

STAFF PHOTO BY EDDIE SWEATT  
**SHOWING OFF** advertising award certificates are Carolyn Sweatt, seated, and back from left, Timberley Adams, Cecelia Gore, and Linda Cheers.

## Nine Advertising Awards Presented To The Beacon

The Brunswick Beacon won nine awards in the North Carolina Press Association's 1994 Best Ad Contest.

The awards, three first-place, four second-place and two third-place, were presented Friday to Beacon Advertising Representatives Timberley Adams and Linda Cheers, who attended the annual awards ceremony and advertising seminar in Chapel Hill.

Seven of the awards were for best use of color. The other two were a first place award for best newspaper promotion for an advertisement designed by Editor/Publisher Eddie Sweatt, and third place for the best classified advertising section.

Ads designed by Publisher/Advertising Director Carolyn Sweatt for the Salt Peddler won both first and second place awards for best full color apparel, jewelry and accessories ad. She also captured a first place for best spot color real estate ad for one designed for Sloane Realty.

An advertisement designed by Timberley Adams for Cardinal Care Center won second place for best spot color institutional ad.

### Dedication Set

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners will dedicate the new G.V. Barber Library on Oak Island June 26 at 2:30 p.m. The library is at 206 Yaupon Drive, Yaupon Beach.

### Sunny Point Wins Award

For the second year in a row, Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point received honorable mention recognition in the Army Communities of Excellence awards.

The Army chief of staff set May 19 aside to recognize Army communities worldwide. Sunny Point was recognized in the small installation category.

General Gordon R. Sullivan, Army chief of staff, presented a plaque to Myrtle D. Meade, Sunny Point representative, during the Pentagon ceremony. A \$25,000 prize, payable on Oct. 1, goes with the award.

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## NO SUPPORTING DATA

### NRC Says It Won't Pursue Claims Of CP&L Cover-Up

BY SUSAN USHER  
 Federal nuclear regulatory officials have found no basis for investigating accusations levied last fall that Carolina Power & Light Co. covered up knowledge of cracks in core shrouds at its Brunswick Nuclear Plant near Southport.

"What they told me was that they had not conducted an investigation and are not going to," said Ken Clark, spokesman for the NRC's regional office in Atlanta. "In their preliminary inquiry they determined there was not enough information available to conduct an investigation."

Last year CP&L announced cracks had been found in the core shroud of a reactor at the 19-year old plant, the first such cracks found in a GE boiling water reactor in the United States.

In October a former engineer at the plant, joined by a Wilmington-based environmental group and the National Whistleblowers Center in Washington, D.C., asserted CP&L had known about the cracks as far back as 1974 and had falsified records to cover up that information.

They called for investigation by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Office of Investigation and stated that data to support the accusation would be forthcoming. They also recommended the NRC seize unspecified plant records.

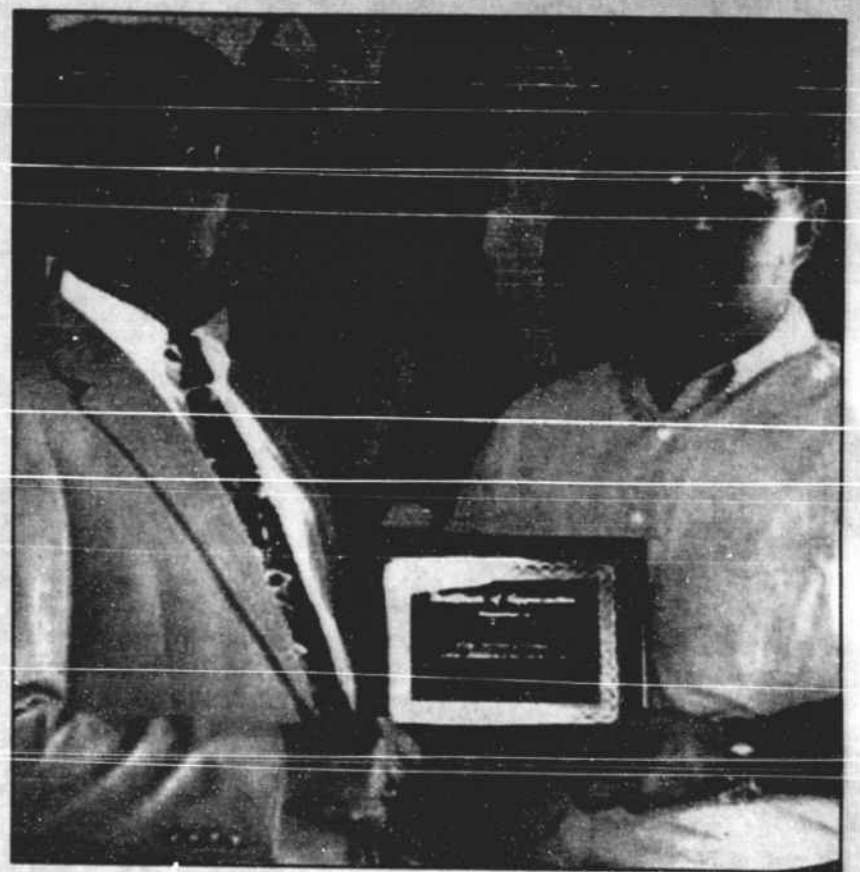
The supporting data was never submitted.

CP&L conducted its own internal investigation, company spokesman Mac Harris said earlier this year, and was satisfied no cover-up had occurred.

A reactor core shroud is a stainless steel cylinder within the reactor that directs the flow of water within and through the reactor. At the Brunswick plant, cracking was found around a welded seam where the top of the cylinder joins a plate inside one reactor. More recently evidence of cracking was found in the plant's second reactor. Bracing has since been installed in both reactors to correct the weak seams.

Clark didn't rule out the possibility of an investigation in the future.

"Nothing is final," he said. "If someone has hard information to bring to us, we'll look at it. But at this time it's not there."

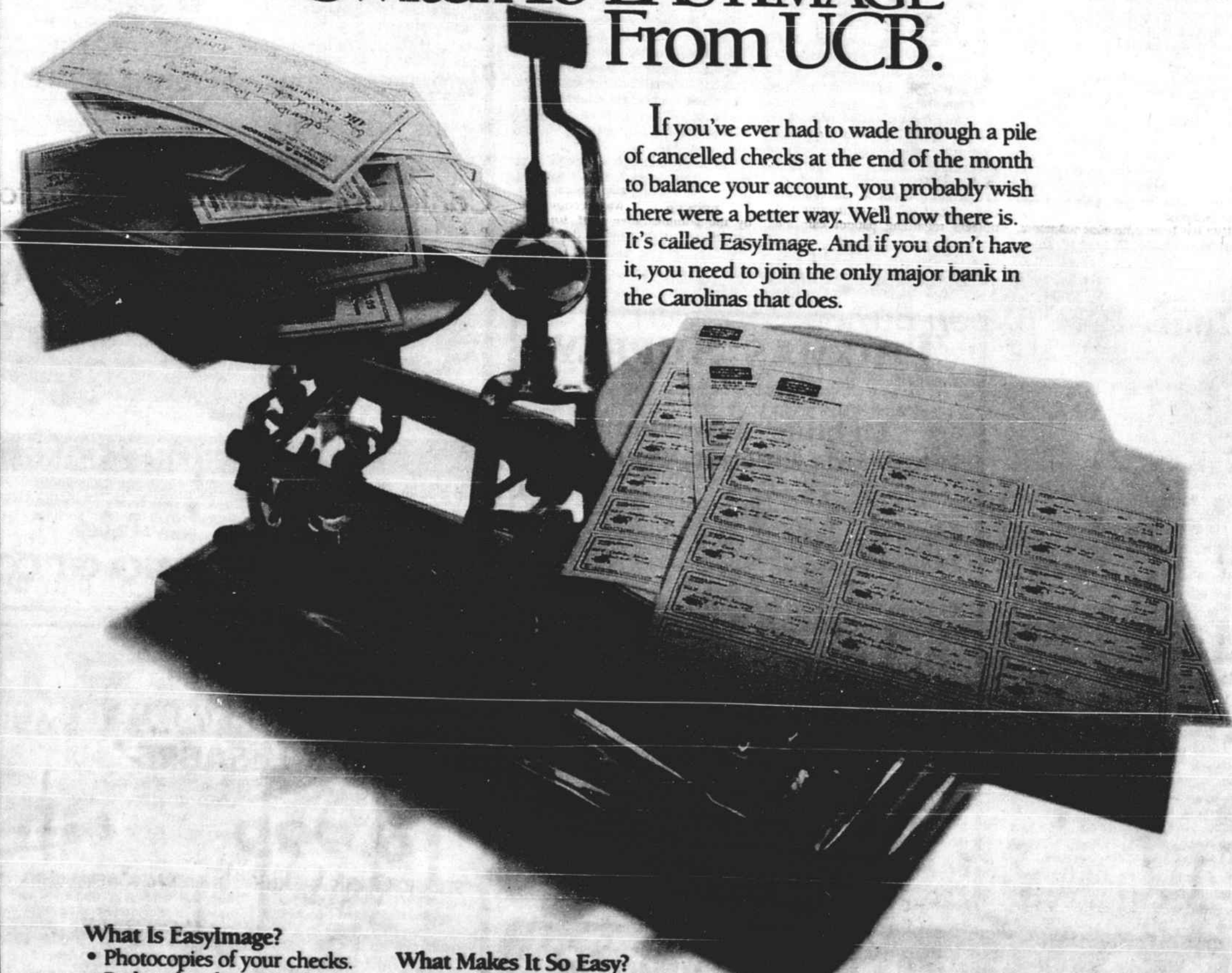


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### Honored For Support

Jim Price (left) of the West Brunswick High School Academic Boosters, presents a plaque to Dennis Derusha, owner of McDonald's in Shallotte, for sponsoring the radio spot recognizing students of the month chosen by West's department leaders. More than 200 attended the annual academic awards reception last week, where students and their supporters were recognized.

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