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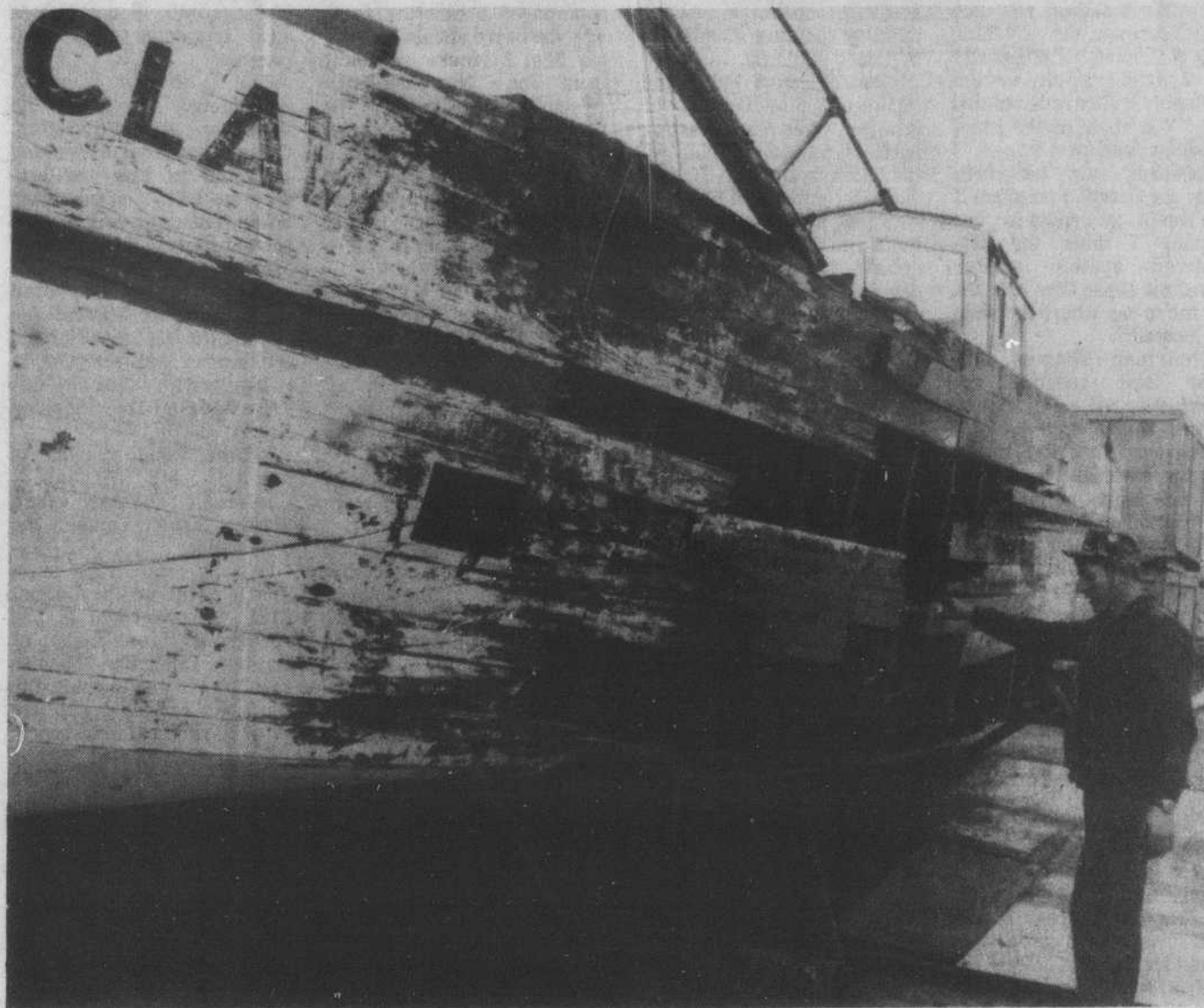
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LOCATED AND RECOVERED, what's left of the Blue Claw is now at the Southport Boat Harbor. The boat, Tommy McGlamery (shown here) and Randy Stuart were the subjects of an air-sea rescue search in mid-December as McGlamery and Stuart survived 16 hours in a fishbox after the 42-foot vessel sank. Undersea Venture Southport was cited by McGlamery as being responsible for recovery of the Blue Claw.

Board Wants 'Trauma Center'

Closing Of Doshier Is Left To '75 General Assembly

By BILL ALLEN
The North Carolina General Assembly will be asked to turn Doshier Memorial Hospital into an emergency service center in order for funds to be received for the proposed centrally-located hospital in Supply. The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners voted 4-to-1 to take the action during the closing hour of their regular first-of-the-month meeting Monday in Southport. Commissioner Steve Varnam, Jr., and Chairman Franky Thomas ramrodded efforts to have the resolution approved while Commissioner Ira Butler, Jr., stood alone in opposition. The board had finished discussing the items on the printed agenda when Chairman Thomas called on Varnam at 5:10 p.m. to bring

a matter of "special attention" before the board. The board discussed the matter for less than 45 minutes before approving the resolution on a roll call vote. "I don't think we are lessening to any large degree the availability of medical services they (the people of Smithville Township) have under an emergency situation," Varnam stated. "Only the long-term things are being reduced. We are not reducing by doing away with since we are providing them with a modern, up-to-date hospital just a few miles away from Southport." Butler, the Smithville Township representative on the board, spoke out in favor of Doshier hospital during the discussion. "If I was sitting in your seat, Ira, I would be jumping up and down along about now," Chairman

Thomas told Butler at one point during the discussion. The resolution asks Brunswick County representatives in the General Assembly — Rep. Allen Ward of Thomasboro and Sen. Ed Nye of Elizabethtown — "to cooperate together to procure the legislative action necessary to convert the Doshier facility into a Trauma Center as an integral part of the total Brunswick County Health Care Delivery System." Varnam, who introduced the last-minute resolution, said the specific action (turning the matter over to the General Assembly) was necessary "in the view of this board being an appropriate amendment of the act creating the Doshier hospital," in the words of the resolution. He pointed out

that Doshier hospital was created by the General Assembly in 1935. "Are we putting it (the hospital question) out of our hands in their (the General Assembly's) hands?" asked Commissioner Willie Sloan. "Yes," said Varnam. If the General Assembly does not act quickly on the resolution, Varnam said the hospital issue will come back to the board for action. He said the board will know the answer to the question within a matter of days after the General Assembly opens next Wednesday. Rep. Ward told The Pilot Monday night that he had no predictions to make concerning what action the General Assembly will take on the resolution. Varnam told the board that the time had come to act on the hospital question since state officials have threatened to cut-off \$1 million in Hill-Burton funds Feb. 15 unless the county resolves the matter. He said he discussed the matter with Rep. Ward before taking the action Monday. "Together we decided a good approach would be for the board to adopt a resolution asking him and Ed Nye to take the matter into their hands to satisfy the requirement," he declared. "Rep. Ward said he would have to have the resolution in his hands Jan. 15 when the General Assembly opens to have adequate time to have it approved by the Feb. 15 deadline." Varnam said he and Rep. Ward worked out the well-worded resolution to present to the board last week. The Lockwood Folly board representative told The Pilot after the meeting that he drafted the resolution after talking with the representative. County Hospital Authority Chairman Mason Anderson, a

driving force in the hospital dispute, told The Pilot Monday night that he had nothing to do with the drafting of the resolution. Rep. Ward is Anderson's uncle. Varnam said the hospital question has been prolonged over the years. "There comes a time when a decision has to be made, whether it is popular or unpopular," he pointed out. "Putting it off only prolongs the agony or the blessing, depending which way you see it." Varnam said both the board and the General Assembly will be working under a tight schedule to meet the Feb. 15 cut-off time for Hill-Burton funds. "Rep. Ward impressed upon me the

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cent of less than \$3,000. "I want you to give me permission to run my department as I was elected to do," Sheriff Strong told the board. "But if you all are going to run it, we are going to be in a mess. It is just that simple." The new sheriff made the same proposal at the regular mid-December meeting, but the commissioners took no action on the matter at the time. Instead, the commissioners decided to investigate the possibility of moving the entire Sheriff's Department to a Supply location. After hearing the sheriff's strongly-worded appeal Monday to move to the CID building, the board decided to postpone action on the matter until a special meeting can be held Friday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Hood Building. The action to postpone a decision on the matter was taken after Commissioner Ira Butler, Jr., made a motion to allow the Sheriff's Department to move to the CID building. The motion died, however, when none of the other commissioners would second it. The other commissioners said they did not want to vote on the matter until they knew the "exact cost of the move." Sheriff Strong was asked to prove the "exact cost" figures at the special meeting. The board discussed relocating the Sheriff's Department at a Supply location before Sheriff Strong arrived at the meeting, but took no action. Commissioner Steve Varnam, Jr., reported that he and Sheriff Strong had investigated moving the department to an old church building in the Supply area. He said the old church, which could be the home of the department, rents for \$200 a month. Even though the building is in "excellent shape," Varnam said "quite a bit of renovation" would be needed to make office space in the old church. He said the un-paved parking lot would need gravel. Varnam proposed that as "an alternate location" for the Sheriff's Department, the Agriculture building could be used to house the Sheriff's Department in Supply. He said all the board needed to do was "put up three walls" at the Agriculture building. Varnam suggested that the county contact three contractors to determine the cost for the work that would be needed to be done at both the

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Sheriff Seeks Efficient System Without Politics

By BILL ALLEN
The Sheriff's Department needs to "put it all together" at the CID building in Southport to provide efficient law enforcement in Brunswick County, Sheriff Herman Strong told the board of commissioners Monday. "I pledged to give the people good law enforcement when I ran for office," Sheriff Strong declared. "I can't give it with the system as it is today. If we are going to continue under the same system, we might as well throw up our hands and quit. The people want service and the only way I can give service is to put the department together." Sheriff Strong proposed that he be allowed to move the Sheriff's Department operations, including the radio facilities located at Supply, to the CID or Old Jail building in Southport. He said the move could be made at a

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Board Say-so About Hirings

The Brunswick County Board of Commissioners will have a say-so in the hiring of all county employees in the future. County Manager Neil Mallory told the board he saw nothing wrong with allowing commissioners to approve the hiring of all employees by the county. The issue arose after Commissioner Willie Sloan abstained from voting on a motion to use Coastal Area Management grant funds to hire two full-time and four part-time employees in the newly-created County Planning department. The motion to authorize the employment of the personnel with state funds was ap-

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Nuclear Plant Receives AEC Operating Permit

The Atomic Energy Commission has issued an operating license to Carolina Power and Light Company for the initial unit at the Brunswick nuclear plant nearing completion at Southport. A CP&L spokesman said the granting of the license will permit the company to proceed with the initial fueling and subsequent

preliminary testing of the generating unit, which is scheduled to begin commercial operation this spring. Ken Clark of the AEC said the full power operating license for Unit 2 at the Brunswick nuclear plant was issued to CP&L by the AEC's Directorate of Licensing after a public hearing on environmental matters was

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Ocean View Dedication At Beach This Sunday

United Methodist Bishop Robert M. Blackburn will preach the dedication sermon at Ocean View United Methodist Church at Yaupon Beach on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. Bishop Blackburn, elected Bishop in 1972, is the Resident Bishop of the North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was elected to the office from First Methodist, Orlando, Fla. He served as a Chaplain in the U.S. Army from 1944-46 in Europe with the 16th Armored Division. Ocean View also will celebrate Homecoming at the 11 a.m. service with guest minister the Rev. J.B. Helms of Smith United Methodist Church, Roanoke Rapids. Rev. Helms entered the Methodist ministry from Ocean View and his mother,



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Hatch Auditorium, 8:15 p. m.

N.C. Symphony Here For Thursday Program

The North Carolina Little Symphony, under the direction of John Gosling, will present a concert Thursday at 8:15 p.m., at Hatch Memorial Auditorium, Fort Caswell. The 35-member Little Symphony is coming to Brunswick County for an adult concert and two student concerts. Attendants at the Fort Caswell gate will direct concert-goers to the auditorium. Gosling will direct the orchestra in a program of Bach, Stravinsky and Haydn.

Gosling is described as "a dynamic and talented American conductor noted for his success in attracting adult and student audiences." In 1975, Gosling enters his fourth season as artistic director and conductor of the North Carolina Symphony. The Symphony will also perform for students, fourth grade through ninth, in the Brunswick County schools at matinees on Thursday and Friday. The N.C. Symphony admission-free elementary school children's concerts are part of the orchestra's

progressive and expansive educational program. These concerts are made available to Brunswick County children by memberships sold locally by workers in the Brunswick County Chapter of the North Carolina Symphony Society, headed by Mrs. Bobby Jones in Southport. More than 100 workers comprised the campaign effort throughout the county. Tickets will be available at the door for the Thursday night performance. Student performances will

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