

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Cheaper Fillup Found

To the editor:  
I had to run down to Myrtle Beach Thanksgiving Eve on a little business (not to shop) and was delighted to find a gasoline outlet where I was able to fill my car with gas for \$1.219 per gallon!

I am a little sad to report that had I driven just a couple of blocks more, I could have filled up for just \$1.109 per gallon!

Mind you, as all of you well know, this in a community that relies almost entirely on tourism for its existence. Oh well—who knows—maybe they get it off the tankers at Georgetown and Charleston much cheaper than our folks can get it from the tankers that drop in at Wilmington.

Speaking of dropping in, you know who'll be doing just that this Saturday in Shallotte. Good ole Santa Claus himself. There will be beautiful floats, spiffy marching bands, prancing horses and lots of good places to enjoy tasty goodies.

One of these places will be the Camp Methodist Men's Club concession beside the Christmas tree lot across the street from the parade's end. I'll be right there—come see us.

Jimmy Simpson  
Shallotte

## Rotary To Light Tree Monday Night

Music by the West Brunswick High School Band will be featured Monday, Dec. 3, at the second annual community Christmas tree lighting sponsored by the South Brunswick Island Rotary Club.

The program will begin at 7 p.m. outside the United Carolina Bank main office in Shallotte.

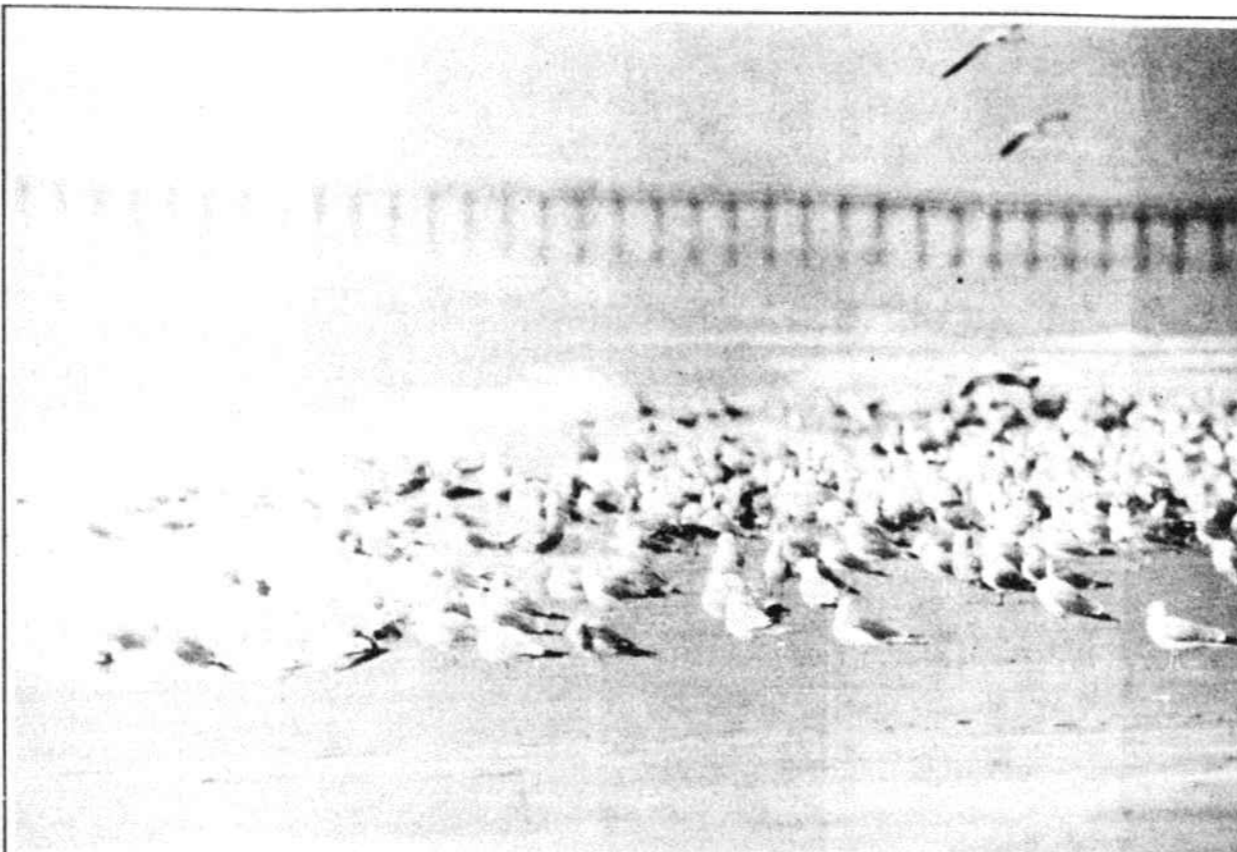


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LISTENING to the sounds of the ocean includes those of the many birds along the shore.

## Don't Fail To Listen To The Ocean

Those of us who are at the beach a lot soon get where we fail to listen to the ocean. The sounds become so familiar to us we need some discipline to stop and hear the sounds made by waves meeting the sand.

I'm aware of this each time we have visitors. They always remark how the sounds help them get to sleep or how peaceful the restful waves are to them. The sounds drown out the traffic noise and keep us reminded of the special environment in which we find ourselves.

I remember how I heard all the sounds just after we built a house at Holden Beach. I had become so sensitized to the rolling of the waves I could tell when the tide changed or when the wind picked up. I listened for the crashing of the waves and the hissing of foam and water casing back toward the sea. The little popping of air rushing up through the wet sand could be detected if I was on the beach.

There are sounds, too, such as the crying willets

and the fussy grackles. Bob Whites' call and doves' cooing could be heard in early morning. Cardinals and warblers and wrens would occasionally frequent the dunes and complain about the cats lying in the sun.

Henry Beston, writing in *The Outermost House*, tells of his experience with sounds on Cape Cod:

*"The three great elemental sounds in nature are the sound of rain, the sound of wind in a primeval wood, and the sound of outer ocean on a beach. I have heard them all...and that of the ocean is the most awesome, beautiful, and varied...Listen to the surf, really lend it your ears, and you will hear in it a world of sounds: hollow boomings and heavy roarings, great watery tumbings and trappings, long hissing seethes, sharp, rifle-shot reports, splashes, whispers, the grinding undertones of stones, and sometimes vocal sounds that might be the half-heard talk of people of the sea."*

We would do well to take Henry Beston's advice and listen to the sea. It will add to our experience at the seashore and help us enjoy this special place. Happy listening.



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## BORDERING BRUNSWICK COUNTY

### Corps To Dredge Cape Fear

The Army Corps of Engineers plans to dredge more than 100 miles of the Cape Fear River northwest of Wilmington, including the stretch that borders Brunswick County.

Maintenance dredging is scheduled to begin in January and be completed by March 1, according to a Nov. 21 notice from the Corps' Wilmington district office.

The project calls for 111 miles of the channel to be dredged to 10 feet deep at mean low water. The dredging would remove an estimated 75,000 cubic yards of predominantly coarse sand from the channel.

The Corps plans to take bids for hydraulic pipeline dredging. It would be the first time the river has been dredged using this method since 1986.

In addition to Brunswick, the river channel would be dredged in Columbus, Bladen and Cumberland counties.

The dredge material would be placed at the toe of the river bank as close as possible to natural shoals. Five areas have been proposed as spoil sites, and none are located in Brunswick County.

The Corps of Engineers notice says the project would help maintain navigability in the river and minimize the impact of flood on human safety, health and welfare.

There would be no known impacts to archaeological or historical resources or endangered species, according to the Corps of Engineers.

Any person with an interest that may be affected by the disposal of the dredge material can request a public hearing.

A written request, stating the interest and the manner in which it may be affected, must be mailed or delivered by Dec. 24 to U.S. Army Engineer District, P.O. Box 1890, Wilmington, N.C. 28402-1890.

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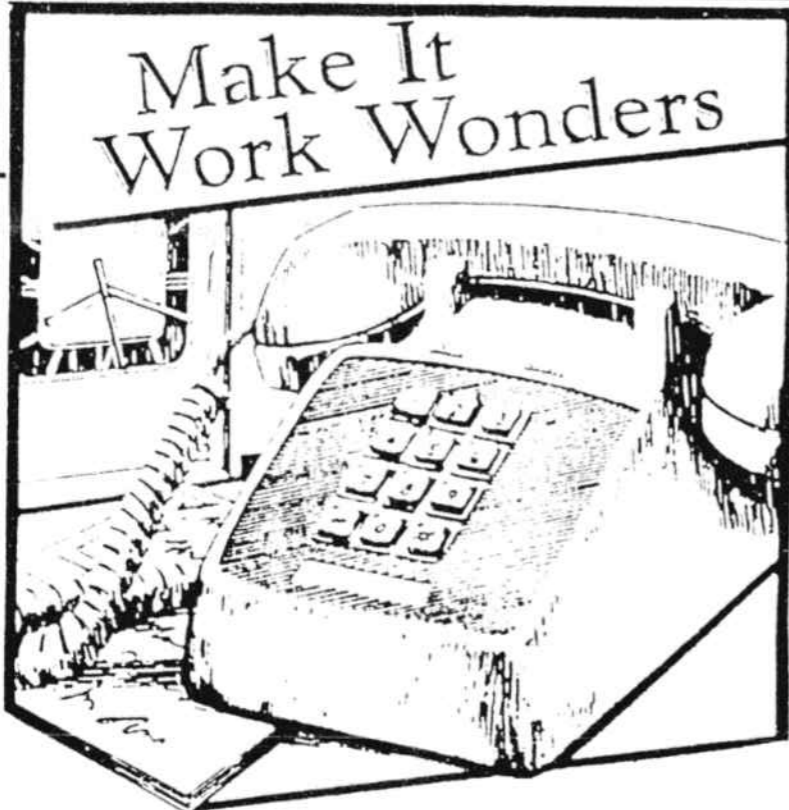
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