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CP&L Advance Crew Running A 'Tight Ship'

The "advance party" of approximately 100 full-time, permanent employees at Carolina Power & Light Company's Brunswick nuclear generating plant is the subject of a feature story in the November issue of "Spotlight," the monthly CP&L employee magazine.

The Brunswick facility near Southport will be the second nuclear generating plant on the CP&L system when it is put in service late next year, and the "Spotlight" story likens the activity at the plant to that on a huge, ocean-going ship preparing for a grand launching. According to the story, a first-class crew has been selected and trained especially and intensively for the mission.

While nobody refers to the plant as "She," and visitors are not piped aboard, there is an unmistakably nautical atmosphere created perhaps by its proximity to the ocean or by the preponderance of Navy-trained nuclear operators already on board. Announcements on the public address system are not, however, preceded by "Now hear this ..."

The skipper of the Brunswick is Edwin G.

Hollowell, a 21-year veteran employee of CP&L, a mechanical engineering graduate of North Carolina State University, and, interestingly, one of the few Army veterans on the crew. Hollowell's generating plant experience began with CP&L in 1952 when he reported to the H.F. Lee plant in Goldsboro as a cadet engineer. Later, he was the plant manager for a three-year period that ended in 1968 when he was transferred to the H.B. Robinson nuclear plant in Hartsville, S.C. That same year he completed the Senior Reactor Operators course at Commonwealth Edison's Dresden plant near Chicago.

Hollowell is filled with praise for the crew that is being assembled, noting that "Most of them are self-motivated. Almost all of the operators were trained by the Navy for nuclear submarine duty, and the requirements there are quite similar to those of the Atomic Energy Commission."

"We've been challenged," Hollowell admitted, "to remain highly motivated at times due to the nature of the business. There's a tremendous amount of training to

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Murphy Again Yaupon Mayor

The Yaupon Beach commissioners met in special session Monday morning for their annual reorganizational procedure, and Mayor Clarence E. Murphy and Mayor Pro-tem G.V. ("Gib") Barbee were renamed to their positions. John Barbee was named to replace Commissioner-elect Marvin Watson on the Planning Board and to represent the extra-territorial zoning district.

Watson filled the slot of former Commissioner Frank Aman on the Street Committee with Mayor Murphy and Commissioner Jack Allen.

The Finance Committee remained the same with Chairman Barbee, Mrs. Madge Smalley and Commissioners William Smalley and William McDougle.

In their regular Monday evening meeting, the commissioners passed a motion amending the wording of the application for flood insurance to the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

A motion was passed accepting Smalley's nominations to the Board of Adjustments of Ralph

Public Hearing
A public hearing to discuss a proposed Emergency School Assistance Act project for Brunswick County schools has been scheduled for Friday, Dec. 14, at the Educational Media Center in Bolivia.

Cammack and Clyde Gilbert. They will join Ernest Rees on the board.

A motion was passed allowing the commissioners to proceed with collection of discovered unpaid taxes, and this motion will also absolve the commissioners of responsibility for these unpaid taxes.

Gerald M. Whitehurst, chairman of the planning board, announced that his organization has finalized zoning plans and ordinances. The commissioners agreed to consider this subject at their next monthly meeting, giving them and new member John Barbee time to study the proposals.

Commissioner Watson reported difficulty in contacting a police officer,

particularly at night.

Murphy answered this by saying the police protection is good, but that the problem is a "dispatching" deficiency. He said the numbers are available for 24-hour contact with the police: 278-5230 during the day, and 457-5101 during the night. He said persons at this number will contact the police by radio.

Election Board Chairman Ernest Rees reported that 49 names have been reported to the county election agency and asked that they be purged from the books.

The commissioners passed a resolution naming as the town's official financial institutions Waccamaw Bank and Trust and Security Savings and Loan Association.

Kopp: 'Small Subsidy For Hospital'

Board Tentatively Okays Rent-Free Doctor Offices

By BOBBY HILL

After tentatively approving plans to include doctors' offices on the new hospital site, as proposed by the Brunswick County Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees, the county commissioners Monday also passed a motion to cease all further funding to Doshier Memorial Hospital after the new hospital opens.

Chairman of the new hospital trustees, Mason H. Anderson of Shallotte, said the Duke Endowment and other medical funding agencies "will not participate in funding two acute-care hospital for Brunswick County. This matter needs to be taken care of to prevent interfering with potential grants (for the new hospital)," he added.

Chairman W.A. Kopp, Jr., supported the motion and said he wanted to make it "abundantly clear" that the county would only support the new hospital for an acute-care operation. Kopp also said the physical facilities at Doshier are too outdated to allow licensing for future operation to be financially feasible, and he called for a day emergency center to be established at this place with two new modular buildings belonging to the hospital.

The commissioners called for a joint meeting with the Doshier trustees and the new county hospital trustees "to open the lines of communication."

Anderson said his group will attempt to encourage the Smithville Township area to develop a rescue squad oriented to the county hospital.

Ward Fuller, chairman of the building committee for the county hospital, presented the commissioners with a time schedule for the new hospital, projecting a completion date of July 1, 1975.

Fuller said of the completion date, "This is all realistic to me, but then again this has never been fully accepted by many people." However, he said he hopes the architects and engineering consultants will

be able to comply with the schedule.

Fuller's time table would have underway within the next month subsurface examination of the hospital site to determine if construction will be possible.

The plans to build a four-unit doctors' office building on the hospital site will cost about \$180,000, Fuller said. He also said the trustees hope this construction can be accomplished within the \$2.5 million hospital bond passed by referendum this June.

A memo from Fuller to the commissioners states, "The board of trustees realizes that

we have the authority to proceed with plans for these additional facilities but realize that we must request additional funds for the actual construction, so we are formally asking you now for your blessing to proceed immediately to incorporate a four-unit medical office building into our overall design."

The memo lists three benefits the office building would bring to the hospital: (1) "To get the number and type of doctors required to staff the hospital in this remote location," (2) maximize the use of the

hospital's diagnostic facilities (X-ray, laboratory, etc.), and (3) to lower the cost by having the same contractors built the hospital and the offices.

Fuller and Anderson both said the trustees plan to offer free use of the offices to physicians in an attempt to induce them to work at the hospital.

Before the motion passed tentatively approving the office plans, Kopp said, "In my opinion, free rent would be a small subsidy for a hospital."

Anderson reported to the

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Depositions To Continue, Commissioners Are Told

Prospects for an early court ruling in the injunction suit involving two Brunswick County newspapers and the board of commissioners were enhanced Thursday when Superior Court Judge Coy Brewer ordered the taking of depositions from the commissioners to continue, and

said that any member of the news media could attend the taking of depositions and publish information from what is public record.

Brewer rejected a motion by County Attorney Thomas Horne to dismiss the action on the grounds the newspapers' complaint was

not specific enough in describing what portions of the N.C. Open Meetings Law the commissioners allegedly violated; and, he rejected a motion by the plaintiffs that the commissioners individually pay the cost of the delay caused by the interruption from the taking of depositions on October 26.

Commissioners W.A. Kopp, Jr., Robert Simmons and Vardell Hughes refused to participate in the taking of depositions that day on the grounds that plaintiff James M. Harper, Jr., publisher of The State Port Pilot, was present and was taking notes from which he would write news and editorial reports based on the deposition of Mrs. Judith Cowan, former clerk to the board of commissioners. Complete text of that deposition, over 60 pages in length, has been available as public record for several weeks but has not been reported or commented on in The Pilot; neither has any report of her deposition been made in the Brunswick Beacon, published by Kelvin B. Mackey, co-plaintiff with Harper in the suit.

The commissioners had asked that Harper be either (1) excluded from the taking of depositions, or (2) ordered by the court to not use the material for news reports or editorial comment. The first alternative, attorney for the plaintiffs, Thomas Gall,

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Holiday House This Weekend

All is in readiness for the Christmas Holiday House to be held Saturday and Sunday, December 8 and 9, from noon to 6 p.m. at the Southport Community Building on East Moore Street.

There will be something for everyone to enjoy, things from yesteryear and many ideas for Christmas decorations in the homes of today.

Everyone is invited to join this community effort. Christmas displays and

decoration ideas may be brought to the Community Building Friday from 2 to 6 p.m.

Music will be provided at intervals each day by the Trinity Bell Choir, composed of primary school students, and by the Trinity United Methodist Church choir at 5 p.m. Sunday.

A Holiday House feature will be a display of antique Christmas cards, toys, decorations and other items.

Island Development Plan Outlined In Application

The state biologist's report on a Bald Head Island construction application was delivered last Wednesday to the Wilmington Corps of Engineers, and the report lists several stipulations to be followed by developer Carolina Cape Fear Corporation if the permit is issued, according to Charles Hollis of the permit branch.

Cape Fear Corporation has applied for a permit to excavate a marina and access channel on the island's peninsula, Bald Head Spit; and the Corps of Engineers will issue their public notice on the application within a week.

According to the biologist's report, which is issued by the Department of Commercial and Sports Fisheries, the marina location on the peninsula is the least environmentally disturbing of six alternate sites inspected.

On application approval, the biologist made the following recommendations: (1) all spoil should be adequately contained by dike or dunes to prevent spillover; (2) adequate spillways

located on the Cape Fear River side of the disposal area must be provided and disposal area effluent must be contained in pipes or similar devices below mean low water line of the river to prevent gully erosion; (3) all dikes must be seeded within four weeks of construction to prevent eroded material entering adjacent marsh or water and (4) dredge effluent pipes must be placed at or greater than 50 feet away from any part of the dikes

and a sufficient distance from spillways to allow settlement of solids.

According to the report, the boat basin and access channel will cover 10 acres with the channel measuring 150 feet by 100 feet at 8-foot depth and the basin measuring 1,100 feet by 320 feet at the same depth.

An approximate 223,000 cubic yards of dredging spoil from the basin and channel excavation are to be placed in

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Beasley Home, No Arrest Yet

Retired Col. William O. Beasley of Caswell Beach, who received serious hand and foot injuries when he was bound and gagged in his bath tub July 15, returned home recently after spending four months at Womack Army Hospital, Fort Bragg.

He reportedly has no feeling in his two hands and one foot, though some feeling has returned to the other foot. He is able to "hobble around," he said, but must undergo therapy on a regular basis at the Fort Bragg medical facility. The circulation to his hands and feet reportedly was cut off by tightly-fastened ropes that bound his limbs behind his back. He was found lying face down in the bath tub after a lengthy period.

Col. Beasley reported that no arrests have been made in the case by the Brunswick County Sheriff's Department. His assailants, he added, were masked and wore gloves.

NC 211 Bid Noted

An apparent low bid of \$1,439,976 for improvements to NC 211 between Midway and Supply has been received from Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe.

The bid for 9.056 miles of road work was announced this week by the N.C. Department of Transportation, Division of Highways. None of the bids for 18 state projects can be approved officially until the Board of Transportation meets in Raleigh Dec. 12.

Estimated date of completion for the Midway - to Supply construction is July 1, 1975.