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## Out-Of-Staters Should Comply

Herman Strong, Southport's police chief, has given what amounts to a "forewarning" for out-of-state motorists to comply with North Carolina and Southport motor vehicle laws.

Strong said that these regulations must be met within a 30-day period after taking residence in North Carolina. Residents of Southport will be required to display city tags. Of course, all other North Carolina motor vehicle regulations must also be observed. This includes state license tags, driver's licenses, vehicle registration, and North Carolina inspection stickers.

According to Strong, there are a number of people who are not presently in accordance with North Carolina's motor vehicle laws. He is especially concerned with residents of Southport who are not displaying city tags.

Strong indicated that he would soon begin a "crack-down" to correct the tag and license violations. Conviction of these violations is a misdemeanor.

## Jury Report Brings Reply

Last month's Grand Jury Report on conditions of public schools in Brunswick County was answered in a letter from Ralph C. King, Superintendent of Brunswick County schools, to presiding Superior Court Judge Edward B. Clark.

In compliance with comments by the Grand Jury, King stated that a new bonded roof had been installed at Union Elementary School. King also said that snow and ice had caused the poor drainage observed by the Grand Jury during their visit to this school. Plumbing will also be corrected at the Union school, according to King.

In response to the report's recommendation that Southport Primary School needs a new school building, King stated that a new building is being contemplated to replace the trailers presently in use. A fire in 1969 destroyed the previous structure.

King also explained that conditions pointed out at Brunswick County-Southport Middle School, Leland Middle School, and Bolivia Middle School have either been corrected or are in the process of being corrected. The jury's comment that Shallotte Middle School was in need of paint was met with King's reply that a contract (Continued On Page Seven)

## Drug Charge Against Five

Five young Southport men arrested early Monday morning have been charged with possession of drug paraphernalia by Herman Strong, Southport Police Chief.

The five charged were: Steven Lee Steele, 26; Ronald Wayne Fullwood, 19; Richard Joseph Smith, 18; John Michele Miller, 23; and Gerard J. Davis, 25.

A hearing for their cases has been scheduled for March 19 in the District Court. All five were placed under \$500 bond.

## Sales Tax Distributed

Brunswick County and nine municipalities have been allotted \$180,017 from the collection of the one-cent sales tax for the quarter ending December 31.

The county received \$152,999.82 of the total, while the following disbursements were made to the nine Brunswick towns: Southport, \$6,865; Long Beach, \$9,967; Yaupon Beach, \$1,715; Boiling Spring Lakes, \$1,213; Bolivia, \$102; Holden Beach, \$1,773; Ocean Isle Beach, \$1,566; Shallotte, \$2,980; and Sunset Beach, \$833.



CAMPFIRE GIRLS from the Southport area under the supervision of Mrs. Charline Petty have spent their Saturday mornings during February cleaning-up roadsides in this area. The countywide clean-up is expected to be continued for two more weeks because of the bad weekend weather that has hampered most clean-up efforts. These youngsters are collecting trash along the roadside between Southport and the CP&L construction site.

## Declared Outlaw Kills Self In Whiskey Raid

An outlaw who promised he would not be taken alive shot and killed himself during a whiskey raid in the Mill Creek section of Brunswick County last Wednesday night. Quinton Parker, 24, of Benson had been declared an outlaw the week before by Superior Court Judge Harry Canaday. This meant that any North Carolina citizen or law enforcement officer could use whatever force necessary — including shooting — to apprehend Parker if he resisted arrest.

Parker had been convicted last February of the May, 1971 armed robbery of a Johnston County businessman. He was sentenced to 20 to 30 years after trial in Superior Court and appealed the court decision. However, he failed to appear for sentencing last November after the state Supreme Court upheld the conviction.

Parker was identified at New Hanover Memorial Hospital by his father, a Brunswick County resident.

A shed in the mill Creek section had been under observation for several days. At the time of the raid, officers heard a gunshot inside the shed. Approximately 30 minutes later officers entered and found Parker sprawled between two stills, fatally wounded by a bullet in

the temple.

During the raid, a car passed the scene, then accelerated rapidly. Trooper S.J. Coggins, a Highway Patrol trooper who resides at Long Beach, New Hanover County Deputy Mike Robinson, and Robert Bowen, special agent of the U.S. Alcohol, Tax and Firearms Unit, gave pursuit. The patrol vehicle went out of control,

however, injuring the three law enforcement officers. Coggins and Bowen were treated and released; Robinson was admitted to NHHM and reported in satisfactory condition. The fleeing car escaped. When found, Parker had a .25 caliber pistol in his hand and another pistol beside him. A shotgun was propped (Continued On Page Seven)

By BOBBY HILL

The CP&L visitor center crouches on the side of Highway 87, while the huge nuclear power plant of gleaming concrete looms in the distance.

Coming down Highway 87 for the first time, it is the actual generating plant that makes the strongest impression. It imposes itself upon the gentleness of the landscape, dominating the hazy Atlantic coastal air with the dimensions of a Cape Kennedy.

People stop here. They want to know about that goliath — about that thing making the skyline of pine, broom straw, and live oak look so terribly small and insignificant. The people cannot go into the structure itself. They are invited by the small, green highway sign to stop at the "NUCLEAR VISITORS CENTER."

Walking across the reassuring crunch of a gravel parking lot, the visitor is herded to the door of the center. The door hisses shut with pneumatic finality, and the visitor finds himself in a space age environment.

The building, which looked ordinarily square on the outside, is round on the inside. Just like a spaceship. The outside of the circle is a

tunnel where the visitor walks in and emerges back at

the beginning. After going full circle, the visitor is supposed to understand that

the huge "thing" outside is just a nuclear power plant. Cool, blue carpet bathes the

atmosphere with a subdued hush. The cut pile seems to adsorb any harsh or displeasing sound, and the comforting softness on the feet encourages a person to stand relaxed and confident like a Madison Avenue executive.

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Another thing to set a person at ease is Walt Selkinghaus. He emerges from a cubicle within the spaceship like a hibernating bear — a friendly bear. He is a big man (about the size of a bear). His gray hair reflects wisdom, or perhaps dignity, through the soft blueness rising up from the carpet. Selkinghaus runs the center. At least, he is in charge.

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## Apparent Low Bid: \$3.79 Million

# Third Round Of Bridge Bids Received Tuesday

A third round of bids for construction of a new, high-level bridge to Oak Island was opened by the State Highway Commission on Tuesday, with a Kentucky-based firm submitting the apparent low estimate.

Saltzman, Inc., of Bardonia, Ky., submitted a \$3,792,706 bid, one of five received by the SHC. Others included Triplett and Ryan of Chester, S.C. (the apparent low bidder the previous two times), \$3,900,001; Bellamy Brothers of Georgia, \$3,991,829; T.A. Loving of Goldsboro, \$4,192,186; and Dickerson Construction of Monroe, \$4,506,788.

The bids will be reviewed by the State Highway

Commission, which meets March 14 in Raleigh. If the apparent low bid is accepted, construction of the bridge would be expected to start immediately. Earlier construction dates were postponed, first by action of the SHC when it allowed Triplett and Ryan to withdraw an

erroneous bid submitted in November, then by action of the Federal Highway Administration, which noted that a January bid by the same firm was out-of-line with state estimates of the construction costs.

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Oak Island were received by the State Highway Commission last November 21. Triplett and Ryan were the apparent successful low bidders — submitting an estimate of \$3.39 million that was far below the bids of Bellamy Brothers (\$4.2 (Continued On Page Nine)

## Boards Meet; Hospital Situation Is Discussed

From a joint meeting of the county Board of Commissioners and the Southport Board of Aldermen last Wednesday night came signs that members of the former body may relent in their demand that the chairman of the board of trustees for Doshier Memorial Hospital resign before they will give that institution \$20,000 with which to meet an existing financial crisis.

From the outset the meeting was conciliatory, with two major points standing out: the first was that it is important to keep Doshier Memorial Hospital operating at a high standard of efficiency while plans are being drawn up and carried out to build a new hospital in Brunswick County; the

second is that steps should be taken to insure that this appeal for emergency funds will not become a recurring need. The commissioners and the aldermen agreed on these two matters.

W.A. Kopp, Jr., chairman of the county body, presided. The only other commissioner present was Robert Simmons, but County Manager Jerry Lewis also attended. On hand were the six members of the Board of Aldermen, but Mayor Dorothy Gilbert was unable to attend. County Attorney Thomas Horne and City Manager Al Kornegay also were in attendance.

The question to be resolved was whether the county would make a contribution of \$20,000 to the hospital to help tide it over an existing financial crisis, this without

the stipulation that the present chairman of the hospital board of trustees resign.

After opening remarks by Chairman Kopp, Alderman Al Martin made the flat declaration that "the hospital is being used as a political football."

This allegation was denied (Continued On Page Nine)

## Fight Brings School Action

A melee at South Brunswick High School on February 8 has resulted in disciplinary action against 27 students, including outright expulsion of four students for the remainder of the school year.

"It is regrettable that such action must be taken," said Brunswick County School Supt. Ralph King, "but from past experience we have learned that disciplinary action is necessary." The suspensions varied in accordance with the individual's involvement in the fighting, King noted. "No individuals were considered as a group."

Among the suspensions were 12 for five days, 6 for ten days, 2 for twenty days and 3 for thirty days. King said he felt the action by the review committee and school principal Roy Biggerstaff was warranted, "if we are to maintain orderly school operations."

The superintendent said the matter was investigated thoroughly with no arbitrary or hasty action taken. The (Continued On Page Seven)

## Mrs. Barbee Heads Group

Mrs. May Barbee of Yaupon Beach has been elected to serve a two-year term as President of District 5, North Carolina School Board Association.

Mrs. Barbee's election came at the annual District 5 Meeting, which was held recently in Wilmington. Other officers elected at the meeting were: W.D. Robbins of Pender County, vice-president and Ralph C. King of Brunswick County, secretary.

When asked about the objectives of the organization which she heads, Mrs.

Barbee noted, "there are a great many objectives which an organization such as ours must strive to reach. Realistically, we must establish priorities and concentrate our efforts upon obtainable goals. Since this is a legislative year in North Carolina, one of our major objectives will be to focus attention upon proposed legislation dealing with such topics as a statewide system of kindergartens, a statewide bond referendum to provide funds for school construction, and a career education (Continued On Page Nine)

## CP&L Visitor Center--A Reassurance All Is Well

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WALT SELKINGHAUS, director of the CP&L Visitor Center located on NC 87 near Southport, greets two young visitors to the exhibit. The center is open Monday through Friday and on Sunday afternoon, and will cater to youth groups

which would like to learn more about nuclear power. More than 17,000 people visited the center last year, noted Selkinghaus, who said he expects at least 25,000 this season.

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