleo drove his 1991 Pontiac past a

stop sign and into the lane of traffic on U.S. 74, striking a 1990 Ford driven by Monte Gerald Watson, 49, of Hallsboro.

Watson received serious injuries and Puleo received class B injuries, which are serious but not incapacitating, Ward stated. Both were taken to New Hanover Regional Medical Center in Wilmington for treatment.

Damage was estimated at \$3,600 to the Watson car and \$8,500 to the Puleo vehicle.

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