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No. 1 Death Spot

Jackies Creek bridge on Route 17 is now admittedly the number one death spot for motorists in Brunswick county. This distinction was formerly held by the curve on 74 at Leland, before the highway commission eliminated the curve.

The question of the moment is how long it will take the State Highway Commission to decide on eliminating the present yearly loss of life at Jackies Creek by replacing the present small and narrow bridge with a wider one, over which two vehicles may pass.

Inasmuch as the stream is only a branch the cost of a wider bridge will not be heavy, certainly not too heavy to justify the saving of an average of more than two lives each year.

As an illustration of the saving that might be made by having a wider bridge at Jackies Creek, we are quoting a couple of questions and answers from State Highway Patrolman R. E. Sherill, who is stationed in Wilmington:

Q:—How long have you been stationed in Wilmington?

A:—“Five years.”

Q:—How many people have been killed in wrecks at Jackies Creek bridge in that time?

A:—“I recall 12 deaths in those five years.”

Since the above interview the death of Onzie Todd, Saturday night, makes the five year record at Jackies Creek thirteen.

Planning Survey

An effort will be made this week to induce the county commissioners and interested organizations to sponsor a survey of the resources of Brunswick county. Such a work, if all communities are to have a full going over, would take at least a month of steady work.

The purpose would be to get some concrete ideas of what every section of the county has in the way of development possibilities, whether it be in farming, business, industry or undeveloped tourist attractions.

With such information at hand inquiries coming through the State Planning Board or other agencies could be easily handled. The parties making the inquiries could be quickly advised of the communities in which farm lands or other lands that would meet their needs are available. Parties seeking location for business or specific industries could also be advised of the communities and some one to contact for what they want. Much work also needs to be done in order that tourists and summer vacationists can be quickly advised of the points where they may obtain accommodations. The possibilities from having such a survey are almost unlimited.

Good Production

In four months preceding Christmas, four of the big shrimp boats forming the fleet of a local producer brought in \$52,000.00 worth of shrimp and fish. This was an average of \$13,000.00 per boat.

Some of the boats were operated by two men, but usually they had three. The boat owner furnishes the boat and rig, and he takes half the proceeds of the catch. The fisherman take the other half. Whether the boats had two or three men, \$6,500.00 to be divided among the men was pretty good returns for four months work.

From the standpoint of the producer owning the boat the returns were just as good, if not better. He had money invested, but he got good returns on his investment.

Using low cost fuel oil, the large boats are supposed to be cheaper in operation than the smaller gasoline propelled craft. In addition there is a much greater element of safety arising out of the use of larger boats and the elimination of explosive gas. The big boats undoubtedly stand more and

cheaper production.

Little Similarity

People persist in comparing the present era with that following the first World War. Actually there is very little to compare and the sooner this is realized, the sooner the country can approach problems as they exist today, particularly in the field of taxation and government debt. In the latter, the comment of the president of a large life insurance company is significant:

“At the end of the first war, the Federal debt had, it is true, risen to what then seemed staggering figures—from roughly one billion in 1916 to 25 billions in 1919. Large as this total was, it still was not of overpowering significance as compared with other forms of debt, for it represented less than one-fifth of the total of all forms of public and private debt of the country.”

“By contrast, at the end of the Victory Drive in 1945 the Federal debt was approximately 280 billions. Accustomed as we are to huge fires, it is almost impossible to understand the full implications of this enormous Federal debt. We are in the forest and cannot see over the trees—but we do know that government debt is now over twice as large as all other forms of debt combined, including state and municipal obligations.”

“Here is another significant comparison: In 1919 the U. S. government debt was only about one-third the size of all the bonds, notes and mortgages of industry, farms and real estate. Today the Federal debt, instead of being only one-third, is almost three times the size of all forms of private debt.”

Let The Soldiers Know

A soldier landing in the United States from the South Pacific, after getting his discharge, found thousands of men waiting at the demobilization center to get on trains. It was hard for men who had been away from home two, three and four years or longer, to understand why railroad cars were not immediately available. Most of them did not know that during the whole war period railroads were prohibited from buying any new equipment. They did not know that staggering war load which surpassed any transportation job in history was moved much faster and with fewer cars and engines than was the transportation load during and after the first World War.

Few of the men knew that when the railroads were permitted to place orders for troop-carrying cars after this war ended, strikes held up deliveries. Neither did the men know that for such troop-carrying cars as the railroads have been able to get, strikes delayed the supplying of beds and equipment.

It is only fair to state that many of the causes which delay the movement of returning veterans are entirely beyond the control of the railroads.

In November, troop movements across our country totaled 1,300,000, with the number expected to increase. The railroads had to provide 97 per cent of all transportation for military personnel traveling under orders. Their biggest job is getting our soldiers and sailors back home. They hope that when congestion occurs, those who are inconvenienced will understand some of the reasons responsible for delays. And last but not least, the American people, including the families of our armed forces, are demanding traveling space as never before, which often adds to the problem of handling returning veterans promptly.

Italian Women Watching—

Election results in Austria are being carefully studied by those interested in knowing whether Italy will go to the right or to the left in the national election next spring. The victory of the conservative People's Party in Austria was due chiefly to women voters, who were exercising their franchise for the first time. The same situation prevails in Italy, where women soon will vote under a newly granted franchise. Pope Pius XII recently stated that it is a woman's duty to vote, a pronouncement expected to bring to the polls hundreds of thousands of Italian women who otherwise might not have voted. These women can be expected to support conservative candidates, since the more active feminine political partisans are member of Leftists organizations.

When a wicked minority wins, it is always because the righteous split up into jealous, quarrelsome factions.

SHOTGUN CASE TO SUPERIOR COURT

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\$20.00 and paying costs of case.
D. T. Long, assault with deadly weapon, motion for Jury trial and defendant placed under \$200.00 justified bond for appearance at Superior Court. Mr. Long, who was the defendant in a murder trial last year, is charged with shooting at Chandler Rourke with a shotgun. Both men are white residents of Shallotte.

F. C. Platt, drunk on highway, judgment suspended on payment of \$10.00 fine and costs.

R. L. Thompson, Sr., allowing dog to run at large, nol pros.
D. T. Long, larceny, motion for Jury trial, defendant placed under \$200.00 justified bond for appearance at Superior Court.

Floyd Hutchinson, non support, continued to February 18th.

James Fullwood, reckless operation and improper brakes, judgment suspended on payment of a \$150.00 fine, remitted upon condition that defendant make restitution to Willie Clemmons in the sum of 150.00 and pay costs of case.

E. P. Best, Jr., speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.
Clifford King, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

W. H. Leonard, drunk driving and transporting, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs.

Sydney L. Neal, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs.

William T. Hair, drunk driving, called and failed, capias issued.

John L. Zandy, drunk on highway, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Wilbert Hill, public drunkenness, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

ROUTINE MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

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way Commission, which is supposed to look after such roads as have been taken over.

The board, in addition to handling the tax matters, read and ordered the filing of the report on the General Fund. Two or three aged residents of the county were placed on the inability list and a telephone was ordered placed in the county home.

OUTLINES ENNDs OF EXUM SECTION

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and would appreciate some information.

“Apart from the drainage the next need of our community is to have at least one hard surface road through here. The generally approved route would be from Old Dock in Columbus county, by way of Exum, to the Tom Clemmons place, or Supply. This would give us an outlet to our markets. At present all of our roads are bad and our school is effected by it.”

“Five dirt roads lead into Exum and people who have to travel now and use dirt roads can easily see that we need at least one hard surface road. Will some one please inform the writer how to get our State Highway Officials to open their eyes, look into our condition and give us a hard surface road through Exum?”

“It will pay our community, it will pay our county and will pay the State Highway Commission through not having so much and heavily used dirt roads to maintain through a fine farming section.”

D. BERT EDWARDS.”

THIRTEEN LIVES LOST IN 5 YEARS JACKIES CREEK

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well after dark. Eddie Land, of Supply, arrived at the bridge travelling west in a truck. Acquainted with the narrow bridge he drew to one side of the road and parked his machine to allow a pulpwood truck, driven by a Wilmington negro, to cross. While Land was thus parked a Myrtle Beach car, owned and allegedly driven by James Johnson, crashed into the rear of his truck, knocking it into the oncoming pulpwood truck. The Todds were passengers in the Johnson car and the younger one was killed instantly.

ANNUAL MEETING OF REA IS SET

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for our operations and for which funds have been allotted and plans and specifications are approved,” Mr. Bishop said. “It is the primary aim of the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation to furnish central station electric service to every rural home that wants it, and the farmer who lives up a back road is just as much entitled to service as the man who lives in a thickly populated area.”

The annual meeting will feature reports on the past year of co-operations and a discussion of prospects for the coming year. Directors will be elected to serve until the next annual meeting.

ASK FOR PERMIT FOR CONSTRUCTION

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Frank M. Niernsee.
It is understood that in addition to operating the railway Mes-

sers Downing and Swan plan the operation of a shrimp house on the dock. Recent statements indicate that they plan the beginning of construction work on the project early in February.

As usual in such matters, the Engineers office is advising that any objectives to such work will be received until the 17th of January. Plans for the work are on file at the Engineer office and at the Post Office here in Southport.

TWO BAD FIRES NEAR SHALLOTTE

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ings and seventeen hundred dollars in cash, that they had in the building, was also burned. There was no insurance on either house or furnishings. The fire is said to have started from an oil heater, being used to warm a bathroom.

CLUBS TO AID COLLECTIONS

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and attach it to the garment or garments which they donate. This letter will be given to the person receiving the garments and will permit them to write letters of thanks to the donors. Many interesting letters have been received already.

Miss McLamb asks the public to donate usable garments with buttons and fasteners and to remember that the people who receive the clothing cannot wear worn out garments. A list of the things desired and which will be useful, is as follows: Clothing for children, women, men and infants; coats, suits, trousers, skirts, dresses, shirts, sweaters, knitwear, underwear, pajamas, night gowns, shoes, overshoes, blankets, bedding and piece goods.

W. B. & S. BUS LINES, Inc.

SCHEDULES

Leave Southport	Arrive Wilmington	Leave Wilmington	Arrive Southport
7:00 A. M.	8:30 A. M.	7:00 A. M.	8:30 A. M.
9:00 A. M.	10:30 A. M.	9:30 A. M.	11:00 A. M.
1:30 P. M.	2:30 P. M.	1:35 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	4:00 P. M.	5:30 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	6:20 P. M.	7:45 P. M.
		10:00 P. M.	11:20 P. M.

Daily—Except Sunday

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7:30 A. M.	8:50 A. M.	9:00 A. M.	10:20 A. M.
10:45 A. M.	12:15 P. M.	1:35 P. M.	3:00 P. M.
4:00 P. M.	5:30 P. M.	6:20 P. M.	7:45 P. M.
6:00 P. M.	7:30 P. M.	10:00 P. M.	11:20 P. M.

NOTICE NOTICE

SECOND CALL FOR TAXES

I will be at the places cited below at the time designated for the purpose of collecting taxes. No penalty on 1945 taxes if paid on or before February 2nd.

PAY NOW AND SAVE COST

Exum—Vereen's Store, Jan. 29th	10:30 to 11:30 A. M.
Freeland—Simmons' Store, Jan. 29th	11:45 to 12:15 P. M.
L. C. Babson's Store, Jan. 29th	12:20 to 12:50 P. M.
Ash—Post Office, Jan. 29th	1:15 to 1:45 P. M.
Longwood—January 29th	2:00 to 2:30 P. M.
Hickman's Cross Roads, Jan. 29th	2:45 to 3:15 P. M.
Thomasboro, Jan. 29th	3:20 to 3:50 P. M.
Grissett Town, Jan. 29th	4:00 to 4:30 P. M.
North West—L. C. McKoy's Store, Jan. 31st	10:45 to 11:30 A. M.
North West—Mrs. A. M. Chinnis' Store, Jan. 31st	12:00 to 12:45 P. M.
Leland Post Office, Jan. 31st	1:00 to 1:30 P. M.
Navassa—Lewis' Store, Jan. 31st	1:45 to 2:30 P. M.
Winnabow—Henry's Store, Jan. 31st	3:00 to 3:45 P. M.
Bolivia—Leonard's Store, Jan. 31st	4:00 to 4:30 P. M.
Lockwoods Folly—Kirby's Store, Feb. 2nd	10:00 to 10:45 A. M.
Lockwoods Folly—Varnum's Store, Feb. 2nd	11:15 to 11:45 A. M.
Lockwoods Folly—Roach's Store, Feb. 2nd	12:00 to 12:30 P. M.
Boone's Neck—Capt. Jesse D. Robinson's Store, Feb. 2nd	12:45 to 1:15 P. M.
Shallotte—Post Office Square, Feb. 2nd	2:00 to 4:00 P. M.

W. P. JORGENSEN

TAX COLLECTOR FOR BRUNSWICK COUNTY

RETURNING TO STATES

Boatswain Mate Francis A. Coleman of Bolivia, is understood to be awaiting transportation back to the United States and home as soon as shipping space is available. He will ship from Pearl Harbor.

RETURNS FROM OVERSEAS

Cpl. Victor Bartels, who has been overseas with the Army for the past 27 months, returned home Monday with an honorable discharge. He is the son of Mrs. Bertha and the late Richard Bartels of Southport. His twin sister, Mrs. Jack Hickman, is an employee of the State Port Pilot office.

HONORABLY DISCHARGED

William D. (Billy) Willis, seaman first class, of Southport, has received an honorable discharge from the Navy. Mrs. Willis is the former Miss Martha Brown, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Brown, of Southport.

RETURNS TO COLLEGE

Henry Smith has returned to State College after spending the Christmas holidays with his par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. G. of Bolivia.

SOWN SEED EARLY

Talking about planting early for the 1946 tobacco crop, former county commissioner, J. Jenrette, of Waccamaw, told us here Monday. He stated sowed some of his tobacco on Friday, December 28.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our felt thanks to our hosts of friends for the kindness shown and many beautiful floral offerings during the recent sickness and death of our dear mother, especially appreciate the kindness shown by the American Legion and the Pythagoras Lodge, Jr. U. A. M.

The DOSHER FAMILY

We wish to express our felt appreciation of the sympathy and kindness shown us by friends following the loss of our mother and contents by fire at Shallotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Robin Shallotte

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