

### Insurance Man Planning Visit

Executive Of One of Nation's Big Insurance Companies Wants To Engage Accommodations For Yacht

Stating that he was cruising to Southport from New York aboard his yacht early in September, the president of one of the largest mutual life insurance companies in the country wrote

this week asking if docking facilities could be secured here for his yacht.

The letter received by W. B. Keziah indicated that the cruise would be direct from New York to Southport and return; that a stay of several days was planned here. Information was asked or several points near Southport that can be reached by boat or car.

The official has been sent information on Bald Head Island, Orton Plantation, Fort Caswell and the beaches of Brunswick county. He indicated interest in some of these places.

### Blueberry Farm Owner Visitor

Partner In Local Enterprise Expresses Satisfaction With Progress Made Thus Far On Farm Near Southport

T. P. Keys, Sr. of New Jersey was here this week to inspect the blueberry farm that he, his son and M. E. Graham are developing near Southport.

Mr. Keys stated that a considerable additional acreage will be planted in the berries this year and the same course of adding to the acreage will be followed for the next few years until 200 acres are in plants.

The work on the farm has been going on for the past four years. The first year's planting produced a fairly good crop this past spring and additional acreage will come into bearing in 1950. Thereafter there will be plants for a continuous yearly increase in production. It takes a long time and much money to start a blueberry farm, but in this case the promoters are not worrying about either time or money.

Stations of the Columbia Broadcasting System will carry an important announcement on infantile paralysis on Wednesday evening, Sept. 7, from 9 to 9:15.

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there was no top the critter would climb out.

With both county agent Knowles and J. H. Tinga, agricultural instructor at the Bolivia school, constantly telling us about pastures and citing examples of their value, the matter of raising more hogs and cows is taking on added interest. Brunswick lands are

admirably suited for growing pastures, and good pastures seem essential to the raising of livestock.

George Floyd, native of Southport and a lifetime resident here up until a few years ago when he moved to High Point, could not resist the fall fishing and came home Saturday for a day out with Captain Cratie Arnold. It was not such a good day for fishing but the party reported 200 blackfish. Along with Floyd was Henry Clappell, Dalton and F. R. Carrick, Claude Turner and Erven Suggs.

C. N. Hewett who lives down near Gause Landing was getting himself some new gill netting, along with a lot of other coastal residents, at the D. C. Andrews store in Shallotte Saturday. Inquiry of these boys revealed that all of them expected a good movement of mullets along down the coast this week. Bascom Pierce said, "Just wait until a bit of north wind comes and we will get them."

Writing us with respect to the white crow reported to us recently by Elbert Knox of Bolivia, Harry Davis, curator of the State Museum in Raleigh, says that such albino birds are rather rare. He would like to have a specimen for the museum but he was old enough to know how hard it was to catch or shoot a crow, white or black. Should anyone be able to catch or shoot this crow, we believe it will serve a welcome addition to the museum, if it is sent there.

Jack Crevalle, first cousins to the amberjack, have been caught here in great numbers by sportsmen this year. The larger ones weighing four and five pounds are beautiful fish. And they put up a good fight when they strike. They are a good food fish but are not rated so highly owing to their many small bones. We heard them called by another name than jack crevalle this week. We asked a Siler City party what they caught and one of them said, "37 mackerel and '17 'jacks-of-the-valley."

Pleased to refer to himself as Old East Wind Thompson, because the wind invariably blows from the east when he comes down from Raleigh to go fishing, Jim Thompson of Raleigh was here this week and, as usual, the east wind has been blowing. "You write us up and let the folks know 'Old East Wind is here,'" said Jim. Mrs. Thompson and their young son and daughter were along, but they had nothing to do with the wind being from the east. Guests here with them were Robert W. Bobbitt, Keysville, Va., Dr. Sam Bobbitt, and J. Gilmore Barnes of Raleigh. Using Jim's boat, the Blossom T, they caught 30 fine bluefish and mackerel Sunday—despite the east wind.

The one thing that has always kept us from catching up with Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth of Lumberton and Long Beach is that a lot of bums have persistently

spoken of him to us as the 91-year old preacher. They got us to looking for an old guy, hobbling along with a stick. While we were looking for such a person Rev. Mr. Hedgepeth has been walking along, right past our nose, numerous times. The other day we were talking to his daughter-in-law, of Lumberton when the venerable young preacher came breezing along, stopped and was introduced. Despite his 91-years Rev. Mr. Hedgepeth walks briskly and without the aid of a cane. He continues in active harness as pastor of the Orrum and Proctorsville Baptist churches in Robeson county and drives his own car everywhere.

When he is not in too much of a hurry to admire anything, R. D. White, Sr., of Shallotte, always stops to admire the old Hood building, now the tax collectors office, in Southport. The reason for this admiration is that the builder of this brick building was really a builder. The lines of brick run straight and true from end to end and very little mortar was used. What was used stays there. The other day while admiring the lines Mr. White remarked that he used to buy silk shirts from the late H. W. Hood, Sr., who had the building constructed. He said he bought the shirts for 25 cents each.

From rather far away Stillwater, Oklahoma, comes this interesting comment regarding Fort Caswell. It appeared as an editorial in the News-Press of that city: "All this talk and fear of war is relieved by a little news note. Fort Caswell at Southport, North Carolina, is to be converted into a Baptist summer assembly ground. The old fort was sold to the Baptists for \$86,000. Its barracks will be turned into dormitories, the gun pits into swimming pools, filled by natural hot water spouting from a mineral well. That's not exactly beating the sword into a plow, but mighty close to it."

Dr. Thor Johnson conductor of the Cincinnati, Ohio, Symphony Orchestra, is a youngish looking fellow and acts accordingly. He and his sister, Mrs. M. M. Johns of Grosse Point Woods, Michigan, are the only children of Rev. and Mrs. B. H. Johnson of Winston-Salem and Mount Airy. Both look young. At dinner the other night we had occasion to ask Thor which was the oldest. He arose and bowed to Mrs. Johns in a manner that left us suspecting that he was being very polite.

Writing us from California, Adrain D. (Hooper) Sellers tells us that his ship, the USS Valley Forge CV45, has been awarded the big 'E' for the year 1949. This is the second year for this carrier to fly the "Meat Ball" pennant from her yard arm. "E" stands for battle efficiency and Hooper proudly claims no other vessel on the coast can compete with the Valley Forge for efficiency.

Frank Jeter, Jr., of the Greensboro Daily News and Vernon

Jeter of Raleigh and Duke University, where he is a medical student when he has not gone fishing or off on a house party, were here Thursday, looking into the prospects of a September vacation at Long Beach. Their father, Frank Jeter, Sr., is probably better known to North Carolina farmers than Governor W. Kerr Scott.

There are no figures available to show but the odds are that the Brunswick county growers are getting more for this year's crop than last. The production is better and the average price seems to be almost as good. Another fine circumstance in connection with this year's work is that all farm crops, in addition to tobacco,

seem to be better than the age. Reports indicate that corn crop is certainly much better. Pasture for cattle has taken a big upward in acreage and the such animals has increased. Not all farm crops have vested it can be put down book that farmers of Brunswick have had a good crop



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#### "Ever A Virgin?" What Say The Gospels?

Mary, the Mother of Jesus Christ, was a virgin throughout her life.

This is an article of faith which every Catholic must believe because it is one of God's truths revealed through Scripture and through Tradition. Now Tradition comes to us by word of mouth and by written word, that is, the writings of the early Fathers. As both are God's revelations they cannot conflict.

But aren't there conflicts? For instance, was Mary always a virgin? "Yes," says tradition. But don't both Matthew and Mark contradict this when they tell us of the "brethren of the Lord"? "Brethren of the Lord," surely; but if this means blood-brothers, then how about other texts? For instance, the Scriptures plainly imply that these brethren were older than Jesus. If blood-brothers, then Mary must have had children before Jesus. Then Jesus was not born of a virgin. Then St. Luke's famous first chapter is entirely askew.

Again, if Jesus had blood-brothers, why is He so frequently called the "son of Mary"—only He? If He had blood-brothers why did He not, when dying on the Cross, confide His Blessed Mother to one of them rather than to St. John who was the son of Zebedee and Salome?

And so we become entirely confused—until the scholars tell us

that the Hebrew term for "brethren" did not necessarily mean blood-brothers. Here in brief is their explanation:

In the Hebrew and Aramaic (in which our Lord spoke) there was no exclusive word for "cousin." The word "Ah" could, and often did, mean brother, cousin, uncle, nephew, or even member of the same tribe, as so often used in the Old Testament. It is translating the word "Ah" as "Brethren," and understanding it to mean blood-brothers, that causes the seeming conflict. Take it to mean "cousins" or merely "relatives" and the Catholic dogma of the perpetual virginity of Our Blessed Lady remains unscathed.

Remember that the Apostles preached and taught by word-of-mouth for at least six years before St. Matthew started to write the first Gospel. Remember, that the civilized world of the day was converted to Christianity before the Church had gathered together and declared inspired these writings now known as the New Testament. Remember that it was the great St. Augustine of Hippo who wrote in the fifth century: "For myself, I would not believe the Gospel unless the authority of the Catholic Church moved me thereto."

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