

### Christmas Tree Market Is Good

This Sideline Has Been Changed Into Paving Proposition For Many Farm Owners

The season of the glittering Christmas tree will soon be with us again. Not only is the supplying of Christmas trees to the families of the United States a large business. But with good management it should be a permanent source of income to forest dwellers, says the U. S. Forest Products Laboratory, Madison, Wis. Christmas trees are, in the main, forest seedlings that come from nearly every part of the United States. Their removal in proper number need not cause any shortage of growing stock. In many cases the young stand is actually so dense as to call for thinning in order to assure satisfactory growth to timber, the Forest Products Laboratory points out. The planting and growing of trees especially for the Christmas-tree market is also practiced. In northern New England a large part of the trees are from those that have sprung up in pastures. It is estimated that 10 million Christmas trees are sold annually in the United States. At an average price of 10 cents each to the producer, their contribution to rural income may be reckoned at one million dollars.

A vast and undetermined volume of decorative foliage and boughs also moves to the Christmas market. Sprigs of evergreens from nearly all parts of the country, magnolia and mistletoe from the South, holly and mountain-laurel from the East, Christmas-herrv, Oregon hollygrape, and rail from the West Coast—all go to make up a veritable flood of greenery at holiday time. All these products of the forest not only add their decoration and cheerfulness to the holiday season but add considerably to the financial condition of the thousands of people who spend their time in the woods collecting them.

### Shalotte Boy Contest Winner

Sam Fletcher, the 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Joe Flink of Shalotte, won first prize in the guitar playing contest at a recent fiddlers' convention held in Shalotte school building. Victory for the little fellow is even more remarkable when it is considered that he was competing with grown-ups. He has never taken a music lesson, according to his mother, but has picked up his knowledge of music from listening to the radio.

### Resigns Position As Case Worker

Miss Margaret Holmes, case worker for the Brunswick county welfare department since December, 1937, has resigned to accept the position as senior case worker in Gaston county. Miss Holmes' resignation becomes effective immediately and no announcement has been made regarding her successor.

### Paving On 130 Is Progressing

When Present Job Is Finished, The Last Link Of Highway Between Whiteville And Southport Will Be Complete

Work began this (Wednesday) morning on paving another eight-mile section of highway No. 130. Work began one mile on the Brunswick county side of New Britain Bridge and will extend toward Whiteville to Old Dock. About 20 miles of the highway out of Whiteville has been paved. The remainder of the project is already under construction. The project when completed will provide a hard surfaced road from Whiteville via Ash to Shalotte, thence via Supply to Southport and will eliminate the present detour on a dirt road about six miles below Shalotte and running from Grissetown and Ash to Whiteville.

### Complete New Ranger Cottage

A new cottage with all modern conveniences has recently been completed at Shalotte fire tower and is being occupied by L. L. Edwards, ranger for the Southern Brunswick Association. Edwards formerly served as ranger for the Riegel area. He has been succeeded by Hardy King.

### Tender Delovd On Trip Here

The Coast Guard lightship tender, Orchid, which left Norfolk on the 20th with three scheduled stops for servicing lightships before reaching Southport, did not arrive here until yesterday. She was tied up at the Hatteras lightship for several days before the weather abated to permit transferring supplies. Usually the trip down from Norfolk, including all time for stops, embraces three days. The Orchid comes once a month. She is a large craft, used for carrying supplies and performing outside work. A smaller tender plies the waterway between here and Norfolk.

### Mrs. W. G. Collins Dies In Hospital

Mrs. W. G. Collins of near Orton died in Doshier Memorial Hospital Tuesday morning following an extended illness and funeral arrangements had not been completed last night. The deceased was the wife of W. G. Collins, well known Brunswick county man, and had suffered ill health for several months. She had been in the hospital for several days. One daughter, Miss Lillian Collins, also survives.

### Investigates Death Of Negro Man

Coroner John G. Caison was called to Phoenix Monday to view the body of Zeb Mosley, colored, who died suddenly at his home Saturday night. The coroner ruled that death was caused by apoplexy.

### Boone's Neck Club Meeting

Members of the Boones Neck Home Demonstration Club met at the home of Mrs. Willie Caison November 17 in their regular monthly meeting. The meeting was presided over by Ersell Lewis, and following the business session Mrs. Marion S. Doshier had charge of the lesson for the month giving a demonstration on saulting the United States Flag and many good suggestions on simple Christmas gifts. This was a great help to all. Refreshments were served by the hostess to the following: Mrs. M. S. Doshier, Miss Ersell Lewis, Mrs. Tommie Hewitt, Mrs. Lenny Lewis, Mrs. Everett Hewett and Mrs. L. M. Robinson. The next regular meeting will be on December 13 at 6 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Jessie Robinson.

### Funeral Rites For Mrs. Ruark

Funeral services for Mrs. Ruark were held at Trinity Methodist church. The pastor, Rev. R. S. Harris, was assisted by Rev. Henry C. Ruark, grandson of the deceased, and interment was made in the family cemetery. Active pallbearers were sons and sons-in-law of Mrs. Ruark. Honorary pallbearers were J. Berg, J. D. Erickson, Capt. J. I. Davis, Chas. E. Gause, Dr. Monk, H. M. Shannon, J. J. Loughlin, Jr., W. H. Walker, C. Ed. Taylor, C. C. Cannon, Thomas St. George, H. W. Hood, Dr. L. C. Ferguson, and Capt. J. B. Church.

### Four Drakes With Two Shots

Stories of extra good luck in encounters with ducks are beginning to bob up on all sides following the opening of the hunting season a week ago today. Among those who have good stories to tell is Captain H. T. Dowmer. He relates how he fired two shots Saturday afternoon and brought home four — 5-pound black drakes.

### Orton Shown On Christmas Cards

The beautiful Orton mansion near Southport will be among the subjects for Christmas cards to be widely distributed by publishing firms this year. Samples of the cards and envelopes have been sent W. B. Keziah, secretary of the Civic Club. With the envelopes the cards are scheduled to retail at ten cents each. They were designed for general distribution and will probably be available for Christmas card senders in all States of the Union.

### Gets Three-Pound Freshwater Bass

Many other sorts of sport and fishing has recently distracted attention from freshwater sport, nevertheless large mouth bass and other fish are still biting good. This past week C. W. Osborne went out and got a beautiful three-pounder. On the same trip he lost three other large ones, one being so big that it broke his line. He was using a plug on the surface.

### Improvement For Orton Gardens

(Continued from Page 1) transform Orton into a December and January beauty that compares favorably with February, March and April, when the gardens are at their glory. The early arrival of some 200 new varieties of California camelias that have already been shipped, together with many hundreds of other tropical plants and flowers, is indicative that Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sprunt have ideas for

increasing the already incomparable loveliness of the mansion and grounds.

Churchill Bragaw, manager of the plantation is now distributing twenty thousand beautiful, illustrated folders of the mansion and grounds.

### DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR BUSY

(Continued from Page 1) city fathers. The bondholders are pushing us, and we are just passing the burden along to the taxpayers." Both the bank and the building and loan have offered to cooperate with taxpayers in making arrangements to pay their account, says the tax collector.

### TRESPASSERS IN RECORDER'S COURT

(Continued from page 1) judgment was suspended upon payment of costs. Charles Allen Jones, white, pleaded guilty to charges of violating the speed law. Judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs. Willie K. James, Warren Goodman and James Young, colored, faced charges of larceny. The first two pleaded guilty and were given 6 months each on the roads, their sentences being suspended upon payment of fines of \$50.00 each and the cost. The latter was found guilty and was given 7 months on the roads, his sentence being suspended upon payment of a fine of \$55.00 and costs.

### MINTZ PRESIDES OVER MEETING

(Continued from Page 1) sent his painting "Zero" to Col. Harrelson in behalf of the State College boys who died in the last World War.

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### MINTZ CHOSEN AS COUNTY CHAIRMAN FOR JACKSON DAY

(Continued from page 1) bration which will be held on January 8, 1940, at the Hotel Sir Walter, Raleigh. A high standard was set at the 1939 dinner by the speech of Governor (now Senator) "Happy" Chandler of Kentucky, State Director Larkins, who managed the last campaign, guarantees that the 1940 program certainly will not fall below that standard. Under the leadership of Chairman Lamb, Columbus county is expected to be among the first to announce completion of its quota. The first county to reach this goal will be accorded very special recognition, not only at the Jackson Day dinner, but also in the permanent records of the State and National party organizations.

### BRUNSWICK MAN ASKING \$10,000 IN DAMAGE SUIT

(Continued from Page 1) modern, clean, up-to-date restaurant or cafe in the city of Wilmington in which only clean, fresh and wholesome food is served to patrons. That said cafe is equipped with modern, up-to-date fixtures with only good and modern refrigerator equipment being used. That defendants' place of business is regularly inspected by the board of health of New Hanover county, the reports of which will show that their place of business is properly operated and conducted, and further that these defendants allege that only a day or two before the date on which

the plaintiff alleges that he ate fish in defendants' place of business which made him sick, this cafe was thoroughly inspected and checked."

Claiming to have fully answered all complaint of the plaintiff, the defendants, through their attorney, move that the action be non-suited and dismissed.

### Brunswick Plantations Are Written Up In Book

(Continued from Page 1) was bought from Roger Moore's estate by Captain Russell of the British Navy, who once owned the Campbelltown tract. It was later sold to Arthur Dobbs, Governor (1754-65), and in 1767 became the property of William Tryon, Governor (1765-71). Ruins, almost hidden by trees and vines is all that remains of the winter mansion occupied by Tryon when he was in Brunswick. Here a marker, of brick and stone from the ruins, commemorates the Stamp Act Defiance. When the British Parliament passed the Stamp Act, citizens of the region, headed by Alderman Moses De-Rossett, demanded and received the resignation of Stamp Master William Houston, and by orderly demonstrations so evidenced their dissatisfaction that when H. M. S. Dilligence arrived in November 1765 with the stamps, they were not unloaded. Incidentally, by the seizure of two ships whose papers had not been stamped, 1,000 partly armed citizens, headed by Speaker John Ashe and Col. Huger Waddell, proceeded to Brunswick. On February 19, 1766, in defiance of two armed British vessels, the Diligence and the Viper, and garrisoned Fort Johnston at the river's mouth, the mob forced the release of the seized ships and the resignation of William Pennington, His Majesty's Comptroller, who agreed to issue no more stamped paper. Two months later Parliament repealed the act. JUST SOUTH—of Old Field is the Site of Old Brunswick, founded in 1725 when Col. Maurice Moore laid off the town and named both town and county for the Prince of Brunswick. After the Tuscarora massacre of 1711, Colonel Moore headed the relief forces from South Carolina and attracted by the river lands as he crossed the Cape Fear, conceived the idea of settling here. This was not possible until 1725, the Lord Proprietors having prohibited settlement within 20 miles of the river up to that time. In 1731 Dr. Bricknell, in his Natural History of North Carolina, wrote: "Brunswick Town is most delightfully seated, on the Southside of that Noble River Cape Fear; and no doubt but it will

be very considerable in a short time, by its great trade, the number of merchants and rich planters, that are settled upon its banks." As many as 42 vessels carrying valuable cargoes sailed from the port in one year.

After Spanish vessels attacked, captured, and partially destroyed the town in 1748, it was almost immediately retaken and rebuilt. A painting, Ecce Homo, taken from a captured Spanish vessel in St. James Church, Wilmington. Cornelius Harnett was born here in his father's brick tavern. (To Be Continued)

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