

Hold Session January Second

Records Court Will Be Held Wednesday Instead Of Monday Of Next Week, Judge Announces

There will be no session of the Brunswick County Records Court next Monday. A substitute session will be held Wednesday, January 2, according to announcement of Judge John B. Ward, at the week's session.

This week saw another small number of cases up in the court disposition. The Minute Book shows the following cases: Shelton C. Gore, non support, referred to superior court, \$200.00.

Robert Stanley, public drunkness, continued to January 2nd. L. Baldwin, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

First Full Freeze Came On Monday

Snow But Temperature Hovered Around 20 Above Zero And Ground Was Well Frozen

No snow yet fallen, Brunswick county experienced its first freeze Monday, with the temperature said to have been below 20 degrees above zero. The ground was frozen and ice, a quarter of an inch thick, had formed in various places.

Tax Listers Met Here Monday

Workers Were Given Supplies And Instructions To Begin Work First Week In January

Brunswick county tax listers from the various townships met Monday with Tax Collector P. Jorgensen, who is to supervise the work. They were given their books, listing blanks, and instructed to begin their listing of taxes the first week in January.

Brief News Flashes

DOCK FERMIE
The U. S. Army Engineers have been granted an open pile timber pier on the north side of the Waterway at the entrance to the Tenth Basin. Plans may be completed at the Engineers office at the port of Brunswick.

Labor Leaders Talk To Press



DETROIT, MICH.—(Soundphoto.)—R. C. Thomas, president and Walter Reuther, vice-president of the U.A.W. talk to newsmen after meeting with the General Motors management at the General Motors building here.

Brunswick Stand Second In Victory Loan Drive

Is One Of Five North Carolina Counties Exceeding Bond Sales Quotas In The Recent Drive

EXCEEDED QUOTA BY THIRTY PER CENT

Brunswick people naturally proud of fine showing made in the drive, credit to officials

The Victory Loan Bulletin, issued on December 11th and carrying the report of the Federal Reserve Bank at the close of business on December 8th, listed 5 star counties as exceeding their quotas in the Victory Loan drive. Of these 5 counties, Brunswick stood second highest with its percentage of bond sales, based on quotas.

Polk county had the lead, selling 152 per cent of its quota; Brunswick was second with 130 per cent; Alleghany was third with 104 per cent; Cabarrus and Yadkin both went over the top with 101 per cent each.

E-Bonds may still be bought and credited to the above percentages until December 31. It is expected that quite a number of counties that failed to make their quotas will come out on top in the January I report of sales. No further figures on sales will be released until that time.

Hunting Coons In The Day-Time

Winnabow Nimrods Having More Fun Hunting Coons In Daytime Than At Night

Charles Sellers and C. W. (Slim) Osborn, of Winnabow, have gone into the daytime coon hunting business, despite the fact that coon hunting has always been regarded as a nocturnal pursuit. The Winnabow men claim that not only is there much more fun hunting coons in the daytime, they catch more that way than they do when they venture out on a night expedition.

President Loses Labor Legislation Battle; Parleys Go Into Recess

WASHINGTON—The administration lost its race yesterday to get passage of new labor legislation before start of a scheduled steel strike Jan. 14.

Our Wish For Christmas

Humanity's hope and civilization's cry for a brave, new world is perennially strengthened by the light that shines from the eyes of children as they stand in the presence of their Christmas idol — Santa Claus.

The wonder of these faces unfolds mankind's greatest lessons. For here is faith resplendent in its simplicity. Here is unselfishness, unadorned. Here is devotion, unalterable. Here is goodness, in its glory. The magic of this light shines outward from the world of childhood onto the pathways of our adult world—pathways sometimes darkened.

This light can pierce that darkness. And again this year, these eyes will shine, these faces glow. Let these rays be cast on us and warm us. Warm our hearts. Kindle the spark. Light the way. For great things are all cradled in the land of simplicity and faith—the land of a childish face. And peace in the world is the great thing in our hearts this Christmas. And lasting peace must spring from those basic truths that generate this light that shines in the eyes of children. That those who lead the world out of a period of darkness will gaze this Yuletide into the faces of little children—and gazing catch the spark—is the Christmas wish and message of this newspaper. We know too, that it is the Christmas wish and message of this community. "Peace on earth, good will toward men."

Local Investigation Of Old Charleston Earthquake

Oil Company's Geologists Looking Into The Matter Of Dead Fish That Piled Up On Brunswick Coast

OLD PEOPLE REMEMBER EARTHQUAKE OF 1888

Now Said That Oil Released By Shakes Was Responsible For Fish In This Area

It will surprise a lot of people to learn that the effects of the Charleston earthquake, which occurred about 58 years ago, in 1888, have been under investigation this week.

The earthquake of 1888 was called the Charleston earthquake because of the fact that the center of the earth's disturbance was felt at that place. It is understood that much damage resulted and a number of people were killed in Charleston. The shocks extended for hundreds of miles from that point in all directions.

On the coast of Brunswick the most notable effect of the earthquake, according to old residents of vast numbers of dead fish, washed ashore at Shallotte Village, Lockwood's Folly Inlet, the mouth of the Cape Fear at Southport and all along the coast of Brunswick.

It has never been explained what killed these fish. Earthquake fatalities are generally confined to falling walls, trees, tidal waves, etc. The two men who were in Brunswick last week asking about the dead fish, were geologists in the research department of one of the major oil companies. Their visits along the coast of Brunswick were to interview old people who remembered the earthquake and what followed. In short, they wanted to know if dead fish were found along the coast of Brunswick county following the earthquake. It is understood that their inquiries, last several days, resulted in their being completely satisfied regarding the dead fish.

Farmers Helped By AAA Program

Nearly \$14,000 More Allocated To Assist Brunswick County Farmers In 1946 Than In 1945

Farmers will have more leeway under the 1946 Agricultural Conservation Program in choosing the practices they want to carry out on their farms, C. O. Bennett, Chairman of the AAA County Committee, said today. This year, program funds will be allocated to counties as well as to states, and it will be up to farmers and local AAA committees to get all the conservation they can for the money they have available.

Mr. Bennett said that \$37,551 has been allocated to assist Brunswick County farmers to carry out practices under the 1946 ACP program. About \$25,500 will be expended to assist county farmers under the 1945 program. He pointed out that several important changes have been made in the 1946 program. One change is that no farm allowance will be established this year. Another one is that, to earn payments, practices to be completed under the program must have the prior approval of the county committee.

As in other years, AAA committees will help each farmer plan the program for his farm. From a list of practices approved for Brunswick County, the farmer may choose those which his farm needs. In approving plans, county committees will give consideration to the needs of all farms in the county in line with the amount of conservation money available to the county.

Contact Office Doing Fine Work

Large Number Of Veterans Calling At Wilmington Veterans Administration Office For Information

The increased volume of work to be accomplished in Brunswick County has necessitated authorization for the Wilmington Contact Office of the U. S. Veterans Administration to increase its work week basis from 44 to 48 hours, Robert S. Matthews, Jr., Contact Representative, said today.

The office will now remain open until 5 o'clock Saturdays, instead of closing at 12:30 o'clock as formerly, in order to comply with orders from regional headquarters office in Fayetteville. A total of 405 veterans from New Hanover, Columbus, Brunswick, Pender, and adjoining counties called at the office during the first month of the operation for information on and initiation of 109 claims for various federal benefits.

Veterans coming in are interested mostly in jobs, a loan for a home, farm, or business, education and training, and matters pertaining to the reinstatement or conversion of their government insurance to one of the three permanent plans. Veterans are also seeking full information on such subjects as readjustment allowances, pension, compensation, medical treatment, hospital and domiciliary care, burial and funeral expenses, vocational rehabilitation, and related benefits.

Main objective of Wilmington's contact office is to promote the prompt and efficient processing and adjudication of claims by advising and counseling with claimants, beneficiaries, and their representatives throughout Southeastern North Carolina.

Saw Plenty Of Hog Killings

Farmers Were Busy Butchering Hogs Everywhere In Brunswick County On Monday Morning

People coming to Southport Monday report seeing farmers everywhere engaged in the cold weather occupation of butchering hogs. Apparently they had been waiting for real cold weather to come along. When it came they were not slow to take advantage of the opportunity to put away a supply of fresh meat.

Among those mentioning hog killing during the day was D. B. Edwards of the Freeland community. He said that on his way to town he saw eight big hogs already hung up and receiving the finishing process of cleaning at the farm of T. G. Watts. At Bill White's three more big hogs were seen hanging and at almost every house he passed he saw the fires where water was being heated for scalding the porkers.

Asked about his own hog killing, Mr. Edwards said he planned to kill nine hogs this week. County Commissioner O. P. Bellamy said that one of his tenants was killing five Monday.



W. B. KEZIAH

Our ROVING Reporter

For a long time we have been thinking that there must be a lot of people in Brunswick county who have ideas that would be of general value if they were passed on. This being the case, we are asking our friends to do us a favor. Sit down and write us of the thing that you think are most needed in your community and county. Please don't write of impractical things, write of the things that are possible and which will be of general good, if they can be obtained. If you have any ideas how to go about getting the things that you think will be helpful, tell us how in your letter. Don't write personalities or politics. Write of something helpful and how to get it, if you know how. If you don't know how to get it, write about the thing anyway. If your handwriting happens to be bad, don't let that fact worry you. Most of the best ideas in the world originally came out in the roughest and had to be worked on before they became perfect.

In a personal letter this week J. Hammond Brown, Outdoor Editor of the Baltimore News Post, and also president of the Outdoor Writers Association of America, said, "Now that the times are more nearly normal I am hoping that we shall be seeing more of each other down Southport way." This personal message from "Brownie" reminds us that in a recent issue of Outdoors Unlimited he credited us with a wall. He wrote: "In a recent issue of the State Port Pilot Bill Keziah bemoans the fact that with plenty of game fish on the Fishing Pan Shoals and with hundreds and hundreds of sportsmen-anglers yelling for accommodations at the port, he has to ignore them not to come running this year. But he promises a new lodge, hotel, next year (maybe) and plenty of boats and guides (sure). He wants a tank (Continued on Page 3)

Former Resident Dies At New Bern

Native Of Southport Passes After Very Useful Life Spent At New Bern

Bryant M. Potter, brother of John F. Potter and Mrs. George Ruark of Southport, and of Roy Potter, of Key West, Fla., died last week. In addition to the brothers and sisters, Mr. Potter is survived by his wife, Mrs. Eloise Davenport Potter, of New Bern. A dispatch from New Bern, N. C. on December 13 gave the following account of his death:

"Bryant M. Potter, 55, local civil engineer and former city alderman, died early Wednesday morning in Duke hospital at Durham, following ill health and three operations which covered a period of more than a year and a half. The body arrived here Wednesday night for funeral and interment.

A native of Southport, where he was born Oct. 16, 1890, Mr. Potter was a graduate of State College, Raleigh. He had been living here as a civil engineer and surveyor for 32 years. Some years ago he supervised drainage work at Mattamuskeet Lake. Recently he had completed a new official map of New Bern, with all houses renumbered under a modern plan.

For 25 years he had been scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 13, which produced 82 Eagle Scouts. (Continued on Page 4)

Short Holiday For Officials

County Offices Will Be Closed For Only Monday And Tuesday Of Next Week To Celebrate Christmas

County offices will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24-25, for the two days only, in order that the officials may celebrate Christmas. Orders to this effect were passed by the board of county commissioners while in session Monday. The order also applies to the Recorder's court and Judge Ward will hold next week's session on Wednesday instead of the regular Monday.

Jury List For January Court

Grand Jury Will Be Selected From Names Drawn Monday For The January Term Of Superior Court

Forty eight men to serve as jurors at the January term of superior court were drawn by the board of commissioners Monday. From this number a grand jury will be selected at the January term, the grand jury to serve throughout the year 1946.

Glenn Pigott, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Pigott, of Southport, drew the jury tickets and handed them to Sheriff Willett, as is customary. The sheriff, in turn, passed each one around among the members of the board, Clerk of Court Sam T. Bennett and Register of Deeds Amos J. Walton. Mr. Walton serves as clerk ex officio to the board.

Following is the list as drawn: R. B. Ward, Ash; W. N. Mintz, Leland; R. C. Holmes, Leland; (Continued on Page Four)

Weather Stops Southport High

Students Get Extra Week In Their Holidays Owing To Bad Weather And Sickness

Bad weather last week and a great many cases of colds, said to be of a mild nature, resulted in the Southport school closing Friday at noon. It will not reopen until Monday, December 31, at which time all other schools in the county are also scheduled to reopen after the Christmas holidays. (Continued on Page 3)

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WASHINGTON—Impatience within the Pearl Harbor committee over the time being consumed in its investigation flared up today in a threat by Chairman Barkley (D-Ky) to resign and request by the committee's legal staff of four to be released.

MOSCOW—Unable to locate the Soviet capital for more than an hour because of a howling blizzard, the plane carrying U. S. Secretary of State James F. Byrnes to the three-point Foreign Ministers' meeting landed at the Central Airports today just before dark.

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