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**FARMERS HOME ADMINISTRATION** State Director James Kearney (left) congratulates Lumina Soles, a local employee who recently completed her 30th year with the agency. Also pictured (back, from left) are county supervisor Ted Rivenbark, district director Jimmy Johnson, Dennis Winter, Steve Sessions and Deborah Milliken.

## Farmers Home Director Visits County

James C. Kearney, the new state director for Farmers Home Administration (FmHA), visited the Brunswick County office in Shallotte last week to meet with local employees.

Kearney, appointed by Secretary of Agriculture Mike Espy on April 30, said he wants to make the organization's programs more "user friendly" to the people who need its services.

"I want the local office to reach out to the community, using programs to improve the economic, health and social environment for all people," Kearney said.

A 28-year FmHA employee, Kearney has held several positions with the agency. He was a loan officer and county supervisor in Windsor for 12 years and most recently served as district director in the Henderson area.

Kearney challenged the local staff to maintain balanced service to the whole community.

Farmers Home Administration is a federal government agency within the U.S. Department of Agriculture that provides loans and grants for agriculture and rural development.

The local office, located in the Promenade Office Park on Holden Beach Road, serves all of Brunswick County and is directed by County Supervisor Ted Rivenbark.

More than 500 local individuals or families have loans totaling \$9.7 million for farming or housing purposes.

Additionally, Rivenbark said the county has benefited from a number of loans and grants for multi-family housing, water and sewer and other essential community facilities such as fire and rescue service.

An indirect benefit of FmHA programs is the economic activity and jobs created by the provision of credit. Builders, material and farm suppliers, surveyors and attorneys are employed as a result of FmHA programs.

Lumina Soles, an employee at the Shallotte office, recently completed her 30th year of working for the agency.

For more information on Farmers Home Administration and its program, call the local office at 754-4880.

## Commercial Activity Pushes October Building Permits To \$5.7 Million

Business activity boosted construction value for building permits issued during October by the Brunswick County Building Inspection Department to \$5.74 million.

"That's the highest of the year by far," said Planner Don Eggert, who compiles the monthly statistics.

The county issues building permits for unincorporated areas of the county. Two permits were issued for industrial construction valued at \$2,562,912, and seven commercial permits for projects valued at \$1,212,474.

Permits for 33 signs valued at \$237,336 were issued in the month before new zoning rules were expected to go into effect, bringing the total for the year to 95 signs worth \$333,296.

Fifty-six permits were issued for mobile homes.

Twelve permits were issued for single-family homes with a combined estimated value of \$790,475. Permits were also issued for three multi-family buildings with a total of 18 units and a combined value of \$712,404.

Other permits included six for additions worth \$70,724; nine for garages worth \$153,257; one for a deck or porch worth \$2,800.

During October the department issued 386 permits, including 171 building, 125 electrical, 38 plumbing and 52 mechanical.

During the first 10 months of 1993, 3,675 permits have been issued, including 700 for mobile homes and 118 for single-family homes with a total value of \$8.27 million.



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## Tech Prep Offers Jump Start

Misty Galloway (left) Tamesha N. Livingston and (under dryer) Annie Russ, shown with Brunswick Community College instructor Tim Galloway and lead instructor Esther Myles, are among 12 cosmetology and nine electronics I students from West Brunswick High School getting a jump start on their careers and college educations under a Tech Prep agreement between WBHS and BCC. Like other college students, they must take responsibility for providing their own transportation to class, being on time and accepting responsibility for their actions.

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### Satellite Office To Open In Calabash

Steven K. White, M.D. of Myrtle Beach, S.C., a plastic and reconstructive surgeon, has announced plans to open a satellite office in Calabash.



WHITE

White is on the medical staff of Grand Strand General Hospital, Myrtle Beach, and has a private practice in Myrtle Beach.

He was recently certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery for added qualifications in surgery of the hand.

A graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, he completed his internship at Keesler Medical Center, Biloxi, Miss., and residency in general surgery at Keesler Air Force Base and Spartanburg Regional Medical Center, Spartanburg, S.C. He received

his training in plastic surgery at Wiford Hall Medical Center, San Antonio, Texas.

### Capra Promoted

Anthony T. Capra of Holden Beach has been promoted to sales manager of WCCA Radio Station in Shallotte.

The announcement was made by Lee Hauser, president and general manager of Sound Business of Coastal Carolina and owner of WCCA.

Capra has previously held management positions in AT&T Corporation's marketing and sales, purchasing, computer systems and materials management divisions.

### Seminar Slated

Identifying business advertising needs will be the topic of a free seminar being sponsored by the Brunswick Community College Small Business Center Nov. 30 at the Supply campus.

"Communicating with your Marketplace through Advertising" will be held from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Participants will learn how to effectively structure their advertising program and create a brochure. Tips on how to create an image that reflects the needs of the marketplace also will be provided.

Business owners or managers are asked to pre-register for the seminar by calling the BCC Small Business Center at 754-6900.

## Lawyers Asked To Bolster Court Access For Poor

Brunswick County lawyers and their peers across North Carolina are being asked this month to support Legal Services of North Carolina.

Created by the North Carolina Bar Association in 1976, Legal Services is the only statewide law firm for the poor. It operates 15 local programs serving all 100 counties of the state and three special purpose statewide programs.

It offers one lawyer for every 11,000 possible clients, as North Carolina has 1.2 million poor people who are eligible for free civil legal services because their income is no more than 125 percent of the federal poverty level.

Last year Legal Services assisted more than 40,000 families and individuals with problems that included domestic violence, elder care and rights, child support, health care, home and farm foreclosure and housing issues.

Through its "Access to Justice Campaign," Legal Services of North Carolina is asking each lawyer in the state to contribute at least the amount equal to one billable hour, with the goal of raising \$200,000.

Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear, based in Wilmington, serves seven counties in Southeastern North Carolina with a combined 95,250 potential clients, including 10,718 in Brunswick County.

It operates with a staff of one executive director, five attorneys, one paralegal and one volunteer paralegal.

The area Legal Services board has set as its priorities cases that include civil problems involving consumer affairs, benefits, housing, civil rights, health care, community economic development, employment, education and personal property.

## Chamber Promotes Shopping At Home

The South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce wants to keep cash registers ringing at home this holiday season.

The chamber and 36 area merchants are sponsoring Hometown Holidays, an annual event designed to encourage shopping locally.

Beginning Wednesday, Nov. 24,

and continuing until Wednesday, Dec. 22, Hometown Holidays offers shoppers an opportunity to register to win monetary awards and gifts.

Boxes decorated in holiday wrapping will be placed in each participating business, and shoppers will be encouraged to register. A total of \$500 will be given away throughout

the promotion.

Monetary awards will in the "chamber dollars," and winners may spend their winnings at businesses who participated in the promotion.

For a list of participating businesses, call the South Brunswick Islands Chamber of Commerce at 754-6644.

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