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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.

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.

This week sees the beginning of preparations for the planting of two 100-acre blueberry farms near Southport and on lands that have not been regarded as worth anything except to grow pine trees.

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.

Rovin' Reporter

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Coming up from Shallotte on a Greyhound bus Saturday everything was full, likewise the standing room in the aisle.

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It is funny how many people say something every day about how they like reading this column. The Pilot is supposed to be devoted mainly towards printing the news from all sections of the county.

We never monkey with the weather. That is one thing we keep our nose out of. We had absolutely nothing to do with all of that rain last week. We kept out of it.

"I have changed my shirt three times today," said State Senator-elect R. I. Mintz when we met him in the postoffice Saturday afternoon and politely declined his invitation to go with him to

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.

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 45-days 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.

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.

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 crop 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 Doshier Memorial Hospital at Southport as one of the forty-seven 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 hospital.

We don't know of another business or organization in Brunswick county that is doing as much good for as many people. And you may rest assured that if this hospital weren't being run in an efficient and orderly manner it never would have received the endorsement of the government for care of wounded veterans.

Wilmington. Reason for declining was that it was too hot.

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By way of Bennie Swain, a Southport boy now living at Pensacola, Fla., we have received a newspaper clipping showing a 185-ton tugboat being loaded on a big liberty ship in the New Orleans harbor.

A lot of our friends among the Brunswick farmers have planted or are preparing to plant patches of strawberries for the market.

Funny that we knew nothing about it until recently. Now that we do know something, it strikes us that Davis Creek on the lower part of Long Beach, has the perfect setting as a harbor for all sorts of pleasure boats.

For the past 20 years R. H. Maultsby, Bolivia farmer has been using a walking stick that was cut from a blackgum sprout 48-years ago.

The beautiful bluffs and sand dunes overlooking Davis Creek.

the stick was in disuse for 20 years until the son saw the need of a good stout aid. The stick has never been painted nor received any attention since it was cut nearly half a century ago.

BOARD MEETING NEXT WEEK WILL AFFECT HUNTING

(Continued From Page One) turkey—season December 2 through December 21, with a bag limit of one per day and one per season (bag limit the same as for 1945-46); and rabbit—season November 20 through January 15, with a bag limit of 10 per day (there was no bag limit on rabbit in 1945-46).

Other recommendations of the division: SQUIRREL—West—in and west of Allegheny, Wilkes, Caldwell, Burke, and Rutherford counties, season October 1 through January 1, with a bag limit of six per day.

BEAR—West—in and west of Allegheny, Wilkes, Caldwell,

Burke, and Rutherford counties, season October 15 through January 1, bag limit two per day and two per season. East of these counties—season October 1 through January 1, bag limit two per day and two per season.

POSSUM AND RACCOON—October 15 through February 14, with gun or dogs. (No change.)

Forest Service To Expand Fire-Line Plowing Program

(Continued from page one) crawler type tractors pulling specially designed fire line plows. Transportation of the equipment has been greatly facilitated by the recent arrival of trucks with semi-trailers with features for quick and easy loading and unloading.

The actual cost of operation of these units, which will be borne by the timberland owner is as follows: Heavy unit—\$6.00 per mile; Medium unit—\$5.00 per mile; Light unit—\$4.00 per mile.

Applications for this service should be made to County Warden Mercer. The program is expected to get underway as soon as enough applications are received to warrant its efficient operation.

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Preliminary Work Begins On Two Blueberry Farms

(Continued from page 1) between the blueberry and other cultivated crops is that the growers have to wait three years after planting before their first crop comes. After that there is a yearly production.

For each 40-acres in the berries 75 to 100 pickers will be needed for the picking season of for weeks or more each year. Since this crop comes on during a slack season at Shrimping and also a slack period in other kinds of employment, the Southport shrimp pickers should be able to make considerable extra money each year.

The blueberry people are also very interested in wild plums. They state that if plums grow wild here they may also start a plum farm. Plums produce some of the most appetizing jellies and there is a big market for them.

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 surface. This hard pan assists in the holding of water and permits irrigation of the plants.

Told several weeks ago of the plans for the blueberry farms, county Agent J. E. Dodson was highly gratified. He believes that this undertaking by experienced concerns will lead to others engaging in the same industry and that many farmers may also start planting and cultivating small patches of the blues.

Richard Wagner was born in Leipzig in 1813.

HAMLET MAN IS DROWNED SUNDAY (Continued from page 1) some time later.

Price Furples, Southport, acting as coroner in the absence of Coroner W. E. Bell, investigated the occurrence and found death was due to an accident. The body was taken back Hamlet for burial.

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Leave Long Beach Pavilion—11:30 A. M.
Leave Southport—3:00 P. M.
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