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Hungry Bears Cause Damage To Farm Crop

Citizens Of Exum Community Are Having Trouble With Visiting Bears Who Are Thus Far Sticking To Vegetable Diet

OCCASIONALLY ONE WILL TURN KILLER

Bears Also Employ Neat Trick Of Leading Pursuing Hounds Through Alligator Infested Waters

Folks who think that the bears do not live here any more should take a hit around the edges of the Great Green Swamp, according to Trisene Vereen resident of the Exum community who was down last week with Mrs. Vereen.

Mr. Vereen said that the bears have about eaten up the corn of Mr. Phelps, Pink McKeithan, Mr. Bennett, and he does not know how many others.

Nothing them in the act, John McKeithan and Homer Phelps have killed two of the big animals in recent weeks.

Meanwhile, whose prowess as a woodsman, hunter and fisherman is of legendary, keeps seven bear hounds and Phelps has six. Both have considerable skill at keeping hounds. When one of the animals starts to swim across Juniper Creek or Makatoka Lake some of the huge lurking alligators are almost certain to pull him down.

A bear is too big and powerful an alligator to tackle, even in the water. The bear knows it. The other animals are too swift in the water for the 'gaitors to catch and know it.

Then they find themselves pursued by slow-swimming dogs they probably make for Juniper Creek or Makatoka Lake, swim across and then probably sit in the bushes on the other side and laugh as a persuing hound is dragged down to provide alligator food.

Now and then a bear gets the scent of a pig or calf and straightway becomes a hog and cattle killer for the rest of its life. There is no way to stop it, except with a rifle or by trapping.

Sometimes there is only one bear animal with the killer instinct but in the past there have been times when several would band together and attack full grown cows. Mr. Vereen said his father and grandfather often told him of times when they heard the awful sound of cows as they were being dragged down by bears in the Makotoka section.

That was in the days of free range when both hogs and cows roamed at large in the woods. It was easy for a bear or bears to get started on the road to become killers. With the coming of stock laws killer bears have become less and less frequent.

For a time 20 to 30 years ago the Green Swamp bears thinned out to the point where only a few remained. Mr. Vereen thinks that the bear extinction came about as a result of the forest fires that were allowed to sweep the Green

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Brief News Flashes

LIONS TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Southport Lions Club will be held tomorrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock in the Community Building.

P. T. A. MEETING

Mrs. M. R. Sanders, president of the Southport Parents-Teachers Association, announces that there will be a reception given in honor of members of the Southport school faculty on Thursday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Community Center Building. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

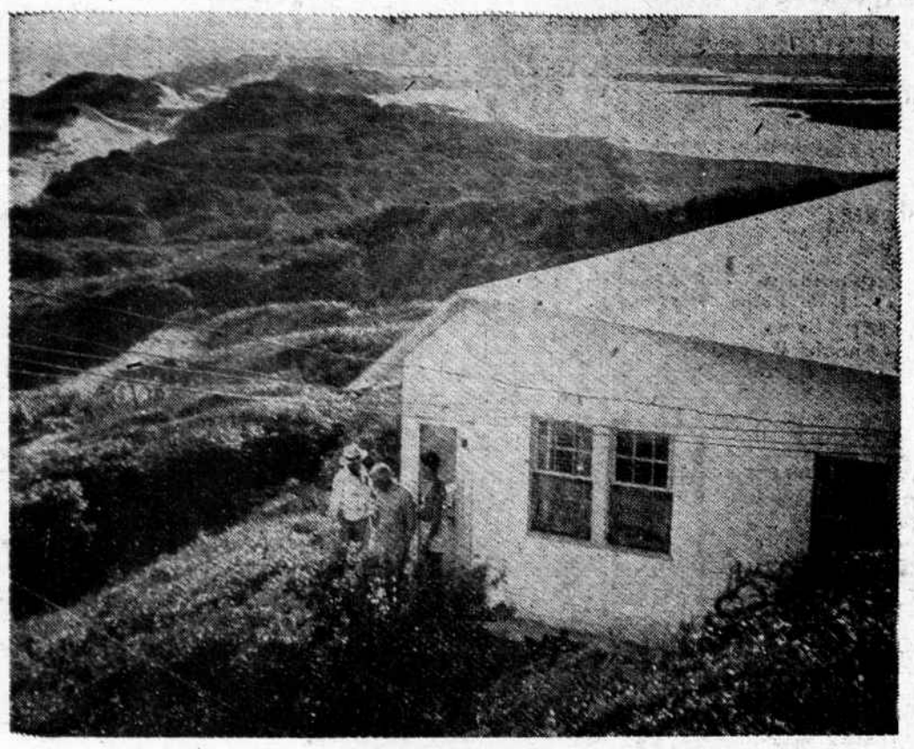
EXAMINER'S APPOINTMENTS

Beginning this past Monday and Tuesday and to continue until further notice, the State Auto License Examiner is to be at the Courthouse in Southport each Monday and at the Williamson Motor Company in Shallotte each Tuesday. Examinations may be had at either place.

LEGION MEETING

Commander Mitchel S. McCoy and Adjutant Cecil Edwards of Shallotte Post No. 247 American Legion, announce a regular meeting of the post at the Shallotte high school building September 21, at 8 o'clock. They state this is an important meeting and members are requested to bring guests with them.

LONG BEACH COTTAGE



SPECTACULAR—Although Long Beach has many very nice homes along its seven-mile strand, the most unusual is that of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Capel, of Troy. Above is shown a view of the house taken from the observatory situated on an adjoining wooded dune. Below Mrs. Capel is pointing out some object of interest to a visitor, Dr. Thor Johnson, director of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra.—(Wilmington News Cut.)

Capel Cottage Is Outstanding At Long Beach

"Capel's Castle" is the name an enthusiastic newspaper man has given to the summer home of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Capel, of Troy. This is not what the owners call it. Both are without pretense And they simply built a wonderful summer home at Long Beach on the highest wooded sand dune on the coast of North Carolina.

Situated is on the top of the wooded dune, and with three fourths of it surrounded by oaks, it is impossible to get a good picture that will adequately show the size of the Capel's cottage. It suffices to say that the home cost $30,000.00 or more and that Mr. and Mrs. Capel, friendly, congenial people, are able to entertain and sleep 30 of their friends at a time.

During the summer the house is usually pretty well filled with friends. The chance visitors on sight-seeing trips receive friendly welcome to the grounds and the observatory with its maginificent view.

A visit to this observatory and a view over the high wooded sand dunes, Davis Creek, Lockwoods Folly river the ocean and towards Holden Beach recently caused Ralph Price, president of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance company, of Greensboro, to acclaim the area as being "The Mountains of the Seashore."

The Capel Cottage is the last house on the line at Long Beach. East of it is the rapidly developing section, replete with many fine homes. The road, to within about 300 yards of the Capel home has just been taken over for paving and maintenance by the State Highway Commission.

Westward from the Capel's are three miles or more of wooded sand dunes with a magnificent beach strand on the ocean side and Davis Creek and Lockwood's Folly river in the background. No road yet reaches this area but it is but a question of a few years

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Pretty Pond Purchased For Use As Scout Camp

Beautiful Natural Lake Located Near Allen Creek Will Afford Recreation For Girl Scout Group

PURCHASE MADE WITH OWN MONEY

Cape Fear Area Council Plans Study Of Proper Type Of Buildings To Best Serve Needs

Pretty Pond, long an object of admiration by the people who know it, has been acquired by the Cape Fear Area Council of the Girl Scouts of America.

Along with the 61-acre lake the Council has acquired 135 acres of surrounding land. Girl Scouts and Brownies from four counties, New Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus and Pender, form the area. Credit for the transaction is due almost entirely to efforts of Girl Scouts and Brownies, assisted by adult workers and friends, in Wilmington and New Hanover county.

According to Roy Cook of the Wilmington Star-News staff, plans are underway for the erection of a permanent camp on the shore of the lake. This camp will be designed to accammodate 100 girls at a time. It is understood that it will be occupied most of the period from the time the schools close in the spring until they reopen in the fall, with different groups of girls coming in each two weeks from the four counties in the area.

Mr. Cook says that a representative of the National Council of Girl Scouts is to arrive shortly to map a master plan for the erection of the camp buildings. Mrs. J. S. Webb, Girl Scout Commissioner, states that this is a free service given by the National Council.

Writing of the transaction, Mr. Cook says, much of the credit for the successful purchase of the property goes to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Holden and Mrs. Helen Jones,

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Estonian Sloop Sold For $2,000

The sloop Roland, 37-foot craft in which Captain John Woortmann and 14 other Estlonians sailed from Sweeden to Southport, has been purchased by L. S. Zappas, Jacksonville, man, who says he will put the boat on exhibition in various cities and afterwards go for a cruise around the world.

The sloop is still moored at Southport, pending transfer to Zappas. The Estonians are still being held at Ellis Island in New York for invesitigation as to the legality of their entrance into the United States.

The purchase price is reported to have been $2,000.00, a fraction of the true value of the craft. However, technicalities which makes it illegal to use the vessel commercially reduced its value.

Farm Bureau Is After Members

Membership Drive Will Continue On Intensive Basis During Next Two Weeks

Brunswick County Farm Bureau leaders and a group of members heard C. C. Clark, farm agent of Onslow county, outline the principal services rendered by this organization on National, state county levels.

This meeting was called for the purpose of encouraging the campaign for members, and Saturday, September 25, has been set as the date for winding up the membership drive for Brunswick.

Farm leaders are making an

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Top Entertainers Are Engaged For Farmer's Day

Program To Include Virgil West, Slim Mims And Professional Wrestling Matches

VARIETY IS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER FIRST

4Candidates For Queen Are Now Being Nominated; Every Township Should Be Represented

Farmers Day will offer a variety of entertainment, including such artists as Virgil West and His Orchestra, Slim Mims and His Dream Ranch Boys and wrestling matches, according to an announcement today from John M. Barkley, general chairman of the Civitan Club committee which is arranging the program.

The Farmers Day event, which provides a full day of free entertainment to upwards toupward of 10,000 people, will be staged ths year on Friday, Oct. 1, and is sponsored by the Civitan Club and the Whiteville Merchants Association.

A bigger and better parade than in previous years will inaugurate the day's festivities. The float for the queen and her escorts will be one of the features.

Wallace Lee, the noted magician and entertainer, will give two performances.

The Virgil West musicians will frnish music for the dance to be given at the National Guard Armory starting at 9 o'clock in the evening.

For those who enjoy square dancing, Slim Mims of radio and stage fame will be at one of the warehouse to furnish the music and keep the audience entertained.

Jim Crockett, professional promoter, has been engaged to stage two wrestling matches on the Farmers Day platform to be erected on the Railroad Plaza. A professional referee will be here to officiate.

Meanwhile Martin Schulken, head of the queen contest committee, announced that entries are still coming in. Civitans are anxious to have at least one candidate from each township in Columbus, Bladen and Brunswick counties. Many valuable prizes will be awarded.

The official ballots are appearing regularly in the newspaper of the county and should be used to entre and vote for the candidate of the readers' choice.

The rules governing the queen's contest are given for the final time as follows:

Funeral Sunday For Pvt. Leonard

Mahlon M. Leonard Laid To Rest Sunday In Gurganus Cemetery Following Graveside Services

Killed in an auto-truck accident at Luxomburg, Germany, on June 8, 1945, the body of Mahlon M. Leonard, well known 24-year old Shallotte Village Point man, was brought home last week and interred in the Gurganus cemetery near Shallotte, Sunday.

Funeral services were held at the graveside with Rev. Austin J. Wheeler and Rev. B. W. English,

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Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

Realizing that many hunting dog owners are sincerely attached to their animals, we will publish a free report of the loss and finding of hunting dogs during the deer season. It will be necessary for the loser or finder of such animals to write or see us and give description. This week A. Lee Mercer of Bolivia reports that a nice red and white hound came to his house last week, dragging a line. He says the owner may recover the animal by paying expenses of keeping it.

Southport people already are missing the "Red" Barber family from Long Beach. Residents of Charlotte, Mrs. Barber, Peggy, Ann, Joan and Bill have been almost daily visitors to town. "Red" himself spent the week-ends at the beach, flying or coming down by car. This is the red-headest family we ever saw. All six of them from Red through Mrs. Red and on down to little Bill is red headed and proud of it. Likewise the folks who know this red-headed family are proud to know them.

Recently Ralph Price, president of the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company, was a visitor at Southport in company with D. Stowe Crouse, Myrtle Beach Realtor. We were around with these fellows when they had lunch at Mack's and while they were elsewhere. This week we were right much pleased at getting a letter from Price, an outsanding figure in North Carolina. Among, other

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Mrs. Frink President Of Legion Auxiliary

Has Been Active In Affairs Of This Organization For Several Years And Is Former President

Mrs. Chrisine Frink has been elected president of the American Legion Auxiliary of Brunswick County Post No. 194 for the ensuing year. She succeeds Mrs. Lillian Caison in this capacity.

The role of president of this organization is not new to Mrs. Frink, who long has been active in the affairs of this group and who has served on other occasions as its president.

To serve with her, Mrs. Caison, the retiring president, was named first vice-president; Mrs. Eva Wolfe, second vice-president; Mrs. Mildred Baker, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Blanche Weeks, chaplain; Mrs. Margaret Stanley, historian; Mrs. Duta Pinner, sergeant-at-arms.

Mrs. Frink hopes to revitalize the activities of the Legion Auxiliary and has as her purpose the enrollment of eligible wives and other relatives of men who served in World War II.

MRS. CHRISTINE FRINK

Lunchroom Program Expanded This Year

Five Lunchrooms Will Be Operated In Schools Of County This Year Under Federal Aid Plan

WACCAMAW ONLY SCHOOL MISSING

Shallotte And Brunswick County Training School Will Add Facilities For Current Term

County Superintendent of Schools J. T. Denning this week gave some interesting information with regard to lunch rooms in the schools of Brunswick county.

Leland, Bolivia and Southport schools operated lunch rooms last year. They served a hot lunch, usually consisting of a meat or meat substitute, vegetable, bread, butter, dessert and milk, all at a cost of 15 cents per plate. These three schools received Federal aid for the lunch rooms in the amount of $7,427.22. They also received approximately $5,436.00 worth of free commodities.

A break down of the Federal Aid received in money that the Southport school received approximately $2,043.66, Bolivia $2,866.15, and Leland $2,517.41.

Both the Shallotte school and the Brunswick Coutny Training School at Southport are planning to operate Federal Aid lunch rooms this session. This will leave the Waccamaw school as the only consolidated school in Brunswick without a lunch room.

Zoning Commission For Shallotte

In order to excercise some control over buildings and have construction planned to meet with future development, the Shallotte town officials have formed a zoning commission, composed of Dr. Wingate Swain Dr. R. H. Holden and R. D. White, Jr.

They plan to lay out new streets for development and to exercise a measure of control on locaton and type of new construction. Building permits must be secured before new construction can be undertaken or present building repaired or remodeled.

Shallotte, a very old town, naturally came into existance without any idea of modern, much-traveled highways and their requirements. One of the results of this is that many of the buildings are too close to Coastal Highway No. 17. There is little room for parking in the best business section.

Right City But Wrong Meeting

Next Time Bunn Frink Goes Off To A Convention With His Daughter He Will Do Some Checking First

Bunn Frink and his daughter, Miss Marion Frink found themselves in an unexpected predictment last Friday night. Miss Marion asked her father to go with her to Greensboro to attend the convention of Young Democrats, with which she is prominently connected.

Having finished with the term of Superior court the father agreed to go along and they set out for Greensboro Friday afternoon. Arriving in due time they registered at the O'Henry and Bunn asked the hotel clerk where the convention was being held.

The clerk directed him to one of the large rooms used for gatherings. The Southport folks hastened there, pushed their way in and found a seat. The room was crowded.

Something struck Bunn immediately as being wrong. He leaned over and whispered to his daugher, "Marion, something is

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Civil Term Of Court Monday

Judge John J. Burney Will Preside Over One Week For Trial Of Civil Actions; No Outstanding Cases

A one week term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases only will convene here Monday morning, Judge John J. Burney will preside.

While there are a large number of cases on the docket, Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett says that none of them is of any great importance. He anticipates that all cases that can be disposed of at the term will be cleared by the middle of the week.

Fishing Parties Have Good Luck

Reports From Captains Of Party Boats During Past Week Indicate That Fall Fishing Is Going Strong

In spite of temporary lack of luck with sailfish, the Southport charted boats have been getting the fish for their parties about every trip when the east winds were not too strong during the past week. A knockdown of the catches made and reported to the paper shows the following results:

Sept. 8, the Mojo, Captain Victor Lance, Pat Dugan and son, Joe Mrs. Edna Conniffe, and Miss Juanita Lee, of Fayetteville, passengers, 21 dolphin, 69 mackerel, 35 bluefish and one barracuda.

Sept. 9, Captain Lance, Fred Babcock and party from Pittsburg, Pa., 23 dolphin, 14 mackerel 19 bluefish.

Sept. 10, Captain Lance, same party as above, 8 bluefish, 43 mackerel 21 dolphin and 2 barracuda. They had one very large sailfish up but the line broke and it escaped.

Sept. 9, the Kaibab, Captain James Arnold, Dr. Roderick King Richard Lewis, Arthur Newkirk and other Wilmington men caught 192 bluefish and mackerel. One of the mackerel weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounce, a near record catch locally with hook and line.

Sept. 9, the Joy, Captain George Gregory, party composed of Dr. George W. Stowe and others of Belmont, caught 189 bluefish and mackerel. Most of the fish were above two and a half pounds.

Sept. 8, the Botfly, Captain Basil Watts, Mr. Bickett and party of Charlotte got 175 bluefish and mackerel.

Sept. 9, the Botfly, Mr. Vogel and party from Columbia, S. C.,

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Robinson Woman Is Convicted On F. & A. Charge

Mrs. Curtie Robinson, White And Willie Belton, Colored, Convicted On Morals Count Here Last Week

COURT ADJOURNED LATE THURSDAY

Many Other Matters, Most Of Them Of A Minor Nature, Disposed Of Before Judge Burney

Mrs. Curtie Robinson, mother of eight children and wife of a Brunswick county timber man, was convicted along with Willie Belton her negro consort, on charges of fornication and adultery last week in a trial which held the center of interest in the Superior court docket.

Judge John J. Burney, who presided over this strange case, gave them both the maximum sentence of two years, the woman to serve under the supervison of the Womans Division of the State prison; the man to do hard labor under the supervision of the State Highway and Public Works Commission.

The State placed on the stand an array of witnesses including neighbors and kinsmen of the woman defendant who piled up evidence that the white woman apparently had become enamoured of the negro truck driver employed by her husband, and incident after incident was reported compromising the moral conduct of the two defendants.

The woman's husband, O. H. Robinson, stood by his wife until the end, went on the stand and offered testimony in her defense and sat beside her throughout the trial.

Belton also was faced with a charge of damage to property, but at the conclusion of the evidence in this case Judge Burney directed a verdict of not guilty.

Liston Babson was found not guilty of false pretense.

Edison Vereen faced charges of drunk driving, pleaded guilty to reckless operation. He was fined $25.00 and taxed with costs.

William Henry Goodman was found guilty of assault and robbery. Sentence of 18 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs. The defendant to remain under probation for a period of 5 years.

J. H. Graham was found not guilty of drunk driving and reckless operation. This defendant pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was fined $25.00 and costs.

James Johnson faced charges of possession and transporting. On the first count he was given 12 months on the roads, sentence suspended upon payment of fine of $250.00 and costs and upon condition that defendant pay difference between sale prices of his confiscated automobile and $1,000,00. On the charge of transporting he was given 12 months. Prayer for judgement was continued in the case charging reckless operation.

The case against Colon Hall for transporting and possession was remanded to Recorders court.

Willie Fulwood was found guilty of reckless operation and was taxed with costs.

Marcellas Carlton was found guilty of aiding and abetting in robbery and assault with a deadly weapon and was given 12 months on the roads.

John Henry Major was found guilty of robbery and assault with a deadly weapon and was given

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Prominent Lady Dies Saturday

Mrs. Maude A. McKeithan Was Member Of Prominent Brunswick County Family; Funeral Sunday

Mrs. Maude A. McKeithan, member of a prominent Brunswick county family died at her home in Bolivia Saturday. Mrs. McKeithan was a life long resident of this county and was 79-years-old

Funeral sevices were conducted Sunday afternoon at Bethel Methodist church in Bolivia with the Rev. Russell Caudill officiating. Burial was in the cemetery at Concord Methodist church in Supply.

Active pallbearers were Burnice Bowen, Venton Galloway, Elbert Kirby, Lee Clemmons, E. H. Kirby and Albert Holden.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. C. B. Aycock and Mrs. D. L. Mercer, both of Bolivia; two sons, Guy C. McKeithan of Shallotte and R. K. McKeithan of Bolivia; one sister, Mrs. Kate Bowen, of Wilmington, and ten grandchildren.