



'FINER CAROLINA' FUN—When Kingtree completed this roadside park, the project chairman, Mrs. W. B. Bower, called her family and teen-age guests for the first picnic there. An old building was razed, a ditch filled and scrub oak cut to make way for the attractive park. Kingtree built three such parks with signs 1,000 feet away to invite motorists to use them. Roadside parks are a typical improvement in the "Finer Carolina" content sponsored by Carolina Power & Light Co.

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North Carolina, is casting a rather indifferent eye on areas where there has been water shortages. That being true, they should take a look at one spot in Brunswick where there is 43 million gallons of fresh water flowing free from springs each day.

(Crowded Out Last Week)

The most spectacular thing about the storm in upper Brunswick county was where three of the big freights in the Brunswick River basin broke loose and drifted together across the marsh on the east side of the basin. They came to rest near the highway and it has since required Herculean efforts to get them back in the basin. It was only the efforts of tugs that prevented them from going much further and becoming impossible to move back without the cutting of a canal.

We may be proven wrong about it, but we believe it all the same. Next summer will see almost as many people at Long Beach and Holden Beach as were there this past summer. Ocean Isle may be a little slower in coming around, but all of our beaches will rebuild. Perhaps better than they have been within two years time. This is no time to either talk or look pessimistic over the future. The past is getting further behind us each day. We must take on new life.

The fact that a huge quarter of a million dollar cement plant and seven huge cranes, mostly with booms towering 90-feet above their decks, all rode out the storm in safety is a good indication of the safe judgment of the Army Engineers when they selected Sunny Point for the terminals. This equipment had incomplete moorings with no buffers to protect them from the steel and concrete moorings, but there was no damage to docks or equipment. There was no assistance to stand by and give aid if aid promised to be needed.

The old Engineers dock on the front of Fort Johnson was badly damaged by the storm. This may make it timely for the Army Engineers to go about the business of building a larger and more permanent structure here. Two or more years ago a high engineer told us that a big dock would undoubtedly have to be built here for various uses of big ships that will be coming in to Sunny Point. That being that, with the old dock virtually destroyed, we hope the Army Engineers will find ways and means of constructing an adequate and permanent structure.

All of the coast line sections of Brunswick had their own trouble and we expect that there are many heroes unsung for their efforts to try and do something for themselves and their neighbors. Few in their efforts could get outside of their own areas to help. Dr. R. H. Holden, we think, had double trouble. Living in Shallotte and owning much of Holden Beach, he worked untiringly there and also went afar in his efforts in behalf of his neighbors. We did not see anything of what went on in our neighboring town and beaches, but it is definitely established in our mind that Dr. Holden did yeoman service. Undoubtedly there were many others.

Shallotte lost some mighty good citizens in Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Register and their son, Sherman Register, Jr. We have known them all and had weekly contacts with them over a period of several years. The news of their deaths came as a personal shock, and the feeling continues through the diverting maze of other troubles that have beset us and our own neighbors since the storm.

Yaupon Village, owned and be-

ing developed by Barbee's, Incorporated, came through almost intact. The cafe was destroyed and one house badly damaged, according to Mrs. Barbee. A few trees were also uprooted. It can be said with certainty that this part of Long Beach will be quickest to recover from the storm and that development will go forward with renewed dispatch. As is generally known, Yaupon Village is in the thickly wooded stretch near the upper end of Long Beach. It is not only high and dry, it has the added protection of the beautiful, thickly wooded ground just back of the strand.

The busiest place in Southport, at least the most useful for the past 10 days, has been the yards and office of the Blake Builders Supply. Everything seemed to be needed at one time and the local firm seemed to have it. The calls were for lumber and roofing, for minor repairs and for the continued construction of new buildings, as well as for others that have been started since the storm. We are not a night owl, but we have seen the Blake trucks going late at night and before daylight of a morning.

Jimmie Woltz, auctioneer on the Fairmont tobacco market and owner of a nice home on Long Beach where he and Mrs. Woltz are permanent residents, said Sunday that he was going to start off on the building of several new homes at the beach right away. Neither he or Mrs. Woltz, who almost lost her life, are put out. They have the rebuilding spirit all of the way.

Three of the old W. B. & S. Bus Lines buses have been sold to new contractors who are moving in for the road building and other jobs at Sunny Point. The machines will be used as field offices by the E. B. Towles Company and other contractors who obtained sub-contracts from Towles. Some of the companies will be in operation by the last of next week, it is said. The bus company has also sold its well located lot here to the Southport Building and Loan Association. Secretary W. P. Jorgensen of the Building and Loan has not yet stated what plans the organization has for the use of the lot.

Many wonderful letters and messages have come in this past week. Among them was one from a professional man in Moore county. We are omitting his name because he is still in business there. He sent his subscription to The Pilot, wrote feelingly of the hurricane and in his closing paragraph he said, "Just because you have had a hurricane down there, I have not diminished my intention of locating in Southport."

Ken Stewart, construction boss of the Diamond Construction Company, was the man of the week for Southport last week. Two of his powerful cranes restored shrimp fishing here in short order by picking up 35-ton trawlers and setting them back in the water, where they promptly went to work, thereby providing work for many anxious workers. The T. F. Scholes, Inc., and the Hertford-Cecil Company also played a big part in the beginning of the restoration of Southport to its normal self.

The hurricane trouble at Southport, tremendous in itself, was as nothing compared to what happened to the beaches along our coast. Bad as it was here, the traces are fading and gone as a result of efforts of powerful friends of the town among the contractors at Sunny Point. Their efforts helped to inspire and energize our own people, many of whom were completely dazed and incapable of action. They are now working and planning for other work. When he was here Thursday we dared Noel Chancey of the Associated Press to come back 6 months from now and find a tra-

ce of the storm in and about Southport.

Much of the above can be applied to our beach areas. There will not be as many houses in six months as there were before the storm, but there will be houses, built and occupied and more under construction. The Brunswick coast is not in any regular hurricane path. The recent visitor was one of its kind in a century. There is no reason, based on history, to expect another anything like it within a hundred years. Florida and countless other places where the storms have struck again and again, always arises to build again. The same thing occurs in war-torn countries, where thousands sometimes die along with the destruction of property.

Thursday evening, six days after the hurricane, the Miss Betty, owned by Otto Hewett of Supply and with Rothie Simmons of Southport as captain, came in after two days and nights of trawling and brought with her 89 bushels of fine quality shrimp. Mr. Hewett stated that Captain Simmons reported that the catches at night were just as good or better than during the day. The Miss Betty was up the waterway from Southport during the storm and was undamaged.

A lot of us Southport folks, seeing the boats at work and thereby providing work for a lot of people, are beginning to really appreciate what the Diamond Construction Company, T. F. Scholes, Inc., and Hertford-Cecil Company did for us and without any reference to being paid. With one of the Diamond's Motor Cranes here and at work Sunday, Ken Stewart, superintendent of construction for the Diamond, came in Sunday and simply said, "We want to help Southport, and our company will send in one of the big floating cranes to get those boats back into the water."

With some 40 highway patrolmen in the county for three days and a slightly smaller number since, Corporal O. H. Lynch of Southport had charge of them by day and Corporal M. S. Parvin of Carthage directed things at night. Before he left Corporal Parvin asked us to tell the people of Southport and Brunswick county how much they appreciated the nice treatment that was shown them. He and all of the officers hope to be back some day in the under less distressing conditions. In short, many of them said they were coming back to spend their vacation on the beaches or to go fishing.

Several hundred extra copies of this paper were printed last week and it should have been several thousand. One news dealer sold 200 copies over the counter before noon Thursday and could have sold twice that many during the one day. The demand has been tremendous. President Y. L. Brown of the Hertford Construction Company told us that we ought to reprint that edition, that it was as good a paper as he had ever seen.

Joe Cecil, owner of the Cecil Construction Company that is allied with the Hertford Construction Company on the Sunny Point railroad grading job, was the busiest man in town Saturday afternoon following the storm. He had only two men, exclusive of himself and us, for the operation of his derrick. He could have used half a dozen to get short wire cables and chains around wreckage and trees to be in readiness for the hoisting cable of the crane. Joe took the lead in this himself, even when the work called for men on the roof of houses to attach to fallen trees.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Crumrine were called to Miami just before the storm and didn't get back until Saturday. Mr. Crumrine is

the General Superintendent of the Diamond Construction Company and in this office Sunday he seemed highly pleased at what Construction Superintendent Ken Stewart had tried to do to help Southport folks. Incidentally, it was Joe Cecil's crane that pulled a big tree off the Crumrine house here. The Diamond's own crane was working nearby to get trees off of other houses.

Charlie Trött, who slept the night before the hurricane at his home at Long Beach until the roof began to fall on him, had awakened enough by Monday of this week to start building a real estate office at Long Beach. The structure is right where the first Long Beach real estate office used to be, east of the pavilion in a wooden building that was destroyed by fire. While small, the structure now going up will be substantial and attractive.

People with homes damaged but still usable are naturally anxious to get them repaired as soon as possible, but we think that it is a case where some care should be taken. There are a lot of known and reputable carpenters and workmen in Brunswick county. Other reputable builders will appear in a short time. It is ten times better to wait a short time and have your work done by such builders than it is to enter into contracts with a fly-by-night worker. In cases like this many such alleged carpenters swoop down upon communities like buzzards swooping down on a dead dog. They offer to do your work quickly and at a low price. The work, when finished leaves the place in little better condition than it was before. The price turns out to be sky high and before you realize this the worker is gone, leaving no trace. It is better not to deal with roving workers.

From Greensboro this week comes a letter from Mrs. J. V. Morgan, one of the folks who lost their homes at Long Beach. Mr. and Mrs. Morgan had to leave Long Beach Thursday night as the storm approached. She said very little of the loss of their home, but expressed her deepest sympathy with others who went through a like experience and she says that she will always have a keen interest in the welfare of the folks on the Brunswick coast. She hopes some day to own another home on Long Beach.

Some sources tell us that the telephones came to Southport years ago as a result of a vital need of communications with Fort Caswell when it was a very active status. We understand that Wilmington and Southport interests constructed the line as far as Southport and that the government took on here with a cable to Caswell. Later on the Southern Bell Company acquired the lines and the Southport franchise and has since given consistently good service. Some 500 phones are now in use and facilities are now in to take care of a great many more.

Climate, weather, as well as geographical and safety features were large factors in the selecting of the mouth of the Cape Fear for terminals, according to a speech by Col. R. L. Hill before a Wilmington civic organization recently. Bearing out the Colonel's assertion with regard to the weather, one of the contractors remarked to us this week that weather has only held up work for five days since he started operations early in the spring. Practically all of the work has been outdoors and the loss of less than a day a month from work, due to weather, is an especially good tribute to local weather.

The woods south of Orton pond are full of deer, a considerable number of wild turkey and many small animals. By early in the year they will be surrounded by a 7 foot wire fence that will have only two or three entrances and all of them guarded. We suppose the turkeys can fly in and out over the fence whenever they want to. Some of the small animals can also get in and out over the fence. Just what the deer will do will probably be left up to them. It will be theirs to come and go unmolested. No firearms will be allowed in the reservation, except those of guards at the entrances and they will be prohibited from using them except in case of necessity. Lately we have seen large numbers of big deer tracks within the reservation and we would guess the number of those that will be penned up by the fence at close to a hundred.

It is about time for Rice Gwynn of Longwood to begin to make some approaches regarding a fall fishing trip with us. The last time we went it was in the middle of the hottest part of the summer. Various delays resulted in both the morning and the sun being well advanced before we finally got our lines wet. Rice was under the handicap of having to manage the outboard and also a paddle on occasion. Not a breath of air was stirring, there was only heat waves. Rice finally delivered himself of "The next time I go fishing with you it is going to be early in the morning or in the cool of an evening." We had made a fair catch, the trouble was that it was just too dangd hot.

All our life we have followed a rule not to sign petitions for anything unless we were completely familiar with both sides of the matter and were convinced that the paper spoke for a worthy thing. We followed this course because we learned long ago that the average man and woman will sign a paper without giving a darn to what it represents. This week brought one of the rare occasions when we cheerfully signed a petition asking for the parole of Ernest Singletary, an underprivileged youth who lived near Southport. Five years ago the boy cut the throat of his stepfather, following abuse of the boy's mother. For this offense against society the boy got 17 years in State Prison.

The belief has become strongly established in our minds that the Navy has some plans to do something at Southport and it will not be long before such intentions become clearly established to the satisfaction of the general public. Sunny Point, forming the only installation of its kind in the world, calls for great harbor improvement between it and the ocean. Improvements forced by the terminals on what has been termed the safest harbor, best adapted for military use on the coast, constitute an open-handed invitation for the Navy to come in and make full use of the Southport harbor.

Bill Sharpe, who inscribed our volume to "One of my oldest and best friends", has taken up the publication of A New Geography of North Carolina. Volume 1 covers 21 North Carolina counties in various sections of the State. The rest will be portrayed in following editions at intervals of about two years or more. The first volume is embraced in 533 pages, cloth bound. To our mind it is a valuable source of reference concerning matters in North Carolina.

The boys of Mr. Stouts' Southern Mapping Company from Lexington tell us that it will probably take them 3 or 4 weeks to run the lines and maps for the approximately 16 miles of security roads and the 7-foot wire fence, the two to run entirely around the Government reservation. It is understood the road will follow the edge of the reservation, all away around, up hills and down and cross streams. The fence will be just a few feet inside the road and both will follow the river to the docks and along between the docks. The Mapping Company has been working here for the T. F. Scholes, Inc., for nearly a year. The company was recently awarded the contract for surveying of 600-miles of pipe line route in Nevada and now has a force at work there.

Right now the air is filled with

more potentialities regarding the Southport area than have ever before been observed. In a way of speaking it may be observed that things are just getting close to the hatching stage. We believe that more than one important announcement will come by the first of 1955. One thing sure, Southport is not only unprepared to get the full benefit of what is coming, it is unprepared to take care of what we already have as a result of the terminal construction. All information indicates that the first of the huge docks will begin operation as soon as it is completed. Against that operation both homes and business places should be here for the workers. To this end nothing is being done.

A couple of the men in the home office of the T. F. Scholes, Inc., of Reading, Pa., were here a few days ago and they incidentally mentioned to Buck Buchanan, the Southern Superintendent of the company, that all of the folks in the office read the Pilot every week. There happens to be some 20 or more men and women working in the office and if all read The Pilot, as was indicated, they are probably able to keep a close check on what Buck is doing down here. "In fact," said Buck, "they probably learn more about this job from you than they do from me. They never learn much from me about what I am doing unless I start to losing money."

Going Right To Rebuild The Thing

Parker D. Phillips of Greensboro was at Long Beach Saturday to see what was left of the three homes and furnishings that he had owned there prior to last week. All he found, he said, was one frying pan.

But Mr. Phillips had the rebuilding spirit strong. In this office to renew his subscription, he said he was going to rebuild, using the frying pan for a start. He was enthusiastic about the rebuilding spirit that he found existing among other Long Beach property owners.

These Folks Got On The Spot View

Mrs. Jimmie Woltz, her daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Medlin of Laurinburg and Mrs. Medlin's nine year old daughter, Ann, got an on-the-spot view of all of the hurricane at Long Beach, although the visibility was not good and they were not interested in what was going on.

Mr. Medlin, Laurinburg attorney, had brought his wife and daughter over to stay with Mrs. Woltz while he was in New Orleans. Mr. Woltz, an auctioneer on the Fairmont tobacco market,

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Waccamaw Man Buried Monday

Andrew Jackson Russ, 94, said to be one of the oldest residents of Brunswick, died at his home at Longwood Saturday night, following a long illness. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the Friendship Baptist Church, Rev. R. W. Strickland officiating. Burial took place in the Jenrette Cemetery.

Supply Youth Is College YDC Head

With a membership of approximately ninety members, the East Carolina College Young Democrats Club has completed organization for the 1954-55 term and is now planning a series of activities for the school year.

Kenneth T. Bellamy of Supply, a junior at the college, heads the student political organization as president. With a delegation of members, he represented the campus group at the Democratic Rally in Elizabeth City Thursday of this week. Carol Ann Sellers of Shallotte is secretary.

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