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## County Farmers Now Applying For Farm Loans

Special Consideration To Be Given To Loans To Produce Food And Feed Crops In View Of Shortages

O. HOLDEN AT SUPPLY OFFICE

From This Source Are Made To Growers Who Are Unable To Make Satisfactory Loans Elsewhere

G. Bradshaw, field supervisor for the Emergency Crop Loan Office, stated that farmers of Columbus and Brunswick Counties are now applying for loans to finance the production of their 1946 crops. Applications for loans are now being written in his office in the Columbus Theatre Building, Columbus, and by R. O. Holden, District Agent, Supply. He stated that, in addition to financing the production of the crops regularly grown in this vicinity, loans were also being made for the production of those crops so needed because of the nationwide food shortage this year. Plans for 1946 call for increased production of many crops. The production goal for such of these crops as the cotton, Service considers can be successfully planted and grown in Columbus and Brunswick Counties should be met. The need for such loans is necessary for the production of these crops will be given special consideration with the understanding that credit will be extended, however needed, so that no farm loans will be denied the opportunity to make maximum contribution to the food production program.

Emergency crop loans are available to farmers, either owners or tenants who own or can make arrangements for land to farm; to own or have the use of necessary work stock and equipment with which to farm, and to give as security a first lien on the crops to be financed. Loans will be made to farmers who are unable to obtain loans sufficient to meet their needs on reasonable terms from other sources.

Loans are also available for the purchase or production of livestock whose products are marketed, for livestock to be marketed, for livestock to be marketed, for livestock to be marketed, but, as a security, a first lien on such livestock is required.

Mr. Bradshaw emphasized that these loans are not restricted to certain applicants but are available to all farmers who can establish eligibility.

## Brief News Flashes

**CONFIRMATION SERVICE**  
A confirmation service will be held for the Girls Auxiliary of the Brunswick Baptist church Sunday morning, February 24, at 6:30 o'clock. Everyone is welcome.

**HOLIDAY FRIDAY**  
The Brunswick County Draft Board at Southport will be closed Friday in observance of Washington's birthday. The Board is closed every Saturday.

**SISTER DIES**  
Mrs. James E. Piner of Southport was called to Loris, S. C., Tuesday morning due to the death of her brother, G. L. Piner.

**FILL PULPIT**  
Clifton C. Moore, district solicitor, has accepted an invitation to be the speaker at Trinity Methodist church Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. This will be a special women's day service.

**BISHOP DARST**  
Bishop Thomas C. Darst, Rector of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be at St. Phillips Episcopal church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Holy Communion will be celebrated, and Bishop Darst will deliver the sermon.

**WARRANT CASE**  
Mrs. Lou H. Smith, county clerk, reports that a case of warrant has been reported to her from Northwest township. She urges parents to have their children immunized against this disease.

## Holds Important Position



GEORGE W. RAPPLEYEA

## Former Southport Man Is Higgins Vice-President

George W. Rappleyea Is Vice-President Of Higgins Industries, Inc., Of New Orleans; Played Big Role In War Effort

FORMER OWNER OF LOCAL POWER PLANT

Rappleyea Was Key Man In Widespread Activities During Period Of War Production

The story of the Higgins boats and the important contribution to the war effort made by these craft and by their manufacturers is familiar to all, but few local people know that a former Southport resident has played a major role in this connection.

That man is George W. Rappleyea, vice-president of the Higgins Industries, Inc., and a key figure in the far-flung activities of that organization. For several years he owned and operated the power plant for the city of Southport before selling his business to the local government. His mother, Mrs. E. M. Rappleyea, is still a citizen of this place.

As vice-president of the Higgins Industries, Inc., during the war Mr. Rappleyea was in charge of plant protection. Under his supervision were 150 armed guards, and not a single act of sabotage was attempted.

Patent procurement was another job under his wing, and it involved the procurement of approximately fifty patents granted, and an equal number pending. This placed him in close touch with a great deal of the research work and the development of ideas which even today carry a restricted label.

Mr. Rappleyea was in charge of advertising and public relations. One phase of this was the publication of a monthly magazine, from 50 to 250 pages in size, for employees and service men. The bound volumes of this publication constitute an accurate record of the war effort.

## Commissioners In Session Monday

Little Business Before The Board Of County Commissioners In Session Here Monday

Very few matters of any importance came before members of the board of county commissioners at their meeting here Monday.

Gus Bland, of Shallotte, was ordered placed on the blind fund, and similar orders were given for Mattie Allen, of Winnabow.

R. C. St. George, custodian of courthouse and grounds, was requested to take immediate steps for the repair of the tax collectors office as recommended by the grand jury. Some repairs also are to be made at courthouse. The statement of general funds for the month of January was ordered filed as read.

## NCEA Council Organizes For Important Work

Glenn Tucker, Principal Of Leland High School, Is President Of Brunswick County Unit

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS NAMED

Council Comprised Of Fifteen Members Has Been Completed; Organization Works On School Matters

A council meeting of the Brunswick County Unit of the North Carolina Education Association was held at Bolivia last week. Members of the council who were present at this meeting were: Glenn M. Tucker, president; Mrs. Eva Ramseur Knox, vice-president; Mrs. Guy McKeithan, retiring president; Miss Annie May Woodside, superintendent of Brunswick county schools, Miss Margaret Hipp, retiring secretary-treasurer, and O. C. Burton, principal Bolivia High School.

Mrs. Deane B. Eakins, Leland school, Mrs. Muriel Lennon, Southport school, and Miss Bertha Reid, Bolivia school, have been elected by their respective school faculties to the Brunswick county Unit Council. One will be added by Waccamaw, and one by Shallotte, which will make a completed council of fifteen members.

This Brunswick county unit is looking forward to a most progressive year's work with the NCEA. Many needed improvements in the local schools are in the minds of all teachers of the county, and through this organization efforts will be made to have them accomplished.

The following committees were appointed: Professional service: Mrs. Rena L. Joyner, Southport, chairman; Miss Bertha Reid, Bolivia; Mrs. Louis Tweed, Shallotte; Mrs. J. Elmore, Waccamaw (Continued on Page Six)

## Prison Guard Hurt In Wreck

Collision Near Bolivia Monday Resulted In Injuries To Prison Guard and One Colored Prisoner

Fred Edwards, a guard at the State Highway prison camp at Shallotte, was injured about the head and one of 15 colored prisoners being carried to work in a trailer was injured about the hands Monday in a collision on Route 17 near Bolivia.

Edwards was carried to a Wilmington for observation to determine the extent of his injuries. A white woman, Mrs. Marian McGrath, of Hackensack, New Jersey, was arrested by State Highway patrolmen following the wreck. She is under \$200 for her appearance here in recorders court on March 4th.

This officer reported that Mrs. McGrath started to pass the prison trailer and car in the face of oncoming traffic. Seeing she would not make it, she cut in between the prison vehicle and trailer, breaking the trailer lose with resultant injuries. School, Ashe, and Mrs. Dean B. Eakins, Leland.

Legislative: Mrs. Guy McKeithan

## Brunswick Man Fatally Hurt

Dockery Atkinson Of Winnabow, Died Of Injuries Sustained At Work With North Carolina Shipbuilding Co.

Dockery C. Atkinson, 34-year-old employee of the North Carolina Shipyard and a resident of Winnabow, was fatally injured by a falling piece of steel on one of the ships last Tuesday evening. He died the following morning without having regained consciousness.

He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Atkinson, of Winnabow, with whom he is survived along with his widow, Mrs. Helen Mills Atkinson, and an infant daughter; one brother, Andrew Atkinson and four sisters, Misses Bertha, Mae, Bertie, and Eloise Atkinson, all of Winnabow.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday afternoon from the Mill Creek Baptist church with Rev. C. R. Brinson officiating. Burial was in the Mill Creek cemetery. Pallbearers were Luther Lewis, R. S. Willetts, Jr., Dewey Lewis, Roland Lewis, Webster Swain and Talmadge Willetts.

## Clark Files For Seat In Congress

Representative J. Bayard Clark of the 7th congressional district filed Saturday as a candidate for renomination in the May Democratic primary.

Rep. Clark, first elected in 1928, is now serving his ninth 2-year term. During that time he has had opposition in the primary only twice, and up to date no other candidate has filed for the primary this spring.

Rumor has it that W. S. (Billy) Britt, Lumberton attorney, may throw his hat in the ring, in the race with Mr. Clark for the 7th district congressional seat. Mr. Britt was in Whiteville Tuesday, attending court.

## Stone To Seek Nomination To School Board

J. L. Stone Will Run For Democratic Nomination For Member Of Board Of Education In May Primary

RUMORS HEARD OF OTHER CANDIDATES

No Official Announcement Made By Mintz For State Senate, But Friends Say He Is Sure To Run

With only one new name added to the list of candidates for office, the political situation in Brunswick had simmered down to the rumor stage this week.

J. L. Stone has announced that he will seek the Democratic nomination as member of the Board of Education. He was appointed about four years ago to fill the unexpired term of G. T. Reid, and prior to that he had served for many years as a member of that body.

In the rumor department there is talk that Malcolm Frink, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Frink of Southport, may run for the Democratic nomination for Representative to the North Carolina General Assembly. Edward Redwine, young Shallotte businessman, has also been prominently mentioned (Continued on Page 6)

## Funeral Friday For Jones Girl

Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones Died In Charleston, S. C., Following Extended Illness

Miss Mary Elizabeth Jones, 17-year-old daughter of Chief and Mrs. Johnny J. Jones, died at her home in Charleston last Thursday following a period of extended illness.

The body was brought here Friday and interred in the Southport cemetery, pallbearers and many friends and relatives coming from Charleston to attend the service.

Miss Jones was born in Southport and spent the first several years of her life here. Her father is in the Coast Guard and was stationed at Oak Island for many years. For the past several years the family has been living at Charleston while Mr. Jones was stationed at the Navy yard there.

## Kirby Store At Supply Passes Into New Hands

One Of Oldest And Most Honored Business Firms In Brunswick County Will Be Operated As Mintz & Company

HARRY L. MINTZ, JR. IS NEW MANAGER

G. Floyd Kirby Has Given Up Operation Of Store Due To Poor Condition Of His Own Health

The general merchandise business, G. W. Kirby and Son, owned and operated by G. Floyd Kirby at Supply, has recently been sold to Mintz and Co., and Harry L. Mintz, Jr., will be the manager. The late George W. Kirby established this general merchandise store nearly 60 years ago. For a number of years after the death of the late Mr. Kirby the business was owned and operated by G. Floyd Kirby and Hobson Kirby. In 1935 Hobson sold his interest to his brother, Floyd, and purchased the Shallotte Trading Co., at Shallotte.

Because of declining health, for the past two years Mr. Kirby has only kept the business open on Saturday. This business establishment has been one of the oldest and most outstanding in Brunswick county. A full line of general merchandise consisting of groceries, dry goods, hardware, farming equipment, feeds, electrical appliances, and furniture will be carried by Mintz and Co.



HARRY L. MINTZ, JR.

Harry E. Mintz, was recently discharged from the U. S. Army Air Forces after nearly four year service. He graduated from Pfeiffer Jr. College and the University of North Carolina. He was Register of Deeds of Brunswick county in 1939 and 1940, filling out an unexpired term of Rudolph I. Mintz. Prior to entering the service Harry was field representative for the Farm Credit Administration. He resides with his mother, Mrs. Harry L. Mintz, Sr., at Shallotte.

## Red Cross Township Chairmen Are Named

Bridge Longer Than Estimated

In an argument about the length of Jackie's Creek bridge last week, guesses as to the length running all the way from 15 to 35 feet, Patrolman R. E. Sherrill offered to settle the matter.

He said he would measure the bridge and bring the figures to The Pilot this week. He stated Monday that Brunswick's notorious death spot was exactly 46-feet and 10-inches in length.

## New Developm't At Gause Beach

Large Tract Of Land Purchased By Myrtle Beach Real Estate Man Who Has Plans For Development Of Property

The 2,550-Acre Gause Beach property on the coast ten miles below Shallotte has been purchased by D. S. Crouse, Myrtle Beach realtor and former prominent Charlotte businessman. He plans to convert the tract into a summer and winter resort that will attract hunters, fishermen and vacationists.

No decision has been reached as to the amount of money to be expended on the property, but it will amount a considerable sum. A large hotel will top the building program which also embraces the building of a number of cottages along the strand. It is said that it is expected that the number of these cottages will run into the hundreds in the next few years.

The property is separated from the mainland by the Intracoastal Waterway, making it virtually an island. There are no trees on the island but much of it lies very high and dry with large and picturesque sand dunes. "Little Beach," credited with being one of the best shore fishing spots on the lower coast, is on this property. It and the surrounding area is also celebrated for the abundance and quality of the oysters and clams.

## Shallotte Legion Post Will Meet

Shallotte Post American Legion, No. 247, will hold a special meeting at the Shallotte High school building Friday night of this week for the purpose of organizing a Woman's Auxiliary. The Post, now only a few months old, has 100 members. All of these, as well as all ex-service men and women, are urged to attend Friday night's meeting and assist in the organization of the Auxiliary.

## Brunswick Man Finally Taken Into Custody

Two Girl Accomplices Also Lodged In Jail; Admit Staging Tabor City Jewelry Robbery

GIRL ACCOMPLICES SIGN CONFESSION

Arrest Of Trio Follows Intensive Search For Past Several Weeks; Sellers Had Escaped In 1945

Climaxing a series of robberies in Columbus county Obie Lee Sellers, 28, a native of Brunswick county and escapee from the State Prison camp near Whiteville, fell into the hands of police officers Friday afternoon and, along with two white girls, Stella Mae Quick and Lula Mae Williams, both 16, is in the Columbus county jail facing at least two charges of robbery.

Sellers, who has been sought since July, 1945, when he escaped from prison, was arrested in the Waccamaw section on the Waccamaw river. He made no resistance to his arrest, although Sheriff Stanley said he had received word from Sellers that if he caught him, he would not catch him alive.

Upon being arrested and lodged in jail, Lula Mae Williams signed a confession which admitted that she and Sellers had staged the robbery of the Reese's Jewelry store at Tabor City last week. Sheriff Stanley said that Sellers had occurred in the confession signed by his girl accomplice.

The arrest ended a search which had become greatly intensified during recent days when repeated "hot tips" reached city and county and state officers. The tip which led to the arrest of the trio came when Sellers drove into Cap Reaves' filling station in the Pleasant Plain section and a boy at the station began taking the license number from Sellers' car. Sellers is said to have forbidden the boy taking the number to have emphasized his objection by firing a pistol into the ground near the boy's feet. Whereupon, according to advices reaching the officers, the boy ran into the station, got a rifle and shot at Sellers as he and his companions drove away. Sheriff Stanley said that Reaves also shot at the Sellers car.

Two hours later, Sellers and the girls pulled up in front of Dean Buffkin's filling station near Chadbourne and held Buffkin up at the point of a rifle and robbed his store. In her signed confession, Lula Mae Williams admitted that she held a rifle on Buffkin while Sellers robbed his store.

Officers participating in the arrest were: L. R. Wayne, W. H. Farrell, W. H. Bullard, C. B. Best and the superintendent of the State Prison camp.

In her signed statement, Miss Williams declared that she had (Continued on page six)

## Routine Session In Court Monday

Even Though There Were Only A Few Cases Up For Trial Monday, Some Of Them Were Stubborn To Dispose Of

Only a medium-sized dock greeted Judge John B. Ward and Solicitor J. W. Ruark in Recorders court here Monday. Despite the few cases, the stubborn nature of some of them resulted in the session lasting almost an entire day.

The minute book shows the following entries: Willie Johnson and Jesse Barnes, possession, 30 days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of costs. W. G. Frink, passing car in face of oncoming traffic, fined five dollars and costs.

John Carter, speeding, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs. Alton Milliken, no operators license, continued to February 25. John Gore, no support, continued to February 25. James Clemmons, shooting dog, continued to February 25.

John D. Smith, speeding and possession, sixty days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$25.00 and costs. Jesse Barnes, drunken driving, six months on roads, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$50.00 and costs, drivers license revoked. M. L. Mintz, cruelty to animals and damage to personal property judgment suspended on condition that defendant make restitution in the sum of \$25.00 and



## Our ROVING Reporter

We are often asked how much rovin' around we do? Well, some days we do a good deal of it and on others we hang around a typewriter. If you are not interested in an average day of our doings, skip this: Last Thursday we got up at 5:30 a. m., fixed seven mailbags to go out on buses outside the regular mail. This done by 7 o'clock, we hopped a bus and went to Leland before breakfast. Bus was so crowded we thought we would not be able to get off. Had breakfast at Powell's, talked to Mr. Williams who was interested in various matters, ranging from the proposed sale of the State Prison camp on to the paving of the River road. Talked to E. V. Evans about this and that. Went on and talked to C. A. Montgomery, who is a very busy man. Talked to Mr. Coleman

who is planning a tourist home at the forks of the River Road. Talked to the Hinson boys who recently suffered a bad fire and are planning rebuilding. Went over from there and saw Jimmy Perbertson and then met the nice lady who runs the lunch room near here. From that point we went around and made Carl West climb down from the roof of the two-story house he was repairing. Leaving Carl, we met up with and talked amusement to one of the R. & S. Then we ankked up the road to the Spiritine Chemical Company's office and warehouse and saw Commander Louis Hanson and his secretary, both of whom were very nice. Leaving them we went to T. C. Barefoot's Mattress factory and met up with him. He (Continued on Page Four)