

## Spiegel Seeks End To Nursing Home Delays

Marcia Spiegel, candidate for the North Carolina House, Third District, has released Secretary Phillip J. Kirk, Jr.'s response to her inquiry regarding the status of the proposed nursing home in Pamlico County.

According to Kirk, Secretary of the Department of Human Resources, "The hearing officer has been appointed to hear this case, and the opposing attorneys are coordinating their schedules. Hopefully, this case will be heard in late July or early August."

Spiegel had initiated the inquiry in a recent conversation with Secretary Kirk. An advocate in last year's successful effort to have the Certificate of Need (CON) for nursing home beds awarded to Pamlico County, she stated, "It is appalling that needed beds should be denied Pamlico County for such an extended period of time for the sake of 'undue' due process."

On April 29, 1985, the full board of the Eastern Carolina Health System Agency (ECHSA) awarded R.H. Walker and Associates the

CON to build a 120 bed facility in Pamlico County, overturning the January 15 recommendation of the project review committee to award the CON to Jones County.

Spiegel noted that she is pleased that Secretary Kirk acknowledged that: "These beds are very much needed in Pamlico County..." and that he further has recognized that changes must be made in the certification process. "...We have proposed a number of improvements to the certificate of needs process as well as recommendations regarding the appeals process," Kirk told Spiegel.

"Pamlico County residents have already suffered more than a year's delay in breaking ground for this health care facility—while the need has indeed been growing," she emphasized.

"While it is commendable that steps are being taken to improve the process for future applications, we urge the Department to do everything in its power to assure that this case encounters no further delays," Spiegel concluded.

## Carlton Named

### Personnel Manager At BCH

L.C. Carlton, Jr. has been named personnel manager at Beaufort County Hospital. Carlton brings to the hospital many years of experience in personnel services.

Prior to accepting his new posi-

tion at Beaufort County Hospital, Carlton was the personnel director at the Eastern Carolina Vocational Center. He also worked for more than 24 years with the Employment Security Commission (ESC). During his employment with ESC he worked in 28 locations throughout North Carolina and held positions of local office manager, claims adjudicator, contract monitor, worked with smaller communities industrial development program and was an occupational analyst.

Carlton graduated from Wake Forest University with a major in religion and combined minors in English, Spanish, history and psychology. He is married and has two children.

Asked about challenges of his new job, Carlton said that his major challenge is a technical one. "My immediate challenge is to become familiar with the hospital and with hospital jargon. It is my goal to administer personnel services for the benefit of the employees in keeping with the welfare of the hospital," he said.

Carlton said that he will be reviewing personnel policies and benefits and will make recommendations to administration changes as needed.

## 7th Annual Croaker Festival

### Cast of 'Blackbeard's Revenge' To Perform



Blackbeard and Gentleman Stede Bonnett have words as Garrett Gibbens looks on.



Israel Hands and Garrett Gibbens harass Roxanne on board ship.

The 7th Annual Pamlico County Croaker Festival, sponsored by the Oriental Ladies' Auxiliary of the Volunteer Fire Department, is rapidly approaching the "finish line", putting the final touches on the schedule of events for the July 4, 5, and 6 festivities.

The festivities will begin Friday morning, July 4, and continue through Sunday afternoon, July 6.

Members of Blackbeard's Revenge, including the infamous "Blackbeard the Pirate" and his love, "Roxanne", and others will perform on three different occasions Saturday, July 5,—a free attraction.

The cast for "Blackbeard's Revenge", an outdoor drama, is in

its second successful year and is professional theater, presented at the Crystal Coast Amphitheatre in Carteret County.

The legendary Blackbeard and his pirates and wenches will entertain festival goers with song, dance and action.

The waterfront in the town of Oriental will be filled with craft booths, along with an assortment of good things to eat.

The traditional parade will kick-off Saturday's festival activities, beginning at 10 am, traveling down Broad Street (Hwy. 55) and winding around the harbor.

This year's Croaker Festival will offer entertaining performances and activities for the entire family.

## Lodge Installs New Officers

New officers recently took over the administration of the Pamlico County Moose Lodge for the fiscal year 1986-87: Bobby Whitford, Trustee; Guyon Hollowell, Outer Guard; Luke Carraway, Prelate; Bob Smith, Junior Governor; Chuck Daniels, Governor; Derald

Potter, past Governor.

The Moose is a fraternal organization which currently has over 200 members in the Pamlico Lodge. They are involved in numerous civic and charitable functions throughout the county.

## Volunteers

### Needed At PTC Library

The library at Pamlico Technical College is looking for volunteers to help with a book inventory. Anyone 18 years of age or older who has some basic knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System and is willing to donate his

time is encouraged to call the college and discuss details. There will be no set hours to come or

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