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## CP&L meets NRC

### Friday's session concerns start-up

Top officials of Carolina Power and Light Co. and Nuclear Regulatory Commission region two will meet at 10 a.m. Friday to review work progress and discuss prospects for getting the Brunswick Nuclear Plant back in operation.

The plant, effectively under a shut-down order from the NRC, is still projected for reopening "by the end of the year" a CP&L spokesman said last Friday, but further details were unavailable.

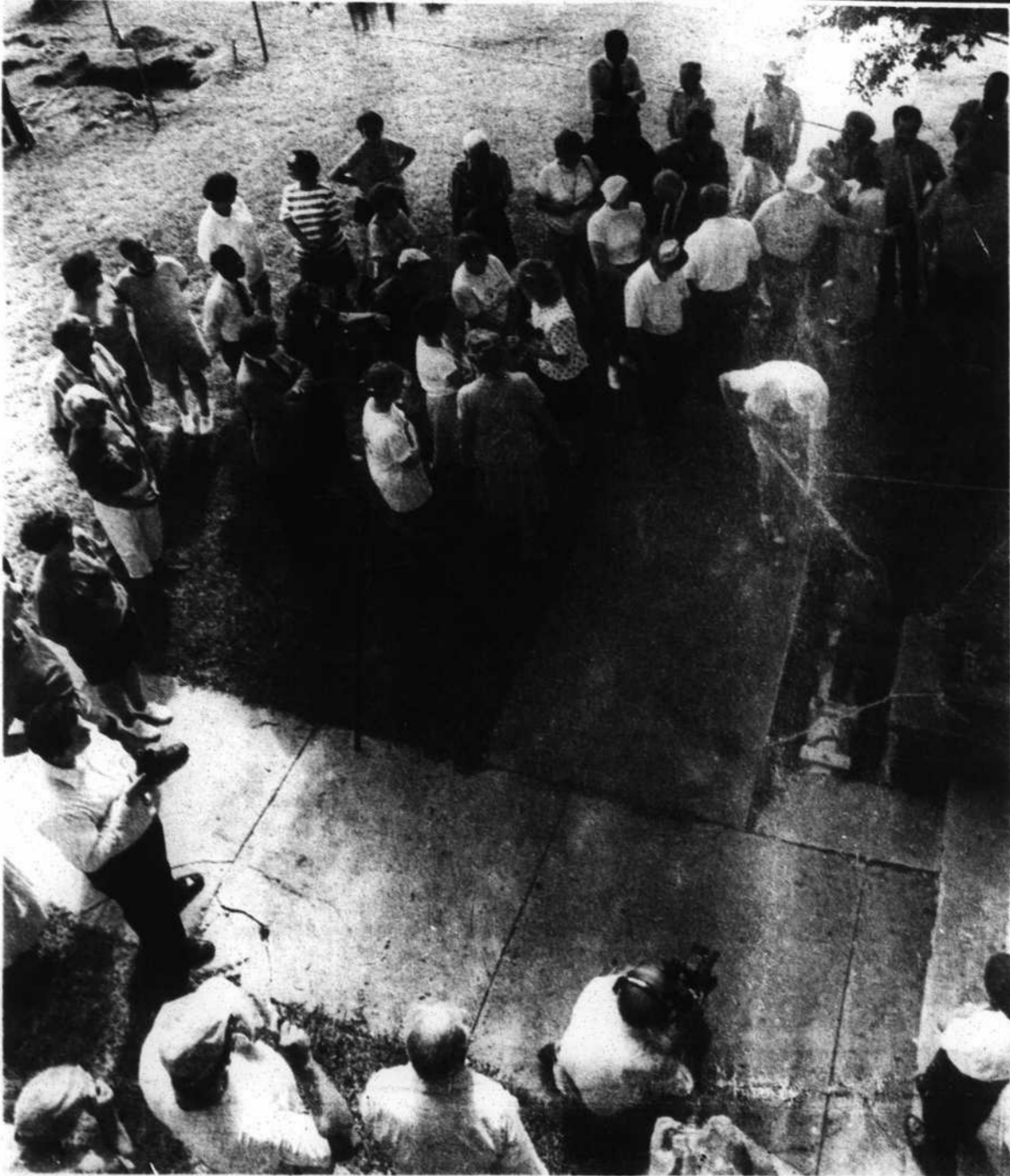
The conference Friday is to "go over the status of structural issues, work backlog and refurbishments," the spokesman said.

In the work-status conference here August 10, NRC regional administrator Stewart Ebnetter complained that too little information was provided by CP&L about when various work projects would be finished and how the startup would be effected.

At that time an "outage progress summary" provided by CP&L showed that less than half of the proposed work items were completed in nine of 12 categories identified by the company.

The plant was shut down April 21 by CP&L because of structural prob-

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Community residents gathered Sunday afternoon on the lawn of Southport City Hall for burial of the Bicentennial time capsule. The event was highlight of a full Heritage Festival weekend. Festival pictures and a representative listing of capsule contents are on page 1B.

## Land uses

### Orton requests flexibility; Southport asks protection

By Holly Edwards  
County Editor

After county officials hurried through a detailed review of the proposed zoning ordinance and scheduled a public hearing on the document, several Brunswick County property owners, as well as the City of Southport, have requested that major changes be made to the proposal.

While these changes will likely come up again at the public hearing next Tuesday, any change in the proposed ordinance would have to be based upon the planning board's recommendation, said county commissioners chairman Kelly Holden.

The following changes have been requested:

•Orton Plantation owner Laurence Sprunt has asked that his 12,000 acres of land be zoned rural industrial rather than rural. Sprunt told the planning board and the board of commissioners that he would like to have the flexibility of being able to sell some of his land for industrial purposes, and that he wanted his land to be classified as it has historically been classified in the county land use plan -- as a combination of conservation, transitional and industrial districts.

However, some planning board members have said that it would be inappropriate to zone Sprunt's property as rural industrial because much of the land is either environmentally sensitive marshland, or has historic and cultural importance. The rural industrial zone is intended to accommodate land uses such as agricultural industry and mining, and by special exception could accommodate animal slaughtering plants and hazardous waste treatment facilities.

"I think the county needs to have some control over (Sprunt's) land," said planning board chairman John Barbee. "I don't think we want a hazardous waste dump out there."

•The Southport Development Committee has requested that hazardous material treatment facilities and animal slaughtering and processing operations be removed from the list of special exceptions in the rural industrial zone -- which encompasses much of the area around Southport because of the proximity of Carolina Power and Light Co. and Sunny Point.

"The city's policy on industrial development is to recognize our obligation to protect the fragile coastal environment and not add effluents to its air, soil or streams that would further degrade that environment and contribute to the destruction of our native fishing industry," Southport alderman James C. Brown said in a letter to Barbee.

County planning director John Harvey indicated that these land uses

would be permitted only after lengthy environmental impact studies, and only after the board of adjustments approves them. Harvey said he based the proposed zoning ordinance on the philosophy that if we create a use for land, then some provision must be made to accommodate that use.

"If we produce hazardous materials in our daily lives, we have to be re-

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## Zoning hearing Tuesday

By Holly Edwards  
County Editor

Members of the public can voice their opinion of the proposed countywide zoning ordinance next Tuesday, September 29, at 7 p.m. in the public assembly building at the county government center near Bolivia. The public hearing will be hosted by the Brunswick County Board of Commissioners and the planning board.

County residents who wish to speak will be asked to register at the door and will be given two to three minutes to make their point, said county manager David Clegg.

The hearing is intended to provide a forum for commissioners and planning board members to hear opinions and concerns, and to answer detailed questions about the proposed ordinance, county officials stress.

"I'm concerned that less than 200 people have visited the planning department to look at the detailed zoning maps," said county planning director John Harvey. "The hearing next Tuesday is not the time to answer people's questions, but to take their suggestions."

Harvey urged everyone who plans to attend the public hearing to visit the planning department first.

Anyone who would like to talk with commissioners and

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## School boss is given incentive

By Marybeth Bianchi  
Feature Editor

The Brunswick County Board of Education is dangling a financial "carrot" in front of the incoming superintendent in hopes of improving education in the 12-school system.

Meeting last week, the board finalized details of Ralph Johnston's four-year contract.

The contract, which runs from October 1 through June 30, 1996, sets three performance standards which the superintendent must meet in order to earn bonuses of up to \$5,000. The superintendent will receive a base salary of approximately \$61,000 a year, as established by the state according to his level of education, his years of experience and the size of the school system, board attorney Glen Peterson explained. He will also get a local supplement of about \$15,000, the same as current superintendent P. R. Hankins receives, bringing his total annual salary to \$76,000.

**What we're looking for:**  
•Report card improvement  
•Continued accreditation  
•Better SAT scores

The contract lists three performance standards the incoming superintendent must meet:

•He must improve the achievement of the school system as measured by the overall achievement section in the report card issued annually by the state department of public instruction.

That means Johnston must raise the "below par" rating the school system has received for the past two years. The rating summarizes test scores in four subject areas -- math, science, social studies and reading/language -- over three years and summarizes all

test scores over two years into a single score.

While there is no specific increase designated in the contract, "overall the trend is going to be for improvement," Peterson said.

Chairman Donna Baxter said Johnston won't be held responsible for the 1992 report card, but she pointed out, "1993-94 -- that will be Dr. Johnston's year."

"He himself said he's here to set high levels for the schools," she said, and that includes not only for students but teachers and administration as well.

•He must maintain accreditation of the school system with the state and other major bodies like the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

•He must increase the achievement of students who take the Scholastic Achievement Test (SAT).

Again, no specific increase is designated in the contract. Peterson pointed out, "He'd meet the test if he increased (the score) by one."

The board will give the incoming superintendent some time to get to know the school system before making any demands. They plan to meet on January 15 to set priorities for the school system. The superintendent is to be evaluated by May 15 of each year and on July 15 he will meet with the board to set goals for the coming school year. At that time, the board will also review the superintendent's annual salary and discuss whether or not there has been improvement for which he deserves a bonus, Peterson

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## Long Beach to consider plan

### Emergency procedures are outlined in Durr proposals

By Amitabh Pal  
Municipal Editor

A comprehensive civil preparedness program designed to deal with all types of disasters will be considered by the Long Beach Town Council in October. The program prepared by councilman David Durr includes clearly outlined responsibilities for various town officials and detailed steps to warn and evacuate the public in case of impending disasters.

Durr presented the program to council last week. It was tabled for a month because it was not part of the formal agenda. Durr seems confident that it will be adopted at the next town council meeting.

"I assume there was reluctance on the part of some because they haven't even read it," Durr said. "I just wanted them to accept it as a document of record so that in the case of an emergency the town officials would know how to react."

Durr devised the program when he was appointed civil preparedness

coordinator by mayor Joan Altman in July. Durr came up with the plan after seeing plans for other communities, discussing the matter with town officials and looking at a previous plan that, in his words, was "outdated."

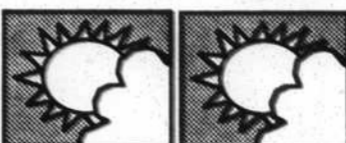
"As usual, you secure your information from a number of sources," Durr said, "and then you supplement that information."

The plan deals not only with catastrophic disasters but with general emergency situations, classifying them as level I, II or III according to their seriousness. For example, a motor vehicle accident is a level I emergency; a hazardous material spill is level II; hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes are level III.

The plan includes preparation activities to be carried out as part of daily routine as well as instructions on how and when to set up an Emergency Operation Center (EOC) under actual emergency conditions. It establishes evacuation procedures in case of a predicted disaster and also assigns duties to

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### Tide table

HIGH	LOW
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24	
6:41 a.m.	12:28 a.m.
7:02 p.m.	12:50 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25	
7:34 a.m.	1:18 a.m.
7:55 p.m.	1:45 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26	
8:28 a.m.	2:07 a.m.
8:44 p.m.	2:36 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27	
9:18 a.m.	2:54 a.m.
9:33 p.m.	3:26 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28	
10:07 a.m.	3:40 a.m.
10:21 p.m.	4:15 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29	
10:57 a.m.	4:25 a.m.
11:10 p.m.	5:05 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30	
11:47 a.m.	5:13 a.m.
11:58 p.m.	5:55 p.m.

The following adjustments should be made:  
Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Curwell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yampou Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly, high -22, low -8.

### Forecast

The extended forecast calls for variably cloudy skies Thursday through Sunday, with cooler temperatures expected. Highs are forecast in the mid-70s, with nighttime lows in the 60s.

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