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Nuclear staff will relocate

By Jim Harper
Staff Writer

Carolina Power and Light Co. will transfer about 100 engineering personnel to the Brunswick nuclear plant in the next year as part of a change in company philosophy placing workers nearer their work.

Brunswick vice-president Roy Anderson said Friday that notifications were just going out to affected workers now assigned to company headquarters in Raleigh.

"It's simply because this is where the money is made, and the people who support the station should be here," Anderson said.

He said that a "comparable" number of engineers is expected to be transferred to the Robinson nuclear plant at Hartsville, S. C., as well, though transfers to the Harris plant -- the other CP&L nuclear facility -- was not so likely because Harris is located near Raleigh anyway.

Anderson said the transfers, as well as the assignment here of a nuclear engineering manager, are part of the reorganization which has been ongoing since William Cavanaugh III became company president a year ago.

Anderson, himself on the site for just over a half-year, said that when he interviewed for the job, "I told them I needed training to report to me, down here; and I needed engineering down here so I can talk to the engineers -- so we can go out and look at what we're talking about."

Anderson said that a variety of engineering specialties are involved -- including electrical, mechanical, civil, structural and nuclear -- and that their shift to the Brunswick site will be "between now and the summer of next year."

"Realistically, kids get out of school in May," Anderson said. "That's when moves occur."

Anderson said that incoming personnel will work in the recently completed administration building, and space will be made for them by shifting certain plant operations "inside the fence" at Brunswick.

He said that the engineers involved
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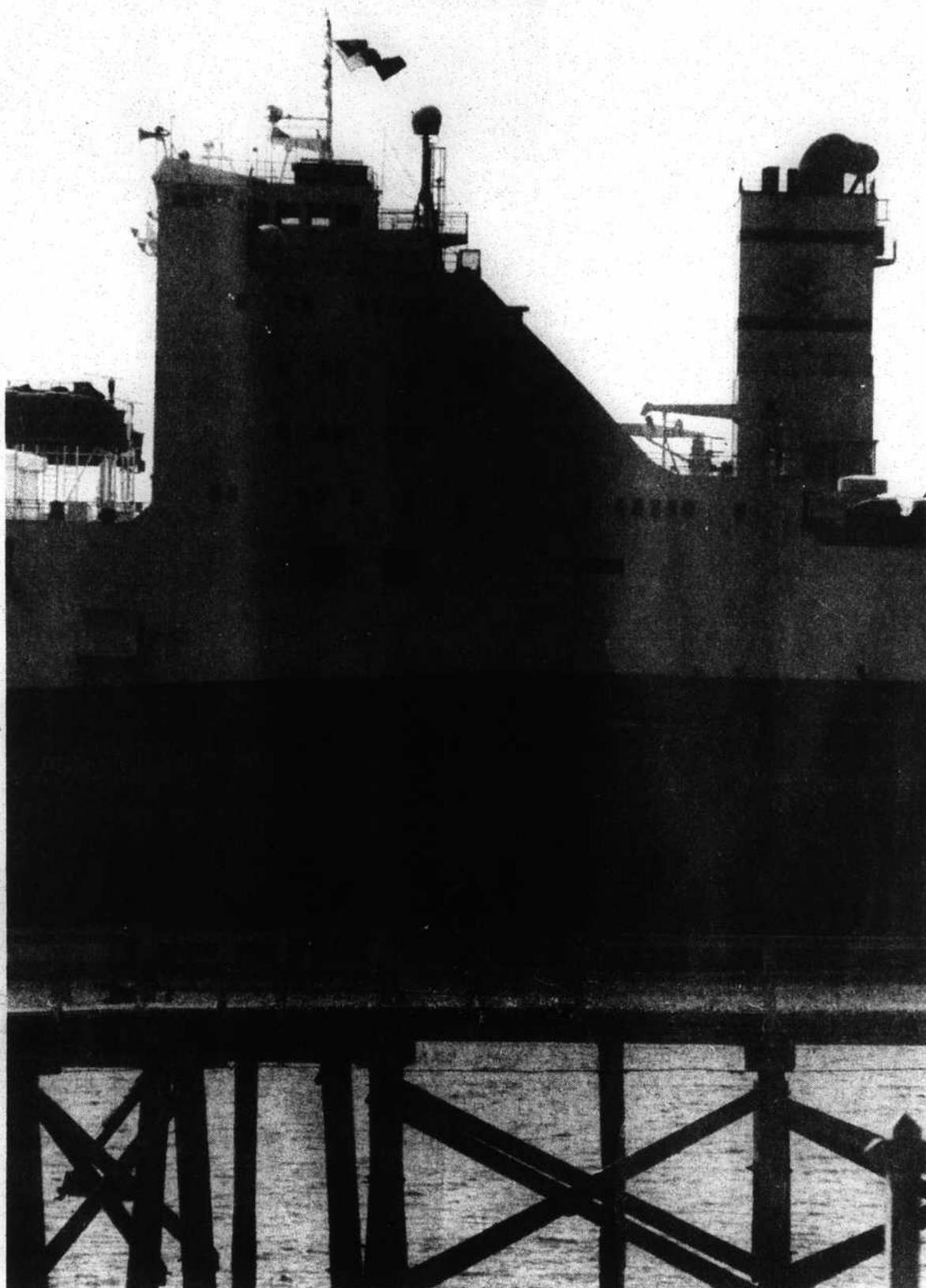


Photo by Jim Harper

The container ship *Saudi Diriyah* was something to see as she passed upriver last Wednesday. In August about 75 ships passed upriver, giving harbor-watchers 150 chances for a view like this.

It's the gypsy in tourists that concerns growers, specialist

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Second in a series

Some persons spend their careers wondering what's in a traveler's luggage, picnic basket or camping gear.

It's not that they are curious or nosy. A coastal tourist community, like the Southport-Oak Island area, attracts thousands of visitors. They bring with them the kids, dog and sometimes a pest that has hitched a ride to a new home.

"I work with anything that's not native to North Carolina," said Phil

Wilson, pest specialist with the N. C. Department of Agriculture.

He and federal inspectors rushed into action recently when a flying variety of the Asian gypsy moth was found fleeing ships at the Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point docks near Southport.

"This was a totally new introduction to the United States," he said.

But keeping an eye on ships isn't his only job.

"I trap two counties already for the European gypsy moth," he added.

Because of its influx of visitors, Brunswick County is one spot on his list. Every four miles, a trap is placed that monitors for outbreaks of the leaf-eating pest.

Campers heading south may transport an egg mass hidden beneath a bumper. House plants or dog houses shipped from northern states to a new home along the coast may have unwelcome pests attached. Retirees ready to leave it all behind often don't

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Area prepared for Emily, but calm prevailed

By Terry Pope
County Editor

Blue skies greeted county residents Tuesday afternoon as the eye of Hurricane Emily passed well to the east about 100 miles offshore.

"We haven't had any impact, other than not having school for two days," said Cecil Logan, Brunswick County's Emergency Management coordinator.

"I think we did the right thing there," he added, "because this storm was so unpredictable."

Emily teased the North Carolina coast with a slow, westward track Monday but, as predicted, made a turn to the north by Tuesday morning.

It was expected to come ashore late Tuesday along the Outer Banks, crossing the barrier islands with an estimated 110 mph sustained winds, making it a moderate hurricane.

The storm intensified to Category II strength and was expected to brush the northern coast at around high tide with a storm surge of six to eight feet. Tides were already higher than normal because of a full moon.

No evacuations were ordered for Brunswick County and the Emergency Operations Center was never activated.

With the first day of school set for Monday, officials decided to delay start both days in case the buildings

were needed for emergency shelters should the erratic storm head westward.

By 11 a.m. Tuesday, all hurricane warnings and tropical storm watches had been lifted for southeastern North Carolina.
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Residents prepared for worst

By Holly Edwards
Municipal Editor

As Hurricane Emily hovered over the Atlantic Ocean last weekend more than 400 miles from shore, local residents and officials took no chances and immediately began preparing for the worst.

By Monday, managers at Food Lion, Wilson's and Rose's reported they had run out of bottled water, batteries, flashlights, propane and candles, and were running

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Schools delay opening due to threat of storm

By Marybeth Bianchi
Feature Editor

Brunswick County schools opened their doors this morning, two days later than scheduled because of the threat posed by Hurricane Emily.

Even though sunny skies prevailed both Monday and Tuesday, the superintendent of schools heeded the weatherman's warning and delayed the opening of school.

Ralph Johnston said he was in frequent contact with Cecil Logan, director of emergency management for the county, as well as his staff and board members as Hurricane Emily moved slowly toward the North Carolina coast.

"We tried to be very analytical about this," he said.

When the hurricane watch was issued Sunday night he participated in a briefing to alert county officials of possible storm-related dangers.

Since classes had not yet started, Johnston decided just to postpone the opening of school Monday. One reason was because there had not been a trial run of buses, and with new drivers and students there was "no knowledge base"

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Marine band

The 2nd Marine Division Band from Camp Lejeune is scheduled to perform in an open air concert beginning at 7 o'clock tonight (Wednesday) on the Fort Johnston lawn fronting Bay Street.

Spectators should bring their own blankets or lawn chairs. The concert is free and open to the public.

Body is identified

Coroner's task a thankless one

By Terry Pope
County Editor

How local authorities handle a case of an unidentified body may vary between counties.

Officials in Brunswick County tested their response last week.

Detectives were able to quickly identify a jogger who fell to his death last Tuesday morning after the family reported him missing.

Bruce L. Smith Sr., 35, of Greensboro was visiting his parents, who live in Boiling Spring Lake, when he accidentally fell from a railroad trestle north of Southport.

Eyewitnesses reported Smith was startled by an approaching rail car when he turned to look, tripped and fell about 60 feet.

With no identification on his body, authorities had no idea who

he was.

Recent controversy surrounding the case of James Jordan, father of basketball star Michael Jordan, may have given county coroners a bad reputation.

Jordan's decomposing body was ordered cremated by a South Carolina coroner just three days after it was discovered and could not be identified.

He had been shot and his body dumped in a swamp just across the state line.

Did the coroner deserve the criticism, some of which included racial tones?

"I don't think so," said Greg White, Brunswick County coroner. "You don't know what you would do unless you were in that

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Tide table

HIGH	THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2	LOW
9:25 a.m.		3:16 a.m.
9:46 p.m.		3:31 p.m.
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3		
9:59 a.m.		3:51 a.m.
10:18 p.m.		4:09 p.m.
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4		
10:33 a.m.		4:27 a.m.
10:47 p.m.		4:46 p.m.
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 5		
11:07 a.m.		5:02 a.m.
11:18 p.m.		5:25 p.m.
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 6		
11:47 a.m.		5:38 a.m.
11:52 p.m.		6:06 p.m.
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7		
--- a.m.		6:19 a.m.
12:29 p.m.		6:52 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8		
12:37 a.m.		7:05 a.m.
1:21 p.m.		7:49 p.m.
The following adjustments should be made: Bald Head Island, high -10, low -7; Caswell Beach, high -5, low -1; Southport, high +7, low +15; Yaupon Beach, high -32, low -45; Lockwood Folly Inlet, high -22, low -8.		

Forecast

The extended forecast Thursday through Saturday calls for partly cloudy skies with thunderstorms likely. Highs will be near 90 degrees, lows in the 70s.