

NHHS ENROLLMENT SHOWING INCREASE

Increase Of 147 Students Over 1945 Student Body Reported Here

New Hanover High School student enrollment has increased by 147 students over the 1945 enrollment, it was announced yesterday by Miss Elizabeth Montgomery, registrar.

Last year the enrollment figure was 1770 and this year the attendance reached 1917. The girls outnumber the boys 1,086 to 881, she said.

A total of 1,903 students attended the school at the first of the year with 14 enrolling later. The increase of veterans was from 222 to 249.

The largest class in the school is the Freshman with a total of 520. It is followed by the sophomore class with 472 students. An unusual feature in the student body for the current year is the fact that the seniors rank third in attendance with 368 students. The junior class with 309 students is the smaller. The seniors are usually the smallest class in the high school, Miss Montgomery said.

MAFFITT VILLAGE P-TA SCHEDULES MEET WEDNESDAY

The Maffitt Village Parent-Teacher association will mark Fathers' night with a special program Wednesday starting at 7:30 p. m.

John Glisson, of the department of visual education for New Hanover county, will be the guest speaker. Films will be shown during the program.

The program has been arranged to celebrate American Education week, which now is being marked throughout the United States.

An attendance prize will be awarded to the class at the Maffitt Village school which has the largest number of victors during the Wednesday night program.

Jewels, Man Held

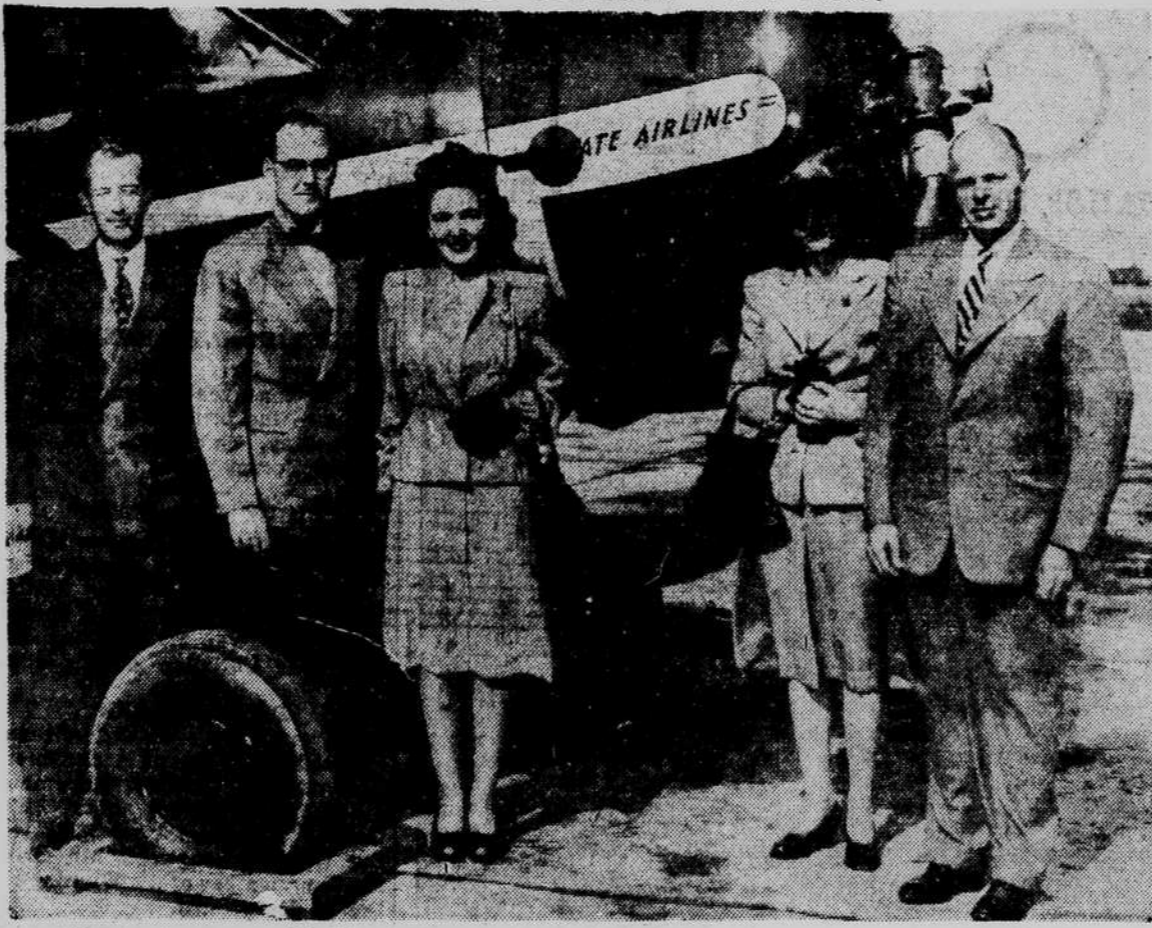
RIO DE JANEIRO, Nov. 11—(AP)—The newspaper O Globo said Monday in a dispatch from Recife that police had arrested a seaman possessing a large amount of contraband jewelry when a commercial plane landed there after a trans-Atlantic flight from Rome.

The dispatch said the police were suspicious the jewels were those stolen from the Duke of Windsor.

Jewelry owned by the Duke and Duchess of Windsor and valued at \$80,000 was stolen by burglars in month from the Duke's temporary residence at Sunningdale, Surrey, England.

Topaz is found in golden, blue, green pink, violet, and occasionally red.

State Airline Officials Visit Here



Shown above are officials of State Airlines, of Charlotte, who arrived in Wilmington yesterday to confer with members of the Wilmington-New Hanover Airport authority, regarding Blumenthal airport as a future site for increased air services. Standing in front of their plane are, left to right: Howard Summrell, pilot, Neil B. Berbooth, vice-president, Mrs. Berbooth, Mrs. H. K. Gilbert, wife of State Airlines president and Gilbert. (STAR STAFF PHOTO BY BOB HODGKIN)

BETWEEN THE RIVERS

Bladen, Pender Farmers Busy With Potato Crops

By MRS. LORENA C. RAWLS
Star Correspondent
CURRIE, Route One, Nov. 11—Farmers throughout lower Bladen and Pender counties have been busy of late housing their sweet potato crops. Most of the time the weather has been very ideal. Some

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have made several hundred bushels while others only a few. As my readers remember there were practically no sweet potatoes made or housed in between the rivers due to the flood waters last year, no slips were housed for this season's crop. Our sweet potato slips came from far and near that we made our eating potatoes from this year. Some ordered from plant farms in other states, some bought in nearby seed stores, some were furnished by friends elsewhere and some never had any at all. But any way, we do have one of the best root crops we most ever had throughout this section. And many varieties have been introduced from the old Bahama, Triumph, Norton Yam, Porta Rico, Hog Nose to dukes mixture. Ours are the latter and they are no drag, either. Each potato I bake is of a different color, shape and flavor. They are sweetening a few up on top of the shed. Some who have made several hundred bushels are finding a local market for them at the country stores, while others sell at their home, prices around \$2.50 per bushel. There is food value in a sweet potato and people are waking up more and more to the fact. The weather has been so mild that the growth has continued and the vines have made valuable feed for hogs, giving them a good start off.

Potato digging time round-about old Colly brings vividly to my mind those happy days at my old home. Instead of a day or two with a helper as we house our potato crop, it required one week with at least from twelve to half that number, all faithful colored folks who lived in small cabins around our old home. Then there were the family help with faithful old Aunt Mag and her list of colored women and mother as a general over-looker—and I am here to remind my old friends who know her, she did her job well. Father had his hands full with his working crew. I was just a little girl when the big potato crops were made but the old cook, Liz Beatty, who helped so much at our old home, came to see me not long ago and she recalled some of those days. At least three hundred bushels of sweet potatoes, Norton yams and Bahamas, were harvested. The yams were disposed of first and the 'Hamas towards spring after they became sweet. And they were really good and sweet, too. Father always waited until just a nip of frost came to dig.

The helpers went through with the regular routine of digging which was the men's job and the women hands did the separating in the fields. Father had a large

potato cellar built up from the ground like a room. In the center was the ventilator, a square made of planks bored full of holes and reached up above the cellar top. The walls were double, filled in between with sawdust. It was an ideal method of keeping sweet potatoes. The cellar was located on one side of a little path that led to the barn lot and on the other side of the path was where the potatoes were banked, later to be taken down as needed in the cellar. There were so many of these banks that the children would play hide-and-seek among them and were hard to find. In the summer my sister, Mary Ellen, and I would have our play house in the now empty cellar.

But now to meal times for the harvesting week of all those potatoes. The colored crew ate breakfast at their homes, the other two meals at father's. Our old cook was telling me recently that "Marsa" George always killed a pig and a goat for the occasion—then there was plenty of meat in the smokehouse. Vegetables a plenty. Aunt Mag and her crew thoroughly enjoyed their job. The pot that was used to do the outdoor cooking when my little brother, George, was lost, was brought into use again. Potato pies by the dozens were freshly baked for each meal. Plenty of hot coffee and persimmon beer, also. I am not

SLASH IN FUNDS TO REDUCE CREWS

Approximately 200 Members Of USES Work Force May Lose Jobs

Some 50 members of the dredge Huston's crew are the first victims of the economy slash which has cut funds for the local office of the U. S. Army Engineers to a trickle.

The crew members will be laid off early this week in the wake of the order which has put their craft, formerly engaged in dredging the Cape Fear, on a stand-by basis, officials said here last night.

The Hudson, tied up at the Engineers' Eagle Island yard during the week-end, will be followed into dead storage by the Hoffman, a sea-going dredge currently engaged on the Morehead City bar. The Hoffman will tie up here Nov. 20 throwing 60 men out of work, spokesmen for the local office reported.

Cessation of operations by two snag boats will result in the unemployment of an additional 25 crew members.

Counting curtailed survey parties, something over 200 members of the USED work force will lose their jobs at least temporarily, officials estimate.

The economy slash shows itself at a time when the Cape Fear river's channel had estimated depth of 27 feet, three short its regular 30 foot depth.

sure if any other drink was handed around after supper or not. I believe it was. One night Memirva came in from out doors with a distressing tale of woe. She related that she heard "queer noise out about de tater cellar". Investigation proved that the old colored cook was right in saying an investigation was needed. Father opened the cellar door and there stretched out close to the air shaft was old Uncle Amos Flynn, almost dead. The spark of air flowing through was all that saved his life. He must have been in the cellar doing some little task when the door was closed for the night. But of course "most anything can happen in between the rivers here and there."

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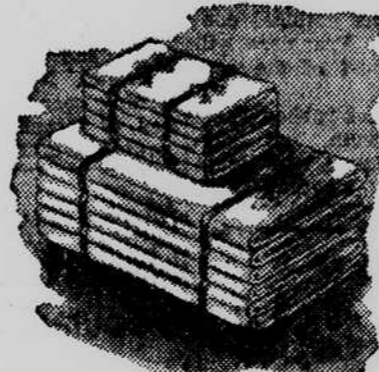
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