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EVERYTHING IS READY FOR REGATTA

Thousands Expected To Attend Yachting Regatta This Week

indications of incomplete entry list are that there will be between forty and fifty boats to start

ADING WINNERS TO RACE AT SOUTHPORT

Governor Clyde R. Hoey To Come Down to Southport Aboard the Cutter Mordoc Thursday Morning

What promises to be the biggest three-day program in the history of Southport will commence Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock when the first race of the Southport Regatta, sponsored by the Carolina Yacht Club, Wrightsville, gets underway. Coming down the river from Wilmington to Southport aboard the Mordoc, Governor Clyde R. Hoey is scheduled to fire the starting gun that will send between forty and fifty of the best sailing craft in South Carolina waters skipping over the twelve mile course in quest of victory.

The entry list passed the fifty-five mark Monday, and it is definitely known that a majority of Charleston boats that had not been entered was entered here. It is customary for boat owners to wait until the last minute to record in their entry blanks so the Thursday morning entries probably will total beyond fifty. Beautiful trophies for first and second place winners in each of six events were being entered the first of the week. They will be brought to Southport Thursday to be displayed in the hall show window.

While the sailboat races each day program, an interesting program will be the drawing of the thousands of visitors expected here during the three-day of entertainment has been named.

On Thursday evening there will be a buffet supper at Ft. Caswell by the Carolina Yacht Club in honor of the visiting yachtsmen.

On Saturday evening at Camp Winton there will be a dinner (Continued on page 8)

Little Bits Of Big News

News Events Of State, Nation and World-Wide Interest During Past Week

Taylor Dies

Col. Walker Taylor, 72, one of the most prominent insurance underwriters in the State died at the Cape Fear Hotel Tuesday afternoon a few minutes after he had left a meeting of the Wilmington Rotary Club in Wilmington.

Cash Kills

Four men were killed today and five other persons were injured in the crash of an Eastern Air Lines plane into a power line erected overnight near the Daytona Beach, Fla., airport.

Winters Struck

A bolt of lightning instantly killed four attractive daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. Edgar Hester of Creedmoor at about 4 o'clock this afternoon when they sought shelter under a cluster of bushes during a sudden shower.

Park Approval

The first successful step in several years of effort to secure federal funds for the completion of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park was taken today when the Senate passed a bill carrying \$743,285 in federal funds for the purpose. (Continued on page 4)

County Tax Rate Remains \$1.50

Youth Confesses Robbing Two Plantation Homes

Brunswick County Agent Experienced Bee-Keeper

J. E. Dodson Became Interested in Bee Culture While On His Father's Farm And Has Retained This As His Hobby

SAYS VALUABLE HONEY IS GOING TO WASTE

Mr. Dodson Believes Green Swamp Area Is Fine For Producing Honey; Thinks The Farmers Should Keep Bees



HON. CLYDE R. HOEY

People Of Maco Ask Arrest Of Dangerous Man

Urge That Special Effort Be Made To Recapture Melvin Mintz, Who Has Been Terrorizing Community

GOVERNOR HOEY IS APPEALED TO

Some Reports Say That Escaped Convict "Rides Up And Down The Road Shooting His Pistol"

Protesting against what one woman Monday termed "a crying shame," citizens of the Maco community in Brunswick county, have wired Governor Clyde R. Hoey, in Raleigh, asking that special efforts be made to recapture Melvin Mintz, escaped convict.

The telegram expressed anxiety over the presence of Mintz in the community, the governor said in an Associated Press dispatch. "The prison division has taken all possible steps to effect his recapture," the governor was quoted as saying, "but naturally not even the citizens of the neighborhood know where he is."

Residents of the Maco section said Mintz has terrorized that community for the past several weeks, some reports telling of his "riding up and down the highway shooting wildly."

A man named Skipper, unidentified except that he lives at Maco, was reported to have phoned the New Hanover prison camp this morning to report he had Mintz cornered at a liquor (Continued on page 5.)

Sasser Gets Job In Fayetteville

Brunswick County Welfare Officer Undecided Whether To Accept Position As District Employment Manager

Frank M. SASSER, Brunswick county welfare officer, has been offered the position as head of the district employment bureau in Fayetteville, but is undecided about giving up his position here to accept that work.

Mr. Sasser was in Raleigh Tuesday for a thorough investigation of the matter, and it was believed that some definite announcement will issue following his return here.

Mr. Sasser has been welfare officer of the county since July, 1933. Prior to that he taught school at Shallotte.

Revival Services At Shallotte Church

An evangelistic team composed of W. F. Pledger and E. H. Lowman, from the school of Religion at Duke University, will assist the pastor of the Shallotte Methodist church in a revival which begins Sunday night, August 15. Services will begin promptly at eight o'clock each evening. Come and bring a friend.



J. E. DODSON

County Agent J. E. Dodson has for many years had as his hobby the interesting and profitable business of raising and keeping bees. He first became interested in the study as a small boy on his father's farm, and has for the past fourteen years kept bees on his farm in Brunswick county. He now has about fifty hives which he has turned over to his son, Jack, to look after. Last year he produced over two tons of honey from these hives, in spite of the fact that it was a bad season. The honey was marketed out of the state.

Mr. Dodson believes that the raising and keeping of bees could be conducted profitable on a large scale in this section due to the abundance of honey producing plants and trees that grow here, such as black gum, holly, gallberry, alder, maple and many others as well as a large variety of flowers. The Green Swamp is ideal in this respect, as are many other sections of the county.

Several Brunswick county farmers depend entirely on beekeeping as a means of making a living. D. P. Mintz and Layton Mintz, two farmers of Ash, depend on bee keeping and hogs for their cash income. One 4-H boy last year reaped eighty pounds of honey to the hive, which he sold at eight-cents-per-pound f. o. b. his home.

Thousands of dollars worth of honey goes to waste in this section annually, according to Mr. Dodson, because an insufficient number of bees are kept to gather (Continued on page 8)

Good Prices Mark Opening Of Whiteville Weed Market

Farmers Well Pleased With Prices Paid For Tobacco At Opening Day Sale Held Tuesday

PRICES INCREASE OVER LAST YEAR

Average Price of \$25.00 Per Hundred Received For Tobacco Offered For Sale At Whiteville

Tobacco farmers from a sweeping radius congregated in Whiteville Tuesday to receive an average of \$25 per cwt. for their golden weed, to give Whiteville a good launching toward her 25,000,000 pound goal this season, and to hear their Governor, Clyde R. Hoey, offer them felicitations on their toil and courage which had brought so much new wealth into existence.

Sales Supervisor M. S. Smith roughly estimated that more than 750,000 pounds had been sold from the floors Tuesday night before the sales were blocked. He estimated a million and a quarter pounds on the market.

The second sales were not reached according to Smith. (Continued on page 8.)

The Local Legion Auxiliary Has Received Two Citations

ing of the American Legion Auxiliary of Brunswick county, Post 194, presided over by its new president, Mrs. S. B. Frink, it was officially announced that this unit had won two department citations for its work during the past Legion year of 1936-1937.

One is a certificate showing that the unit has paid all its obligations and also contributed a little to all optional funds. The other is a certificate stating that it has reached its membership quota, having doubled its original membership.

The delegates, Mrs. Frank Sasser and Mrs. S. B. Frink brought these papers back with them from the Convention in Durham, and plans

HIGH - FLYING BIRD COMMITTED SUICIDE

Like the bird with the broken pinion, one of the thousands of martins that flit over Southport will never soar so high again.

Surmounting the hundred foot tower in the Garrison that is used for hoisting the weather flags, is a weather vane with a steel arrow. Monday it was noticed that a martin had impaled itself upon this point and was—and is still there, high in the sky, dead. Riding around the wind that turns the vane, the bird may head to the east and may head to the west but it never will fly away.

CLEAN-UP

A clean-up campaign has been in progress in Southport during the past two weeks as citizens of the town began to get ready to entertain their guests at the 1937 Southport Regatta.

were discussed for framing

At the last regular meeting and hanging them. It was also announced that Mrs. Frank Sasser had been elected Seventh District Committeewoman to succeed Mrs. H. B. Edwards, of Wilmington, whose term of office has expired.

The members were urged to take all the silk rags they could contribute to the home of Mrs. Ed Daniels, who is in charge of collecting and sending to Oteen materials for rug weaving. All members were also urged to write to their Congressman and Senators urging them to support the Universal Service Bill known as the Sheppard-Hill Bill, and the Widow's and Orphan's Bill.

Confession Is Received From Youthful Thief

One Of Two Boys Wanted For Breaking And Entering Orton House And Adams House At The Oaks Plantation Is Now In Jail

LOCAL OFFICERS MAKE CAPTURE

Obtained \$125.00 In Cash And Several Valuable Articles In Raids Made At Two Plantation Homes

Edgar Henderson, 21, of Reidsville, is in the Brunswick county jail and officers are searching for Thomas Motley, also of that city, who Henderson named as his accomplice in breaking and entering the Adams home at the Oaks Plantation and the Sprunt home at Orton Friday.

Henderson was placed under arrest Saturday by Deputy Sheriff M. A. Northrop, when the young man was seen standing on the end of the Orton pier dragging the bottom for some sunken object. Henderson claimed that he was trying to recover his boat but the Deputy was suspicious and brought him on to Southport. A partial confession was obtained from him by Sheriff J. A. Russ, and deputies Dillon Ganey and Charlie Skipper.

Sunday morning the officers were notified of the robbery at The Oaks. Investigation revealed the loss of \$125.00 in cash, several valuable guns, articles of clothing and some field glasses. Confronted with this evidence, Henderson made a complete confession of the robbery.

He said that he and Motley came down to Wilmington Thursday on an oil truck with the idea of going fishing. After loafing around one of the oil docks all day, they stole a boat after dark and started down the river. Spying the bathhouse and landing at Orton, they tied up for the night. Friday morning they set out in search for food and came upon the unoccupied Adams home. They broke in and stole (Continued on page 5.)

Light Session Before Recorder

Only Three Cases Were Disposed Of Before Judge J. W. Ruark Here On Last Wednesday In Recorder's Court

A light session of Recorder's court was held here last Wednesday, as only three cases were disposed of before J. W. Ruark.

Albert Moore, white, of Leland, plead guilty of operating a motor vehicle on the public highway, while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. He was fined fifty dollars and costs of court, or sixty days on the road. His driving license was revoked for the period of one year.

Frank Gross, white, of Delco, who recently ran into Patrolman Hugh L. Sloan, and knocked him down with a motorcycle near Navassa, plead guilty of violating rules of the road. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs of court.

Irving Brown and Martha Brown, colored, were found guilty of an affray upon each other. Judgment was suspended for one year upon condition of their good behavior and payment of costs.

Makes Application To Build Wharf

Application has been received by the U. S. Engineer office in Wilmington from George W. Brookes, Sr., of Shallotte, for permission to construct a wharf on the intracoastal waterway at Seaside.

Any objections to the work must be filed before August 16.

The Undeatable Syndicate



FAVORITE—The Syndicate, Class "A" boat from Beaufort, S. C., is undefeated in South Atlantic competition this season. She will be the favorite to continue her string of victories here this week, although it appears that there will be plenty of opposition.

Schedule Announced For Farm Tour Of The County

FROGLEG SEASON BRINGS NEW SPORT

The hundreds of fresh water ponds in Brunswick are full of frogs, huge croakers with propelling appendages for jumping that make a most delectable meal. A large number of these ponds are near Southport, and they are often visited with profit to the sportsmen and disaster to the frogs.

Monday night E. L. Burris, Sam Watts and Lawrence Sellers went out to one of these ponds and brought in 47 pairs of frog legs. They say the season is just beginning, and they aim to do better next time.

Allan Was Modest About His Clothing

A long string of racing yachts, pulled by a power boat, came down the river Sunday, on each of the boats rode a man who acted as a sort of conductor and all were wet to the skin.

On the hindmost tow was Allan Emerson of Wilmington and he was holding to a stay with one hand and with the other he grasped a sail firmly about his middle. "Throw that sail away and help get the boat to the dock", called out somebody. "I can't", said Allan, "I've lost my pants."

Bumper Crop of Hound Pups Make Fox Future Slump

While it is generally known that more foxes per square mile may be found in Brunswick county than in any other section of the state, Mother Nature recently threw a note of depression into the fox stock market.

Two weeks ago when 13 sons and daughters, mostly sons, arrived to bless Mollie, Walker fox hound of Vallie Frideric, it was discovered that the maternal filling station did not have enough outlets to supply the wholesale and almost continuous service required. So, a plain hound dog who had lost her children was

pressed into service. This foster mother is now catering to the needs of 5 of the pretty little pups, while Mollie is administering to the other 8. The overproduction consists of 11 males and 2 females. Both Mollie and the assistant to her domestic duties are ignoring all remarks of visitors to the effect that a hound dog owned by Capt. I. B. Bussells, some years ago had 17 puppies in one litter and that all of them were raised to doghood by the mother with the same sort of assistance that Mollie is getting.

County Tax Rate Remains At \$1.50 For Ensuing Term

Revision Of Tax Valuation Makes It Possible To Cooperate With Social Security Program With No Increase

VALUATION NOW SET AT \$70,000,000

Budget Has Been Tentatively Adopted By The Board Of County Commissioners For Coming Year

The tax rate for Brunswick county for the next fiscal year was set by members of the board of county commissioners at \$1.50, the same rate that prevailed last year, as they tentatively adopted the county budget at their last meeting.

A revision of the tax valuation of the county made it possible to provide for compliance with the Social Security law without increasing the tax rate.

The assessed valuation of the county now is approximately \$70,000,000.

Sixty cents of the \$1.50 breakdown will go to the debt service fund; sixty cents to the current expense fund; eighteen cents to the school fund; ten cents to Social security and two cents for care of blind.

The current expense fund includes operating expenses of the county offices, county poor and veterans and public health work. The school fund is broken down into ten cents for capital outlay and eight cents for current expense.

The budget will be left standing until August 18, 1937, pending any changes or revisions.

Brunswick Man Dies Suddenly

Asa W. Flowers, 59, Of Town Creek, Dropped Dead Saturday On Street Of Wilmington

Asa W. Flowers, 53-year-old Town Creek farmer, dropped dead Saturday afternoon at 12:30 o'clock in front of the Hall seed store in Wilmington.

The man was dead when a James Walker Memorial hospital ambulance summoned by a police officer, reached him. Coroner Asa W. Allen pronounced death due to a heart attack.

Mr. Flowers is survived by his father, Fred Flowers, of Town Creek, and five brothers, D. L. Flowers, J. W. Flowers and A. R. Flowers, of Town Creek; C. T. Flowers and N. C. Flowers of Wilmington.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock from Piney Grove Methodist church at Town Creek by the Rev. J. C. Harmon. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

Tide Table

Following is the tide table for Southport during the next week. These hours are approximately correct and were furnished The State Port Pilot through the courtesy of the Cape Fear Pilot's Association.	
	High Tide Low Tide
Thursday, August 12	
11:45 a. m.	5:25 a. m.
1:21 p. m.	6:02 p. m.
Friday, August 13	
	6:09 a. m.
12:30 p. m.	7:00 p. m.
Saturday, August 14	
12:42 a. m.	7:05 a. m.
1:21 p. m.	8:02 p. m.
Sunday, August 15	
1:34 a. m.	8:08 a. m.
2:16 p. m.	9:02 p. m.
Monday, August 16	
2:35 a. m.	9:08 a. m.
3:16 p. m.	9:58 p. m.
Tuesday, August 17	
3:43 a. m.	10:02 a. m.
4:17 p. m.	10:48 p. m.
Wednesday, August 18	
4:45 a. m.	10:53 a. m.
5:12 p. m.	11:35 p. m.