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Police Arrest Theft Suspect

A third principal suspect in the October 29 robbery of Waccamaw's Sawdust Trail bank has been arrested following an investigation by the FBI and the Wilmington police department.

Lawrence Edward Frost, 32, of Wilmington County jail and placed under \$20,000 bond. George Atkinson, Jr., 41, of Winnabow was also arrested and charged with aiding and abetting in the robbery.

Atkinson's bond also was set at \$20,000, according to Robert M. Murphy, special agent in charge of the FBI's Charlotte division.

Earlier, warrants had been issued against Thomas Hailstock and Frank Reginald Pryor who are in custody of the Wilmington police on other charges. The U.S. Marshal's office has issued detainers for the two men.

Boat Harbor To Be Funded

An application for funds to enlarge Southport's Small Boat Harbor is expected January 28 from the executive director of the State Ports Authority in Wilmington.

The SPA is requesting \$325,000 in Economic Development Administration funds and another \$325,000 in federal loans, a total of \$650,000.

The funds would be used to add 14 covered boat slips to accommodate vessels up to 60 feet; a new open berth pier; and a new 250 by 20 foot pier suitable for commercial use.

A 6,000 square foot seafood building which would be leased to seafood processors is also planned, as well as covered dry boat storage for 50 boats, enlargement of the restaurant and parking area, and possible dredging.

Funds would be provided under the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965.

Stolen Tools Bring Arrests

Arrests have been made following the theft of tools from the Brown and Root construction site during Christmas.

Michael Edward Townsend, 23, of Wilmington; David Michael Beasley, 18, of Hallsboro; Jerry Wayne Norris, 19, of Wilmington and Timmy Clarence Packer, 19, of Clarkton were charged with stealing tools valued at \$200 from the company's CP&L site. The thefts reportedly occurred December 24 and 26.

It is understood that the thefts had no connection with earlier thefts at the construction site.

Time And Tide

There was a picture of a submarine on the front page of The Pilot for January 6, 1937. It was the Perch, which was scheduled to arrive here on Thursday of the following week. There was a headline rumor that a couple of pulp manufacturers were interested in Brunswick as a possible location for a mill.

The master of the Greek ship Mount Dirfys, which had broken in two and sunk on Frying Pan Shoals the week before, expressed his gratitude for the hospitality and generosity of Southport citizens. The crew still was in town. There was keen interest, even in the winter off-season, in a yacht basin for Southport.

One month after Pearl Harbor, The Pilot came out on January 7, 1942. A front-page headline announced the beginning of tire rationing, with L.T. Yaskell and Prince O'Brien chairman and secretary, respectively, of the first rationing board. Another war note was the beginning of a course of instruction in home nursing, with Mrs. L.C. Fergus, a registered nurse, conducting the class.

Word from the State Highway Commission was that a new drawbridge over the Intracoastal Waterway would be built at the same site that was being served by the pontoon bridge on the Caswell Beach road. "If The Girls Don't Marry Seems Its Their Own Fault", teased a front-page headline story which reported that official census figures showed there were 327 more men than women in Brunswick.

In our issue for January 8, 1947, the front-page picture proved that the war was over. Three of Mr. Willie Halmes' boys were (Continued On Page Four)



Winter Scene

This deserted dock at the old Southport yacht basin shows empty slips as most of the local shrimp trawlers have gone south for the winter.

In the left background is one trawler which stayed at home.

Civil Defense Shelter Plan Prepared For Distribution

The Brunswick County Community Shelter Planning project of the North Carolina Civil Defense Agency took Brunswick County into the group selected for planning.

The first step in the project was a study of the location and capacity of public fallout shelters found in the National Fallout Shelter Survey in existing buildings. The

survey teams have now found 18 shelter locations in Brunswick County with space for 1,026 residents of the county.

The purpose of the project is to analyze the public fallout protection found by the National fallout Shelter Survey and match it to the population. Where public shelter is not readily available to the people, the plan seeks to find other fallout shelter protection to meet their needs. Also, it informs them on how to construct, improve or improvise home shelters.

Ordinances requiring fallout shelter space to be incorporated where practical in all new public buildings will be recommended to the city officials of Southport and Board of Commissioners of Brunswick County.

The printing of a newspaper supplement to be distributed to every family in the county will be paid for by the U.S. Department of Defense, Office of Civil Defense. Non-Subscribers will be informed by radio broadcasts where they can go to secure a copy of the Brunswick County Community Shelter Plan.

The families in the county not receiving a copy will be advised by radio that free copies will be available at the Brunswick County Civil Defense Office. Ralph King, Superintendent of Schools for the county, has agreed to permit the oldest child in

each family having children in the school system, to carry the supplement home. A.F. Martin, Agricultural Extension Chairman, will distribute copies to his contacts throughout the county. Ralph Price, ASCS Chairman, will also distribute copies to rural families. The Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation and the Atlantic Telephone Membership Corporation will aid in the secondary distribution methods.

Girls Nabbed In Drug Raid

Three young women arrested December 31 at Southport on possession of Marijuana charges will appear in District Court on Monday.

Nancy Elizabeth Watkins, 16, of Long Beach; Beverly Lorraine Thompson, 21, of Wilmington; and Karen Louise Williams, 16, of Hillsborough were arrested December 31 for possession of less than one gram of marijuana by Yaupon Beach police and the Brunswick County sheriff's office.

Engineers List Terminal Work

"New highs in contract awards and construction completed were achieved during the 1971 calendar year," stated Colonel Howard L. Strohecker, Savannah District Engineer for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in releasing a year-end report of activities.

At Sunny Point Army Terminal near Southport a total of four jobs were completed in 1971, covering construction at Sunny Point Army Terminal, having a dollar value of \$1,463,000. This brings the total of construction placed by the Savannah District Army Engineers to \$28,380,514. Another \$300,000 of new

construction is being carried over into the 1972 calendar year.

The largest construction contract completed in 1971 calendar year was the expansion of the North holding yard, costing \$1,045,000. Other jobs completed are a barricaded truck holding yard for \$208,000; classification yard tracks, \$115,000; and a sewage disposal facility, \$95,000.

"My office awarded 198 construction, engineering, and supply contracts, totaling \$74.6 million," said Colonel Strohecker, compared to 104 contract awards in 1970, having a dollar value of \$53.5 (Continued On Page Six)

Health Board Okays Sanitary Dump Sites

Sanitary landfill sites at Southport and Shallotte have been approved by the State Board of Health, according to Brunswick County Manager Jerry Lewis.

He said that if other details are handled according to schedule, the county should be able to begin using the sites sometime in February. The only restriction placed on the sites by the Board of Health is that dumping of DDT and other pesticides or petroleum products is prohibited.

A third landfill site at Leland was approved by the state Board of Health earlier.

NO PENALTY
County Tax Collector Homer McKeithan has announced that no penalty will be added to taxes paid by yesterday, January 4. Starting today (Wednesday), a two-percent penalty is added to county tax payments.

Discounts were allowed the first few months of this fiscal year, he said, but taxes not paid by the first of this year are subject to the penalty. The county commissioners decided on Monday that because the county office was closed Friday, that payments received by Tuesday would

be excused from the extra fee.

Starting on February 1 and then on the first day of each month thereafter, an additional penalty of three-fourths of one percent will be added, McKeithan said.

The tax collector reported that a higher percentage of taxes was collected during the first six months of this fiscal year than during the corresponding period last year.

FIRE ANTS

In other business before the county board at the first meeting of the new year, (Continued On Page Three)

Electricity From Atom Notes 20th Anniversary

The idea of generating electricity with nuclear energy may seem new to some Carolinians, but not to residents of eastern Idaho.

During December the communities surrounding the National Reactor Testing Station (NRTS) near Idaho Falls are celebrating the 20th anniversary of the first generation of electricity by a nuclear reactor.

As one Idaho teacher tells her classes, "the rest of the country knows Idaho for its potatoes, but in Russia we are known for the world's largest collection of nuclear reactors."

On that first occasion 20 years ago, December 1951, the Idaho Falls reactor generated the first useful amounts of electricity from the fissioning of atoms, and nuclear-power generation was born. Only four light bulbs were lit, but the next day the entire building was operated on nuclear-generated electricity.

The anniversary this month focuses not only on the rapid development of nuclear power, but also on the 20 years of experience with nuclear reactors. From four light bulbs to economical million-kilowatt plants is one of the major technical achievements of the past two decades.

While the Carolinas' experience with nuclear energy does not date back quite as far as Idaho's, the electric utilities serving the two states have worked for many years to make electricity produced by nuclear energy a reality.

Carolina Power & Light Co.' formal entry into the nuclear age began in 1955, when the Atomic Energy Commission granted the company an access permit to

receive classified information on nuclear energy. Employees of the company also began taking extension courses in the fundamentals of nuclear energy from N.C. State University, the first campus in the U.S. to have an atomic reactor.

Also during the year, CP&L, Duke Power Co., S.C. Electric & Gas Co., and Virginia Electric and Power Co., formed a committee for the exchange of information and ideas on nuclear energy. It was out of this committee that the Carolina-Virginia Nuclear Power Associates, Inc., (CVNPA) was formed in

1956 for the purpose of nuclear research and development.

In 1958 construction of a demonstration nuclear plant was begun by CVNPA at Parr Shoals, S.C., approximately 25 miles northwest of Columbia. Durgin construction, personnel from CP&L and the other three companies in CVNPA underwent extensive training to enable them to operate the plant.

Again during a December, this time in 1963, the first (Continued On Page Three)

Shrimp Areas To Stay Open

Harvestable shrimp are still available in moderate numbers along the coastal areas of North Carolina, according to the State Department of Conservation and Development, with the largest concentration found in the Intracoastal Waterway, inlet channels and major sounds and rivers.

All statewide shrimping areas (except for fixed nets) were closed at midnight December 31, with selected areas allowed to re-open January 1.

For Brunswick County shrimpers, those open areas include:

LOCKWOOD FOLLY INLET CHANNEL — the main channel ONLY from the Intracoastal Waterway at Flasher 46 to Lockwood Folly Inlet. All other tributaries will remain closed.

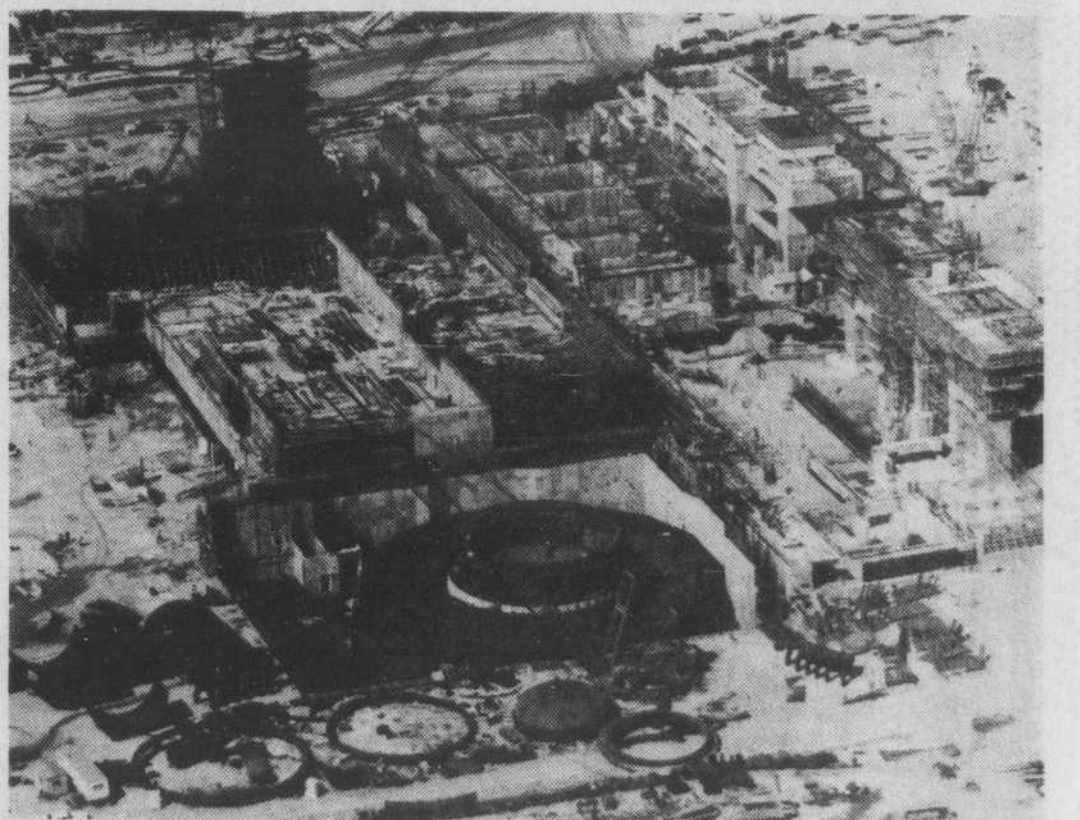
SHALLOTTE INLET CHANNEL — the main

channel ONLY from the Waterway at Marker 75 to Shallotte Inlet. All other tributaries will remain closed.

MAD INLET CHANNEL — from the "Bird Island Bridge" to Mad Inlet. All tributaries between the Bird Island Bridge and the Intracoastal Waterway will remain closed.

BONAPARTE CREEK — the main channel ONLY from the Waterway at Marker 111 to the Little River Inlet. All tributaries, including East River and Dead River, will remain closed.

The areas were certified by Eugene Simmons, Director of C&D, and Dr. Thomas Linton of C&D's Division of Commercial and Sports Fisheries. The open areas will remain open until further notice is given by the Department of Conservation and Development.



Construction of Carolina Power & Light Co.'s No. 2 unit (upper left) at the Brunswick County nuclear generating plant is approximately 44 percent complete. The No. 1 unit (lower right) is approximately 26 percent complete. The \$377 million units, located near Southport, are scheduled for operation in 1974 and 1975, respectively.