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Landlords Vote On The District February 14th

Will Express Themselves At County Agents Office On Matter Of Soil Conservation District

WHY IS EXPLAINED BY COUNTY AGENT

Will Be Valuable To Landowners In Future Years

On February 14 Brunswick county land owners will have the opportunity of voting on the creation of the Lower Cape Fear Conservation District. The district will include all lands in the county, except town and village lots and lands under the jurisdiction of the U. S. Government.

The voting will take place at County Agent J. E. Dodson's office in Supply. The land owners may either attend and cast their ballots in person, or may mail same to the Agent. From all indications it appears that the Brunswick land owners will vote solidly for the formation of the district. No opposition has been heard from any source, as far as is known. The land owners are fully aware of the fact that the creation of the district will result in general development of great value to the whole county.

Legal notice of the election, containing necessary information on how to vote, appears in this issue.

The vote in the referendum is sufficient to justify and perfect the organization. The State committee will appoint two supervisors in the proposed territory, to serve for one year and to serve for two years. These members of the board of supervisors of the district will make a report to the Secretary of State for a charter or Certificate of Organization. If this document is issued, in 30 days the landowners of the district will hold another referendum at which time they will elect three supervisors for a term of three years each. This constitutes a governing board. All members hold offices until successors are appointed or elected.

There are no expenses involved in the organization of a Soil Conservation District for the farmers, as Dodson explained. There will be no taxes or assessments on landowners for the services rendered. The Soil Conservation Service engineering surveys of farm plans are no expense to the farmers. No farmer has to pay any part of the program. The work is purely voluntary on his part. There are no taxes, or assessments of any kind levied by the district supervisors of the district.

The State Soil Conservation District and the State Soil Conservation Service has no connection with the Soil Conservation program of the AAA, according to Mr. Dodson. However, the Soil Conservation Service works closely with the existing programs in the county, but it is a separate and distinct service of farmers may have for the future after the district is organized. A number of farmers in Brunswick County are of the opinion that the Soil Conservation Service is another phase of AAA. The Soil Conservation Service (Continued on page 4)

Ration Pointers

PROCESSED FOODS

Green G. H. and J (Book No. 1) expire February 20. K. L. and M (Book No. 2) valid February 1, expires March 20.

MEATS AND FATS

Brown V and W (Book No. 3) expire February 26. Brown X (Book Three) becomes valid February 6, expires February 26.

PORK

Red stamps A-8 through M-Book Four (120 points) valid in advance to purchase pork from farmers only, not from retail stores.

SUGAR

Sugar stamp No. 30 (Book No. 4) good for five pounds, expires March 31.

SHOES

Stamp No. 18 (Book One) valid indefinitely. Airplane stamp No. 1 (Book Three) now valid.

FUEL OIL

Period 3 coupons (10 gals.) valid. Expire February 21. Period 4 and 5 coupons (10 gals.) expire September 30.

GASOLINE

A-8 coupons now valid, Expires February 8.

Bald Head Island Offered For 'Duck' Truck Landings

Army Said To Be Interested In Using Island Of S. & W. Cafeteria Man For Amphibian Landings During Maneuvers

SHERRILL TELLS ARMY ISLAND IS ALL THEIRS

Property Is Being Brought To Attention Of Officers Who Will Be In Charge Of Maneuvers In New Area

With the whole of the seventeen thousand acre Bald Head Island, belonging to Frank O. Sherrill of the S. & W. Cafeterias, having been leased to the Army for use in the new Maneuver Area, which will include all of Town Creek and Smithville townships, it is probable that the maneuvers will include much use of amphibian trucks or "Ducks" between Southport and the island. Army sources stated this week that the island would afford an ideal point on which to stage landings by the seagoing trucks. They pointed out that the less than five miles from Southport was just about the distance that Ducks have to make when they stage real fighting landings. Warships and transports when landings. Warships and transports when landing men with Higgins boats and the Amphibian craft usually stand off from shore at points where there is no harbor. They say that the four or five mile run from Southport to the island, and the general conditions, make this an ideal point for the training of the truck-boat crews. In giving permission for the use of the island Mr. Sherrill advised the Army: "It is all yours," meaning that the army could do to any extent in making use of the facilities of the place. It is understood that the matter will be taken up with officers who will be in charge of the maneuvers.

Army Orders Blackout Tues.

Commander Charles Trott Of Defense Corps Advised Of Air Raid Drill And Blackout Next Tuesday

Commander Charles Trott of the Citizens Defense Corps has been notified by R. L. McMillan, State Director, that a practice air raid drill and blackout will be held Tuesday night, Feb. 8th. This effects the whole of Brunswick county and all areas in the Atlantic Coastal Warning District.

Commander Trott states that the drill and blackout is being called for the purpose of testing complete mobilization of Civilian Protective forces on short notice and in the shortest possible time. The yellow and first blue signals have therefore been omitted. The signals and time are to be as follows:
Red-9:30 p. m.
Blue-9:45 p. m.
White (all clear) 10:10 p. m.
This exercise is ordered by the army and, cooperating to the fullest extent, Commander Trott hopes that the Brunswick people will be on the alert.

Aged Citizen Dies In Columbus

William R. Dutton Passes At Home Of Son At Nakina In His Ninetieth Year, Leaves Numerous Relatives

William R. Dutton, 90, a native of Brunswick county, where he spent most of his life, died at the home of a son, L. T. Dutton, at Nakina in Columbus county last Tuesday. During the past several years he had resided with different sons and daughters in Brunswick and Columbus.

Funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at Friendship Baptist church at Regan, near his old home in this county. The services were in charge of Rev. E. E. Ulrich.

With one daughter, Mrs. T. L. Ward, of Ash, having died several years ago, Mr. Dutton is survived by the following sons, daughters and other relatives: S. R. Dutton, of Chabourn, W. R. F. R., and J. H. Dutton, all of Taber City. L. T. Dutton, of Nakina. J. G. Dutton, of Ash; four daughters, Mrs. Elton Butler, of Loris, Mrs. R. V. Hickman, of Wampee, S. C., Mrs. W. B. (Continued on page 4)

U.S.O.

On February 4, 5, and 6, Friday through Sunday we are holding Open House. The public is cordially invited. Your husband or son has probably mentioned what USO means to men in uniform - so come in, look around, get a first-hand impression.

Court Features Drunken Driving

Many Defendants Up In Cases That Involved The Use Of Intoxicants During Monday's Session Of Recorder's Court

Intoxicants must have flowed pretty freely during the past week, judging by the number of defendants who faced Recorder John B. Ward, Monday, on drunken driving and other charges in which intoxicants played a part. The minutes of the court show the following cases as having come up:

Edwin Leckard, drunken driving, 30 days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Ralph W. Carter, drunken driving, continued.

J. R. Leath, drunken driving, continued.

Wilborn Jackson, drunk on highway, 30 days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Winford Morgan, speeding, 60 days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of \$25 fine and costs.

William Suggs, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Grady Herring, drunk and disorderly, continued.

Marvin Stanley, affray, 60 days, judgment suspended on payment of fine of \$10.00 and one half the costs.

Elton Hewett, affray, 60 days, judgment suspended on payment of fine of \$10.00 and one half the costs.

John J. Eastman, speeding, \$20.00 and costs.

W.M.U. Meeting Held Wednesday

County Meeting Has Good Attendance And Many Interesting Things Were Discussed By Those Present

A meeting of W. M. U. workers of Baptist Churches in Brunswick County met at Bolivia Baptist Church on last Wednesday. The following churches were represented and reports were read and in the shortest possible time. The yellow and first blue signals have therefore been omitted. The signals and time are to be as follows:

The meeting opened with a song "Stand up for Jesus," followed by a prayer led by Mrs. Fred Smith. The devotional was led by Mrs. Thompson McRackan. Talks were made by the following officers:

Mrs. Dennis Hewett, Community Chairman; Mrs. Fred Smith, Mission Study Chairman; Mrs. M. L. Mintz, Stewardship Chairman; Mrs. J. D. Johnson; Mrs. T. F. Johnson, Young People's Leader. Mrs. Biggs, Group (Continued on Page 4)

Lost In Raid Over Germany

Son Of Former Brunswick Man Missing Since January 11, When He Participated In Bombing Raid

Lt. William E. Woodside of St. Petersburg, Fla., has been missing in action since January 11, according to advices received by relatives living in Southport. He was in the Air Force and was co-pilot of a B-17 bomber that was participating in a raid over Germany on the above date. Lt. Woodside was 22 years old. Lt. Woodside's father and grandfather were residents of Southport before moving to Florida. His grandfather was John E. Woodside, a pioneer resident of the county. His father was B. J. Woodside. Likewise well known in Brunswick.

R. T. Woodside, of the Brunswick county board of education, is and uncle of the missing airman.

Robbed Leland Postoffice On Last Thursday

Robbers Credited With Making A Big Haul From Post Office In North West Township, Arrests Expected To Be Made

MONEY AND BONDS TAKEN IN ROBBERY

Post Office Broken Into After Hours When Good Lot Of Cash Was On Hand

Gaining entrance by breaking a window, robbers made what is said to have been a sizable haul at the Leland Post Office Thursday night. It is understood that several hundred dollars in cash was taken and several hundreds more in stamps, war bonds and merchandise.

To gain entrance to the safe which contained the bonds, stamps and cash, the lock was broken off with chisels and hammers.

Postal Inspectors are at work on the case and have the cooperation of local officers. Reports seem to indicate that the officers believe the robbery was committed by some party or parties of the Leland community, or from nearby Wilmington. One officer stated to this paper that arrests were expected to be made very shortly.

Mrs. U. L. Rourk is Postmistress at Leland. Her office is understood to have been doing much for the sale of war bonds and this, together with heavy postal business is said to account for the large amount of cash that was on hand.

January Report Of Grand Jury

Fairly Brief Report Following Three Days Of Superior Criminal Court Body Here Last Week

The Brunswick County Grand Jury, in session for three days last week, returned the following report to Judge Henry L. Stevens who presided at the January term of mixed criminal and civil court.

"We the Grand Jury of the January Term, 1944, Superior Court of Brunswick County convened at the Court House in Southport on Monday, January 24, 1944, respectfully submit the following report:

COUNTY JAIL

We visited the County Jail and found same in excellent condition. Prisoners report good treatment and nourishing food.

COUNTY HOUSE

Everything in good condition.

COUNTY HOME

Front porch and steps need minor repairs. Shades for the windows, chairs, window panes are needed. Two toilets in the colored section need some repairs. Woodwork on outside of building needs painting. Inmates report that they are well taken care of.

COUNTY SCHOOLS

We recommend that the County Mechanic be instructed to pay special attention to the buses for the following defects: bad (Continued on page 4)

BATTLE IN THE RAIN



CAPE GLOUCESTER, NEW BRITAIN—A slashing tropic downpour almost hides this 75 MM Howitzer crew from the camera as they fire against the Japs during the battle for Cape Gloucester on New Britain Island. The gun and crew are imbedded in the mud. There seem to be two schools of thought on how best to cope with the rain; the keep-it-out or slicker and sou'wester school, and the what-the-H or bare-back school. The gun Captain, a rugged individualist, has his fatigue uniform plastered to his body by the rain as he raises his arm to give the signal to fire.

Proclamation By The Governor

Broughton Asks Citizens To Co-operate With Army In Granting Maneuver Rights In The County

WHEREAS, The United States Army for essential training purposes desires to acquire for a five-year period maneuver rights with respect to certain lands located in North Carolina in the counties of Brunswick, New Hanover, Pender, Onslow, Bladen, Lenoir, Jones, and Carteret; and

WHEREAS, such maneuver rights are needed immediately by the Army for such maneuver rights and the military authorities accordingly desire to obtain immediately from the owners permission to use such lands for maneuver purposes; and

WHEREAS, the citizens and property owners of the state residing in these counties have an opportunity by their compliance to perform a patriotic service and to aid in the essential training program of the Army in the same manner that citizens in other areas of the state have heretofore wholeheartedly and unambiguously responded; and

WHEREAS, the citizens in the above mentioned counties are assured that the United States Army will make equitable adjustments for any crop damage or other damage due to maneuvers that will be conducted in such area;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. MELVILLE BROUGHTON, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby call upon and request the citizens of the counties herein referred to, to respond promptly and favorably to the request of the Army for maneuver rights; and I do further call upon all citizens of the State to cooperate with the Army forces in every possible way to the end that these contemplated maneuvers may be completely successful.

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Bolivia Going Strong With 4th War Loan Bond Drive

Mrs. Foster Mintz, Chairman At Bolivia Reports Sales Of Seven Thousand Dollars Worth Of Bonds This Week

REPORT IS PROBABLY BEST OF ANY SECTION IN THIS COUNTY

Final Reports On Other Sections Of County Will Be In Soon; County Will Go Over The Top

The Bolivia community appears to most active this week, in the 4th War Loan Drive. Yesterday Mrs. Foster Mintz, chairman in that community, reported sales of \$7,000.00 worth of bonds, these sales all having been made during this week.

With the sales reported last week and Mrs. Mintz's splendid report for this week it appears certain that Brunswick has gone over the top in the drive.

If the county has gone over the top the work will continue unchecked so long as the drive continues throughout the nation. If the county has not reached its quota vigorous renewed efforts will be started.

During the past week the most revolting stories of cruelties ever heard have been officially credited to the Japanese. Their inhuman treatment of helpless prisoners of war has shocked the whole world. The bonds that the American people buy will furnish the money to finish off Germany and then to bomb Tokyo. The quicker the American people subscribe the bonds of our government, the sooner we will see Germany ended as a fighting power and the finish of Japan underway.

Next week this paper hopes to be able to definitely announce that Brunswick has gone well over the top in the 4th War Loan, and that our people are going right ahead and buying more and more.

Brunswick Man Spoke To Cadets

Dr. Victor T. Sullivan, Of Winnabow And Wilmington Invited By Lord Litchfield To Speak To English Cadets

Colonel Victor T. Sullivan, a native of Brunswick county and resident of Winnabow until a few years ago when he began practicing medicine in Wilmington, was mentioned in press dispatches a few days ago as one of three Army officers who were recently entertained by English military academy cadets. The invitation for him to speak was from Lord Litchfield. Colonel Sullivan and his two companions made brief talks on American history, customs, climate, educational systems and other topics.

Colonel Sullivan, a son of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Sullivan, spent most of his life in the Winnabow community, where he still owns a farm over three years ago he gave up his medical practice in Wilmington to respond to the need of doctors in the armed forces. Mrs. Sullivan is also a native of Brunswick and the Wilmington. (Continued on Page 4)

Present Outlook Makes Necessary Forest Program

Chief Of U. S. Forest Service Sees Postwar Demands For Wood As Requiring Effective Program Of Forestry In U. S.

U. S. MUST MAINTAIN FOREST PRODUCTIVITY

Thousands Of Men To Be Absorbed In Period Of Demobilization

The present "world outlook accentuates America's need for an effective forest program," Lyle F. Watts, new Chief of the U. S. Forest Service told Agricultural Secretary Claude R. Wickard in his first annual report recently made public by the Secretary.

The situation in the war-torn countries, where entire cities have been devastated and normal economies thoroughly disrupted, coupled with the inevitable depleted condition of much of the commercial forest of our own country after the war, Watts said, makes it of utmost importance that "the United States take stock of its present and potential forest productivity."

The Chief estimated that in post-war Europe the "timber deficit will probably be greater than the anticipated surplus of all the rest of the world."

Watts predicted post-war use of the new moulded plywood and paperbase plastics in automobiles, furniture and other articles, and said that the post-war "outlook offers large incentive to farmers to manage their woodlands for maximum sustained yield, either by their own efforts or with the help of cooperative organization."

Indicating that the present "pinch" on civilian use of forest products in this country would become even more acute before the end of the war, the Chief Forester reported that "purchases for direct war use in the first six months of 1943 were greater than in the preceding six months, whereas estimates of total cut for 1943 fall some 10 billion feet below 1942 consumption." He added that inventories of retail yards declined "by more than one-third in the first half of 1943, leaving them some 60 per cent below the Pearl Harbor levels."

In pointing out the need of timber management for maximum sustained yield, Watts said that at the present time the growth of trees suitable for lumber in the United States "is currently not much more than half of anticipated post-war requirements," and that "wartime demands have pushed the drain upon the forest 25 per cent above pre-war levels."

Outlining "an effective forest program" for America, the Chief Forester asserted that "nation-wide regulation of forest practices on private land is absolutely essential if needless destruction of productive growth is to be stopped. But," he added, "regulation should be supported by an expanded and accelerated program of public acquisition to relieve private ownership where conditions make this equitable or prudent. And regulation must be supplemented by better protection and by various aids to private owners."

To implement forest regulation, he said new Federal legislation (Continued on page 4)

NEWS BRIEFS

NEW BOOKS
Three books were donated to the Southport Public Library this week by Miss Ethel Farrell, of Detroit. They are "Hudson River Bracketed" by Edith Wharton; "Perella" by William J. Locke; and "So Little Time" by John P. Marquand.

MAKES HONOR ROLL
Miss Marion Frink, daughter of Lt. and Mrs. S. B. Frink, was among those at the University of North Carolina who made the honor roll during the quarter just ended. To rate this honor roll a student must make an average grade of B on all courses.

LEAVES SOUTHPORT
Mrs. E. H. Arrington and two daughters, Stuart and Pat are on their way to Cuba where they will make their home. They were accompanied as far as Miami by Mrs. Arrington's mother, Mrs. E. H. Cranmer, who is now visiting relatives in Brunswick, Georgia.