



**SCENES OF BEAUTY** on Holden Beach are various and ever-changing with the seasons and the time of day. A convention of gulls, like these gathering for their banquet session, is a sight you can promote with a handful of bread crumbs.

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**THIS CONTROVERSIAL BRIDGE** sits picturesquely between the mainland and the island of Sunset Beach, oblivious to the outcry for its replacement. It's the only pontoon remaining on the eastern seaboard and a grand old lady whose operation is fun to watch.

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## Everywhere You Look ...Something Beautiful

BY MARJORIE MEGIVERN

**I**s it the wide open spaces, so hard to find in a country that is heavily populated and industrialized? Is it the expanse of beaches, still not cluttered with commerce? Is it the green of a multitude of trees, pine and oak, mimosa, magnolia and dogwood, some erupting every spring into delicate bloom?

Or is it the nostalgia of old buildings, remnants of a bygone way of life, like tobacco barns and bridges?

Whatever we call beautiful, it's here in

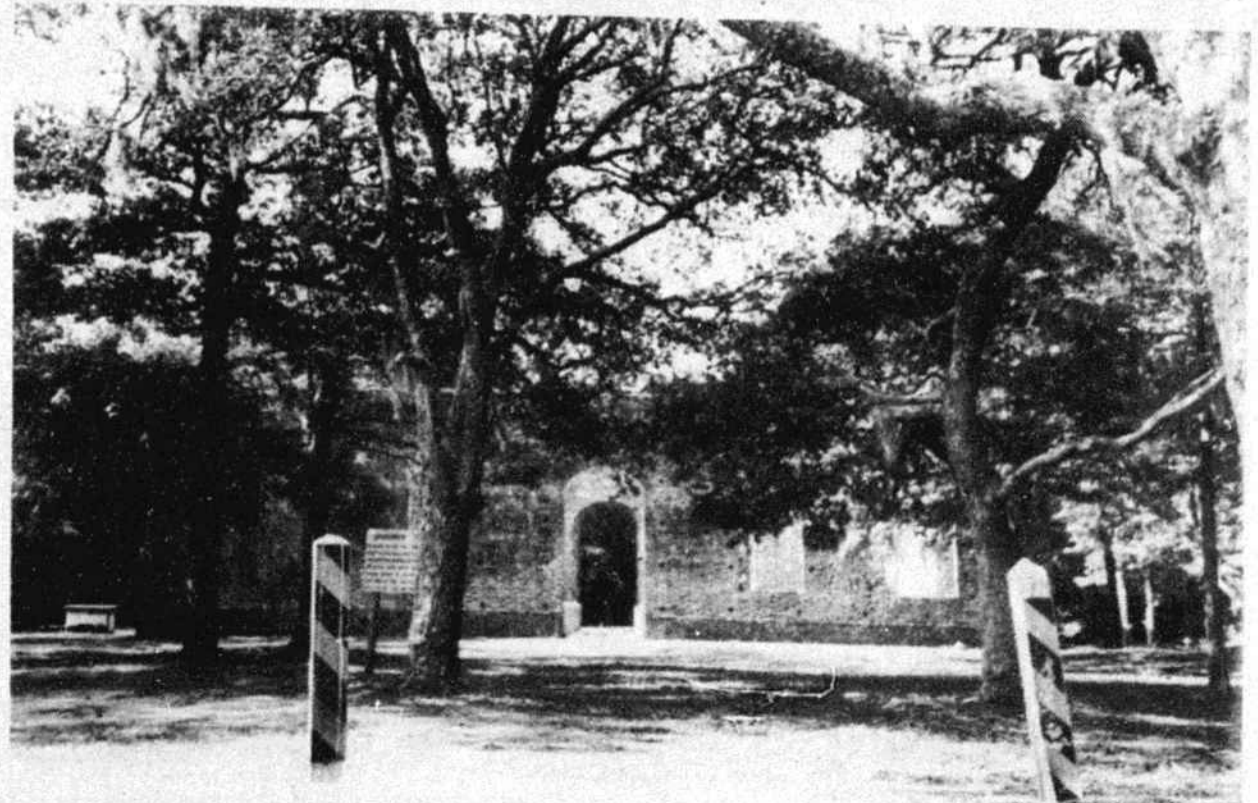
Brunswick County and in abundance. You can strike out across the Green Swamp, take little winding roads through Cedar Grove, drive along the waterfronts of Southport or Calabash or bask on our island beaches. You can even feast your eyes on flowers, trees and an occasional glimpse of a river as you whiz along U.S. 17, right through the heart of this county.

Pictured here are a few of the highlights of Beautiful Brunswick, scenic spots that are simply titillating samples of the county's aesthetic treasures.



**FISHING BOATS** are the darlings of coastal artists, and these stand against a perfect backdrop, the graceful curve of the Calabash River. A visit to the Calabash waterfront can also yield a fresh supply of shrimp, just off the boat.

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Sentimental beauty lies in our historical remains, like this regal shell of a church on the Brunswicktown grounds. St. Phillips Episcopal Church served this once thriving little village in the early days of Brunswick County. Its remaining exterior walls are a reminder of worshipping people who went before us.

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