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Thanksgiving Remembrance

At this season of the year almost everyone feels kindly toward his neighbor and the care of the year seem to fade away with the summer. Perhaps it was because of this welling up of gratitude within them that the Pilgrim Fathers observed the first Thanksgiving several centuries ago.

Be that as it may, we still follow this great American custom, and most of us feel better for it.

One good way to enjoy the full fruits of this year's Thanksgiving Anniversary is to make plans to attend the Union Worship Service at the Presbyterian church Thursday morning. The historical background of this occasion is religious.

Another manner in which we may give practical expression to our feeling of heartfelt gratitude for the good things that have come to us is to make an attempt to help others. There is no finer way to do this than to send or bring practical gifts to your county hospital on this Thanksgiving Day.

Farmers Progress

Take the case of Claude Gore. A few years ago his ideas about agricultural practices underwent a great change, and where he had been following the old plan of cash cropping, he changed over to small grain and hay crops.

Perhaps as by-product of the latter development he became interested in livestock to which his hay might be fed at a profit, and gradually he found himself the owner of more and more milk cows. A natural consequence was that eventually he was operating a milk route, serving customers in Shallotte.

Recently he purchased several milkers from Wisconsin and is now ready to go into the business of milk production on a large scale. He has a milking barn and other modern improvements almost completed, and as matters now stand he has one of the most promising farm operations in Brunswick county.

It just goes to show you that there is no end to the possibilities of a good man, a good piece of Brunswick county land and a good amount of imagination and ambition.

Notable Improvement

We call attention to an article released by the U. S. Department of Commerce calling attention to the fact that Brunswick county manufacturing establishments have increased the annual amount of value added by \$2,857,000 since before the war.

First, let us explain that the term "value added" means the value of manufactured goods in excess of the cost of materials. This means that the above sum of almost three million dollars is earned each year by Brunswick county business firms and individuals either as profits or as wages.

Two things are significant in this connection. The first, of course, is that there has been a phenomenal growth in income from manufacturing sources. The second is the revelation of the scope of that source of revenue for Brunswick county, which generally is classified as being without major industry.

Not only is our county making progress, but it is making it more rapidly than most of us realize.

School buses now carry 22 per cent of all public school pupils to and from school. In 1920, the percentage was 1-6 per cent.

Thirty-nine states now have state associations of school boards.

Rural Electric Progress

From the small beginning of 35 miles of energized line in December of 1939 and 400 customers, Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation has grown in 10 years to 1084 miles of line and 5,000 members.

A meeting to mark the 10th anniversary of the Brunswick REA will be held Friday of this week at the Waccamaw High School at Ash and should bring together a large portion of the cooperative's membership.

The contribution REA has made to the economic and social development of this area is distinct and conclusive. Only those who have seen the youth of the nation drift to towns and cities because modern conveniences were lacking on the farm can appreciate the social impact of rural electrification.

The trend has been halted and there are some definite indications that the cultural level of farm families is rising to such an extent that towns and cities may well beware lest the urban communities be found in the lower literacy bracket.

We congratulate the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation and its manager, E. D. Bishop, and the board of directors for the progress that has been made.

RALEIGH ROUNDUP

By Eula Nixon Greenwood

NOT FROM BAPTISTS? ... It was private ly admitted by leading Baptists here for the State Convention that Wake Forest must look outside Baptist ranks in North Carolina for sufficient money to set up a college in Winston-Salem. P. S. Four representatives of the drive called on Multimillionaire W. N. Reynolds a few weeks ago—but at that time received little encouragement of a substantial contribution from him. This was the talk at the Convention, but he still may be the ace in the deck. About a year ago when Wake Forest played Clemson in Winston-Salem, Twin City Baptists finally persuaded Brother Reynolds to see the game. A special box seat was arranged for him, no football-lover, and the Deacons looked about as sad as at any time during the season as the Clemsonites roared to another victory...

THE TREND ... Insurance Commissioner Waldo Check reports that his department almost daily receives applications from groups in all parts of the State for permission to establish cooperative insurance companies. He believes that a public relations program is badly needed by the insurance companies.

NOTES ... At least two of the Big Four coaches ... Snavely and Walker ... now write letters each weekend to their players of the previous Saturday. These are mailed or put in the boys' lockers on Monday and run something like this: "Your downfield blocking was particularly good Saturday, but in one instance you—" The note goes on to praise the boy on his good points and to explain the mistakes he made.

... Latest figures show there are now 70 different telephone companies operating in North Carolina. And so much it is impossible to improve service and do such expanding because of heavy taxes...

... and so the Government is going ahead with plans for a rural telephone program.

... Those schools which have been looking to next year for a defeat of the State College basketballers should turn their sights elsewhere ... The freshman team this season averages over six-feet-four in height ... The Deacons (sometimes known as the Demon Deacons) meet Baylor on the gridiron next fall ... University will play Notre Dame at South Bend ...

Seen: J. M. Broughton, Jr., nearly as large as his father, ambling along on Fayetteville St. ... Mrs. Brandon Hodges, wife of the State Treasurer, and Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine, wife of the Agriculture Commissioner and executive secretary of N. C. Automobile Dealers, in pleasant conversation. ...

WHERE FROM? ... Out in Los Angeles, where anything religionwise and otherwise can happen, and often does, Dr. William Graham, 31, six-feet-three, is preaching to around 6,500 people each night. Time Magazine says he is taking the West Coast by storm. He's been offered a movie contract at a fabulous sum (which he of course turned down) and nearly all the ministers in Los Angeles have been to his huge tent to hear him.

Time and the Associated Press said last week he is from North Carolina, but none of the Baptist leaders in Raleigh contacted by this column knew anything about him as of last Sunday afternoon. News reports say he is a Baptist, is president of the Northwestern Schools in Minneapolis, and is leather-lunged, trumpet-lunged, and what-have-you. Some person in Raleigh is of the opinion he is a nephew of Sen. Frank Graham ... but this is hearsay about him herey. Mr. Linotype. Know anything about him?

KETTLE OF FISH ... A few weeks ago the hostess at the Mansion was told to prepare a dinner for 12 people. She did it. Came time for the guests to arrive, but nobody was present except Kerr Scott and his family. Hostess became worried, took the matter up with the Governor. He found a mistake had been made on the date. She was all put out. But the Governor put his arm around her shoulders in fatherly fashion and said: "Don't worry. I've always wanted a good bait of fish. Now we'll have it."

Rovin' Reporter

(Continued from page one) was especially relative to the housing situation for employees at the present time and the accessibility of the nearby beaches. They have been sent full information on all matters they asked about.

If the recent rumors regarding a 200 man club forming in Charlotte to develop Bald Head Island have any foundation the promoters are picking something worth while. If a hotel was built on the island people would flock there by the thousands the year round. It would be necessary to have a ferry running from Southport to Fort Caswell, then to Bald Head and back to Southport via Fort Caswell. With the River Road open, Caswell and the beaches developing, local people and outside folks whom we have talked to are of the belief that there would be enough traffic for continuous profitable operation of the ferry all day long. The folks who central things on Bald Head Island would have a gold mine, worked by the other fellow for free.

Congratulations are in order for the Brunswick Rural Electric which will be celebrating its 10th birthday at the Waccamaw school Friday of this week. The organization has weathered all storms and grown from a swaddling infant into a lusty youth. Along with many other things it has been taking a big part in the rapid development that has been going on in Brunswick county during the past few years.

Present preparations for construction activities at our beaches and in southport are not pointing to a temporary boom. They are simply indicative that hundreds of people are getting ready to carry out long cherished intentions. A lot of cheerfulness we have recently talked to have stated that they are only waiting the passing of the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holiday to begin some real building. The holidays have never been found to be a good time to do much more than plan. Interruptions in work after it is once started are not desirable, especially when the people interested live some distance away. There will be no idle skilled or unskilled construction labor at Southport, Fort Caswell, Caswell Beach or Long Beach after the first of the year, provided such workers do not flock in by the hundreds.

Rockfish, even small ones when they strike unexpectedly, can put up an exciting battle. While she was fishing from the Engineers dock one day this week Mrs. F. Molleycheck got a strike that all but paralyzed her. She was using very small hooks and fishing for sheephead. It did not take long for her to realize that it was no sheephead that had taken her bait, likewise she began to have doubts if she would ever land her fish from that high dock. She finally did, with some assistance from Connie Lupton, who happened to be working on the dock. It proved to be a rockfish, weighing 8 pounds and eight ounces. This is the first rockfish taken from any of the local docks this year.

This week we are making the rounds with Tax Collector Edward Redwine, more to keep him company than anything else. A better reason, however is that we are getting about in part of Brunswick that we seldom have an opportunity to visit. We sort of get a kick out of going around once in awhile and seeing what our farmer and other friends are doing. Starting out yesterday, it seems to us that there are plenty and unmistakable signs of a lot of improvements having taken place since we went over the same route just a year ago.

We devoted most of Saturday afternoon going around with some energetic New Jersey truck growers who want to plant 20 or 30 acres of lettuce in the De-spring. They want to lease with

the option of buying if they can grow lettuce here like they believe they can. Anybody, preferably near the coast where there is less danger of frost, who has such land that he is willing to lease at a fair price, may be helping to start up something new and profitable if he will advise us where it is. The folks will be back in two weeks to make a more extensive search for suitable land. These folks do not grab off just anything at a big price. They take samples of land that interest them and have it analyzed.

"Things are looking good for the Southport area of Brunswick," so said County Agent A. S. Knowles this week. In a way, the county agent is mainly interested in farming. In another way it is within his job to do everything he can for the general development and welfare of the county. He was alluring to the unmistakable trend towards building at Long Beach, Caswell Beach, Fort Caswell, Bald Head Island and Southport. A few days before talking to us Mr. Knowles stated that a golf course would bring more people to Southport than go to Pinehurst. We agree with him, but with reservations—not even a golf course would build the town until the town has a hotel. Mr. Knowles was absolutely right in "one thing. We have a better climate than any place in North Carolina, and people love to come to places near the ocean.

Plant growing at Orton is no longer a fad and as not been for a good many years. It has grown to be one of the biggest businesses in Brunswick. It is really a big industry, attracting customers from dozens of States. In past years the Orton Gardens came to be one of the most widely known spots in North Carolina. Now the nursery grounds are becoming equally well known. The fall and early winter planting time for camellias, azaleas and other plants has been a time of big business. The spring will be even bigger. Enlarged greatly each year, the Orton nursery new supplies a world of plants and flowers.

It appears that the Pleasant Oaks Plantation on the River Road above Orton may become a big beef cattle project. Hargrove Bellamy, Wilmington wholesale druggist, who recently purchased the place, has already planted 14 acres of pasture and may go into the cattle raising business if the pasture does well. Pleasant Oaks is noted both for beauty and for its splendid small grain production. For a good many years small grain has been a main crop on the plantation. There is little, if any question of how pastures will do.

The duck and geese hunting season opens at noon next Tuesday, November 29th. With cool weather having come much earlier this winter, there should be good duck hunting from the start. Reports from various sections of the county indicate more of these birds are here than are usually found. In past years there have been very few wild geese shot in Brunswick, some years none at all. This year a surprising thing to hunters is that many flocks of wild geese have been taking up at various points along the coast and on freshwater lakes. There should be some pretty good geese hunting this year, but in the interest of future sport it would all be a good plan not to kill out all of the birds. The law will allow only one wild geese to be killed by a hunter in a day.

One fellow who has lost nothing this year by going fishing has been Mike Zetzefelis, operator of the Crystal Cafe in Wilmington. Taking his son and some of the employees of the cafe each Monday for the past four months, Mike and his party have never failed to make a good catch. The last three Mondays their catches would have averaged around \$250.00 in value, each trip. De-ducting \$65. for the boat charges,

Not Exactly News

Three long distance calls one day last week came from widely separated sections of the country. Early in the morning M. W. Lindner called from Long Island and was interested chiefly in the weather down this way, probably because he plans to come down before long to engage in some winter truck operations. The next was a call from New Orleans from Geo. W. Rappleyea, who currently is lining up operations for a large sugar plantation in Cuba. And then a call from Orange, N. J., and L. T. Yaskell, former Southport postmaster. He wants to know about some hunting for his brother, Pete, but wound up listening to W. B. Keziah giving him a capsule report on recent fishing.

Southport has had representation in New York for several consecutive weeks. First it was a vacation trip for Capt. and Mrs. H. T. St. George. Next a football junket for Mr. and Mrs. Tommie Garber. Then Mr. and Mrs. Davis Herring decided to combine pleasure with business and enjoy a visit to the Big Town. Before their return Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willing already had checked in for a vacation stay. And just to keep the chain going, although not on a strictly amateur basis, Edward Taylor is to report for work with a textile sales organization there the first of next week.

"We Were Strangers" starring Jenifer Jones and John Garfield, is the feature Monday and Tuesday at the Shallotte theatre ... "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House", with Carey Grant in the role of the bewildered builders, is

Mike and his party have been coming along pretty well on the big end of the deal with the boatman. The party has a standing Monday engagement with the Idle-On of Captain Hulan Watts. The other night Mike told us that they got their fish and had their fun on these trips.

Both of them mustered out after long periods of service, Captain Harry Lehw and Captain Sam Watts have both recently retired from the U. S. Engineers service and moved to Southport. Captain Lehw was skipper of one of the big dredges attached to the Baltimore office. Captain Watts has been at Staten Island, N. Y., for many years and has had command of dredges in the New York harbor. Already moved back with his family, he is looking around with a view of buying or building a home. Captain Lehw has already bought a home and is nicely settled here.

Born at Kures Beach and with his home in Wilmington until he moved here some months ago for steady flying service as a fish spotter, Pilot Hall Walters has reached the point where he can be trusted to stay here. There is little danger of his flying off for any length of time. He flies the 4-place spotter plane for the Brunswick Navigation Company. Going to Beaufort last week with the fleet for two or three weeks of operations at that point, Hall found there was no fish there yet. Grounded by no fish and bad weather, he came right back to Southport to stay until he could again take wing to look for fish.

REA MEETING (Continued From Page One) last farm home in the area desiring service has been connected. At present the organization has a total of 1084 miles of lines and 5,005 customers. The distribution in the 4 counties is as follows: Brunswick—460 miles and 2392 consumers; Columbus—593 miles and 2499 consumers; Robeson—10 miles and 28 consumers; Bladen—21 miles and 76 consumers.

The office and work headquarters are at Shallotte and E. D. Bishop, the manager, has been in charge of the organization since it was founded. He has a very capable office force composed of Mrs. Mae M. Sanderson, bookkeeper; Mrs. Lena Hawes, cashier; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Willis, clerk; Miss Ruby Gore, clerk; Mrs. Mollie W. Sabiston, work order clerk; Mrs. Virginia R. Bellamy, stenographer, and C. E. Tripp, assistant manager.

STATE CONVENTION (Continued From Page One) meetings. Often the key-note speakers at some of the meetings are nationally and internationally known men from other denominations. Caswell with its spacious grounds and facilities affords opportunities for recreation that places like Ridgecrest can not afford. Supervised and planned programs of recreation will be offered at each conference. To

the Thursday - Friday feature at the Southport ... When County Agent Knowles suggested that one of the best land uses possible would be the construction of a golf course he struck a responsive note several citizens.

Among the off-season developments at Beach has been the completion of the masonry cottage by some Sanford people. Erection of the new home of Kings Elmer the recent face lifting job on the Williams Station have greatly improved the appearance of the business district of Shallotte. Newton was standing high on a pile of angle shot at the burning boat in the basin Sunday morning when the explosion gas tank blasted him from his perch. He put a temporary damper on his enthusiasm for on-the-spot news coverage with his

We suppose that during the past week Cherry McDonald, a sorrel saddle mare owned by Mrs. L. C. Fergus, has made column more times than any other horse. Well, here she is back again. We saw Sunday morning with her present owner, Fulwood aboard, and she was just as sassy looking as she ever has been in the Long since out of the colt stage, Cherry could have found a better home for her. Come Thursday and you'll know whether she has been keeping a bird dog or just a size pet. That's right; it's bird season!

GOOD PROGRESS (Continued from page one) gion, to having been organized the first of the Guard in North Carolina. very much gratified at the spouses that have been in the organization work.

BRIEF SESSION OF (Continued from page one) Maggie Heard, possessed. W. W. Twitty, speeding, and continued. Elmer Ray Potter, no license, capias and continued. Harold Sandlin, speeding, and costs.

MRS. MCKEITHAN (Continued from page one) lamy, C. H. McKethan, Burnett and W. A. Stoe. ary pall bearers were F. L. way, J. J. Knox, J. G. Dr. E. G. Goodman, S. O. E. L. Krahnke, D. E. R. H. McDougall and Hodges.

All county offices will close at noon Wednesday and will reopen for business on Friday. The sum of \$15.00 was added to general relief. The board also approved a request that a 1.6-mile section of road in Town Creek township running from Dan Caison's place to W. C. Gore's be improved and put in all-weather condition.

METHODISTS WILL (Continued From Page One) for a good beginning. Everyone is invited to the worship services at the church which in reality begin on Sunday morning and runs through the week. Read The Word.

THANKSGIVING It is well to pause at this season of the to take stock of the good things which happened to enrich our lives during the now drawing to a close. We are grateful our friends and customers for the confidence and trust which they have shown in us for their continued patronage.

R. GALLOWAY General Merchandise SUPPLY, N. C. **AUCTION SALE** One business lot 26 x 56 on Moore Street One House and Lot 66 x 95.—7-room dwelling Bay Street. Known as the C. M. Crapon Property in Southport, N. C. SALE—10:30 A. M., December 8th, 1949, on the

Prince O'Brien, Executor Of Estate Of C. M. Crapon

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WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
**	7:00 A. M.
7:00 A. M.	*9:30 A. M.
9:30 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
*1:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.

*—These Trips on Saturday Only.
**—This Bus Leaves Winnabow at 6:10 Daily.

— SUNDAY ONLY —

LEAVES SOUTHPORT	LEAVES WILMINGTON
7:30 A. M.	9:00 A. M.
10:50 A. M.	1:35 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	6:10 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	10:20 P. M.