



Artist's Concept Of New Plant

An artist's rendering shows how Carolina Power & Light Company's proposed Brunswick Nuclear Electric Power Plant will look when the second generating unit is completed in 1976. Estimated cost of the facility is \$300 million. The tallest part of the building will be as high as a 15-story structure. Recently, CP&L President Shearon Harris announced a revised schedule for the 1,642,000 kilowatt Brunswick Plant under which the first unit is to be completed for operation in 1974 and the second for operation in 1976. Originally, the units were to have started operation in 1973 and 1974.

Brunswick Is Hard Hit By Forest Fires

Forest fires in the five-county area in SENCLAND took a toll of \$1,163,080 and 29,077 acres during fiscal year ended June 30.

The five counties in District 8 include Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, Pender and Robeson. About 14,000 of the total acres were burned in one fire which raged in Green Swamp, south of Bolton, last spring.

Assistant District Forester Phillip Clegg said a total of 994 fires were reported in the 12-month period.

The total of fires in the past fiscal year, according to Clegg, was smaller than the 1967 total.

Brunswick County led in the number of acres destroyed with 19,035 acres burned in 184 separate fires. Columbus County had the largest number of fires, 191.

State forestry officials set an average value of \$40 per acre on burned-over woodland. This figure, Clegg said, is the average for the entire state.

A majority of the blazes in calendar year 1968 were of incendiary origin, Clegg said. A total of 322 woods fires were believed to have been set intentionally. Debris burning, including the burning of fields that got out of control, was responsible for 287 fires.

Lightning caused nine of the blazes. Other causes included smoking, camp fire, and blazes started by machinery. One of the machinery-caused fires was listed as an airplane crash in Pender County.

Military operations, including the use of smoke bomb signals, was also listed as the cause of some fires.

A break-down by counties shows: Bladen—148 fires, 1,419 acres; Brunswick 184 fires, 19,035 acres; Columbus, 191 fires, 1938 acres; Pender, 106 fires, 1,771 acres; and Robeson, 165 fires, 4,915 acres.

Principals In Session Today

Principals of the eight Brunswick County Schools will meet in the office of the Superintendent today (Wednesday), for the purpose of planning for the opening of school. This meeting originally was scheduled for August 26, but due to the many problems resulting from reorganization of the schools, the meeting was rescheduled.

Among the eight principals, two will be newcomers to the group. They are Nelson Best, principal of Leland school, and Roland English, principal of the Waccamaw School.

Best was formerly with the Greenville City Schools as coach and physical education instructor. He also is a former coach of the Leland School. English comes to Waccamaw from the Monroe City Schools where he was a teacher of mathematics and assistant principal.

Other county principals include Edison H. Crowe, principal, Bolivia School; A. C. (Continued On Page 4)



Honor Retiring Officer

Mrs. Rachel Rook is shown here accepting a silver tray from H. T. St. George, president of the Security Savings & Loan Association, at a dinner last week where she was guest of honor. The occasion marked her retirement as assistant secretary-treasurer, a position she has held for the past 17 years. (Photo by Spencer)

Board Honors Employee Who Has Retired

Mrs. Rachel Rook was honored last week at a dinner given for her by officials and members of the board of directors of Security Savings and Loan Association upon her retirement as assistant secretary-treasurer. She had served in that position for 17 years.

As an expression of the esteem and affection felt for her, President H. T. St. George presented her with an engraved silver tray.

In accepting this gift, Mrs. Rook thanked Savings and Loan officials for the many years of pleasant association. "I appreciate all that you have done for me and I hope that I can come back at short intervals to help out, when I feel up to it," she said.

Mrs. Rook went to work for the association in the fall of 1952 after having worked for 15 years as assistant cashier and teller at Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. This gives her more than 30 years experience in dealing with financial matters of residents of this community.

Mrs. Rook is a native of Wendell and came to Southport to teach in the local school. She met and married the late Harry Corlette, and to this marriage was born three daughters. Following the death of her second husband she returned to Southport.

Her daughters are Mrs. E. C. Harrison, Southport; Mrs. P. L. Pair, Greenville; and Mrs. N. Lazzo, North Hampton, N.H. She also has several grandchildren.

She is an active member of Trinity United Methodist Church and through the years has been outstanding as a soloist and member of the choir.

Southport Lawyer C&D Board Member

Southport attorney Ernest Parker was sworn in Thursday as a member of North Carolina's Board of Conservation and Development and listened to Gov. Bob Scott charge the board to "meet today's needs and tomorrow's goals."

This will be the second term for Parker as a member of C&D. During the administration of Governor Terry Sanford, he was a member for four years.

Experience gained during that time is expected to stand him in good stead as he assumes the duties of his new appointment. In fact, there are rumors that he may be named to head one of the important divisions of this state agency.

He is a native of Brunswick county, the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Parker, Sr., of Shallotte. He graduated at Shallotte High School, served in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II, graduated from the University of North Carolina and received his law degree from



ERNEST E. PARKER, JR.

that school. In addition, he is a C.P.A.

He is a member of the law firm of Herring, Parker and Powell, which has offices both in Southport and Shallotte.

Baldhead Island, oft times referred to as Smith Island, near Southport, was subject of much talk during the swearing-in ceremony, but Gov. Scott declined to state his views on the matter. He said he would do that later.

Shortly after taking the oath of office, C&D chairman William K. Horton of Wilmington declared, "Nature's magnificent wilderness in some areas of this state must not be destroyed by the on-rush of profit seekers who pollute and destroy as they develop in the name of progress."

Although Horton did not specifically name Baldhead Island, it was obvious he was referring to the 12,000 acre tract for which Hilton Head developer Charles Fraser is negotiating with owner Frank Sherrill of Charlotte.

In his remarks, Gov. Scott also took note of the controversy which has been in the news for several weeks, stating, "It occurred to me that this would be an appropriate time and a good time to state my views with respect to Baldhead Island. 'It is a good time and appropriate time,' Scott grinned, 'But I'm not going to do it. I assure you, that will come later.'"

Earlier, Horton told the Governor, "you may be assured that the many obligations of the (Continued On Page Two)

\$100 Million Mark

A milestone for Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company was reached Friday, August 18, at 11:18 a.m. when the total resources of the bank exceeded the \$100 million mark!

Resources at the time actually reached \$100,922,597.43, which officials consider outstanding since the bank's resources stood at \$51 million three and a half years ago.

Outline ASC Election Plans For Brunswick

ASC Community Committee elections will be held by mail again this year and ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters of record about September 5. The voted ballots must be mailed or returned in person by September 16.

There are six ASC Communities in Brunswick County and the names and boundaries of each are the same as the townships in the county. They are Lockwood Folly, Northwest, Smithville, Shallotte, Town Creek and Waccamaw. Each of these communities will be electing three community committeemen and two alternates.

The person receiving the most votes will be chairman with the next highest, respectively, being vice chairman, member, first alternate and second alternate.

A slate of nominees will be selected by the present community committee. The county committee may add additional nominees. Others may be added by petition if they are found to be eligible and willing to serve if elected. Petitions must be limited to not more than one nominee each, signed by a least six eligible voters in the community and received in the county office by August 21, 1969. The slate of nominees will be completed by not later than August 29, 1969.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm and well qualified for committee work. In general, a person is eligible to be a community committeeman if he lives in the community in which he is eligible to vote.

Ballots received by the deadline will be publicly tabulated by the county (Continued on Page 4)

Tobacco Still Selling High

Tobacco markets in Columbus last week followed the trend of the Border Belt group by witnessing record high averages for the season, and three of the county markets exceeded the season's market average for Tar Heel sales.

Improved quality seemed to be the thing, and because of the resulting better prices, deliveries to Stabilization Corporation declined.

Full sales are envisioned for all Columbus markets this week, and the only handicap foreseen is a prospect of bad weather which can deter farmers from bringing their leaf to the warehouses.

Season averages for Columbus markets, computed after Thursday's sales:

Chadbourn, 2,518,428 pounds; \$1,817,319; averaging \$72.16.

Fair Bluff, 2,450,193 pounds; \$1,777,341; averaging \$72.54.

Tabor City, 2,453,538 pounds; \$1,770,665; averaging \$72.17.

Whiteville, 8,062,387 pounds; \$5,730,507; averaging \$71.08.

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.

Thursday, August 14,	
9:27 A M	3:34 A M
9:39 P M	3:40 P M
Friday, August 15,	
9:57 A M	4:10 A M
10:09 P M	4:22 P M
Saturday, August 16,	
10:33 A M	4:40 A M
10:39 P M	4:58 P M
Sunday, August 17,	
11:15 A M	5:16 A M
11:21 P M	5:40 P M
Monday, August 18,	
11:57 A M	5:52 A M
12:03 P M	6:28 P M
Tuesday, August 19,	
12:51 A M	6:40 A M
12:51 P M	7:28 P M
Wednesday, August 20,	
1:51 A M	7:28 A M
1:00 P M	8:34 P M



Need For Drainage

The need for drainage in Waccamaw Township never was more dramatically demonstrated than it has been during this wet summer. A public meeting has been scheduled Monday night at Waccamaw High School to discuss the creation of two new drainage districts.

Will Consider Plans For New Watershed Area

Everyone interested in the proposed Shallotte-Wet Ash Watersheds drainage projects is invited to attend the information meeting at Waccamaw High School on Monday night at 7:30 o'clock. The purpose watershed drainage projects in the two areas and to decide what actions and steps should now be taken.

Members of the steering committee, the consultant engineer, J.L. Blackmon, the watershed lawyer, M.H. Anderson, and representatives of the Soil Conservation Service will be present to provide information and answer any questions.

The wet summer and heavy rains have shown a real need for the proposed projects. The steering committees met in July (Continued On Page Two)

School People Meet To Consider Plans

Principals and members of local school committees met Thursday night with members of the Brunswick County Board of Education to discuss common problems which will be faced when the fall term begins.

In considering the question as to whether transfer students will be permitted to participate in sports, agreement was reached to permit all students to participate in extra-curricula activities.

In answer to the question as to whether transfer students will be permitted to participate in all clubs, agreement was reached to

start all class and club organizations anew. It was agreed that class and club officers shall be selected on a race ratio formula.

Students, teachers and parents from respective schools are to begin discussions during the current school year on school colors and mascots for the new consolidated schools. Present football, basketball and band uniforms are to be used until the new consolidated schools are in operation. It was agreed that alterations, mutually acceptable, may be made in colors and mascots during the current year.

It was agreed that positive leadership will be vital in this period of transition and it was emphasized that all honor students will be recognized, all teachers will be expected to work in accord and that students will be given an opportunity to resolve differences which may occur.

The following teacher contracts were approved: William P. Furpless, Shallotte; Betty J. Trunnell, Southport; Lorraine Soles and Kay Shakelford, Waccamaw.

The following teacher resignations were accepted: Sarah Pierce, Nancy Cherry, Leland; Homer Singleton, Dorothy Davis, Shallotte; Brightie Holden, Christine Brummett, Rebecca Bowers, Union.

Time And Tide

It was August 9, 1939, and a front page cut-line that week announced that County Register of Deeds R. I. Mintz had recently passed the State Bar exam. Red Cross lifesaving classes had already paid off in full: Claude McCall and Johnnie Simmons, just out of these classes, had figured prominently in the rescue of a small boy from the surf of Wrightsville Beach, Gene Austin, always a local favorite, had recently appeared in Wilmington; the Vanderbilt yacht Alva had been piloted into Southport harbor by a member of the local pilot's association; and another yacht, this one an 18-foot kayak paddled by a New Jersey couple, was also in port.

Hunting licenses were to be put on sale at the last of the week, in plenty of time for the opening of marsh hen season. The steeple of Southport Baptist Church, recently visited by a stroke of lightning, was being put back into order. Irony lies in the fact that this same steeple had undergone these same repairs, for the same reason, only four years before. The freighter Illinoian, aground on Battery Island since Monday of the preceding week, had been re-floated; our editorial writer had wondered if upriver traffic had not better rely solely on local pilots in the future; and Long Beach surf fishing had taken a sudden jump.

It was August 9, 1944, and the opening of county schools had been postponed due to a polio epidemic. The storm of the past week had brought back memories of other storms long before. Oldtimers had recalled one on 1898 which drove 30 damaged sailing ships into the harbor. In the recent storm, trees at Ft. Caswell, Orton and in Franklin square had suffered; two shrimp houses had been badly smashed; but only two shrimp boats had suffered severe damage. (Continued on Page 4)

Brief Bits Of NEWS

SWIM CLASSES
This week is the last opportunity for the children in this area to sign up for swimming lessons to be given by Mrs. Ken Wooten at the new pool at the Baptist Assembly. Adults have been invited to take lessons also. Call Donnie Dodge after 7 p.m. for registration.

Assignment Of Pupils Listed

In accordance with a plan of school desegregation submitted by the Brunswick County Board of Education as required and approved by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, student assignment to schools for the 1969-70 school year are as follows:

SHALLOTTE SCHOOL: All students in grades 6-12 that formerly attended Shallotte and Union Schools and live within the Shallotte School District are assigned to the Shallotte School.
UNION SCHOOL: All (Continued On Page Two)