



A WORKER (in photo above) installs trim on a wall in the new addition to the Rourk Branch of the Brunswick Library in Shallotte this week. The new wing (in photo below) and renovations to the old building are scheduled to be completed in mid-November.



## Work On Rourk Branch Library Set For Mid-November Finish

BY ERIC CARLSON

The renovation and addition to the Rourk Branch (formerly the West Brunswick Branch) of the Brunswick County Library system in Shallotte should be completed by mid-November, but the Southport library is likely to remain closed until early next year.

Ann Hines, chairman of the Brunswick County Library Board of Trustees, said at the group's monthly meeting Monday that final "punch list" work at the Shallotte library should begin by Oct. 24. However, renovations at the Southport library have uncovered construction deficiencies that will have to be repaired, delaying project completion there.

In his Sept. 9 progress report to the board, project architect John Sawyer said the general contractor at the Shallotte branch was working to finish the insulation and dry wall work, while the electrical contractor completed the installation of main wiring.

Windows have been installed and the brick veneer has been completed on the exterior of the Rourk Branch library, Sawyer reported.

Both library branches were originally scheduled to re-open in mid-August, but minor problems have delayed completion of the Shallotte library. A temporary branch library has been set up at Resort Plaza on North Main Street.

The Southport library is even farther behind schedule. After removing old shingles on the building's roof, the contractor discovered plywood used in its construc-

tion is a type that has a history of deteriorating under heat and is beginning to fall apart. The library board agreed to tear out and replace the old plywood at an estimated additional cost of \$10,000 to \$15,000.

A revised project schedule called for final work at the Southport library to begin Nov. 14, but it seems unlikely that contractors will be able to meet that timetable.

"It looks to me like they're never going to make that," said library board member Margaret Harper of Southport.

Hines named members Marie Harrison and Pearl Stanley to coordinate landscaping at the Rourk Branch. Walt Frazier and Edith Tillman will oversee landscaping for the Leland library, and Harper will supervise work at Southport.

In other business at the brief library board meeting, Library Director Maurice Tate gave a report on the system's summer reading club. She said child services coordinator Ellen King reported 7,727 books read to the young "listener" participants in the program, while 84,390 pages were read by readers age 7 to 14.

Of the 147 who registered for summer reading at Shallotte, 73 completed the program, King reported. At the Leland branch, 100 out of 174 registered participants completed the program while the G.V. Barbee Branch on Oak Island saw 58 out of 137 finish the summer reading program.

The board agreed to cancel its Dec. 26 meeting. The trustees will meet next on Oct. 24.

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## JAMES BROWN

### FOR SHERIFF OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY



### CANDIDATE PROFILE

A native of Brunswick County, I am the son of Jimmy and Edith Brown of Boiling Spring Lakes. I have been married to the former Beverly West for 25 years. I believe that Life Experiences make people who they are. As a person who has served our country in war and peacetime in both intelligence and police fields, who has served our community with youth activities, as a law enforcement officer volunteering my time, and as an administrator in both the military and civilian realms, my life experience of 45 years makes me the best candidate for Sheriff of Brunswick County. I believe that maturity plus proven leadership equals sound wisdom. With this as a base, I feel as a proven law enforcement officer and with you the voter, we **CAN** and **WILL** make a difference.

As a Law Enforcement Officer certified in North Carolina, I currently serve on the police department in Southport. As such, I have taken courses through Northwestern University majoring in Criminal Justice & Administration, the North Carolina Justice Academy and various other law enforcement courses including:

- ☒ Supervision of Police Personnel
- ☒ Police and Administrative Guidance
- ☒ Stress and the Police Manager
- ☒ Legal Aspects of Discipline by Police Administrators
- ☒ Liabilities in Police Pursuit & Traffic Enforcement
- ☒ Deadly Force and the Police Officer
- ☒ Law Enforcement Supervisor and the Recruit Patrol Officer
- ☒ Citizen Support for the Police
- ☒ Evaluation and the Police Supervisor
- ☒ Officer-Violator Relationships
- ☒ Assisting in Prosecution

From 1968 to 1977, I served in the United States Army and was awarded the *Cross of Gallantry* during the Vietnam War. Additionally, I graduated from the United States Army Intelligence and Military Police School. This school provides the highest technical training available in the following specialties:

- ☒ Criminal Law
- ☒ Testimonial Evidence
- ☒ Physical Evidence
- ☒ Protective Services
- ☒ Crime Scene Processing
- ☒ Investigations of Crimes Against Persons & Property
- ☒ Drug Investigations
- ☒ Special Investigative Techniques

Honors, awards and experiences which make me the best candidate for sheriff include:

- ★ Awarded "Soldier of the Year" for 1973
- ★ Administrator supervising up to 240 personnel 1970-1975
- ★ Graduate Noncommissioned Officer Academy
- ★ Graduate Intelligence/Military Police School
- ★ Honor Graduate, Combined Arms Training Center
- ★ Honor Graduate, 5th Combat Training Brigade
- ★ Honor Graduate, DA Retention & Career Counseling School
- ★ Senior Career Counselor, Headquarters Command
- ★ Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 10400
- ★ Southport Baptist Church
- ★ DRUG AWARENESS Officer, Elk's Lodge #2769
- ★ Southport Lions Club
- ★ New Hanover County Law Enforcement Officers Association
- ★ Sponsored 3 Dixie Youth ball teams, 1980-1985
- ★ Owned, managed and operated a successful business for the past 15 years
- ★ Elk's Lodge #2769 Oak Island
- ★ Moose Legion #69
- ★ Moose Lodge #2059 Oak Island



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