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Yankee Farmers Show Interest In This County

Word Has Been Spread Around Concerning Undeveloped Agricultural Resources Of Brunswick County

OTHER INTERESTS VISITING HERE

Truck Grower Added To List Of Blueberry And Plant Producers Who Like Local Prospects

There was a time when Brunswick county people and others throughout the south heard with dread the cry, "The Yankees are coming."

The same thing is being heard once again, but in quite a different tone of voice. Instead of the news of their coming spread dread they are being heartily welcomed, for what they want to do and can do to the many thousands of idle acres of Brunswick county farm lands. They are bringing new ideas, showing the way for new uses for lands, much of which has heretofore been regarded as worthless and which would still be worthless if it were not for the new crops and new methods being brought in by these people from northern states.

Just outside of Southport, some New Jersey and Pennsylvania people are growing blueberry plants with plans to set out 200-acres in that crop. They like hard pan land, a kind of land that makes it worthless for an ordinary farm crop and only fit to grow pine trees. The blueberries will take three years to become productive, and that means that they are a lot of money on a crop for which they will have to wait three years before a cent of returns come in. Last week and this week another New Jersey man is here interested in blueberries. He plans up to 300-acres of submarginal land on which to grow the crop and has already made a tentative deal for 175 acres of the needed area. It is understood he will buy this tract this week and that he plans getting in at least a hundred acres next spring. Still others interested in blueberry land are coming. If Brunswick farmers with submarginal lands suitable for this blueberry crop and good for nothing else will sell at a reasonable price to the people who can do something with the land, they will buy and begin operations.

A New York man who is a truck grower was here last week for this. He has to have 50 acres to start with and plenty more to increase. This winter and next spring he plans to put out 50-acres in cabbage and lettuce and after this initial crop he will go in more heavily.

Getting away from cabbage and lettuce, one New Jersey field of 20-acres of fine tomatoes being grown from plants produced in Brunswick county. The crop is much better than most of any of the fields planted with plants produced for to the south of Brunswick county and the New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware and Pennsylvania people are not finding out that they can

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Brief News Flashes

GRADUATES AT SCHOOL

The fleet home town news center reports that James W. Smith son of Mrs. H. T. Bowmer, of Southport, was recently graduated from the Basic Engineers School at the Naval Training Center, Great Lake, Ill.

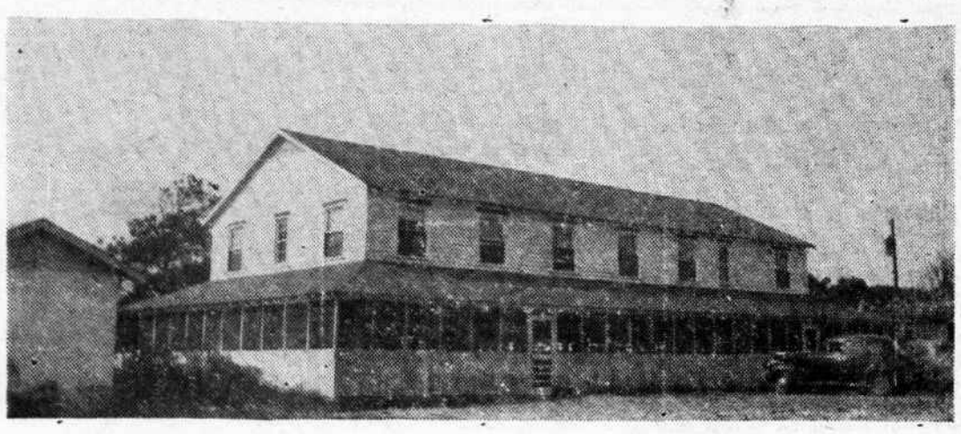
PURCHASES HOME

Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Holden, of Durham and Holden's Beach, have purchased the Robert White home in Shallotte and will move there in the near future. Mr. White plans to construct a two-story brick building and use the upper story as a dwelling and downstairs for business purposes.

ENLISTS IN ARMY

Two Brunswick county men, both from Bolivia, are among the recent enlistees in the Army, according to reports from the recruiting station in Wilmington the past week. The men are Wilbur F. Wigner, a veteran of the war, and James F. King, Jr., a non-veteran, who was member of this year's senior class at Southport. Both were accepted for 18 months enlistment.

RESORT HOTEL



ACCOMMODATIONS—Above is shown the Anchor Hotel, located at Shallotte Point, where tourist business is booming. Those interested in the development of resort facilities along the coast of Brunswick see a great need for more accommodations similar to those being offered by Mr. and Mrs. John Garner at their place.

Look For Women Jurors At Next Term Superior Court

Commissioners In Revising Jury List Here Monday Included Names Of Women Taxpayers Of County; Other Business Handled

ARRANGEMENTS FOR TAX FORECLOSURES

Commissioners Making Arrangements To Get Service On Oldest Tax Accounts Due County

The next time a jury list is drawn for Brunswick county Superior court, the chances are that the names of some women will be included, for in revising the list of those eligible for jury duty Monday, members of the board of county commissioners included a good many members of the fair sex.

Among other important business of the day was a decision on the part of the commissioners to take some immediate and positive action in the matter of bringing suits for foreclosing property on which taxes are delinquent.

In a conference with members of the Brunswick county bar, an agreement was reached whereby these tax suits will be divided among the legal firms in the city with instructions to institute proceedings at one.

Renumeration for this work will be $5.00 for each suit brought, plus 10-percent of the amount of taxes due when the action has been completed.

Many of these suits are as old as 1927, and since the last legislature passed a law that after December, 1948, suits for non-payment of taxes due from 1927 to 1936 which have not been brought to judgment will be barred through the statute of limitations, the commissioners felt that some decisive action must be taken.

Mrs. Lou H. Smith has been re-appointed county health nurse for the next year.

Dr. F. M. Burdette, was appointed county physician at a salary of $110.00 per month effective June 1, and continuing until further notice.

The commissioners approved the inclusion of an item of $2,500.00 in the 1947-48 budget for forest fire control.

The auditor's report of receipts and disbursements for May was ordered recorded.

The aid to blind grant for Edward Kelly was raised from $10.00 to $15.00 per month and the monthly grant to B. K. Smith from $10.00 to $15.00.

W. G. Butler Dies At Home Sunday

Funeral Services Conducted From St. Phillips Episcopal Church Tuesday, With Burial In Southport Cemetery

Funeral services were conducted here yesterday afternoon at St. Phillips Episcopal church for W. G. Butler, 77-year-old retired army man, native of Michigan but resident of Southport for practically all of his life. Mr. Butler was a veteran of both the Spanish-American war and World War I.

His death occurred Sunday at noon.

The funeral services were conducted at 3 o'clock and were in charge of Rev. R. L. Sturges, rector of St. Phillips, who was assisted by Rev. H. M. Baker, pastor of the Southport Baptist

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Navassa Negro Gets Out, Gets In

In again and out again seems to be a regular order of things for James Bannister, Navassa negro.

He was arrested for getting in one of the fertilizer factories at Navassa and stealing sacks. This got him in jail here, and he soon got out under bond to await trial.

Probably needing money to pay a lawyer, he got in the store of Dolly Evans Tuesday morning. Just as soon as he got out of the store with 6 nickles and 64 pennies that he found in the cash register, Chief of Police Otto Hickman got him back in jail.

He is still in.

Brunswick Crop Outlook Better

Recent Rains Brought About Complete Change In Farm Outlook For Farmers Of This County

Aided by rains and seasonable growing weather, the Brunswick county farm crops have been making remarkable progress towards becoming normal during the past few days. Another week of a good growing season and the late start that handicapped practically all farm crops will have been forgotten.

Tobacco and peanuts have both been helped wonderfully, as have corn, potatoes and all cultivated crops. The lespedeza hay crop, growing in grain fields that are now being combined, has been given a new lease on life and is growing splendidly.

There is still much late tobacco, but some of it bids fair to overtake the earlier stuff. There will be a few bad fields of this crop, but taking everything

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Bootlegger Has New Use For Kids

Waiting Officers Discovered At Still Site By Children Obviously Sent To Reconnoiter

The practice of using children as an aid in their illegal operations seems to be growing among the moonshiners in Brunswick county. Two weeks ago officers seized a truck in which there was some bedding with several children sleeping on it, while underneath was found hidden eighteen gallons of whiskey that was being transported to some point of sale. The children were being used as a blind.

Monday Deputy Sheriffs Ed Leonard, of Southport, Martin Herring, of Shallotte, and O. W. Perry, of Northwest township, ended a two days watch at a still in Northwest. Their wait was seen to be a failure when two small negro girls, 12 and 13 years old, came to the still and began to go around it in a widening circle that finally led them to the discovery of the hiding officers.

They had evidently been sent by older persons to see if there were any officers in the neighborhood of the still. Spotting the officers they ran but were caught and questioned. They were carrying buckets and claimed to be

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Good Enrollment On Opening Day At Bible School

Annual Summer Daily Vacation Bible School Held Opening Session Monday Morning At School Building

WILL CONTINUE THROUGH MONTH

Capable Faculty Working With Youngsters Who Have Enrolled For Program Of Training

The opening session of the Annual Daily Vacation Bible School was held Monday morning at Southport school with an enrollment of 95 students representing all of the protestant churches of this community.

Serving as superintendent of the school is the Rev. Herbert M. Baker, pastor of Southport Baptist church. He says that it is planned to continue the school throughout the month of June, bringing the program to a close with appropriate commencement exercises.

Heading the beginner department is Mrs. Fred Dosher, who is being assisted by Mrs. Margaret Stanley and Mrs. Lillie Jones.

Mrs. F. Mollycheck heads the primary department and is being assisted by Mrs. Ivan Ludlum.

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Funeral Sunday For J. S. Lewis

Supply Farmer Passed Thursday At Home; Laid To Rest In Sharon Church Cemetery

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at Sharon Methodist church for James Stubbs Lewis, 58-year old Supply farmer, who died at his home at noon Thursday. The funeral services were in charge of Rev. Richard Braunstein, pastor of the Shallotte Circuit of the Methodist church. Burial was in the Sharon cemetery.

The deceased is survived by his widow and by six daughters, Mrs. Zettie Hewett, Mrs. Letha Hewett, Mrs. Ruby Hewett, Mrs. Grudell Hewett, Mrs. Louise Hewett and

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Ormand Leggett New Commander Of Legion Post

Full List Of New Officials Of Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, Named For Next Year

CRAWFORD ROURK NAMED ADJUTANT

Local Post Well Represented At State Legion Convention At Carolina Beach This Week

Ormand Leggett has been named commander of the Brunswick County Post, American Legion, for the coming year, succeeding Davis C. Herring, and the new commander has asked Crawford Rourk, veteran legionnaire, to serve as adjutant of the local post during the coming year.

Following is a complete list of officers:

Commander, Ormand Leggett; Vice Commander, M. R. Sanders; Vice Commander, Robert Thompson; Adjutant, Crawford Rourk; Athletic Officer, James M. Harper, Jr.; Chaplain, Paul H. Fields; Finance Officer, Crawford Rourk; Historian, R. C. St. George; Service Officer, Chas. M. Trott; Sergeant-at-Arms, W. C. Leinert; Americanism Chairman, Col. Earl I. Brown; Boy's State Chairman, W. S. Wells; Child Welfare Chairman, J. J. Loughlin; Employment Chairman, Dan Harrelson; Graves Registration Chairman, Afton Smith, Jr.; Membership Chairman, Crawford Rourk; National Defense Chairman, J. B. Russ; Oratorical Chairman, S. B. Frink; Publicity, James M. Harper, Jr.; Rehabilitation Chairman, John G. Caison;

Delegates representing this post at the State Convention at Carolina Beach this week include Chas. M. Trott, Crawford Rourk and Ormand Leggett. Alternates are S. B. Frink, John G. Caison and Afton Smith, Jr.

Short Session Before Recorder

Only One-Half Day Required To Complete Trial Of Cases Called Before Judge W. J. McLamb Monday

Monday was another easy day for Judge W. J. McLamb and officials of Brunswick county Recorder's court as all matters were disposed of before noon. The following disposition of cases was made:

Johnnie Hankins, drunk driving and reckless operation, case continued.

Sam Edwards, public drunkenness, 30 days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of $10.00 and costs, fine remitted.

Arthur Hankins, drunk and disorderly, continued to June 30.

Moses Evans, public drunkenness, continued to June 30.

Herbert Bryant, assault with deadly weapon, continued to June 30.

Warren E. McMillan, assault, continued to July 14th.

Reginald Dennis, breaking and entering and larceny, remanded to juvenile judge.

In the store breaking case and

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W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

John W. Sellers of Supply, was telling us this week that this paper was a real family matter with his folks. He has five boys, all but one away from home. The paper goes to all of them each week and keeps them all, including the family at home, posted with what goes on in the old home county.

Often traveling Rt. 17 between Bolivia and Supply, we are impressed with the number of fine colored citizens living along this stretch of road and the nice homes they have. This condition is especially noticable around the Bryant Brothers (colored) store and garage and on westward. The colored folks between Supply and Shallotte are also to be commended for their efforts at good home building, good farming and good citizenship.

Although they are a little late, farmers out on the Middle Road by Antioch church have some fine crops that are giving a lot of promise. Everything is well worked and clean. Give these farmers and others in Brunswick a good growing season through the next two or three weeks and there will be some extra nice crops in Brunswick.

Fishing one day last week Al Dickson, editor of the Wilmington News; Jerry Ball, press relations man for the Standard Oil Company, and John H. Dickson, the small hope of the house of Al, we found the fish very disappointing in their attitude towards our bait offerings. Only some 15 small fish were taken in but young John came near putting the older fellows to shame.

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Farmers Ask Congress To Quit Meddling With Their Present Program

Greensboro Men Contribute To Restoration Of Bench

Local Amusement Facilities Sees As Incomplete Without Whittler's Bench, Hence Their Contribution

Southport's famous Whittler's Bench once more is in the news as a result of a contribution received here this week by W. B. Keziah from two Greensboro visitors to go toward the restoration of this popular landmark. Text of their letter follows:

"Dear Bill: Enclosed find check for $3.00. Half of this is donated by Dr. W. C. Jackson, Chancellor of Woman's College of the University of North Carolina. The other $1.50 comes from me.

"This is to be used to start a fund to rebuild the Whittler's Bench. Southport just doesn't seem right without this public institution. I am a firm believer in the Town Hall system of government of New England. Where in Southport can a more appropriate place be found for the civic center? I am sure the town's morale will be improved if this public forum is restored.

"Dr. Jackson requests that you inform Mayor Eriksen and the board of aldermen that unless the bench is restored before our next visit he will run me as his candidate for Mayor and that he will represent me as my campaign manager. He says he already has a good Barlow knife and that in addition to finding the bench rebuilt he expects to find on hand a good supply of soft whittling wood from the nearby Louis Hardee boat works.

"Regarding our last weeks trip down home, I quote you from both of my companions: Dr. Jackson—Thank you, sir, for one of the most pleasant trips I have ever had.'

"Dr. LeBauer—'Charlie, I'm thoroughly sold on Southport, despite the absence of fish at the time. It was a delightful trip and I shall always remember the greetings from the Game Warden, Mayor Eriksen, Keziah, Mrs. Bragaw—and not forgetting the good grub at Mack's.' "

Mapping Tentative Plans For Shrimp Grounds Survey

Work Of Surveying Shrimping Grounds Off Coast Will Begin About July 1st At South Carolina Line

DIRECTOR ETHRIDGE HERE LAST WEEK

Effort Will Be Made To Locate Areas In Which Shrimp May Be Taken Without Tearing Up Nets

Director R. Bruce Etheridge of the Department of Convervation and Development, and Roy Hampton, a member of the board were here last week making plans and discussing with seafood producers the proposed new shrimping ground survey.

The bill providing for this was introduced during the recent session of the legislature by Senator R. I. Mintz, of Brunswick.

Scheduled to begin at the South Carolina line the first of July, the work off Southport may entail the spending of some time here by the survey boat. It will have an experienced crew aboard and it is also understood that during all of its operations it will have a shrimp fisherman aboard who is familiar with the territory in which the boat happens to be working.

It is understood that the purpose is to locate and chart new fishing grounds in which the shrimp may be found and taken without the tremendous loss in nets that has attended previous efforts to take shrimp from uncharted waters.

Ancient Swing Located At Supply

At least until someone comes along and proves otherwise, Brunswick county is laying claim to having the oldest swing in the State still serviceable and capable of sustaining as many children as it did when first erected almost a hundred years ago.

In fact, the swing is unbreakable. It is a chain with heavy, hand-forged links of rustless iron. This chain is suspended on a huge limb of the giant oak tree in the yard of the late R. W. McKeithan, at Supply.

The exact date when the chain was put in the tree to serve as a swing is uncertain, but it is said to have been around a hundred years ago. Many generations of children have used it.

Finds Conditions Greatly Changed

Shallotte Merchants Discovers That Merchandise Of Various Kinds More Easily Obtainable

Returning last week from the northern markets where he was purchasing fall goods and many items that are due to arrive soon to be added to the summer stock, Hobson Kirby, of the Shallotte Trading Company, was impressed with the ability of wholesalers to supply goods.

Conditions are in marketed contrast to what they were a year ago, or even six months ago.

During the war the wholesaler just did not have the needed articles and they learned not to hesitate in saying so.

The first year after the war

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Funeral For Mrs. Danford

Mrs. R. C. Danford Died At Home Near Shallotte Last Week Following Extended Illness

Mrs. R. C. Danford, highly respected 59-year old resident of the Shallotte community, died Tuesday of last week after more than eight years of failing health.

She is survived by her husband I. W. Danford; two sons, W. S. and G. H. Danford, and three sisters, Mrs. Connie Bozeman, Mrs. F. M. Harper and Mrs. E. B. Hewett, all of the Shallotte community.

Funeral services were conducted at Chapel Road church last Wednesday, the services being in charge of Rev. J. G. Lewis.

Big Group Goes To Ridgecrest

Twenty-One Southport Persons Attended North Carolina Baptist Training Union Week In Mountains

Southport had 21 representatives at the North Carolina Baptist Training Union Conference at Ridgecrest last week.

Led by Rev. Herbert M. Baker, pastor of Southport Baptist church, these young people enjoyed a well-rounded week of entertainment and instruction.

Of particular interest to the Southport delegation was the fact that the Rev. A. J. Neilson, former pastor of Southport Baptist church, was the principal speaker at the inspirational services held each evening.

Those attending from here included: Rev. and Mrs. Baker, Anne McRacken, Delores Hewett, Gloria Hewett, Maxine Dosher, Ula Garner, Joyce Lancaster, Dorothy Ward, Claude Ford, Jimmy Radcliff, William Price, Billy Dosher, Afton Smith, Jr., Glenn

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Brunswick Farm Bureau Members Join With Columbus County Farmers In Meeting Held In Whiteville

DRAINAGE PROJECT FREE DISCUSSED

Col. Geo. W. Gillette And Congressman J. Bayard Clark Included Among Speakers

The Brunswick County Farm Bureau in annual convention Saturday with the Columbus Farm Bureau called upon the Congress of the United States to keep hands off of the present farm program.

Acting on a suggestion offered by Representative J. Bayard Clark, between eight and nine hundred Farm Bureau members adopted a resolution to be forwarded to the Congress, asking that there be no further meddling with the existing setup.

Representative Clark spoke briefly, his unscheduled talk being sandwiched in between an address of Col. George W. Gillette, chief of U. S. Army Engineers in this area, and a stirring appeal for strong co-operation among farmers by R. J. Arnold, of Alabama, Southern representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

The meeting was presided over by J. P. Quinerly.

Col. Gillette, introduced by Mr. Quinerly, outlined the duties of the Army Engineers and called attention to their work for rivers and harbors improvements.

The work performed by this branch of service is neither promotional nor political, the colonel told the assembled group. He said they acted as fact finders and consultants.

Coming to the Waccamaw River drainage proposal, Colonel Gillette said that Army Engineers were making a field survey and should figures show that benefits would be commensurate with the cost, a report to that effect would be made to officials of the department who in turn would submit the proposal to the Congress.

"I can't hold out any very great promise," Colonel Gillette asserted, and added that he made that statement because as yet no comprehensive report has been made on the proposed project.

The Waccamaw River proposal would provide for cutting a spillway to drain the lower section of Columbus and Brunswick counties and thus reclaim hundreds of partially submerged acres for purposes of cultivation.

Representative Clark gave the audience a laugh in commenting upon his 20 years service in Congress. "I am now in my tenth term," he observed. "During that time I have been in three political contests in my district, and Columbus county has backed me in every one of these. Of course, I don't know how you

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Good Year For Honey Production

County Commissioner M. B. Chennis Added To List Of Brunswick County Farmers Who Keep A Few Colonies Of Bees

Already with nearly 500 colonies of honey bees and with plans for maintaining that as a permanent number, County Commissioner M. B. Chinnis is understood to devote all of his spare time to bee culture. He keeps colonies both at his home in Northwest township and scattered over a considerable area near sources of supply.

While no current information is available regarding the Whiskey Creek Apiaries, owned by J. W. Martin, also in Northwest township, it is understood that Mr. Martin is even more extensively engaged in honey production than is Mr. Chinnis. His Whiskey Creek honey is famous over a large part of the state. This year the workers of both of these honey producers are said to have done well, storing up an unusually large crop, especially during the past several weeks.

Waccamaw, Shallotte and Lockwoods Folly township also have a large number of farmers who devote much of their time to honey production. Their bees are said to have all been doing well this year.