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## CP&L Plant Construction Here Could Be Stopped

Carolina Power and Light Company has been given 30 days to show why construction of the nuclear power generating plant here should not be suspended by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The show-cause order involves construction of the 6.5 mile canal that would channel cooling water to the plant, and the clearing of transmission line rights-of-way.

The order marked the federal government's first attempt to halt work at a nuclear power plant on the basis of environmental objections.

The objection involves only the off-site construction work and will not interfere with construction of the \$400 million twin-reactor plant.

The canal planned for the CP&L plant would lead from the Cape Fear River north of Southport inland, then would

continue west of Southport to the Intracoastal Waterway, where a pipeline would channel the outflow under the waterway and on to the Atlantic Ocean.

The discharge water temperature would be slightly higher than the ocean water temperature, CP&L officials said, but the heat would quickly dissipate.

The Atomic Energy Commission said it "concluded that work should be suspended on construction of the project's off-site circulating water discharge canal and its off-site trans-

mission lines" until the environmental impact study review is made.

A review of the situation would require about two months, the AEC noted, and another ten months would be needed to comply with new environmental regulations.

The Southport plant is among five which have been affected by the AEC ruling. Officials stated that ultimately 48 power plants throughout the nation would be involved.

The plant here would be the first in the state to generate nuclear power.

Among the AEC contentions is that salt water from the river could seep from the canal into the ground water in the Southport area. Also, the commission stated, the clearing of the transmission lines rights-of-way would involve the cutting of many trees, thus posing a problem of aesthetics.

Monday's announcement resulted from new regulations drawn after the U.S. Court of Appeals disagreed with the AEC's interpretation of the National Environmental Policy Act, terming it a "mockery." The AEC did not appeal the court's decision but began to tighten its policies regarding environmental protection.

A spokesman for the State Department of Water and Air Resources said the agency has been concerned that the ground water in Brunswick County could be contaminated if "ground water resources continue to be developed in the Southport area." Pfizer, Inc., which recently acquired a tract of land at Southport for a new plant, reportedly will require a large amount of fresh water but alternate means of getting the water supply have been considered.

The CP&L canal, which is not planned to be lined as a safeguard against seepage, will be about 300 to 400 feet wide. Construction has commenced on the canals, particularly at the section of NC 87 that has been closed to traffic.

## Bank Promotes Five Employees

Robert D. Howard, vice president and manager of the Southport offices of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co., Tuesday announced the following promotions within the organization:

Douglas H. Hawes has been promoted from cashier to assistant vice president.

Mrs. Edythe P. Smith has been promoted from assistant cashier to operations officer.

Mrs. Judy Y. White has been promoted from assistant cashier to cashier.

Jackson Keith, Jr., has been promoted to manager of the Sawdust Trail Branch. Leo Johnson, Jr., has been

promoted to manager of the Yaupon Beach-Long Beach Branch.

Mrs. Shirley H. Simmons has been promoted from secretary to assistant cashier.

George Davis recently has joined the staff at the Southport office from where he has been transferred from the Fairmont Branch.

These are changes in personnel. Another change which has taken place this week has been the erection of a combination clock-thermometer in the courtyard area of the bank at the corner of Moore and Howe Streets.

## Scout Clean - Up

Members of the Southport Boy Scout Troop will conduct a clean-up drive Saturday, starting at 9 o'clock when they gather at the Police Station to receive their assignments. They hope to have the support of the entire community in their effort, but at least they are sure of the backing of their mothers. They have formed refreshments committee designed to bolster the morale of the clean-up gang.



Good progress is being made by workmen in cutting a segment of the discharge canal from the CP&L plant near Southport. They have made the cut at Highway 87-133 in preparation for the construction of a bridge. When this project has

been completed, a similar operation will be carried out on Highway 211. These projects, of course, are contingent upon the outcome of the suspension order from the Atomic Energy Commission. (Photo by Spencer)

## Island Pier May Be Key Development

A decision that could have a far-reaching impact is expected from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by the end of this week.

The Corps is supposed to rule on the controversial development of Bald Head Island across the Cape Fear River from Southport. The central issue of the decision will be a small pier constructed on the island that allows Carolina Cape Fear Corporation workers access to the property.

The development firm has purchased the 12,000 acre sub-tropical island for a reported \$5.5 million and has announced plans to build a multi-million dollar resort. The state has sought to prevent the development, although the General Assembly declined to appropriate money to purchase the property.

While the central issue of this week's decision is the small pier, a spokesman for the Corps' national office said the matter would be judged not only on the ecological affect of the pier but also on the effect of the expected development.

The Corps' decision has been delayed, the spokesman said, because the department needed a more detailed description of the development plans. Carolina Cape Fear Corporation has furnished the required information, he added, and the

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## Patrol Alerted To DuPont

Units of the North Carolina Highway Patrol continue on a stand-by alert following a threat of disorder at the Du Pont plant in Brunswick County.

About 900 union workers at the plant have complained that non-union members employed by Daniel International are being paid less than the union wage scale.

Highway Patrol troopers were called to the Cape Fear Plant last week after a resumption of violence and abusive language. Picketing began at the site early in the week, followed by rock throwing and other acts that

lead to the calling to the state troopers. No arrests have been reported.

A restraining order, signed by Superior Court Judge Joshua James, prohibits the union members from interfering with the non-union workers. A hearing on the matter is scheduled tomorrow morning (Wednesday) in Wilmington.

Named in the restraining order are Asbestos Workers Local 83, Boilermakers Local 30, Carpenters Local 1165, Electricians Local 495, Iron Workers Local 647, Mill Wrights Local 500, Painters Local 678, Steamfitters Local 329, Sheet Metal Workers

Local 238, and Wilmington Building Trade Council, plus assorted individuals.

The restraining order says the organizations and persons named are restrained from "preventing or attempting to prevent any person or vehicle from entering or leaving the plaintiff's construction site through the use of violence, force, massing, picketing, threats, abusive or corrosive language or any other means or manner whatsoever."

The order also forbids mass picketing, mass assemblage or mass congregating or patrolling in mass at or near any entrance or exit of the construction site and in particular for maintaining any mass picketing, assemblage, congregating, patrolling, loitering or parking of vehicles on any of the public or private roads which serve as access roads at the construction site.

The defendants are also restrained from maintaining more than five pickets who must be no less than 20 feet apart and moving.

## Time And Tide

A headline in The Pilot for November 18, 1936, stated: "Hog Killing Based On The Weather." It is easy to see that this was 35-years ago—well before the day of modern facilities of the cold storage plant. The second floor of the Southport City Hall was being converted into a recreation room, with preparations already underway for a formal dedication.

Basketball practice had started at the CCC Camp and leading contenders for first team berths were G.W. McGlamery and Tom Hunt; the Southport Baptists were holding a congregational meeting to decide upon a successor for the Rev. T.H. Biles, who had resigned; and the Rev. E.M. Hall, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, was attending Annual Conference in New Bern and waiting to find out if he would be back here.

We think 1941 must have been a good year, because quail season opened on November 20. But fishing also was in the news and Ray Martin of Winnabow had landed 27 red drum and puppy drum while surf casting at Long Beach.

Commander Haskell had taken charge of Fort Caswell, which was to become a Navy Section Base; Mrs. L.C. Fergus had begun teaching a Nurses Aid Course for the Red Cross; and Lt. L.G. Brown had been assigned to the Section Base at Southport

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Five promotions in the staff of the Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. at Southport have been announced by Robert D. Howard, manager and vice president. Douglas H. Hawes, left, has been named assistant vice president; Mrs. Edythe Smith has been made operations officer; Mrs. Judy White has been named cashier; Leo Johnson has been named branch manager at

Yaupon Beach; Mrs. Shirley H. Simmons has been made assistant cashier. On the right is George Davis, who recently was transferred to Southport from the Fairmont branch of Waccamaw Bank & Trust Co. Also receiving a promotion, but not shown in this photo, Jackson Keith, Jr., promoted to branch manager at Sawdust Trail branch. (Photo by Spencer)

Capt. Edward Oliver

## Southport Man Heads Vietnam Company

In the November 14 issue of The Washington Post there was a front page feature story by staff writer Peter Osnos, reporting a mission in South Vietnam with the GIs of Charlie Company for whom the commanding officer is Capt. Edward Oliver, of Southport.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Oliver and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. E.L. Oliver, Sr., all of Southport. The following paragraphs are from the story in The Washington Post:

When they spot suspected enemy, they shoot. Most of the time the enemy shoots back and then disappears.

The last big contact was in early October, when they stumbled into a base camp of a North Vietnamese rocket battalion. Two GIs were killed, another dozen or so wounded. The Communists

faded away and their casualties are unknown.

"The men fought real well," said company commander Capt. Edward Oliver, 27, of Southport, N.C. "Sure they liked it better when its quiet. But when the opportunity's there, they'll get a few sinks."

Although they grumble about the dangers and discomforts (and how Oliver and the first sergeant make them get haircuts), what

most bothers the young men of Charlie Company, First Battalion, 46th Infantry, 196th Brigade, is that people don't seem to realize that they are still there.

The 196th Brigade was part of the Americal Division, but while the rest of division is pulling out, the 196th is staying behind, beefed up to 7,000 men, including infantry artillery and support battalions plus helicopters.

The brigade first moved to

Danang in April, when the last U.S. Marines left. Their mission has been to prevent remaining U.S. installations from being attacked. It is in that sense a defensive role, but it involves continuing sweeps through the hilly brush to the city's north, west and south.

Defense Secretary Melvin Laird said in his press conference before leaving Saigon last weekend that as long as there are United States air, artillery and logistics forces to protect these "security" forces will stay behind to do the job.

The American air and support units in Danang will probably be among the very last to go, so Charlie Company, First Battalion 46th Infantry, 196th Brigade will be around for months at least and maybe—since the size function of any residual force is still not clear—for years.

While Charlie Company's job is basically defensive, it still sounds very much like combat to the soldiers, mostly draftees, who have to do it for 12 months.

For nine days or so at a time, they operate in Hieu Duc District of Quangnam Province northwest of Danang, as far out as the range of enemy 122 mm. rocket fire, which is about 10 miles.

"It might not be today or tomorrow," said Capt. Oliver, a Citadel graduate who has commanded Charlie Company since April, "But sooner or later you'll step on somebody, or they'll step on you."

Friday morning, shortly before 8 a.m. a squad of about half dozen men led by Sgt. Haydon was sent into the elephant grass to look for a position the rest of the

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CAPT. EDWARD OLIVER

## Cafeteria Help Given Schools

A budget change that will use funds available from the extra penny sales tax has been approved for the three consolidated high schools in Brunswick County.

The county board of education approved the supplemental budget as part of the capital outlay building fund. The \$108,628 estimated cost is for landscaping and grassing the building sites, preparing the parking lots, and providing shop and home-ec equipment.

The landscaping and grassing project includes 14 acres at each county school for a total of 42 acres. Cost of this work is estimated at \$20,328, based on a per-acre cost of \$484.

The State Highway Commission quote of ten cents per square yard includes the seed-bed preparation, fertilizer, seeding and mulching.

The second part of the budget revision involves the grading, draining and stabilizing of the three parking lots. The cost of \$37,300 does not include paving.

The shop, home economics and other equipment change will require \$48,000, with \$21,000 listed for equipping the cooking and sewing labs at each school.

In other business before the board at its meeting last week, the teaching contract of Don Jenkins was approved for Brunswick County-Southport, Gary Cheers was

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