

An unknown person put two bullet holes through the quarter panel of a Pamlico County deputy's car Sunday night.

Due to the Thanksgiving holidays, the TV listings were not received in time for inclusion in this week's issue.

Area Meetings

Thursday, December 4
-Mesic Town Council, 7:30 pm, community building.
Tuesday, December 9
-Minnesott Beach Town Board, 7 pm, town hall.
-Bayboro Town Board, 7:30 pm, town hall.
-Beaufort County Board of Education, 8 pm, administration building, Washington.



Three young men were thrown from this car last week before it began to burn.

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Funding Public Buildings Without Referendum Discussed By Board

When the Pamlico County Board of Commissioners met Monday, December 1, the board heard of what the county manager called a "new and innovative method" of financing the construction of public buildings without having a bond referendum.

County manager Bill Rice introduced Ken Nye, a representative of Davidson and Jones Cor-

poration, a Raleigh-based real estate development and construction company. Nye explained that in Harnett County, a three million dollar jail is currently under construction and will be paid for without the county having to sell bonds.

The county has been, for some time, trying to find a way to acquire or construct more space for the department of social services

and health department.

Nye said that in 1983 Harnett County officials received permission to sell a ten-acre tract of land that had been set aside for a government complex. Davidson and Jones, he continued, agreed to purchase the property and build a law enforcement complex to the county's specifications. When completed, Davidson and Jones, who borrowed the money for construction, will assign their interest to Dean Witter Company who will then sell tax-free certificates to recoup their investment. Harnett County will make annual payments to Dean Witter for ten years to retire the debt.

County attorney Bernard Hollowell asked how it was determined that the county was getting

the best construction price.

The method would eliminate not only the need for a bond referendum but also the competitive bid process.

Nye explained that Harnett County's architect and board negotiated construction costs. Davidson and Jones then added three percent for overhead and five percent profit.

Dean Witter, said Nye, is willing to finance on a year-to-year basis therefore a long-term debt, which would require the approval of the taxpayers via a bond referendum and the sale of bonds, would not be created.

This method is commonplace in the northeast, he added.

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Shots Fired Sunday In Hobucken And Olympia

A Pamlico County deputy's patrol car was damaged Sunday night when an unknown person fired two rounds into the left front fender. The car was parked at the Funny Farm grocery store in Hobucken at the time of the incident.

The car, which was assigned to Deputy Denny Wayne Lupton, had been left at the store when Lupton was called on to assist in transpor-

ting Curtis "Cotton" Leary to the jail.

The deputies had a warrant for Leary for injury to personal property (breaking the window of Benny Leary, his brother) and, following an altercation at the Hobucken Marina, Leary was also charged with trespassing and resisting arrest.

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Commissioners Approve Water Line Extensions

The Pamlico County Board of Commissioners Monday, December 1, decided to break a policy on water line extensions and also told property owners in The Bluffs that they would do what they could to help them get their roadways repaired.

Several months ago, Marvin Hill, a resident on the Don Lee Road, asked the board to extend the water lines to his property because his well, and others in the area, was becoming contaminated with salt.

The commissioners explained that although Hill was one of the original sign-ups for the water

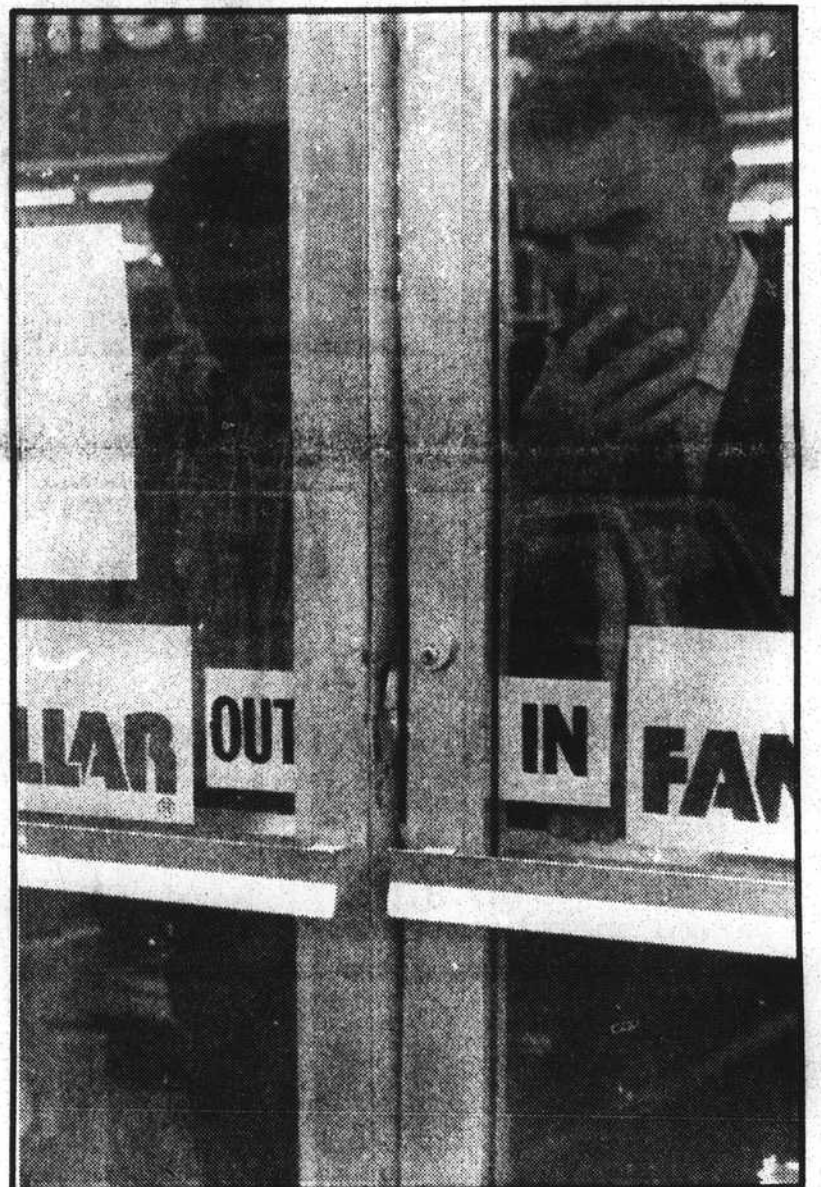
system the lines could not be economically installed during the

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Commissioners Take Office In Pamlico

Three Pamlico County commissioners, one of them new to the board, were sworn in Monday, December 1, by the clerk of superior court.

After the formalities with its old business, county attorney Bernard Hollowell was appointed temporary chairman. The old



Pamlico County Sheriff Leland Brinson looks over the door at the Family Dollar Store in Alliance that was pried open sometime late Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning, November 25-26.

An undetermined amount of cash was taken and merchandise was knocked off the shelves.

No arrests had been made as of Monday afternoon.

Climate Probably Good For Shrimp Farming

Fish farms are flourishing in some parts of the state; and shrimp ponds, successfully farmed in South Carolina, are being planned for Pamlico County.

And, although shrimp are harvested from local waters, will they survive in ponds here? The assistant manager of a South Carolina mariculture center thinks they will—and will do well.

All Stokes, assistant manager of the Waddell Mariculture Center in Bluffton, South Carolina, said that the shrimp need 150 to 160 days for growth, they are already approximately 20 days old when placed in

the ponds.

The ponds are stocked when any danger of frost has passed, he explained, since a drastic drop in temperature could result in a high mortality rate. Being shallow—the ponds used in a test at Waddell averaged 1.3 meters in depth—the pond water warms up quickly.

Stokes said that although he had not seen any water temperature data for this area, he believed there was "plenty of time to get marketable shrimp." He added, "I think North Carolina is ready to

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Wrecks Mar Thanksgiving Holidays

The Thanksgiving holidays were busy ones for the highway patrol in Pamlico County. Fortunately, though, there were no fatalities and injuries were relatively minor.

On Wednesday, November 26, at 8:05 am in Bayboro, a two-car accident sent the drivers of both cars to Craven County Hospital. According to the highway patrol's report, Michael Jerome Credle, 24, driving a 1975 Buick, was stopped in the travel lane on Highway 55 behind stopped traffic when he was struck from the rear by a 1982 Buick driven by Linda Tetterton Carawan, 44, of Rt. 2 Aurora.

Credle's car sustained \$1,000 in damage and Carawan's, \$5,000.

Trooper J.T. Hoffmann cited Carawan for failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident.

On Friday, November 28, two hunters had a head-on collision on a field road 7.7 miles southwest of Alliance. There were no injuries.

The report indicates that Bruce Len Midgett, 33, of Rt. 65 Arapahoe, was traveling east on a dirt road and Charles Alton White, 18, of New Bern, driving a 1983 Toyota truck, was going east. White apparently rounded a curve at too great a speed and struck Midgett's 1981 Ford truck head on.

White was cited for careless and reckless by Trooper K.R. Hill. Damage to his vehicle was estimated at \$900 and \$3,500 for Midgett's truck.

That same evening, about 7:15 pm, on RP 1100, five miles north of Arapahoe, three young men were slightly injured when they were thrown from the car in which they were riding.

The report stated that Kevin Lydell Midgett, 21, of Rt. 2 Arapahoe, driving a 1986 Chevrolet, was traveling west on RP 1100 at a high rate of speed when he crossed the center line and ran off the left shoulder. The car flipped throwing out Midgett as well as two passengers, Charles Anthony Gardner, 18, of Grantsboro, and Jonathon Johnson, 16. The vehicle then caught fire and burned completely. The loss was estimated at \$13,000.

Midgett was cited for careless and reckless by Trooper G.R. Leggett.

Two people escaped injury, though, Saturday night, November 29, when the 1973 Plymouth in which they were traveling flipped.

Emery Wayne Badger, 21, of Rt. 1 Oriental, and an unidentified 19-

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Pamlico Christmas Parade Next Week

The 1986 Pamlico County Christmas Parade will be held on Thursday, December 11, at 7:30 pm in Bayboro.

The parade is sponsored by local businesses, churches and civic organizations and is coordinated by the recreation depart-

ment. Line-up will begin at 6:30 pm at Fred Anderson School.

Groups or individuals interested in registering an entry or needing more information can call the Pamlico County Recreation Department at 745-4240.