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Hunters Watch Your Step

The hunting season opens Friday, and for the next few months there will be much travel about the woods of Brunswick county as hunters go in quest of game.

County Forest Warden Dorman Mercer sees in this fact a possible source of trouble for his department, and he has asked us to pass along a warning to the hunters to be very careful with matches, cigarettes and camp fires.

We will do this, and gladly; but we think that the average hunter today is more conservation minded than his predecessor of a few years ago. He has come to realize that game cannot flourish where there is no cover and food, and more and more intelligent care is being taken not to set destructive forest fires.

Good Time Of Year

We have some trouble deciding which season of the year we enjoy most here in Brunswick county, but right now we think that it is fall.

We like the snug, warm days and the crisp, cool nights; we take pleasure in the news that mullets are run-

ning, that spots have shown up, that trout are being caught in the river.

We like to see the leaves turn and we listen with interest to the farmers' tales of harvest. And we confess that we keep an eye on the calendar, waiting for the opening of the hunting season.

There are a lot of things in the fall to make you glad that you live in Brunswick county.

Sensible Souvenirs

Some of the best free advertising that Brunswick county ever had came a few years ago when the late Churchill Bragaw, then manager of Orton Plantation, sent enough camellias to Raleigh so that each member of the North Carolina Press Women's group might each have one as a favor. This was in the dead of winter, and the gift sent the girls back to their typewriters ready to write reams of copy about Beautiful Orton Plantation.

Last month club women here to attend the 11th District Meeting of the North Carolina Federation of Woman's Clubs were delighted when each received a seahorse or a star fish as a favor. These same ladies also had their choice from a large seashell collection, and the chances are that each person present will remember their Southport trophies longer than she remembers the details of the meeting here.

Yesterday there was a district meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at Trinity Methodist church, and once more an intelligent effort was made to send each visitor home with some unusual, permanent reminder of the Southport visit.

These may seem to be small things, but they are important in our effort to spread good will for our section. We believe that there are two important ways in which this may be improved in its effectiveness. The first is to encourage conventions and conferences to meet in our county, particularly at our beaches. And second, each time a group of visitors come to Brunswick county for a meeting, we should see that they have some typical souvenir to carry home with them.

Rovin' Reporter

(Continued From Page One) Saturday. She looks just the same as when she was at Bolivia and while we were wondering where she was we found she had been getting the State Port Pilot right along.

This week Mrs. Glenn Northrop sent us her renewal. Writing as she did so: "We just can't do without The Pilot, it is so much like a letter from home." We have heard that before and never tire of hearing it repeated. We get a lot of personal satisfaction out of knowing that a lot of former residents of Brunswick county remain their interest in the old place and that the paper plays a small part in keeping this interest alive.

It almost seems as if the summer beach season is now starting up again at Caswell Beach, Holden Beach and Long Beach. This week Carl Sink, feature writer for the State News Bureau, wrote us that Bill Sharpe, the director, was getting a kick out of the rapid growth of our beaches. They really are stirring. At Holden Beach Saturday we heard of construction about to start on half a dozen new homes. Long Beach is getting three and a half miles of additional paved roads and is otherwise building. Mr. Minor and his wife from New York came down last week, bought a home and moved in the same day.

The man with the rod and reel, cane pole and cork line and the

fellow with the hand line, is getting mighty interested in what this county has to offer, according to a letter received this week from the State News Bureau. They say that the gulf stream fishing and deep sea fishing is fine, but there are a whole lot of people who like it better to have their fishing in the creeks, rivers and waterway. They want to know where they can go and what they can reasonably expect to get. If you are having good fishing anywhere in Brunswick county and are interested in people who want to come in to fish, write us something of what you are catching and we will pass the information around. With the season opening Friday of this week, don't forget that we are interested in your hunting experiences.

A. H. Parker, Gause Landing resident, says that the work of dredges on the Intracoastal Waterway is completely ruining the oysters on the lower Brunswick coast. Mr. Parker says over \$25,000.00 was spent planting and looking after oyster beds. Now when a shoaling occurs in the waterway the dredges, usually owned by contractors, elect to spread their dumpage over every oyster bed within a mile of their operations. Mr. Parker thinks that the preservation of the oysters is a matter in which only the Army Engineers have a say. They should demand that all dredging dumpage from their own dredges and those of private constructors be placed elsewhere than over the oyster beds.

Saturday night we had a supper-dinner to some of you with Dr. R. H. Holden and his family at Dr. Holden's new Ocean View Tavern at Holden Beach. For weeks Dr. Holden has been telling us what a cook his "Chief" was and the steak supper Saturday night lived up to all that had been claimed for him. We are unable to either spell or pronounce their names. That does not differ. The main thing is that the Ocean View Tavern at Holden Beach has a couple of Greeks who really know their business when it comes to handling foods. The place is to be kept open the year-round and our bet is that about everybody who goes there for a meal will pay a return call sometime or other.

Caswell Beach, Long Beach, Howell's Point, Holden Beach, Shallotte Village Point and Gause Landing now have very much the appearance of being in a mid-summer season. Hundreds of people are taking advantage of the fine weather and are strung out along the Brunswick coast, fishing, buying fish or just visiting around. The inlets and waterways are now dishing out some remarkably good fishing and it seems to be getting better every day.

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BRUNSWICK MAN
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famed "Spearhead" Second Infantry Division during his enlistment period, will continue his army work in Japan, the of his choice. He first joined the army in July 1906 and served with the 383rd Field Artillery Battalion in Europe during World War II.

REPUBLICAN SPEAKING SCHEDULE

The following speaking engagements have been arranged for Republican Candidates as they carry the campaign before the voters in every community of Brunswick County before the election.

ALL SPEAKINGS START at 7:30

- October 18, W. E. Lewis Store, Mill Creek
- October 19, Leland School House, Leland
- October 20, Lacy Dawkins, Winnabow
- October 21, Coby Hewett, Supply
- October 22, Waccamaw School, Ash
- October 23, Robinson's Store
- October 25, Vance Gore, Frying Pan
- October 26, Leon Norris, Hickman X Road
- October 27, Jesse Clemmons' Store, Grissetto
- October 28, Longwood
- October 29, Vereen's Store, Exum
- October 30, Lester Babson Store, Freeland

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