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Labor City Man Found In Georgia Following His Reported Drowning

Flowers Ward, Tabor City merchant, had been reported drowned at Calabash on May 11. He had received \$43,000 insurance.

Two men who were with him on fishing trip in jail in Columbus County.



W. F. WARD

Brunswick Boys At Banner Elk

BANNER ELK, Sept. 16.—(special)—Among the freshmen who have entered Lees-McRae College for the current scholastic year are A. P. Henry, Jr., son of Mr. A. P. Henry of Winnabow; Kemp R. Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Holden of Bolivia; and Dalton Ezra Sellers, son of Mr. G. W. Sellers of Bolivia. All are graduates of Bolivia high school, class of 1940.

Superior Court Will Convene Here Monday

Unusual Interest Centered In Coming Term Because Of Several Important Cases Due To Come To Trial

JUDGE BURNEY IS TO PRESIDE

Case Against Southport Negroes Charged With Assault Upon Chas. W. Easley Is Due To Come Up

The October term of Brunswick county Superior court will convene here Monday with Judge John J. Burney of Wilmington presiding.

Judge Burney comes here by virtue of having arranged to trade assignments with Judge Clawson L. Williams of Sanford, who was assigned this court. He will go to Wilson county next week instead.

Not in a long time has there been a term of court in which there is greater public interest. (Continued on page six)

Democrats Meet To Start Work

Party Leaders Gathered Friday Night at Shallotte To Discuss Plans For Launching Fall Campaign

The Democratic campaign for Brunswick county was formally launched Friday night with a meeting of party leaders at Shallotte. Walter M. Staneland, county chairman, presided.

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Here's An Improvement The Kids Have Waited For

If they keep working on it long enough, they may eventually fix it so school will be a pretty nice place for boys and girls to go. Latest improvement is a state department recommendation that monthly reports be discontinued.

They'll hardly hear many dissenting votes from the young scholars on that score, for bringing home the monthly report card for parental signature has long been a periodic day of judgment for Little Johnnie.

Things aren't perfect yet, however, for a substitute method for this year will be period reports, with the school year divided into 2-month quarters. There will be a different sign, loance to symbols used. "A" means above average; "B" is average; "C" is below average; "D" is unsatisfactory.

Under the old system of grading in vogue in the schools of this county "A" denoted a grade from 93-100, or superior effort; "B" a grade from 85-92, or ordinary effort; "C" a grade ranging from 77-84, or denoting deficient effort; and "D" a grade of 70-76; "E" was failure.

The modern trend in education is to place more stress upon learning and less upon grades, and this move has been taken by states officials in Raleigh. It is hoped that one result will be a closer relationship between parent and teacher, for through this means it still will be easy for mothers and fathers to keep trace of Johnnie's progress—or lack of it.

New Triple-A Organization Is To Be Selected

Dates Set For Election Of Township Committeemen, Delegates To County Convention, Etc.

ADMINISTRATION IN HANDS OF FARMERS

County Agent Urges Importance Of Having Farmers Show Interest In Organizing

All farmers in Brunswick county will be given an opportunity of voting for AAA township committeemen some time between Oct. 1st and 15, according to County Agent J. E. Dodson. "We understand at this time that these committeemen will serve for the year 1941 only. At the time these committeemen are elected farmers will also elect delegates from each township for the county convention, where the county committeemen will be elected," he says.

The duties of committeemen are to administer allotment quotas. By allotment quotas is meant making any changes in acreage allotments. Brunswick county may have to come under truck crop allotments for the year 1941 because of the fact that it had near 1,000 acres planted in 1940.

The county agent and the Brunswick County Agricultural Conservation Association office force do not have anything to do with setting up allotments for farmers. This job belongs entirely to the farmers.

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PIGEONS HEAD FOR HOME



PIGEON-GRAM—Last week Gene O'Brien sent a couple of his young homing pigeons to Whiteville for a trial flight to Southport. M. S. Smith, sales supervisor of the Whiteville tobacco market, and his secretary, Miss Mary Locke Smith, used this opportunity to send a message to Brunswick county farmers that the market is still open and that tobacco is selling high.

Numerous Cases Before Recorder

Usual Run Of Cases Take Up Time Of County Court Officials Here On Monday Morning

Only a few cases of minor importance were disposed of here in Recorder's court Monday before Judge Walter M. Staneland.

Hubert Holmes, white, was found not guilty of driving a motor vehicle with improper brakes.

Otis Joy, white, withdrew his appeal to Superior court from a sentence given him several months ago when found guilty of transporting intoxicating liquor.

J. G. Hickman, white, pleaded guilty to charges of driving with improper brakes and was taxed with costs.

John Davis, colored, was convicted of driving with improper lights and brakes. Taxed with a \$10.00 fine and costs, he gave notice of appeal and bond was set at \$50.00.

The case against Mathew Williams, colored, for failure to vaccinate his dog was remanded to J. P. court.

Donnie Watson, white, was found guilty of transporting intoxicating liquor and of driving without proper license. Given 6 months on the roads, judgment was suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs.

Judgment was held open in the case in which William Mathews, colored, was tried for being drunk in a public place and possession of intoxicating liquor.

Tom Gore, white, charged with drunk driving, was called and failed, Capias issued and the case was continued.

Julius Warnett, colored, was up for making an assault upon an officer, but an action of non pros with leave was taken by the state.

Five Deaths In First 8 Months

Brunswick County Contributed That Number To Death Total Of North Carolina

Five of the 498 street and highway fatalities in North Carolina the first eight months of 1940 occurred in Brunswick County, the Highway Safety Division reported this week.

Only 11 of the 100 counties in the state had a clear record in traffic deaths at the close of the eighth month, these being Camden, Caswell, Chowan, Clay, Gates, Greene, Hyde, Mitchell, Perquimans, Tyrrell and Yancey.

Mecklenburg topping the state with an eight-months traffic toll of 25, followed closely by Guilford and Robeson with 22 each, Forsyth with 21 and Buncombe with 19. Sixteen counties reported only one fatality each for the eight-month period.

The State's eight-months traffic toll of 498 deaths, subject to the possible addition of a few delayed deaths, was decreased of seven per cent from the 539 traffic deaths in the state the first eight months of 1939.

"Happily, North Carolina still enjoys a decrease in its traffic toll for this year, in comparison with that of last year, but our percentage of decrease has slipped in two months from ten per cent," stated Ronald Hocutt, director of the safety division.

The fact that we are showing a decrease in the face of a nationwide increase is gratifying, of course, but eternal vigilance and care on the part of every North Carolina motorist, pedestrian and bicycle rider must be exercised throughout the remainder of the year if we are not to lose what we have gained."

Provisional figures show a total of 71 traffic deaths in the state last month against 82 for August, 1939. This was better than a 13 per cent decrease.

Not a single bicycle or railroad crossing fatality was reported for the month of August, and the 18 pedestrian fatalities, representing approximately 25 per cent of the month's toll, were well below the national average.

Only four cities above 10,000 population reported fatalities, in August, Charlotte reported four, Shelby and Winston Salem reported 2 each, and Fayetteville, had one.

Lingle Heads County NCEA

Election Held At County-Wide Teachers Meeting Monday Night At Bolivia School

At a county-wide teachers meeting held Monday night at Bolivia W. R. Lingle, principal of Southport high school, was elected president of the Brunswick county unit of the North Carolina Education Association.

Other officers are H. C. Stone, vice-president; Mrs. Virginia W. McDougal, secretary; Mrs. Blanche Tucker, treasurer.

The following members were named to the advisory committee: W. H. Moye, Southport; E. Norman Platt, Shallotte; Glenn Tucker, Bolivia; Z. G. Ray and S. T. Hood, Waccamaw; Mrs. T. R. Garrett, Leland.

Waccamaw P.-T. Holds Meeting

New Officers Preside And New Committees Of Organization Are Named

The Waccamaw P.-T. A. met Monday night, Sept. 16, with Mrs. A. J. Walton, Jr., serving in the capacity of new president.

The coming year's work was assured success by the election of diligent program, hospitality, and membership committees. The (Continued on page 6)

Striking Beginning To Harry Robinson's Career

Anyway, According To Harry It Took Hundreds Of Bucketsful Of Matches To Get Him Going

If it hadn't been for the fire which destroyed the J. Allen Taylor Wholesale warehouse in Wilmington several years ago Harry Robinson probably would not be a successful Southport merchant today.

Nope. Harry didn't have any insurance on the building, but the toe-hold he gained from that conflagration was almost as fantastic.

At the time Harry was a huckster in Wilmington with Boone's Neck serving as home base. He'd buy up chickens and eggs and farm produce in season and carry it to town to sell. One morning when he got to Wilmington he heard that the Taylor warehouse had been burned the night before, and he could hardly wait until the had sold out before going down to see the damage.

The charred, smoldering ruins were all that he'd dared hoped to see, and Harry was admiring the wreckage when his eye fell upon a pile of boxes that showed the ill effect of having been saved from fire with too much water. "What's in them?", he wanted to know.

"Matches", said a company clerk.

"All them's matches", asked Harry, unbelieving?

"Yep."

"I'd sure like to have 'em", said Harry.

"How much will you give for them", was the surprising rejoinder?

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HARRY ROBINSON

County Council Meeting Held In Bolivia Church

Mrs. Odell Evans Of Town Creek Succeeds Mrs. Jesse Purvis Of Ash As Head Of County Organization

OTHER OFFICERS OF COUNCIL NAMED

Foods And Nutrition Is To Be The Chief Theme Of The Club Program During Coming Year

Brunswick County Home Demonstration officers were elected for 1941-1942 at a meeting of the county council at Bethel Methodist church at Bolivia on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Jessie Purvis, of Ash, president, was in charge of the meeting at which nine clubs were represented.

Mrs. Odell Evans of the Town Creek club will assume the duties of president, succeeding Mrs. Purvis in that office. Miss Pauline Lewis, of Winnabow, will be vice-president. Mrs. Charles Russ, Jr., of the Shallotte club will be the new secretary, and Miss Annie M. Newton, of Southport, the new treasurer.

Mrs. George Cannon, of Bolivia, is to be organizer, and Miss Sallie Betts Knox, of the Town Creek club, song leader.

The main project for the coming year, according to Mrs. Marion S. Disher, home agent, is to be "Foods and Nutrition". Project chairmen were elected at the Wednesday meeting to have charge of the following projects as indicated:

"Foods and Nutrition", Mrs. J. E. Dodson, Exum club; "Food Conservation", Mrs. V. W. Simmons, Calabash club; "Clothing", Mrs. Zelma Hewitt, Ash club; "House Furnishings", Mrs. Rufus Williams, Leland club; "Home Management", Mrs. Sermons Roach, Boone's Neck; "Home Beautification", Mrs. Carl Ward, Antioch club; "Home Gardens", Mrs. Farly Danford, Bolivia club; "Home Poultry", Mrs. Ernest Staneland, Longwood club; "Home (Continued on page 6)

Dredging Operations On Yacht Basin Over

Tentative Plans For Tournament

Tennis got a mighty slow start here this summer, but if present plans go through it may close the season in a blaze of glory with a men's doubles tournament under the lights here next week-end.

The high school boys spent a profitable afternoon last week working on the court with the lights, and if it can be put into shape in time for use on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week, the men may decide just which two players from the town's best doubles combination. A preliminary survey reveals the probability of at least seven doubles entries.

Dredge Henry Bacon Made Short Work Of Cutting Its Way Through Marsh To Make New Yacht Basin

IMPROVEMENTS TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY

Large Oil Company Will Make Physical Improvements To Take Care Of Yacht Traffic Through Here

Starting Wednesday afternoon at six o'clock and stopping only at midnight Saturday and resuming at the same hour Sunday night the dredge Henry Bacon was finishing up the task of dredging out the new Southport yacht basin early this morning.

The dredge is equipped with a thousand horse power boiler and has a 26-inch pipe line, through which mud and earth is hurled with about the same force and distance that water is flung from a fire hose. It is said to be the most powerful dredge owned by the government, and this claim is readily believable to those who saw the speed with which it dug the huge basin, some three blocks from the Southport post office.

The mud pumped out eliminated several acres of marsh land. (Continued From Page 6)

Eastern Demos Rally Saturday

Nearly 3,000 Democrats From Eastern N. C. Gathered In Lillington To Open Campaign

LILLINGTON, Sept. 23.—Former Governor Cameron Morrison of Charlotte told a political rally here Saturday that reelection of President Roosevelt, whom he termed "the greatest statesman the world have ever known", would be the best assurance against America's being drawn into war. His audience of nearly 3,000 applauded loudly and long.

Other speakers included Governor-nominate J. M. Broughton and Rep. J. Bayard Clark.

A barbecue picnic spread was served. (Continued on page six)

Laymans Day At Sharon Church

Sunday will be Layman's Day at Sharon Methodist church and W. A. McGirt and Isaac Wright of Wilmington have been invited to be the principal speakers at the 11 o'clock hour.

At noon a picnic dinner will be served in the grove.

Members of other churches in the charge served by the pastor, Rev. C. N. Phillips, are urged to attend this service.

Married Men Not Exempted

Will Be Up To The Local Draft Board To Decide Whether Or Not Married Man To Be Exempt

WASHINGTON—Army officials made it plain Friday that married men will not be exempted from the draft simply and automatically because they are married.

In each individual case, that point is to be decided by the local draft board on its own merits and, if necessary, after an inquiry as to whether the wife or other dependent is actually dependent upon the draftee's earnings for a livelihood. Thus, private means of income and such questions as whether the wife has a job apparently are to be taken into consideration.

Officials of the selective service system reversed a previous opinion to set this forth today. Meanwhile, preparing to provide shelter for the conscripts, the senate passed an appropriation of \$33,263,902 for building barracks and other facilities. Previously approved by the house, the measure now goes to the President.

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

TIDE TABLE	
Thursday, September 19	
8:57 a. m.	3:04 a. m.
9:17 p. m.	3:31 p. m.
Friday, September 20	
9:32 a. m.	3:34 a. m.
9:53 p. m.	4:04 p. m.
Saturday, September 21	
10:08 a. m.	4:02 a. m.
10:32 p. m.	4:39 p. m.
Sunday, September 22	
10:50 a. m.	4:34 a. m.
11:19 p. m.	5:20 p. m.
Monday, September 23	
11:38 a. m.	5:11 a. m.
	6:16 p. m.
Tuesday, September 24	
12:13 a. m.	6:08 a. m.
12:34 p. m.	7:28 p. m.
Wednesday, September 25	
1:16 a. m.	7:29 a. m.
1:36 p. m.	8:37 p. m.

Sport Fishing Shows An Encouraging Improvement

Fishing, both just off shore and in the gulf, has been tops this week despite east winds.

A lot of good catches have been made. Yesterday Frank L. Johnson, Dr. Ralph Holmes and Bill Johnson of Statesville were fishing off Bald Head island and brought in 136 large mackerel and blues. Monday the same party was out on the Sea Girl and brought in seven large barracuda and two dolphins.

Dr. Holmes and Bill Johnson went home last night but Frank Johnson will make a week of it.

Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Hutton and Mr. and Mrs. D. M. McComb of Hickory were also out on the gulf this week and made a good catch of barracuda, amberjack and dolphin.

Horace and Arthur Williamson and W. N. Peal of Chad-bourn, Carl Gunnerson and Crawford Rourke of Southport brought in 92-huge blues and mackerel Sunday. They made their strike off Bald Head and owing to the large size of the fish they had an interesting time of it.

Several other parties have been out, making fair to good catches of blues, mackerel and trout. Some have gone for blackfish, or tautogs, and made great catches. The general belief now is that Indian Summer is at last here, that the east winds are a thing of the past and good fishing is ahead for October and longer.

Several parties of sportsmen are booked for the gulf during the next week, among them F. P. Summers, pioneer in this fishing here. Doc Summers has made his boat reservations for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On one of his trips an expert photographer will probably be sent along to get some real action pictures of barracuda fishing.

W. B. & S. Depot Being Repaired

Work began this week on repairing the W. B. & S. railroad depot, which was badly damaged by the several weeks ago.

The front offices down stairs remain unchanged in their arrangement, but instead of this being two-story it will be converted into a single story building.

The old freight depot was completely destroyed by fire, and all for the construction of a new, but smaller one directly behind the offices.

This work is being done by railroad employees.