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Looking Far Ahead

It takes three years for cultivation for blueberries, figs, or similar crops to start bearing and begin bringing returns on the money invested in planting such crops. The average Brunswick farmer does not seem interested greatly in crops that do not bring the return of his dollar inside of 12-months after he invests it.

It is probably this disposition and desire of our farmers that keeps Brunswick county from being known for the many fine crops its soils will produce. We can certainly grow many things that will bring good money besides the usual one-year crops of tobacco, corn, peanuts and potatoes.

This week sees the beginning of preparations for the planting of two 100acre buleberry farms near Southport and on lands that have not been regarded as worth anything except to grow pine trees. It will take three years before the first crop is harvested and in the meantime the size of the undertakings means that thousands of dollars will be spent in buildings, clearing and preparing the land, planting, fertilizing, cultivating and irrigating the

The interesting thing about this venture is that the men who are making it are not going about it blindly. They have had many years of experience in growing blueberries and have extensive blueberry farm interests in other states as well as in this state-in Pender county. Operating in Pender they found out that Brunswick county had plenty of suitable lands for growing blueberries. Added to the ideal lands is the fact that there is considerable available labor, not otherwise employed at the time the blueberries are ready for harvesting. When the full-planned acreage comes into bearing some 400 pickers, in addition to other workers will be employed at gainful wages wages during the harvesting season.

was that it was too hot.

Rovin' Reporter (Continued From Page One) hit in the neck when the rains

Coming up from Shallotte on week. Capt. J. B. Church drop- with Dr. and Mrs. Holden at a Greyhound bus Saturday every- be wished to see us and said their Holden's Beach. Two dates thing was full, likewise the stand- he wished we would pay Capt. have been set for a Jeep ride ing room in the aisle. We were John Potter of the menhaden down there with Dr. Holden's son, standing up front and just be- boat Morehead a compliment. He Halstead. Each time it poured fore we got off at Supply a note said: "During the past four days rain. We hope to try it again was passed us from hand to hand Captain Potter caught 800,000 sometime soon without making from somewhere near the middle menhaden and my boat and the too much plans that the weather of the line. With the note was a couple of dollar bills and the note spoke for itself. We are its entirety, on the ground that quoting it here: "We enjoy the we knew the Anderson of Capt-Pilot and your Rovin' Reporter ain Church had been laid up at Pensacola, Fla., we have received column each week." The signa- least one, maybe two of the four a newspaper clipping showing a ture was that of Mr. and Mrs. days. "That does not make any Hal Martin of Baltimore. They difference," said Captain Church. have a fine place in their owner- He evidently believes in the old Orleans harbor. With the tug beship of Tar Landing, down on saying of, "Lay on MacDuff" and ing hoisted alongside the freightthe Shallotte River. We have devil take the hindermost. The er by huge cranes the name of heard they plan to retire there fact that his own boat had met the ship shows plainly on the some day and really build it up. with a mishap was not to take stern. It reads, "Francis Marion, any credit from Captain Potter Wilmington, N. C." If our mem-

It is funny how many people for having topped it and another ory serves us right the Francis say something every day about good boat. how they like reading this col-The Pilot is supposed to A lot of our friends among the Shipyard in Wilmington. It is be devoted mainly towards print- Brunswick farmers have planted very likely that some two or ing the news from all sections of or are preparing to plant patches three hundred Brunswick county the county. It does pretty well at of strawberries for the market. men may have had a part in her that. The Rovin' Reporter column In the opinion of County Agent building. is just made up of odds and Dodson, who says he is more of ends of matter. Stuff that is al- a practical farmer than an agent, ways being met up with and a patch of berries on each farm, across the River Road at sevwhich can hardly be called news. well looked after and no larger eral points for practically all of Very little attention is paid to than can be looked after, is a last week. Small lakes borderwhat goes in it, it just makes a valuable addition. good filler. Despite this lack of attention to it gets about the Funny that we knew nothing fish apparently found a delightmost comment of anything ap-about it until recently. Now that ful new place in which they could pearing in the paper. we do know something, it strikes swim about. Cars did not find

us that Davis Creek on the lower the going so delightful. They had We never monkey with the part of Long Beach, has the per- to move in low gear and at very weather. That is one thing we fect setting as a harbor for all low speed to keep engines from keep our nose out of. We had sorts of pleasure boats. absolutely nothing to do with all they get an inlet into the creek of that rain last week. We kept from the waterway and also a deeper outlet to the sea Long Maultsby, Bolivia farmer has Beach will have a perfect har-been using a walking stick that out of it.

"I have changed my shirt three bor for large and small pleasure was cut from a blackgum sprout times today," said State Senator- yachts and also a fine embarka- 48-years ago. The stick was origelect R. I. Mintz when we met tion point for sport fishing boats. inally cut by his father, the late him in the postoffice Saturday When they get around to build- S. W. Maultsby, Sr., who died afternoon and politely declined his ing the new Long Beach hotel we 40-years ago. Following the invitation to go with him to understand it will be located on death of the elder Mr. Maultsby

It is the belief of this paper that County Agent Dodson and various enterprising Brunswick farmers with foresight will watch the start of the blueberry growing industry with interest. It might not be a bad idea for some of them to start a blueberry patch of their

Time For Action

The majority of the deer hunters in this county oppose any change in the deer hunting regulations, and if the proposal to shorten the season to 45days is carried out there will be many disappointed sportsmen in this area.

The board of conservation and development meets next week in Morehead City, and if anything is to be done about maintaining the law as it now stands the time for action on this matter is now. It will do no good to wait 15 through January 15, with a mile; Light unit-\$4.00 per mile. there is a big market for them. until next fall and cry about spilt milk. If the hunters want to get some action, they should form a delegation, employ some legal representation, and attend the meeting a Morehead City.

The Weather Takes Its Toll

There are conflicting reports regarding the extent of damage caused to crops in this county due to the heavy rainfall of the past few days. Some of the better farming sections seem to have been very lightly hit, while in other parts of the county the tobacco crop was a fifty percent loss.

We are happy that so many farmers still have their prospect of a fine crop, and we just hope that sudden rapid ripening of the weed will not cause an unpleasant aftermath to the rains.

But we have deep sympathy for the farmers who worked just as hard and who needed the money their crop would bring just as badly, and who now face a financial crisis because of the drowning or scalding of their tobacco as it stands in the field.

Farming is always a gamble, and it is a tough deal to suffer loss of a crop that had every prospect of being sold on a high market.

Another Recognition

Selection of Dosher Memorial Hospital at Southport as one of the fortyseven institutions in North Carolina approved by the Veterans Administration for treatment under the Blue Cross plan of veterans with service connected disabilities is another recognition of the high standards of our county

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By way of Bennie Swain, a

Southport boy now living at

Fish could be seen swimming

ing the road had their waters

backed up over the road and the

For the past 20 years R. H.

When being drowned out.

This record—which stands out as an achieve-Wilmington, Reason for declining the beautiful bluffs and sand dunes overlooking Davis Creek. We happened on a bit of the Rains have been conspiring to unusual in human interest this prevent us from spending a day

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years until the son saw the need season October 15 through Jan- operation. of a good stout aid. The stick uary 1, bag limit two per day has never been painted nor re- and two per season. East of these Preliminary Work Begins ceived any attention since it was counties - season October 1 On Two Blueberry Farms cut nearly half a century ago. through January 1, bag limit two

BOARD MEETING NEXT WEEK WILL

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through December 21, with a bag Forest Service To Expand limit of one per day and one per Fire-Line Plowing Program for the picking season of for season (bag limit the same as (Continued from targe one)

for 1945-46); and rabbit-season crawler type tractors pulling November 20 through January 15, with a bag limit of 10 per day Transportation of the equipment season at Shrimping and also a specially designed fire line plows. (there was no bag limit on rabhas been greatly facilitated by the recent arrival of trucks with Other recommendations of the semi-trailers with features for considerable extra money each quick and easy loading and un- year. and

west of Allegheny, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Rutherford counties, season October 1 through of these units, which will be January 1, with a bag limit of borne by the timberland owner is wild here they may also start a six per day. East of the coun- as follows; Heavy unit-\$6.00 per plum farm. Plums produce some ties listed above—season October mile; Medium unit—\$5.00 bag limit of 10 per day. (No Applications for this service Mr. Key and his son both express-

BEAR-Wese-In and west of pected to get underway as soon er plums or figs in this county. Caldwell, as enough applications are re-

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per day and two per season. (No between the blueberry and other ers have to wait three years aftcomes. After that there is a yearly production.

For each 40-acres in the berries 75 to 100 pickers will be needed weeks or more each year. Since this crop comes on during a slack emuloyment, the Southport shrimp pickers should be able to make

The blueberry people are also The actual cost of operation very interested in wild plums. They state that if plums grow per of the most appetising jellies and change from 1945-46 in length should be made to County Ward- ed surprise that there was no aten Mercer. The program is ex-tention paid to the growing eith-

They also stated that Brunswick county has a very large land acreage suitable to the growth of blueberries. One of the essentials to such land is having a hard pan soil not far beneath the



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Told several weeks ago of the plans for the blueberry farms. conty Agent J. E. Dodson was highly gratified. He believes that cultivated crops is that the grow- this undertaking by experienced concerns will lead to others en- the occurence and four October 15 through February 14, er planting before their first crop gaging in the same industry and many farmers may also that planting and cultivating start small patches of the blues.

> Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig in 1813.

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some time later. Price Furpless, Southport ng as coroner in the absen Coroner W. E. Bell, inves death was due to an ac inquest was held. The body was taken taken Hamlet for burial

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