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559-Ton Cylinder

First Reactor Vessel Now At CP&L Site

The 559-ton reactor vessel that will be used in CP&L's first nuclear unit was brought into the Cape Fear River Saturday and docked near the plant site north of Southport.

The huge cylinder was loaded aboard a barge at Memphis, brought down the Mississippi River, around the Gulf of Mexico and then up the east coast. The trip took 20 days.

By the end of this week, the reactor vessel should be removed from the barge and loaded on two land crawlers for a short trip to the plant site along a specially-prepared roadway. The heavy vessel should be installed sometime after October 15, a spokesman for CP&L said.

The reactor vessel is 69 feet high with a diameter of 18 feet. The walls are at least five and three-eighths inches thick and it will take more than 20 tons of bolts to attach the lid, which also was brought on the barge up the CP&L canal.

The canal has been dredged inland to the Walden Creek road, which now has been closed.

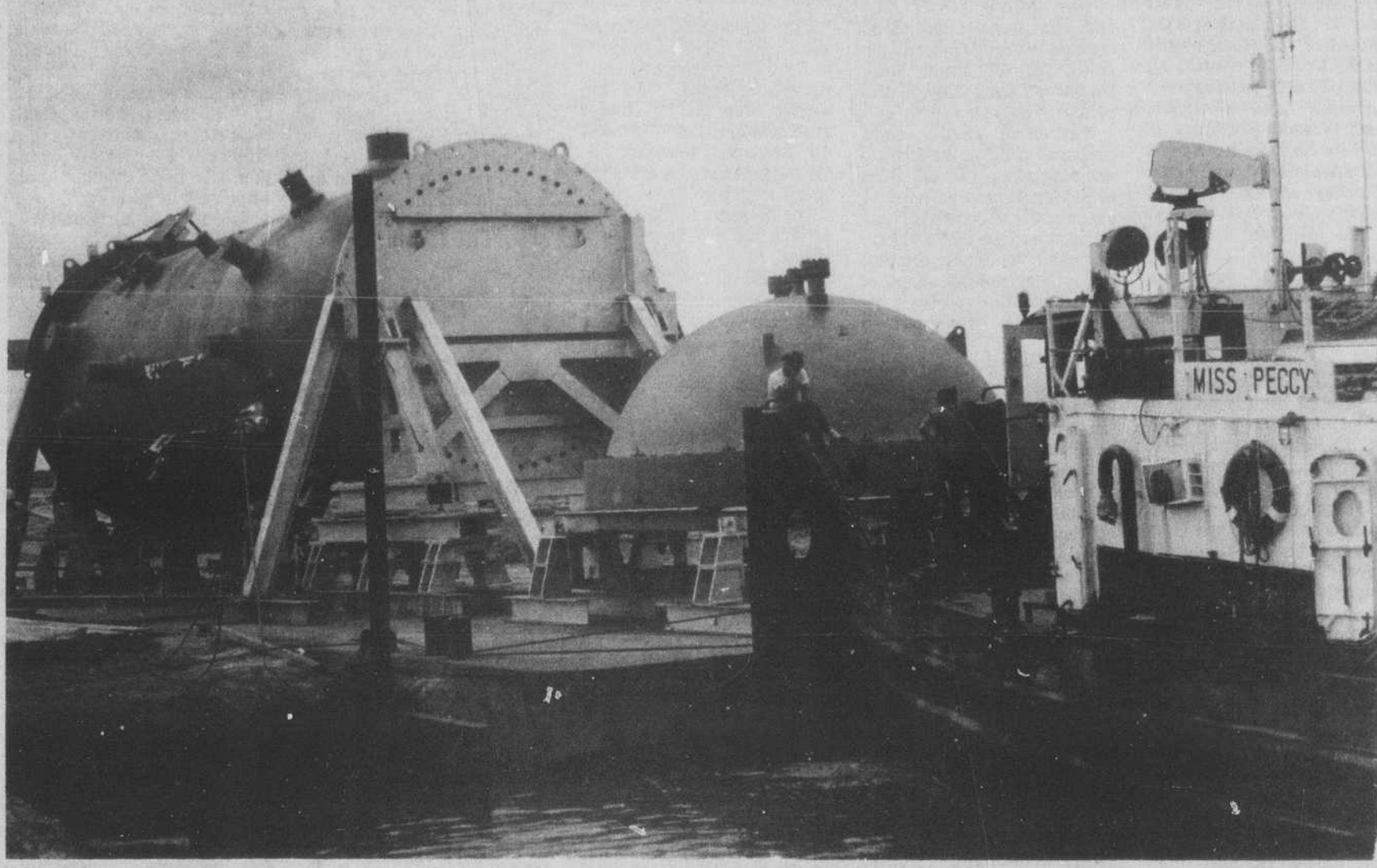
The CP&L project, which will cost \$330 million to build and another \$54 million to fuel, will produce 1,642,000 kilowatts from two reactors. The first, scheduled to be finished in 1974, is 29 percent complete, while the second unit, scheduled to go into operation a year later, is 15 percent finished.

The energy produced by the Brunswick plant is about the same as all CP&L's plants were generating only eight years ago. The plant, located just north of town, is the first nuclear power plant in North Carolina.

Although 1,400 workers are employed at the site now, the finished plant will operate with between 80 and 100

counts of selling LSD; Also, Billy Kruschke of Yaupon Beach, one count of possessing and one count of selling LSD, and two counts each of possessing and selling marijuana; Wayne Fullwood, of Southport one count of possessing, one count of selling and one count of transporting marijuana; Woody Poindexter, 23, of Kernersville, two counts of possessing and two counts of selling marijuana; Steve Parker, two counts of

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The nuclear reactor vessel for Carolina Power and Light Company arrived Saturday morning after a 20-day trip from Memphis. The 559-ton cylinder will be unloaded from the barge later this week and will be moved along a specially-built road to the CP&L construction site. The vessel is expected to be installed sometime after October 15. (Harper photo)

Youths Caught In Drug Raids

A narcotics raid headed by the Long Beach Police Department and the SBI has resulted in the arrest of at least 16 young people and has slowed drug traffic in the Southport area.

The Thursday operation climaxed when an 18-month investigation by Long Beach Police Chief Aubrey Hickman and SBI special agents Cuyler L. Windham and John Richardson. Other law enforcement agencies helped in the early morning round-up, although they knew nothing of the raids until a few hours earlier. The Yaupon Beach Police Department had assisted in prior investigation, Chief Hickman noted.

Arrested so far have been Tommy McKeithan of Southport, charged with one count of possessing and one count of selling marijuana; Chip Watkins of Long Beach, one count of possessing, one count of selling and one count of transporting LSD; Jon Arthur Jones of Southport, one count of possessing and one count of selling LSD; Terry Allen of Yaupon Beach, two counts of possessing and two

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New Bank Is Sought

Lester V. Lowe, vice-president in charge of Southport operations, has announced that Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company has applied to the N.C. Banking Commission for permission to open a full-service bank at Long Beach.

The new office, which would be located at the intersection of Ocean Highway and 58th Street East, would not replace the office now located at Yaupon Beach, Lowe stated.

As a full-service bank, the new facility would offer the same services as other Waccamaw banks, including a loan office and safe-deposit boxes.

Tri-County Farmers Build \$211,000 Processing Plant

Construction of a processing plant was begun Thursday by Tri-County Farmers Association with the help of a \$211,000 FHA loan.

Ben Fink, general manager of the three-county farming cooperative, said the 110 by 150-foot cement block structure at New Hope should

be ready to use by November. "We're aiming for next spring," Fink said, "but maybe we can process some sweet potatoes by late fall."

Tri-County Farmers, created several years ago by Sencland Community Action, Inc., with recent help from the North Carolina Rural Fund for Development, now has 320 members in Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick counties; 202 of these are paid members, the general manager said.

The purpose of the organization is for farmers to

market their produce as a cooperative venture. By selling their crops together, the farmers are justified in shipping the produce to distant markets. "The crops are too plentiful in this area for the farmers to sell their produce here," said Fink, "so the cooperative selling makes it economically feasible to ship the produce elsewhere."

The packaging and marketing building will cost about \$120,000 and the remainder of the Farmers Home Administration loan

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Gore Resigns Democrat Post

The chairman of the Brunswick County Democratic Executive Committee has announced his resignation because, he said, of the need to devote more time to his family and his work.

Grover Gore, in a letter to all precinct chairman on the Executive Committee, suggested that the group meet August 27 for the purpose of accepting his resignation. Also, Gore said, a new treasurer must be chosen because Robert B. Stanley, who had filled the position, has moved to Myrtle Beach.

Gore stated in his letter to the committee that he wanted to resign at an appropriate time before next year's election. "It appears to me," he said, "that an appropriate time should be a date well in advance of next year's primary rather than waiting just before the primary—as has been the practice over the years."

"I believe this would give the new chairman sufficient time and ample opportunity to do what he thinks ought to be done before next year's election," Gore added.

Sencland Post Draws Entries

Despite the recent criticism of the Sencland boss, the position of executive director for the community action agency is not an unpopular job.

George Allen, acting as interim director of the three-county program since Charlie Mumford resigned August 1, reported that 35 or 40 persons have applied for the position that pays \$10,000 to \$14,000 a year. Some applicants don't meet the requirements, he said, but the interest shows that the agency still has some redeeming values.

"I think we have a much stronger agency now than we had during the past few months," Allen stated. "Not because Charlie is gone, but because the public has become aware of the importance of Sencland Com-

munity Action and is willing to work together."

Allen said the trouble with Sencland was internal and there was no problem with the services provided for low-income people in Brunswick, Bladen and Columbus counties. "The agency has always been one of the strongest in the country," he added.

The interim director said he took the job with the understanding he would step down in two or three months. Allen plans to leave the agency in about six months, he said, but not because of anything that has happened about Mumford.

Allen, a funeral director by trade, joined the Sencland staff about 15 months ago as Director of Planning. He will

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Bomb Threat Case Dropped

There is circumstantial evidence that a bomb threat was made to Fort Johnston Academy last March; however, there is no circumstantial evidence, Judge Giles Clark said, that Eugene W. Gore was responsible for the hoax.

Gore had been charged with making a call to the private school March 19 after Southport police, telephone company personnel and agents of the SBI conducted an investigation.

Monday in District Court here, Mrs. Susan Greene, a teacher at the school, said she was in the office and answered the telephone for the regular secretary. A male voice spoke, she said, and reported "There's a bomb going off in 30 minutes. You'd better get those children out of there."

Following prescribed procedure, Mrs. Green did not hang up the phone but called Clifton White, then headmaster of the school, into the office. He ordered the school's 77 students evacuated and then called the police department and the telephone company.

The bomb hoax call was received at 9:45 a.m. and within 13 minutes police officers Becraft and McCracken were directed to the residence of Eugene Gore. An employee of the phone company had traced the call, which is possible when the proper equipment is installed and the answering party has not hung up the receiver.

Becraft and McCracken, informed that Gore was not at home, went to the school and participated in the bomb search. Later, they returned to the Gore residence, asked Gore's mother-in-law for the use of the phone and picked up the receiver. On the other end was White, who had been

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Representatives Reflect On Past Term In Raleigh

R.C. Soles, Jr. and Tommy Harrelson both represent Columbus and Brunswick counties in the North Carolina General Assembly. They vote the same way on some legislation but usually they are on opposite sides of the fence. Tommy is a Republican and R.C.'s a Democrat.

The representatives are both young. Soles is serving his second term in the state House and Harrelson, his first. The way they got there is a story everyone knows.

Soles was an easy victor last November in the General Election while Harrelson had to wait two and one-half months before the State Board of Elections named him winner of the other House seat. He was late getting to Raleigh but he was on the front row where Arthur Williamson used to sit.

For the past six months, both men have spent long hours speaking for the people in the two counties. Often their paths crossed, and sometimes the matter at hand was of local interest.

Soles Favors 18-Year Vote

In all the controversy that followed the General Election last fall, the "forgotten man" was R.C. Soles, Jr., who just happened to be the leading vote-getter in the Brunswick-Columbus House district. He went to Raleigh, came home, and last week reflected on his second term in the state legislature.

As a member of the Democratic majority, he had support for most of the bills he favored. As a stockholder in Carolina Cape Fear Corporation and a sponsor of a local government bill that local government didn't

want, Soles stayed in the public eye during the lengthy session of the General Assembly.

The Tabor City legislator, who has been city and county attorney plus carrying on his private law practice, said he was in favor of private development of Bald Head Island, "but only if it can be done in a manner to protect the marshes from excessive damage. If the Carolina Cape Fear development were to upset the ecological balance of Bald Head, I would be in the first line of defense against development," Soles added.

"If the state were to acquire the island and do what it ought to do, I would have no strong objection," Soles continued. "I'm just against the island going to waste."

Speaking about the election reform sponsored by fellow representative Tommy Harrelson, Soles said the legislation "did have merit and deserves further study. I didn't agree with all his points, but I'm always for making elections fair and honest."

A bill similar to Harrelson's was killed, but the Columbus legislator emphasized that Harrelson's bill never cleared committee. There is a need for improvement, Soles stated:

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Legislature Let Harrelson Down

The reason Tommy Harrelson represents Columbus and Brunswick counties in the state legislature this year is that someone found fraud and forgery in South Lees precinct. The young Republican took up the cause of election reform and presented his argument to the General Assembly, which may have received the proposals well but also forgot about them in a very efficient manner.

"I would give the legislators an 'F' for failure," said the outspoken Southport businessman. "The only election reform of any value is the mandatory instruction of poll officials. This will cut-down some of the irregularities caused by either tradition or ignorance, but absolutely nothing has been done to prevent fraud."

Bills that would have required a voter to sign his own name to the poll book or at least have poll officials witness the voter's mark were lost in committee. "To have voters sign the poll books is one of the best things

that could have been done to prevent fraud," said Harrelson.

"The legislature had the opportunity to help clean-up elections but would not do it," the representative added. "Now, there is still the possibility that the federal government will step-in and do a little cleaning of its own."

Another matter of special

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CG Assistance

The only assistance by the Oak Island Coast Guard station during the past week was to the sailing vessel Osprey on Saturday.

A call was received at 3:15 a.m. stating that the Osprey was disabled eight and one-half miles southwest of the Cape Fear River entrance buoy. The call was answered by Coxswain G.C. Hauser of the 30-foot Coast Guard boat and crewmen S.E. Drew and C.J. Tatum.

The Osprey was towed to the Southport Small Boat Harbor and moored.

Shrimping Area Remains Closed

The portion of the Shallotte River already closed to shrimping will remain closed because of sample catches recently made by biologists August 4-6.

The Brunswick County area is one of five closed in North Carolina on the biologists' recommendation. The division of commercial and sports fisheries of the State Department of Conservation and Development said last week that the samplings indicated there are too many immature specimens in the nursery areas.

The coastal shrimping fleet recently complained to the C&D board about the closing of certain areas for nursery

purposes. The board supported the biologists' study, however, saying the closings are beneficial to the industry by protecting immature specimens.

The closed portion of Shallotte River was surveyed on August 6. Trawl samples produced catches of brown, white, and pink (spotted) shrimp ranging from 79-140 per pound. Seine samples produced large catches of brown shrimp under 100 per pound, and pink shrimp under 200 per pound.

A survey was conducted in the Bald Head Island Area on August 5. In the Bald Head

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