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State Committee Now Considering Weed Allotments

State Committee Expected To Complete Its Work On Tobacco Allotments Early This Week And Notify County Committee

TOTAL TOBACCO ACREAGE OF COUNTY

The 3,101.3 Acres Tobacco For Producing Tobacco

County committeemen have completed their work on 1941 acreage allotments for tobacco farmers of Brunswick county, and 3,101.3 acres is called for to fill the needs of farmers of this county, based upon the findings of committeemen. They have been forwarded to the state committee for their review and acceptance. It is expected that the state committee will complete its work on tobacco allotments early this week and notify the county committee of acceptance or rejection. In case of acceptance on the part of the state committee the tobacco allotments will immediately be mailed to individual growers covering the land which is covered under the worksheet serial number carried on the tobacco allotment, announces J. E. Dickson, county agent.

All farmers should keep in mind that the allotments cover only cultivated land shown for 1941 on their compliance for the farm covered under the worksheet on which the tobacco allotment is allotted, and when such farm is sold or any portion of the cultivated land comes in possession of another party or concern, then that part of the cultivated land carries its proportionate part of the tobacco allotment for the entire farm regardless of the fact that the farmer has not planted tobacco on that portion being sold or the portion being sold fails to contribute any part to the tobacco allotment.

In no case can a tobacco allotment be planted on any other farm except on the farm for which the allotment is actually made, unless a duly and properly authorized transfer is made by the county committee combining farms owned by the same farmer, which will allot the farm owning the two farms to plant the combined allotment on any part or portion of the combined farms.

Where a grower has two allotments and wishes to combine the two allotments in order to plant in a different manner other than on the farm for which the allotment was made, then the allotments must be combined by the county committee. If the allotments are not combined by the county committee and a grower plants other than on the farm on which the allotment is made, he will be considered as replanting his allotment on one farm and underplanting it on another.

All growers should bear in mind at the time of selling farms and buying farms that the man selling the farm does not have, under law, authority to divide the allotment in any manner other than on a proportionate basis as the allotment is of the cultivated

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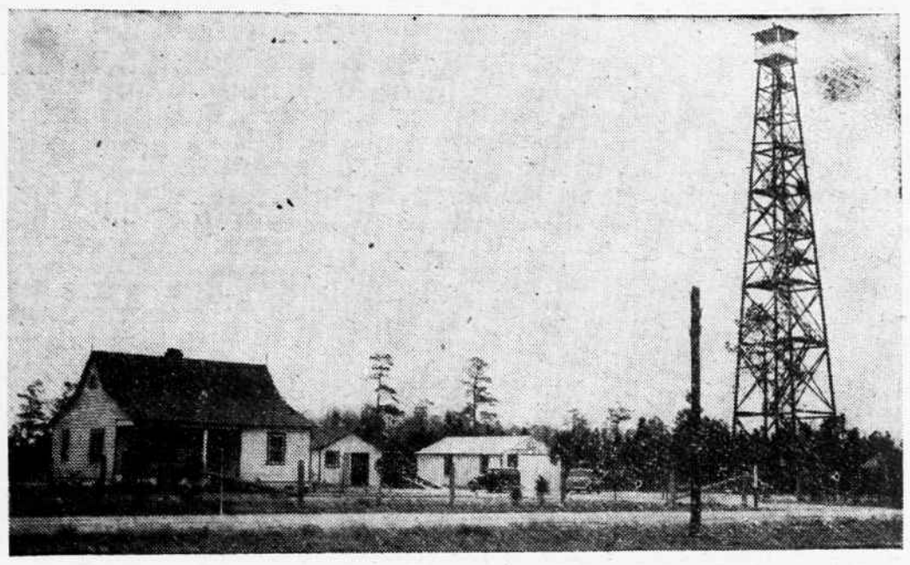
Stolen Auto Soon Located

Night after Christmas Sammy Oick, coast guardsman at Oak Island station, bought a new automobile and one of the first things he did was to caution his wife against leaving the keys in the car.

He hadn't had the new machine very long before he went down to the barbershop one night and went in for some work. When he came out, his car was gone. Highway patrol members and officers in adjoining counties were notified. Meanwhile, Dick Brendle, who had been staying home that night with Richard while his wife was down at the beauty parlor, decided upon her return that he'd go down town for a few minutes before bed time. No sooner was he outside than he returned. "Where's your car, Marjorie," he asked? "Right out there," she said. "Now I know our car isn't lost," insisted Oick.

And then it was that they discovered that Marjorie had come out of the beauty shop and climbed into the Oden car—same make and model as her own—and had driven home. There was a period of great rejoicing when the mix-up was straightened out and cars were returned to their rightful owners.

LOOKOUT STATION



Lonely Vigil By Towermen In Brunswick

By W. C. McCormick, Chief Forest Fire Control North Carolina Forest Service.

There had been no rain for several weeks, the autumn sun was hot, and what breeze was blowing was hot and dry. The vegetation on the ground, the leaves on the shrubs and trees were withered and dry. It was dangerous forest fire weather. If a fire started it would spread rapidly. The dried leaves, grass and other vegetation would flash up like powder. The Forest Wardens were uneasy.

Ebrun Russ, the Forest Fire Towerman at Riegel Station in the middle of Green Swamp, had been on top of the 125 foot tower from sun up. Russ knew that fire conditions were bad, that the swamp was "bone" dry and that a fire might spring up at any point within the 12 mile range of vision from the lookout tower. From his lofty post above the forest, he swung his gaze in a circle over the tree tops looking for a wisp of smoke that would indicate the beginning of a forest fire. As his eyes traveled to the southwest corner of the tower, looking in the general direction of Shallotte, he centered his gaze on one point. A small, thin, smoke like a white streamer was rising above the tree tops. His trained eyes immediately identified it as S-M-O-K-E.

After standing a second or two, with his hand shading his eyes, he reached for the tlephone hanging on the side of the map table, and called Dalton Edwards, at the Shallotte Tower:

"Dalton?, Russ at Riegel. I have just spotted a smoke which looks to be on the edge of the swamp. My azimuth reading is 185. Give me a reading from your tower so I can definitely locate the fire."

LOCATE FIRE

After sighting across his map Edwards replied:

'I can see it now. It's square between me and the sun, that is why I didn't see it sooner. My reading is 45. By checking your reading of 185 it would place it about a mile and a half off of the Makatoka-Supply road at the edge of this pocosin that lies northeast of my tower, pretty much at the head of the south fork of Juniper Creek. You can get into it from the Makatoka road and I'll call the ranger here

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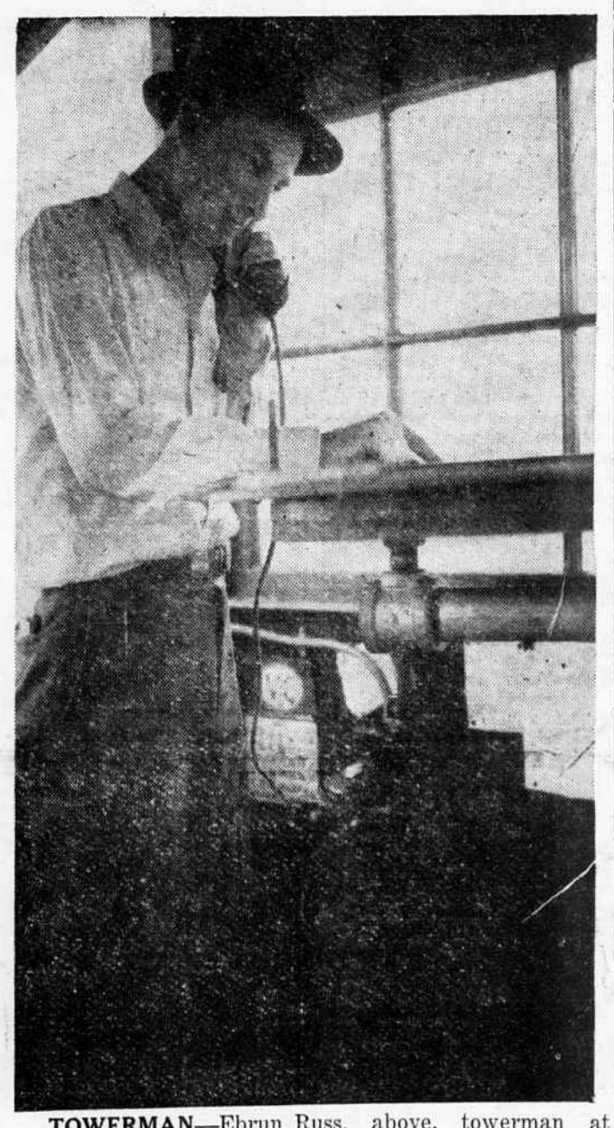

TOWERMAN—Ebrun Russ, above, towerman at Riegel fire tower, is shown talking to a forest warden in another section of the county over the telephone connected with his lookout station. The top photo shows the fire tower on the right, with the towerman's cottage and other buildings on the left.

Supply Woman Hurt In Wreck

Mrs. T. F. Cumbee of Supply was painfully but not seriously injured Friday afternoon in a wreck between Southport and midway when the car in which she was riding with her son and his wife and baby left the road and overturned

The wreck victims were assisted by passing motorists and Mrs. Cumbee was brought to the hospital by Chas. E. Gause of Southport. She was able to leave the hospital Tuesday.

Numerous Cases Before Recorder

Monday Was A Busy Day For Judge Walter M. Stanaland And Colleagues In County Court

In Recorder's Court here Monday Cleve Long, white, appeared before Judge Walter M. Stanaland with prayer for judgment in his case for being drunk and disorderly. Tried almost a year ago and given a 30-day suspended sentence upon payment of a fine of $25.00 and costs, he has commenced to serve his road sentence.

Charlie Inman, colored, was given 6 months on the roads for assault and forcible trespass.

He is the negro whom Rice Gwyn, Longwood business man, shot with a .410 guage gun after the man had entered the Gwyn home, and taken his wife, who was cooking there at the time, out and beating her. According to the evidence introduced, Gwyn fired upon the negro with the small calibre gun after he had refused to leave the premises as had been ordered by the owner. Gwyn, charged with assault with a deadly weapon, found that judgment had been with-held in his case.

W. G. Smith, white, pleaded guilty to charges of drunken driving and was given 4 months on the roads. Judgment was suspended upon payment of costs and a fine of $50.00. His license was revoked for 6 months.

The case against Tilghman Bowen, colored, for reckless operation was nol prossed at no cost to the county.

J. W. Parker, white, pleaded

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Keziah Resents Inference That He Has German Name

"Doggone it," said W. B. Keziah, "why the Sam Hill is some nut always asking me if I happen to be German? I don't know how they get the idea, unless there is something in the pronunciation that resembles the pronunciation of the name of former Kaiser Bill of Germany."

"The fact of the matter is that way back in Bible times, Job had three daughters, in addition to various other troubles, both great and small. One of these daughters was named Keziah, and she was kind of outstanding because of the name.

"Well, a good many years rolled by after the first lady Keziah, without further record of the name being entered on the books. Then in 1068 an English family followed the then general custom of looking around for a handle for the house. They had read of Job's troubles, especially the Lady Keziah. Then and there they adopted a family name and it was thus that the House of Keziah was born, or created whichever way you look at it.

"I don't know my precise relation to Job, unless it is by adoption. But it kind of seems to me that I inherited a lot of his troubles, along with the name of one of his daughters.

"Some several centuries passed by after my English forebearers adopted the name of Keziah. Meanwhile Scotch and Irish blood was grafted into the family tree. I have inherited the canniness of the Scott, the ugliness of the Irish and the stubbornness of the English. The combination suits me

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REA Membership Meeting To Be All-Day Affair

Interesting Program Of Entertainment In Planned And Business Session Of Importance To All Is Scheduled

FREE BARBECUE DINNER AT NOON

No Pains Spared In Attempt To Make This An Event That All Members Will Be Anxious To Attend

The annual meeting of members of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation to be held at Waccamaw school in Brunswick county Saturday is to be an all-day affair that will provide plenty of fun and entertainment for all who attend.

In addition to business features and an address by R. M. Billhimer, REA representative, there will be a free barbecue dinner at noon, free prizes, a demonstration of electrical appliances and a basketball game.

Following is a copy of the program which has been sent out by Superintendent E. D. Bishop to every member of the corporation: 10:00—Music; invocation, Z. G. Ray; 10:10—welcome, C. P. Willetts, president; 10:15—reading of notice of meeting and proof of mailing; reading of unapproved minutes; 10:25—reports of officers:—T. T. Ward, secretary-treasurer, E. D. Bishop, superintendent; 11:00—introduction of nominees for board of directors, R. B. Mallard; 11:10—election and balloting; 11:30—music; 11:35—Address, R. M. Billhimer, R. E. A. Representative; announcements; 12:00—barbecue dinner; 1:30—music; 1:35—appliance demonstration by Miss Mary Lokey, R. E. A. Representative: 2:00—drawing for prizes; 2:15—announcement of newly elected directors; 2:30—basketball game; 4:00—adjournment.

Boy Fights To Save Local Lady

Little Billie Odin Used Principles Of First Aid Trying To Prevent Fatal Injury Of Mrs. Potter

If 10-year-old Billie Odin had not met with such determined resistance from Mrs. Mary E. Potter as he sought to extinguish flames that were burning her clothing from her body Saturday afternoon he might have been able to save her life.

This young man, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sammie Odin of Southport, was alone with Mrs. Potter in her home at the time she caught fire. When he learned of her plight, he rushed to her with a blanket, ready to smother the flames. Frantic with pain and fright, the elderly victim fought off the child repeatedly before he was able to wrap her up and stop the burning.

Continuing his level-headed application of first aid principles, Billie stirpped most of the burned clothing from the body before he summoned aid. Later it was learned that he was manfully putting into practice lessons in first aid that had been taught him in school.

Mrs. Potter died early Sunday morning at Dosher Memorial Hos-

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Tobacco Farmers Meeting Tuesday

Specialists Will Attend Meeting At State College To Tell How To Produce Better Tobacco This Season

Owing to the fact that the outlook for tobacco prices in 1941 are not so bright, farmers should make a special effort to produce a crop of good quality tobacco this year and a county-wide tobacco meeting will be held at the Shallotte school on Tuesday night, January 21st, at 7:30 o'clock.

For this meeting three men from State College will be present. Each man is a specialist in his line of work. They will discuss tobacco diseases, tobacco insects; and Mr. Weeks, who is tobacco specialist, will discuss the fertilization, cultivation, grading, and all phases of tobacco growing. These men will probably have a motion picture machine with them so as to show pictures.

County agent J. E. Dodsin says, "I think it will be worth tobacco farmers' time to attend this meet."

Local Bank Made 6,900 Loans In First Six Months Of 1940

Report Is A Part Of Semi-Annual Survey Designed To Show The American Public Activity Of Banks

The Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co. made more than 6,900 loans totaling more than $2,750,000.00 to firms and individuals from it's eight offices during the first six months of 1940 according to a statement by Prince O'Brien, cashier of the local bank.

The bank reports that between January 1 and June 30, 1940 it made:

3,517 new loans totaling $1,001,211.70
2,973 renewals of loans totaling 1,522,163.79
416 new mortgage loans totaling 237,797.52

This report is a part of the semi-annual survey of bank lending activity designed to show the American public that it's commercial banks are meeting reasonable demands for current credit.

The new loans averaged $285.00 and the average renewal was for $510.00. In size these loans ranged from $10.00 to over $10,000.

About 55% of the total of these loans or more than $1,500,000.00 was loaned directly to farmers and much of the balance of this credit was extended to firms who finance farming operations.

This nation-wide survey made by the American Bankers Association reveals that fifty-four percent of North Carolina's 196 commercial banks made 277,000 loans totaling $269,000,000.00 during the first half of 1940. For the whole country less than one-half the commercial banks report over thirty million credit transactions amounting to more than twenty billions of dollars.

Play Begins Tuesday In Basketball Championship

Two Double-Headers Are Scheduled for First Night Of Play, With Games At Southport And Shallotte

KEEN COMPETITION IS IN PROSPECT

Looks Now Like Leland Boys And Bolivia Lassies May Have Inside Track In County

The event to which a majority of the high school boys and girls of Brunswick county have been looking forward to for weeks gets underway Tuesday night of next week with basketball double-headers involving four of the five consolidated schools.

In opening games Southport plays host to the lads and lassies of Waccamaw while Shallotte and Leland meet at Shallotte in another double bill. Bolivia teams drew a bye for opening round games.

Picking favorites for a Brunswick county basketball race always is a risky business, for many developments are possible during the course of a season. Right now it looks like the Leland boys are entitled to the role of favorites, with the dark-horse Shallotte team that won last year's tournament play also in the running. Bolivia doesn't figure to be as strong as last year, and Waccamaw promises to be about the same. Southport, without a league victory during the past two years, hopes to climb off the bottom of the ladder this season.

From force of habit its a good idea to say that Bolivia girls will be at or about the top of the championship flight when the season ends. Waccamaw and Shallotte probably will offer bitter dispute to any championship aspirations, and Leland and Southport also may get in a few licks in their own behalf before tournament time.

Store In County Burned Sunday

The store owned and operated by H. S. Ward at Hickman's Cross Roads in this county was burned to the ground Sunday night.

Not only the building, but the stock as well, was burned. The loss was partially covered by insurance.

First Fish Of Season Caught

An early season freshwater fishing story comes from Postmaster L. T. Yaskell, who brought in a big-mouth bass weighing 5 pounds 8 ounces Monday afternoon. The fish and weight are vouched for.

What preceded the catch is the Postmaster's own story. It was:

He was not expecting the fish to be striking and he was casting only for pleasure and practice from the banks of a small lake between Southport and Orton. A huge bass rose and struck so suddenly and viciously it snatched the rod and reel out of his unsuspecting hands. He avers he waded out (and he had wet pants to prove it) and retrieved his property. The big fellow had got away, but a short time later he was hooked and landed during a return engagement.

Congressmen To Receive Folders

Supply Of Brunswick County Folders Are Mailed By W. B. Keziah To Be Distributed To Congressmen

Congressman J. Bayard Clark and his secretary, M. J. Shuffler, are both very much pleased with the Brunswick county folder, now being distributed by the Chamber of Commerce at Southport. At Mr. Clark's request, Mr. Shuffler wrote for at least five hundred copies to be presented to the members of Congress with the compliments of the people of Brunswick county.

The requested number and a few more have already been sent. Distributed through such a source at the National Capital, they should be of wonderful advertising value to Brunswick county.

In an earlier letter Mr. Shuffler stated that congressmen were always on the alert for anything interesting pertaining to any section of their district and that they brought such things to the attention of fellow lawmakers. He asked for something to be sent him applicable to Brunswick county towards which he was

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Maybe He Should Have Shot His Dog And Kept The Cat

A local bird hunter who shot a predatory cat in the woods one afternoon last week concluded that maybe he would have done better to have shot his dog and kept the cat.

But that's getting ahead of the story.

A couple of years ago when there was some little discussion throughout the state relative to the scarcity of quail, W. B. Keziah wrote State Game Commissioner J. D. Chalk a lengthy epistle in which he ascribed the cause for the diminishing supply of game birds to the ever increasing number of roving cats.

"Just why some people who shrink in horror from the thought of killing a litter of kittens will bundle up these same kittens and turn them loose out in the woods is a mystery to me", wrote Keziah to Mr. Chalk. "There's no doubt about it", he stated, "the predatory housecat is responsible for the tremendous shortage of quail."

It is significant that within a short time a number of large placards prepared by the state department for distribution throughout North Carolina bore the picture of a cat, and the wording "The Birds' Worst Enemy".

The afore-mentioned local hunter was one of a Southport group who blamed foxes for the shortage of quail. But when he spied a black cat stalking something about fifty yards up a sand road from him he remembered the admonitions of Keziah and blazed away at the animal, which was more than two miles from the nearest house.

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Wilmington Man Suggests Three Lane Highway

Hugh McRae, Who Owns Considerable Property In Brunswick And Who Is Interested In Section, Makes Suggestion

WRITES ABOUT THE RIVER ROAD

Says That Great Area For Industrial Expansion Will Be Opened Up Along River Front

This week the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce had a suggestion that one of the first and best things to help Brunswick county would be a three-lane hard surface highway down the river between Wilmington and Southport.

It was stated that such a road would open the whole west side of the Cape Fear River from Navassa to Southport to manufacturing industries needing deep water. And it has also been suggested that such a road may be needed in the future in furtherance of the governments activities for National Defense.

The suggestion came from Hugh MacRae, colonization expert of Wilmington. Mr. MacRae has become nationally known during the past few years for his success in developing real estate for both farming and industry. In a letter to W. B. Keziah of the local Chamber of Commerce Monday, Mr. MacRae stated he would be glad to do what he could to influence industries and other undertakings in utilizing the resources of Brunswick county.

Both Churchill Bragaw of Orton Plantation, a director of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Keziah have been earnest advocates of a hard surface River Road for the past three years. However, neither of them had such a thing as a three lane road in mind unless it has been quite recently.

Last week, with National Defense activities here very much in mind, Mr. Keziah wrote the newly organized Brunswick county defense committee and suggested that one of the greatest possibilities for good by the committee was in urging immediate surveying and early construction work on the River Road.

Bragaw Heads Civic Group

Succeeds L. T. Yaskell As President Of Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce

A meeting of the board of directors of the Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce was held Monday night and Churchill Bragaw, manager of Orton Plantation, was named to succeed L. T. Yaskell as president.

Other changes in the official family of the organization include turning over duties of treasurer to W. B. Keziah, in addition to his present duties as executive secretary.

Tentative plans were made for a supper at which Hugh McRae of Wilmington will be asked to speak for a few minutes to a representative group of Southport business men.

Other projects were taken under advisement, to be discussed more fully at a later meeting of the board.

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, December 26	
5:21 a. m.	11:40 a. m.
5:43 p. m.	11:53 p. m.
Friday, December 27	
6:12 a. m.	.....
6:34 p. m.	12:34 p. m.
Saturday, December 28	
7:00 a. m.	0:46 a. m.
7:21 p. m.	1:26 p. m.
Sunday, December 29	
7:45 a. m.	1:38 a. m.
8:07 p. m.	2:15 p. m.
Monday, December 30	
8:30 a. m.	2:26 a. m.
8:52 p. m.	3:00 p. m.
Tuesday, December 31	
9:14 a. m.	3:12 a. m.
9:37 p. m.	3:42 p. m.
Wednesday, January 1	
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