



NANCY NORD

## Nord Wins Veterans Scholarship

Nancy Nord of Shallotte, a senior at West Brunswick High School, will become the first student to attend Brunswick Technical College with the aid of a scholarship awarded by the Brunswick County Veterans Council.

The award is for a vocational course of study and pays tuition and fees for four quarters. Funds for the scholarship come from life membership dues paid to the council.

Miss Nord, the daughter of Wayne and Lina Nord of Route 3, Shallotte, plans to study cosmetology at Brunswick Tech. Her father is a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps.

At West Brunswick High, she is a member of the National Honor Society, president of the DECA and Library clubs and has been named to Who's Who Among American High School Students.

The council's education committee, which selected Miss Nord, is composed of life members. Not all were present to make the selection, but the group includes Jack Caton Sr., Albert McKeithan, Henry Williams, Jess Parker, Leon Ferguson, John Milliken, James Poole and David Winch.

"The Brunswick County Veterans Council is proud to be associated with Brunswick Technical College in furthering educational goals of our citizens," commented Jess Parker, county veterans service officer, who announced Miss Nord's selection.

## Maintenance Dredging Begun Of Lockwood's Folly Inlet

BY SUSAN USHER

It's something local boaters have been waiting for with great impatience—and great anticipated pleasure.

Maintenance dredging of Lockwood's Folly Inlet began Tuesday and will continue an estimated two months at a cost of about \$180,000, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District Office.

When dredging is completed, the channel will follow a slightly altered alignment, said Robert Sattin, chief of the Corps' plant section.

"The ocean channel will be straighter than it was previously. It had curved to the west. It will still have a little bit of curve to the west."

The Corps has proceeded with caution, taking care not to disturb three Civil War shipwrecks in the inlet, said Richard Kimmel, who was in charge of the archeological survey.

In its more eastern alignment, Kimmel said the new channel will lie between the wrecks of the "Iron Age" and the "Elizabeth."

In 1982, the channel was dredged between the wrecks of the "Iron Age" and a third vessel, the "Bendigo."

The "Currituck," constructed specifically to dredge shallow draft channels such as Lockwood's Folly and Carolina Beach inlets, will deepen the channel connecting the Intracoastal Waterway to the Atlantic Ocean to an approved depth of

eight feet.

Dredging will be concentrated on the area from Bouy 10 outward, said Sattin. "Up to Bouy 10 there seems to be plenty of water," he said.

Sattin said the Wilmington District takes a different approach from some districts in its dredging operations—a difference evident in plans for Lockwood Folly Inlet.

"We try to work with Mother Nature, to put the channel where the deepest water is," he said, following its natural alignment rather than forcing a channel across the shortest distance between two points.

"When you do that," he explained, "you end up closing up what you have opened."

"This way you get a deeper channel and it stays open longer. We seem to be doing a little better this way."

Kimmel said the "Currituck" will avoid the wreck of the "Elizabeth," staying 150 to 200 feet from its center.

A steam-powered wooden-hull vessel, the blockade runner "Elizabeth" was a converted Gulf coast steamer once called the "Atlantic." It was stranded and burned at Lockwood's Folly Inlet Sept. 24, 1863, according to David Stick's "Graveyard of the Atlantic," supposedly through the activities of a Federal spy who was later found to have been on board.

The "Iron Age" was the only Federal vessel recorded as lost in the Union's blockading activities. The gunboat was lost while attempting to

help haul off the steamer "Bendigo," which had stranded at the inlet on Jan. 4, 1864. Likewise stranded on Jan. 11, the "Iron Age" was set afire and destroyed.

All three wrecks showed up in electromagnetic surveys of the channel. Divers were on the "Elizabeth" Friday. Kimmel said it appears the wreck is shoaling up, with more sand over it than a year ago. During the

first dive on the wreck, a year ago this month, some of the steam equipment was still visible.

The three Civil War wrecks were the only ones expected to pose any concern during the dredging operation.

However, Kimmel said he thought the remains of four merchant schooners also lie in or along the same area—the "J.W. Porter," the

"Mary J. Fisher," the "John H. Koch" and the "Missouri."

Kimmel is working with the state's archives and history division to establish and develop a thematic historic district, he said, which would include the vessels in Lockwood's Folly Inlet.

"Inclusion in the district would give them a better measure of protection," he explained.

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