



Steel Skeleton Of A Plant

The framework of the Carolina Power and Light Co. nuclear power plant now under construction near Southport gradually is taking shape. Shown is the

steel skeleton of that installation as it appeared this week when this picture was taken by staff photographer Boyce Spencer.

## Governor Asks For Committee

Governor Robert W. Scott has called on the boards of county commissioners across North Carolina to appoint county bicentennial committees to work with the state American Revolution Bicentennial Commission in planning appropriate programs and projects for commemorating the bicentennial of the American Revolution. A letter from the governor said, in part, that the approaching bicentennial of the founding of our state and nation would afford North Carolina citizens with an excellent and timely opportunity "to reflect upon our heritage, to assess the present, and to give due thought to the future."

Governor Scott expressed the hope that the county bicentennial committees would reflect a broad cross section of the communities, would seek to include representatives from the various interests and organizations in the counties, and would pay particular attention to the inclusion of youth representatives.

Senator Hector MacLean of Lumberton, chairman of the commission, has also written the county boards, reminding them that the bicentennial period will be the biggest public event in two hundred years of American history and requesting a unified effort to insure that it will also be the most significant and rewarding.

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## US 74-76 Route Discussed By Leland Area Residents

The proposed US 74-76 bypass of Leland was discussed at a public hearing Tuesday with some opposition aired by area merchants who claim their businesses will be hurt by the highway route change.

"We're here to fight city hall," said one person at the hearing, "but I don't think it will do any good."

The proposed Leland bypass has been called a "missing link" in the US 74-76 project that will extend from the coast to the Piedmont. Most of the route is four-lane, including a completed stretch in Brunswick County west of Leland to the Columbus County line.

The proposed bypass route, designed by the State Highway Commission and shown on page ten of this issue, extends from the existing divided roadway west of Leland to Alligator Creek. There will be two 24-foot roadways with a depressed median, and several interchanges with existing routes in the area.

The project will interchange with state road 1441 (the DuPont Road), overpass existing US 74-76 and the Seaboard Coastline Railroad, underpass relocated state road 1437 (the Old Fayetteville Road) without contact, interchange with relocated US 17 and relocated NC 133, and tie to the existing divided roadway at

Alligator Creek, leading to the Cape Fear River bridge.

The total cost of the project is set at \$4.7 million, of which the state and federal governments each will pay half.

There was expected opposition at the Tuesday public hearing, which was held at Leland High School, mostly from owners of some of the area businesses from which traffic will be diverted. These businesses are dependent

on transit trade, according to the owners who voiced objection to the location of the 6.5 mile bypass.

A map of the project will be kept with SHC officials in Wilmington for the benefit of area residents, who could determine how the proposed bypass design would affect their homes and businesses. Written statements concerning the high-

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## Unusual Concert Presented Sunday

Seldom is an audience given an insight into what takes place in preparing for a concert. The one at the auditorium for the concert of the New Directions last Sunday had such an opportunity.

Because of a very tight schedule, the musical group arrived at the N.C. Baptist Assembly grounds a scant twenty minutes before concert time. In full view of those attending, they immediately became an amazing anti-hill of activity, setting up their staging and sound equipment. So perfectly disciplined were these young people that

everything was put in order and their program was only five minutes late in starting.

A large portion of the audience of 800 persons was in their seats when the youthful singers and musicians walked into the auditorium, each carrying musical instruments, cases of sound equipment, wiring in various colors, microphones and folded sections of raised staging. Even though the auditorium and its facilities were unfamiliar to them they immediately set to work, each doing his own particular task.

J.L. Williams, director of the group, worked with Fred Smith, Baptist Assembly Superintendent, in making the major placement decisions as unpacking took place. And out of apparent chaos things magically were in place and following a short interval of quietness and orderliness the concert began.

The music of the New Directions was well received by the audience, the majority of which were young people. Starting off with a rousing rock number, the program was gradually and skillfully guided into message music which is the specialty of this group.

The contagious enthusiasm of the singers and their skilled instrumental accompanists quickly captured the audience who applauded the various musical selections with enthusiasm.

Sing-a-longs were participated in, and in several cases the audience, including adults of all ages, clapped in time to the music.

Among those in attendance were groups from Wilmington and Carolina Beach. One group travelled by special bus from Spring Lake, north of Fayette-

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Supper For New Directions

As soon as their concert was over Sunday afternoon, members of the New Directions came to Southport where they were supper guests of the Brunswick Sub-District MYF members. The picture shows a cross section of visitors and hosts and hostesses. (Photo by Spencer)

# Republican House Candidate Petitions For Vote Recount

Petition for a recount of votes cast in the disputed House of Representatives race between Arthur Williamson and Republican Thomas Harrelson has been filed with the Columbus County Board of Elections and the case may be taken to court.

A canvass of precincts in Brunswick and Columbus counties has Williamson on top by two votes, 5453 to 5451, in the contest with Harrelson, a Southport man in his first political battle. One House seat was captured by R.C. Soles Jr., while the fourth candidate, Republican J.W. Suggs, finished last in the voting and no longer is in the picture.

Soles and Williamson represented Columbus and Brunswick counties in the 1969 General Assembly, but the Chadbourr, farmer-businessman is faced with the prospect of losing his House seat.

Unofficial returns after the November 3 election showed a four-vote lead by Williamson, but a canvass of the Brunswick County precincts added 15 votes to Harrelson's total and six votes to Williamson's, giving the Republican a five-vote lead coming into the Columbus County canvass.

The Columbus County canvass began Thursday, as directed by State Board of Election Chairman Alex Brock, but there was no significant development until Friday when the Board of Elections found seven votes for Williamson in South Lees precinct that were not included in the unofficial election results.

Based on alleged irregularities in the election procedure, Attorney Thomas Hone of Southport filed the recount petition on Harrelson's behalf.

The canvassing Friday took place in the Superior courtroom where presiding Judge Hamilton H. Hobgood stepped in occasionally from his chambers to

see that everything was running smoothly.

On Thursday afternoon at 4:35 he had entertained Harrelson's petition in Southport where he was holding court, and had signed an order for the Columbus County sheriff to immediately impound and retain for

safekeeping all ballot boxes, ballots, registration books, abstracts, tally sheets, uncounted ballots, and keys to locks on all ballot boxes.

Judge Hobgood said these items should be kept in a secure place in the Columbus courthouse under joint supervision and

security of the sheriffs of Columbus and Brunswick.

On Thursday night deputies from both counties kept the materials under guard. This guard was lifted Friday morning.

Judge Hobgood appeared in the courthouse Thursday night at

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(Photo by Elgie Clemmons)

## Impound The Evidence

Following the judge's orders and placing all election material under guard and lock Thursday night were members of both the Columbus and Brunswick county Sheriff's departments. Columbus Sheriff A. L. (Ben) Duke, left, watches as election materials are unloaded from the security van. Brunswick Deputy J. H. Osburne assists in the unloading. Deputies from both counties went to all precincts and brought in all materials from the polling places. The security van was used to bring in materials from the board of elections office.

## Local Woman Heads Drive

Mrs. James M. Harper, Jr., of Southport, has been named Special Gifts Chairman of the 1970-71 Alumni Giving Fund from Greensboro College.

The appointment was announced by Fred T. Jones, Jr., Director of Development and Public Relations for the 132-year-old Methodist-related college. He explained that the general campaign, headed by Ken S. Anderson, Jr., of Greensboro, will run through June 30th.

A definite monetary goal has not been set for the campaign, but Jones said the objective is to exceed last year's contributions of some \$45,000 from 1,240 alumni. Greensboro College has about 6,000 alumni, and it is hoped that this year's campaign will reflect a larger percentage of alumni participation in giving than previously.

Mrs. Harper, recipient of the Greensboro College Distinguished Alumni Award in 1966, is prominent in public affairs of North Carolina. She is Secretary-Treasurer of the North Carolina Press Association.

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## Church Bazaar Plans Progress

The Women's Society of Christian Service Bazaar, an annual affair at the Trinity Methodist Church in Southport, is scheduled for November 20 beginning at 9 o'clock.

There will be several specialty tables including the Christmas table, the bake table, the fancy work table, plus two new ideas: a table of hose (panty and sup-

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## Employment Check Is Underway Here

A survey of employment and unemployment in several rural areas throughout the United States began in Brunswick county Monday, according to Joseph R. Norwood, Director of the Census Bureau's regional office in Charlotte.

Interviewers who will visit households in this area are Mrs. Karen Perry, Mrs. Darnella Brown and Mrs. Elizabeth Hughes.

The Employment Survey has been developed by the Census Bureau to provide information about how many people are employed and unemployed in the survey areas, the sources they use in looking for a job, and their transportation to and from work. The survey is also being conducted in a number of cities throughout the Nation.

Facts supplied by individuals participating in the survey are kept confidential and the results are used only to compile statistical totals. The law safeguarding the privacy of the individual applies to all information collected by the Census Bureau.

Counties in this area included in the survey are: Hoke, Cumberland, Scotland, Duplin, On-

slow, Pender, Brunswick, Columbus, Bladen, Sampson, New Hanover, Robeson.

## Fields Attends FHA Meeting

Parks C. Fields, Farmers Home Administration Supervisor for Brunswick County, attended a community programs meeting in Raleigh Thursday.

James T. Johnson, State Director of the Farmer Home Administration, stated that the meeting was held to discuss processing and servicing loans and grants for rural community water and waste disposal systems. Information was also provided for making loans and grants for solid waste disposal, said Johnson. Under this authority, FHA makes loans and grants to purchase and develop landfill sites and to purchase equipment for operating landfills. According to Johnson, there is a tremendous need for sanitary solid waste disposal facilities in rural North Carolina. He indicated that his agency is receiving an increasing number of loan and grant applications for

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## Time And Tide

It was the month of November, the year of Our Lord 1835, and a park beautification project was to begin in Southport under the sponsorship of WPA—and therein lies the tale of the beginning of our beautiful Franklin Square. Weekend fishing had been interrupted by a 48-hour display of storm warnings.

Weather Bureau statistics showed that October had been the driest month of the year in Southport; and Armistice Day dance was scheduled at Camp Sapona (CCC Camp at Southport); and speakers had been scheduled for each of the five consolidated schools of Brunswick county for patriotic addresses on Armistice Day.

A screaming black headline across the front page of The Pilot for November 6, 1940, announced that "Democrat Candidates Win In County." And so they had, for county, state and federal offices. That was the year Franklin D. Roosevelt was re-elected for his third term. In another but less colorful election, the Rev. A.L. Brown had been elected moderator of the Brunswick Baptist Association.

A Red Cross First Aid class was being taught in Southport; a Washington, D.C., sports writer, Don Carpenter, was coming here on a fishing trip to test some of the highly publicized off-shore fishing; and the editor was having a farewell say about the Outdoor Writers of America, who had met here and had adjourned with words of praise

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