

Reeves: No state overtures for my seashore properties

"No overtures have been made to me by the State for my property," said Charlie Reeves, local business man, in reference to property owned by him south of the newly acquired 1,000 acre tract bought Wednesday by the state for Cape Lookout National Seashore Park.

The Council of State in Raleigh authorized purchase of 1,000 acres of land on Core Banks, about one-third of the total amount of and desired. The property was purchased for \$150,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Alston Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Walter B. Mayer, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Shull, Mr. and Mrs. Minor C. Hunter and Sarah M. Scott. It is located about one and a half miles south of Core Banks Gun Club property.

Reeves' property is located roughly between the lighthouse and the coast guard station, he said, and it is on this tract that he as erected a summer house.

In a story in the Raleigh News and Observer, reference was made to the fact that the property of the gun club and that owned by Reeves are the last sizeable land

holdings which are still unacquired. Numerous small parcels remain to be acquired also.

The Property Control Division of the Department of Administration has now obtained around 90 percent of the 20,000 plus acres needed for establishment of the national seashore on the Tar Heel coast.

The state is obtaining Core

Banks and Portsmouth Island and will turn the property over to the National Park Service. The federal government is buying the third Outer Banks strip needed for the seashore--Shackleford Banks.

The project was authorized by former President Lyndon Johnson in 1966 and acquisitions by the State have been underway since that time.