



Work Progresses At Nuclear Power Plant

The huge wheel shown here in the foreground has been lifted into place by a giant crane as good progress continues at the CP&L Nuclear Power Plant

near Southport. The main structure of this \$300-million installation loom up in the background. (Photo by Spencer)

Civil Rights Report Orders Bus Route, Faculty Change

The Brunswick County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday. Made formal resolution authorizing Superintendent of Schools Ralph C. King to make application for Federal Real Property located at the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point which has been declared surplus.

Francis Smith, auditor, appeared before the board and reviewed and discussed the audit reports compiled for various Board of Education accounts. Jack Croft, architect, discussed with the Board the status of the building program. The proposed gym floor covering and type and pattern of brick to

be used were discussed. The local School Committee from the Lincoln Elementary School appeared before the Board and discussed the following school needs: Covered walkways, overcrowded classrooms, loading shelter, overcrowded busses, teachers

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Brunswick In Stamp Program

According to information received from the U.S. Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service Field Office in Wilmington, participation in the Food Stamp Program during the month of November in the six participating counties of Southeastern North Carolina totaled 30,485 persons in 8,002 households. The total dollar amount of food stamps issued was \$718,148.00, of which \$207,552.25 was paid by recipients, the remaining \$510,595.75 representing the bonus food coupons, which are paid for by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

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Library Friends Buy Bookmobile

The Brunswick County Bookmobile, which was purchased on faith and put to work several months ago, has been paid for through the efforts of Friends of the Library, Mrs. A.P. Henry, president of that organization, announced this week. "I want to express my special thanks to Robert Howard, who served as campaign chairman for this drive," Mrs. Henry said. He provided the leadership and the drive which made it a success. Howard, on the other hand, likes to share the credit. "The Southport Jaycees pitched in and raised \$1,203.40," he said, "and member of the Southport Lions Club were not far behind with

\$900.27. We also received outstanding support from our financial institutions as Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. donated \$599.21 and Security Savings & Loan \$200." A report by community areas shows that a total of \$2,263.42 was raised in Southport; \$669.04 at Shallotte; \$82.04 at Bolivia; \$314.18 at Leland; and other communities adding to total of \$1,021.32. Both Mrs. Henry and Howard were reluctant to praise individuals. "Almost everyone did what we asked them to do," said Mrs. Henry. "The result not only paid off our indebtedness for the bookmobile, it strengthened

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Time And Tide

The shrimping fleet that had numbered 125 up to the first of December 1935 had dwindled to a mere 25 working boats by the tenth of the month. Most of them had headed south, with good catches being reported from St. Augustine, Fla. A special service was being planned, to welcome the Rev. E.M. Hall as the new pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Southport. It had been a good week for the hunters, with the least one good story showing up. That one dealt with a deer hound, turned retriever. He according to the story—had swam out into a pond and seized a wounded buck by the tail and towed him ashore. (Seems like hunters these days and times just don't have the imagination folks used to have!)

The time was December 11, 1940, and hunting still was going strong in Brunswick—only this time it was foxes in the limelight. Five had been captured during a single morning's hunt over at Fort Caswell. There also was a front page story about a single shotgun blast that the late Clyde Newton said he made into a bunch of ducks over at Long Beach. The story had it that Clyde came up with 4 mallards, 2 black ducks, 2 teal and 2 blue jays. (Makes a fellow wonder what the bag limit was back in those days.) Oh yes, and there on the same front page was the story of Rossie Flowers of Winnabow, who shot and killed two deer with one shot on the previous Saturday.

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Fraud, Forgery Charged In Contested House Race

By ED HARPER
Fraud and forgery charges in South Lees Precinct are under investigation by the FBI and the winner of the House of Representatives race could depend on the outcome.

Thomas Harrelson, locked in a tie with Arthur Williamson for the Columbus-Brunswick county House seat, has petitioned the State Board of Elections for another hearing, based on new evidence uncovered last week when the Republican judge in South Lees Precinct examined the poll book and alleged that names had been added to the list of voters and that his name had been forged at the bottom of the page.

Harrelson is asking the state board to:
—recall the certification it issued on December 6 that declared Williamson and Harrelson to be equal in votes,
—call upon the State Bureau of Investigation to conduct a full investigation into the alleged fraud and forgery,
—allow a rehearing on the matters of fraud and voting irregularities,
—adjust the vote total for Arthur Williamson to reflect the results that could appear from a rehearing by the state board, and
—institute criminal proceedings against any and all persons found to be in violation of any of the state's election laws.

CHARGES FRAUD

The petition, which was mailed to the State Board of Elections on Friday, charges that when the results of the Brunswick County canvass showed a two-vote margin in favor of Harrelson, the names of seven persons who did not vote in the November 3 election were added to a list of persons who did vote and this new list was substituted for the legitimate record of voters with the name of the Republican judge forged at the bottom of the page.

The Columbus County canvass showed an increase of seven votes for Williamson in South Lees precinct, giving the Chadborn politician an apparent

two-vote victory over the 29-year old Harrelson, a Southport businessman involved in his first political battle.

A recount of the South Lees votes, under the supervision of

the State Board of Elections, revealed that Williamson received 19 votes in the precinct instead of the 20 votes with which he was credited by the Columbus County Board of Elections in

their canvass. Later, the state board allowed a "spoiled" ballot to be counted for Harrelson when it decided the ballot was properly

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State Asks Federal Help To Buy Bald Head Island

Federal aid is being sought by North Carolina to acquire Bald Head and establish an education-research facility on the controversial island near Southport. Roy Sowers, director of the state's Department of Conservation and Development, announced plans to initiate a fund-raising drive with federal assistance. He spoke Friday to the C&D policy board at Wilson. Sowers said that North Carolina Gov. Bob Scott would recommend a financial program for acquiring the island, which has been the center of a development-conservation argument that has attracted statewide attention.

The 12,000 acre island, located across the Cape Fear River from Southport, has been purchased by Carolina Cape Fear Corporation for a reported \$5.5 million. About 3,000 acres of the island is highland and the remainder is salt marshes.

William Henderson, president of Carolina Cape Fear Corporation, has claimed that the marshes are of little value as breeding grounds for marine life, but it is on this basis that ecologists are fighting development of the semi-tropical island.

The Governor and other state officials have announced they would not grant dredging permits to Henderson that would be necessary to construct a ferry slip, and probably to build an airport on the island.

Henderson has said that he will take the matter to court, and that

his lawyers told him the state doesn't have the legal right to deny the dredging permits.

The developer has outlined a

development plan for the island and has indicated that initial construction of the multi-million dollar resort could begin this spring.

At the meeting of the C&D board in Wilson, Sowers presented a 63-page study of the possible uses of Bald Head Island—other than private development. The study was made by the Research Triangle Institute at the request of Gov. Scott, who reportedly is "weighing the possibilities raised in the report and will have a recommendation soon."

Scott also spoke at the Wilson meeting but revealed no recommendations of the island's use at that time.

Money is the major problem in the matter of state acquisition of the island, according to Sowers, who has asked North Carolina's Congressional representatives to assist his department in finding funds and programs that could be used to develop a "low density, educational research facility" on Bald Head Island.

Henderson has announced publicly that he does not intend to sell the property to anyone—state or else. Gov. Scott has insinuated that Henderson bought the property so he could sell it to the state for a profit, but the developer denied this allegation, also.

Sowers stated that "We are hoping to settle the question of a protected and preserved Bald Head Island during the first six months of 1971," when the North

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GROVER GORE

Gore Elected Bar President

Grover A. Gore, was elected president of the Thirteenth District Bar Association on Friday at its annual meeting in Whiteville.

Gore is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grover R. Gore of Shallotte.

He is married to the former Marianne Florence Noel Boyd of Charlotte, North Carolina. They have three children, Allison, Rosemary, and Grover A. Gore II.



Santa Claus Comes To Town

The Christmas Parade was held Thursday evening in Southport and the center of interest was Santa Claus, who appeared in person. After he had dismounted from the firetruck on which he rode into town, Santa engaged in a few confidential conversations with some of his young admirers. (Photo by Spencer)



Queen Dianne Flips The Switch

The Christmas lights came on in Southport Thursday night when Miss Fourth of July, Dianne Reese, pulled the switch which lighted the weather tower on the garrison. Earlier she had performed a similar ceremony to turn on the lights in the business district. Looking on are City Manager C.P. Pickerrell and Mayor E.B. Tomlinson, Jr. (Photo by Spencer)