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COMMENDS SENATOR FRINK

Editor State Port Pilot, Southport, N. C.
Dear Sir:—
I am asking the publication of the attached letter commendatory to Senator S. B. Frink. We feel that our work during the past two years has been such that we have some small knowledge of the matter in question. We also feel that there are many open minded people who will heartily agree with us that the State Advertising funds have been administered judiciously and without discriminating against such small counties and communities as Brunswick county and Southport.
Within the year Bill Sharpe, State Publicity Director, has been in Brunswick five times, one of these trips extending through four days. Assistants in his office have been here on three different occasions. The assistant State Industrial Engineer has been here once and is slated for another visit this week. We have been brought into close contact with important industrialists and others, and it is believed some of these contacts will shortly lead to developments of great value to Brunswick county and Southport.
On a recent visit that he made here I jokingly told Mr. Sharpe that the advertising and publicity department had given several times more money and time to Brunswick and Southport than to some of the heavily populated counties and cities.
"Yes, instead of putting everything into the big established communities, our program has been to try and help the small and unknown places that have good possibilities," he said. "Brunswick county and Southport have potentialities that can be developed into something of great value to the State."
The Letter
Senator S. B. Frink, Southport, N. C.
Dear Sir:—
We are getting a lot of satisfaction out of seeing you lined up so solidly for the State Advertising Program. Brunswick county and Southport have been getting a hundred times more from this state work than our average citizen realizes. There has been no discrimination against us because we were small. In fact, we have been getting favors and help that has not been accorded to counties of ten times our population.
This was because the State was following a policy of trying to help the small, unestablished places that were unknown, but which had great potentialities for development.
A little time will prove that the State Advertising Program was worth a million dollars to Brunswick during the past two

Seaside News

Miss Mary Brooks had as her guests Wednesday evening Misses Vivian and Miriam McEachern, Aline West, Mildred Hutaff and Mary MacDuffie.
Master Sergeant K. L. Gaines, of Fort Bragg, spent the first part of last week hunting quail here.
Mr. and Mrs. John MacNeil, Mrs. G. J. MacMillan, Jr., and son, of Raleigh; Miss Lou Davis, of Oxford and Norwood Brooks were here for the week-end, also Miss Alice Johnson of Winnabow.
Bill Hutaff and Rev. A. W. Dick, of Fayetteville, and Dr. H. A. Coddington, of Wilmington, spent the latter part of the week here hunting quail.
Among those here during the past week to spend a while were, Dr. John Matthews, of Wallace; Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Yates, of Chadbourne, and Thad Lee, of Waycross, Ga.
Capt. John E. Brooks left Friday for Miami, and the West Indies, as master of the Follingsby yacht "Windigo," of New York.

BOLIVIA NEWS

The Bolivia home demonstration club met with Mrs. John Hand on February 13th. Mrs. Carl W. d. president, presided over the session. As the roll was called each member responded with some important invention that had improved the home.
One new member was received and membership dues were collected and year books distributed.
Plans were made for the County Council meeting to be held at Bolivia on February 15th. Four members entered the "Kitchen Improvement Contest."
Mrs. John Cox was elected treasurer. Eight members agreed to keep "home account records" for the year.
Mrs. Marion Doshier gave a most helpful demonstration on "Built-in Kitchen Equipment."
The hostess served a delicious salad course with coffee and cake.
The following were present: Mesdames Frank Mintz, George Cannon, Troy Danford, F. Johnson, C. S. Ward, W. Beck, M. Smith, E. Robinson, J. Cox, M. S. Doshier and the hostess.
Mrs. Tucker Hostess
Mrs. Glenn Tucker was hostess to the "Wednesday Evening Book Club" on February 8th.
Miss Mae McClure gave an interesting review of "Charleston," "Chinese Checkers" was played during the evening. Oliver Bell and Foster Mintz being high scorers. The Valentine motif was carried out in the party appointments and refreshments. A delicious salad course was served at the conclusion of the games.
Members present were: Mr. and Mrs. Foster Mintz, Mr. and Mrs. Tucker.

Mrs. Oliver Bell, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Taylor, Mesdames George Cannon, Alex Robinson, Dewey Edwards, Misses Julia Taylor, Mae McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Tucker.
Valentine Party
The Epworth League of Bolivia Methodist church gave a Valentine party at the home of Miss Elsie Mercer Tuesday.
Numerous games and contests were enjoyed during the evening. Hot chocolate and heart cookies were served. About thirty-five members were present.
Misses Jane and Jennie Elizabeth Cannon spent the week-end in Wilmington with Miss Mary Jane Sumner.
Mrs. Frank Johnson is visiting relatives in Atkinson.
Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Robinson spent the week-end at Wrightsville Beach.
Friends of Nat Stallings will be glad to learn that he is improving at Oteen Hospital.
Special Observance
Young People's Day will be observed at the Bolivia Methodist church on Sunday evening as a part of the "Youth Crusade" now going on in the Southern Methodist Church. The following program will be rendered by the Epworth League: Musical prelude; Juanita Cannon, pianist; call to worship; Catherine Stone, president; Hymn: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"; prayer, Rev. W. J. Freeman; scripture reading, Catherine Stone; offertory, "Are Ye Able"? League choir; introduction, Mrs. George Cannon, counselor; talk, "High Ideals," Norman Chadwick, song, "I Would Be True"; talk, "The major objectives for the crusade," Catherine Cannon; song; "Living For Jesus"; sermon, Rev. W. J. Freeman; dedication service; song; "Take My Life and Let It Be."

Attend Rally
The following attended a Young People's Rally of the Wilmington District recently, as delegates from Bolivia Methodist church: Misses Gladys Mercer, Rheta M. Lesh, Catherine Stone, Frances Lesh, Catherine Cannon, Norma D. Robinson, Mrs. F. W. Taylor, and Mrs. George Cannon.

Winnabow News

Dr. and Mrs. V. T. Sullivan of Wilmington spent Thursday night with Earl Earp and family.
Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Sowell and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Bergman spent the week-end in Lancaster, S. C., attending the funeral of Mr. Sowell's sister, Mrs. Adams, who died suddenly.
Friends will sympathize with Malcolm Hart, who lost his home by fire Saturday morning.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Finch spent Thursday and Friday in Spartanburg, S. C., with Mrs. Finch's mother and sister.
Lee Kye and family of Jonesboro spent the week-end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kye, Sr.
Miss Alice Johnson spent the week-end at Seaside with Miss Frances Brooks.
Mr. and Mrs. Jim Finch spent Sunday in Wilmington with friends.
Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Ward, Jr.

of Wilmington visited Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Zibblin Sunday afternoon.
J. L. Nicholson of Richlands spent Monday night at the Goodman home.
Friends will be glad to know that A. H. Wilkinson is much improved after being very sick.
Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Purvis of Ash were visitors here Monday afternoon. Many spectators from this community attended the Bolivia-Wilmington basketball game Monday night. The Bolivia girls defeated the New Hanover ladies.
RECEIVES TREATMENT
Mrs. G. R. Sellers shows improvement from injuries sustained in an automobile accident last week.
NEW ARRIVAL
Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Henchey of Southport announce the birth of a son on February 14 at the Brunswick County Hospital.
ATTENDS DANCE
Miss Marion Frink attended the Sigma Chi dance at the University of North Carolina Saturday night.

Exum News

EXUM, FEB. 15.—Friends will regret to learn that Miss Lottie McKeithan continues seriously ill at the home of her brother, J. S. McKeithan.
A big improvement is being made on New Life Baptist church here. New Sunday school rooms have been built and the entire outside is being torn down, rebuilt and painted. Some changes have also been made in the interior.
Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Vereen and children have returned to their home at Baltimore, Md., after spending several days here with his mother, Mrs. Rosa Vereen.
Roger R. Ferguson, teacher in Waccamaw school, spent Sunday at Lumberton.
Mr. and Mrs. Winston Smith and Mrs. W. D. Smith were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Phelps Sunday afternoon.
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Gore of Awendaw, S. C., spent the week-end here with Mrs. Rosa Vereen.
The regular monthly meeting of the Exum woman's club which was to be held with Mrs. E. L. Vereen on Tuesday afternoon of this week was postponed because of an important meeting to be held in Wilmington on the same day.
Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jacobs and Miss Gertrude Jacobs of Pireway spent the week-end here with relatives.
Dorsey Cox has been in very poor health for several days.
Local citizens are very enthusiastic over the prospect of an electric power line coming through the community.
When it comes to killing foxes it seems that Tom Edwards and his crew of men and dogs just "beat 'em all." The last accounts were that they had ended the lives of over a dozen of the roguish rascals this season. The neighbors rejoice with them and wish them more success.

Gause Landing

Bill Sauer, of Rochester, N. Y., spent a few days of the past week with Mr. and Mrs. John Mastalerz, here.
A. E. Davis, C. Q. Jones and a party of friends of Salisbury spent the week-end here at the Cotton Club.
Miss Mildred Andrews was the Sunday guest in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Parker.

Popularity Contest Comes To An Exciting Finish

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carnival were the candy counter, with Mrs. E. C. Newton in charge; the fish pond, with Mesdames H. W. Hood and Robert Willis in charge; house of horrors, with J. P. Wonsavage in charge; bingo, in charge of Mrs. Harry Weeks; cake contest, in charge of Mrs. H. T. St. George.

FEROCIOUS WILD BOAR 24 lb

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dozen of them this winter are said to have got one that weighed 260 pounds. Captain Munn of the Cape Fear light house has a small black wild pig that he ran down and captured when it was hardly more than two weeks old.

Electrification Seems Now To Be A Certainty

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it will require the co-operation of every citizen in each community where it is desired to bring electric power and it is important that everyone sign up before we make our final report to the officials of the Rural Electrification Authority.
As a part of the feverish campaign group meetings have been held nightly in order that people might become better acquainted with the proposition. With the idea of carrying the line over into Columbus county Dr. Bishop spoke one night this week at the Guideway schoolhouse.

SIX CASES TRIED BEFORE RECORDER

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found guilty of drunken driving. He was required to pay a fine of \$50.00, the costs and his driver's license was revoked for 12 months. He will be granted 10 days in which to perfect an appeal.

MAJOR GILLETTE IS VISITOR HERE

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avoidably prevented from being present.

LITTLE BITS OF BIG NEWS

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an average of \$22.92 a hundred pounds, as against 577,644,681 pounds at an average of \$24.42 in the preceding season. Dealer and warehouse resales amounted to 59,546,292 pounds, which brought the total for 1938-39 to 561,188,281 pounds and the average to \$22.72.

COUNTY COUNCIL P-T. A. MEETING

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president, was elected a delegate to the State Parent-Teacher Association convention in April.
An interesting Founders Day program was given. Mrs. L. H. Reynolds gave, "Our National Founders," Mrs. Geo. Cannon, "Our County Council History"; Mrs. J. E. Dodson, former council president, lighted the ten candles on the council birthday cake.
Former and present presidents of the county were recognized while the audience sang "Our Tribute." Brief histories of the local association were given by local presidents. The first and third grades of Waccamaw school rendered several musical numbers. A delightful social hour was enjoyed during which the hostess association served cake and coffee. About fifty members were present.

Tremendous Values Have Accrued From Forest Plan

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In addition to the \$3,710.62 of county, state and Federal funds, which were spent for salaries and wages and paid to Brunswick county residents, there was spent \$2,629.80 during the same fiscal year. This amount was from matched funds provided by timberland owners who co-operate with the state in forest fire control on protective associations. No portion of this \$2,629.80 was from county funds. Therefore, \$6,340.42 represents the average annual sum paid to the residents of Brunswick county.
And this is not all, for an investment of \$2,000 put up by the county for forest fire control. From October, 1934, to date, the following improvements have been constructed in Brunswick county by the CCC, without one penny being put up by the county. These improvements are permanent and their value represents county assets and the construction of these improvements have materially benefited every resident of Brunswick county, not only from the standpoint of better forest fire control, but throughout the county on the roads which have been constructed.
Forty-five miles of truck trails costing \$157,500.00; seventy-one miles of telephone line costing \$11,715.00; three lookout towers as follows: Shallotte, 100 ft., \$2,122; Moco, 100 ft., \$1,688; Green Swamp, 120 ft., \$2,787; total cost of three lookout towers, \$6,607.00.
Four tower residences as follows: Shallotte, \$532; Bolivia, (5 room house), \$1,947; Moco, (5 room house), \$1,812; Green Swamp, (5-room house, garage and workshop), \$2,500; total cost of four residences, \$6,791.00; total cost of constructed improvements above listed, \$182,613.00.
The above are completed projects costing the county absolutely nothing and representing almost \$183,000. In addition to the above the CCC camp now located in the northwest corner of Brunswick county in the center of the Green Swamp has set up for construction and is now working on the following:
Forty-two miles of truck trails costing \$147,000.00; eighteen miles of telephone line costing \$2,700.00; one outlook tower near Niggerhead, 120 ft., costing \$2,700.00; one garage and tool house at Moco, costing \$400.00; total proposed improvements to be constructed in Brunswick county by CCC \$153,070.00.
The improvements that are to be constructed by the new camp in Green Swamp will be completed within the next two years. When these have been completed there will be a total investment in Brunswick county of CCC-constructed improvements of \$335,683.
Please bear in mind that the county has paid not one dime of

the cost of these improvements and only through Brunswick county co-operating with the state was it possible for these improvements to have been and to be constructed.
In Brunswick county today the following residents of Brunswick county are permanent employees of the North Carolina Forest Service:
County Warden, Dawson Jones; Moco towerman, E. P. Jones; Shallotte towerman, Dalton Edwards; Bolivia towerman, Royce Rabon. These men are paid a total sum of \$2,760 of joint county and State funds for salaries.
In addition to the above, the following permanent year-long employees are paid from association funds—the funds provided by individual land owners—and these men have charge of the association areas:
Gilbert Reid, Orton Association ranger; L. L. Edwards, Riegel Association ranger; L. B. Bennett, South Brunswick Association ranger; Green Swamp towerman, Arthur Little; Orton towerman, Ernest Swain.
These five additional permanent employees of the North Carolina Forest Service draw a total annual sum of \$3,830 for salaries. None of the above \$3,830 is paid from county funds. All of this is provided by co-operators and state funds. In other words, an annual sum of \$6,590 is paid to permanent employees, all residents of Brunswick county.

In fiscal year 1937-38, or last fiscal year, the salaries paid permanent employees both by the county and timberland owners as co-operators, amounted to \$4,786, exclusive of wages paid fire fighters and temporary employees such as District wardens. It will be noted that this year we are paying to residents of that county \$1,804, over what was paid last fiscal year. This was caused by additional tower associations having been formed.
The following district wardens residing in Brunswick county under appointment as state fire wardens and working on an hourly basis when called for fire-control work. The les paid these wardens from joint county and funds:
G. M. Bennett, Shallotte; A. Reynolds, Shallotte; Skipper, Leland; R. L. Ash; R. L. Phelps, Supply; F. A. Coleman, Bolivia; Earp, Winnabow; F. D. Southport; Willie Gammon, Bascom Clemmons, Supply; F. C. Rabon, Leland; F. C. Rabon, Leland; M. B. Chinn, Leland.
The above statements and figures have been supplied for the enlightenment of the payers of Brunswick county. We want to thank the residents of Brunswick county for the aid and co-operation they have given us in assisting us to hold our fire losses, and anyone who resided in Brunswick county the past ten or twelve years readily appreciate the improvements that have taken place fire control during that period.

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