

Brunswick Man Sends Protest To Washington

Cornelius Thomas, Former Member Of North Carolina General Assembly, Says Food Is Scarce Because Of Low Profits

TELEGRAM OF PROTEST SENT

Thomas Calls On Government Officials To Deal With Farmers About Matters Pertaining To Food

Protest against the government policy regarding food production. Cornelius Thomas, Brunswick county citizen and former member of the North Carolina General Assembly, has sent a telegram to Herbert Hoover and members of the Food Conference in Washington, suggesting remedial action which he believes will be effective in alleviating the present food crisis.

Following is the text of the telegram sent by Mr. Thomas: "The Government will allow profits on farm products comparable to profits on automobiles, airplanes, building materials, machinery and other manufactured articles you will not allow anyone in America to go hungry before the war was over per thousand, now it is \$100. Farm products have had a 50% jump in prices. Farm products and common lumber are sold with about the same profit of labor."

Mr. Thomas says, "Many of us are going without sugar, and the principal reason is that the government would not allow the farmers of sugar to make a profit. We are going without butter because the price paid to the man producing the milk for the butter is so low."

"When the country was threatened with a scarcity of automobiles by strikes our Government sent the people producing them a wage and an increase in the price of the product," Mr. Thomas continued. "It consulted with the people engaged in that industry. Now when the Government becomes distressed over the shortage of food it does not consult with the farmers who produce the food, but makes an appeal to eat less. The way to have more food is to let the people producing it have more profit."

A few years ago the Government was making food scarce to raise food prices higher; now it is making food scarce," said the Brunswick county man.

Brief News Flashes

ATTENDS MEETING

Chas. M. Trott, of Southport, attended an American Legion meeting in Raleigh over the week end.

RETURNS HOME

Claude Ford, son of Mrs. Grace Ford, has received his discharge from the Army and has returned home. This young Southport man has considerable action with the Army.

HONOR ROLL

Miss Marie Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Moore, formerly of Southport, has compiled an average of B or better at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and has made the Dean's List.

EARLY CORN

County Commissioner O. P. Bellamy reported Monday that he planted a 33-yard row of corn on February 15. The plants are now up and growing. For early corn he will beat Judge John B. Ward's early tobacco.

RETURNS HOME

T. Fullwood, Jr., who has been serving with the Coast Guard for the past three and a half years, most of that time having been spent in overseas duty, has received an honorable discharge and has returned home. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Fullwood, of Southport.

HOUSE BURNED FRIDAY

A good dwelling house on the corner of George B. Ward, located near the Bolivia fire tower, was completely destroyed by fire Friday morning. It was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ward and they are understood to have lost all of their household goods. Mr. Ward lives at

THE RED CROSS CARRIES ON



REHABILITATION.—Added to the normal peace time responsibilities of the American Red Cross is the work of assisting with the program of rehabilitation of wounded veterans of World War II. Voluntary contributions of patriotic citizens must finance this work. R. I. Mintz, chairman of the Red Cross Fund drive for this county, asks the generous support of Brunswick people.

Good Start Is Made In County Red Cross Drive

R. I. Mintz, chairman of the Brunswick County Red Cross Fund Drive, announced last night that on the basis of incomplete reports from the various township chairmen he estimates that about one-third the quota assigned the Brunswick County Chapter had been raised during the first five days of the month. It was possible to obtain a fairly accurate picture of the progress being made by the Smithville township committee under David Herring, and it is estimated that \$750.00 has been raised locally. Chairman Mintz pointed out that there is every indication that much work remains to be done before the quota is reached, and he urges Brunswick county citizens to be generous and prompt in making their contributions.

Lengthy Session In Court Here

Monday was a busy time in Brunswick county Recorder's court, and most of the day was consumed in disposing of the following cases:

Sarah Beck Callahan, offering to engage in prostitution, twelve months in jail, assigned to woman's division 404, in Raleigh. Judgment suspended on payment of costs and condition that she leave the State of North Carolina for five years.

Moody Calvin Barnhill, aiding and abetting in prostitution, 60 days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

V. Q. Podgurski, disorderly conduct in public place, judgment suspended on payment of costs. Costs remitted.

Curtis Vaught, aiding an abetting in escape, continued to March 11th.

A. M. Smith, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

W. J. Gregory, reckless operation, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Willie James Bullard, speeding, 60 days on roads, judgment suspended on payment of a fine of \$10.00 and costs.

H. H. Dale, no operators license, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Widow Intercedes For Man Who Killed Husband

Mrs. Jim Williamson Asks Men Who Captured Murder Suspect To Allow The Law To Take Its Course

LITTLE DOG GAVE CLUE TO POSSE

Fice Dog That Had Followed Gause Away From Home Showed Up And Set Men On Final Chase For Him

Betrayed by the last friend he had in the world, his little fice dog, and saved from possible mob violence by the last person on earth whom he might reasonably expect to intercede for him, Leon (Schooper) Gause was taken to New Hanover county jail late Wednesday afternoon to await trial for the murder of H. Jim Williamson, highly respected Shallotte citizen who was killed four days before.

Gause was captured about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon by members of a 200-man posse that had been searching for him since the previous Saturday night when Williamson was killed by a shotgun blast that was fired into his body through a window of his living room.

The manhunt had run first hot, then cold for three days and many of the searchers had given up for the time being when the little fice dog that had followed Gause when he left home showed up about the place. Feeling that he was in the vicinity, officers and scores of armed citizens began to spread their dragnet during Tuesday night. Before day Wednesday morning Gause slipped away from his hideout on mule back, and members of the searching party picked up his trail, never to lose it again.

After running him across U. S. Highway No. 17 and on through bays and swamps, capture was made when he deserted his mount and ran from a bay where he was being closely pursued into the arms of Winslow Caison. He was quickly surrounded by armed members of the posse, and his race was run.

There were some tense minutes following his capture, and only (Continued on Page Four)

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Commissioners In Session Monday

Resolution Passed Asking State Highway Commission To Begin Work As Soon As Possible On Road From Hickman Crossroads

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Southport Lady Dies Saturday

Mrs. Gertrude Cora Norris Died Following Cerebral Hemorrhage; Buried In Harnett County

Mrs. Gertrude Cora Norris, 37, died in the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial hospital Saturday morning from a cerebral hemorrhage. She was originally from Harnett county but had been living at Southport for the past three years.

The body was prepared for burial here and taken to Prospect church, near Erwin, where funeral services were held Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Norris is survived by her husband, M. F. Norris; two daughters, Mrs. Catherine Bullard, of Bladenboro, and Miss Dorothy Mae Norris, of Southport; five sons, M. F. Norris, Jr., Johnnie Mac Norris, James Woodrow Norris, Robert Arnold Norris and Harvey V. Norris.

Plans Progress For Tournament Here March 20

Three Days Will Be Required To Run Off Program In Which All Schools Of County Will Be Represented

FINALS WILL BE PLAYED FRIDAY

Awards Will Be Made To Members Of Winning Teams And For Teams Which Exhibit The Best Sportsmanship

First round pairings for the Brunswick County Basketball Tournament which will be held in Southport beginning March 20 have announced.

On the first day of the tournament Bolivia teams, both girls and boys, will meet Southport. Teams from Leland will meet the two Shallotte representatives, and Waccamaw, the fifth school, drew a first round bye. On the second day winner of the Leland-Shallotte games will meet the Waccamaw teams. Winner of the Bolivia-Southport pairings will meet the winner of this pair in the finals on Friday night.

A number of trophies will be presented participants in tournament play. There will be a sportsmanship trophy for boys, a similar award for the girls; there will be two championship trophies, one for boys, one for girls; and individual basketballs will be presented to members of the two winning teams.

Application For Dock Building

Southern Kraft Makes Application To Build Loading Dock Near Bridge At Lockwoods Folly

The Southern Kraft division of International Paper company, Georgetown, S. C. has made application for permit to construct a pulpwood loading dock and dolphins in Lockwoods Folly river, about 500 feet downstream from the highway bridge at Supply, T. J. Hewitt, acting district engineer of the U. S. Army Engineers office in Wilmington, announced Friday.

Plans showing the proposed work may be inspected at the Wilmington office and at the post office in Supply.

Any objections to the proposed work must be sent to the Wilmington office before March 11, 1946.

Amuzu Theatre Being Improved

The Amuzu theatre in Southport is undergoing a complete job of interior decoration. In addition to a new color scheme, new and modern wall, light fixtures are being installed.

These improvements are being made without interrupting the regular theatre programs.

Our ROVING Reporter

"Shallotte folks liked the sporting spirit of those Southport boys and girls. And the referee from Southport was very good." Guy McKeithan, assistant manager of the Shallotte Trading company, made the above comment Saturday without having been approached regarding the outcome of a double header between "our" towns. In this game the Shallotte girls won and the Southport boys won. From the comment we are inclined to think that both teams from both towns came as near winning as they possibly could.

Mr. McKeithan added that all boys and girls showed fine sportsmanship. Such a spirit should be kept up, winning or losing. With basketball coming back in the schools of Brunswick county the fact should be kept in mind that we are all a part of Brunswick. Nothing at all can be gained by having community against community. Friendly, vigorous competition in sports is much to be desired, but bitter and unsportsmanlike rivalry between

schools and communities should be avoided. It is our impression that in their sports the young people of Brunswick county can do much to create a helpful county cooperative spirit. An annual award should be given at the end of each tournament to the school whose boys and girls show the best sportsmanship in their contests.

Until he overhauled us and forced us to the side of the road we had not known that Patrolman C. J. Ferguson was married. He was not arresting us, only wanted us to meet the wife and baby who were with him. . . . The good folks of Shallotte Village Point feel that they are being left out in the cold regarding highway paving. They really seem to be. At different times Saturday J. J. Leonard, Henry Williams and A. M. Milliken, all good citizens of that section, were telling of their awful road. The Point has a fine little hotel, has

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NEW ATTRACTION



Above are the two beautiful young lions owned by the R. & S. Amusement Company which will be here all of next week under the auspices of the Volunteer Fire Department. The animals are about two-thirds grown and appear to be very gentle, playing like kittens.

R. & S. To Again Start Season In Southport

Popular Road Show Will Be In Southport Next Week Under Auspices At Southport Volunteer Fire Department

Charles Swan and Andrew Dowling have started work on their new dock on the river, adjoining the Garrison property. As soon as the dock is completed they will construct a new shrimp and fish buying house.

It is understood that they also plan to construct a small boat railway for repairs and painting.

Both are former service men, having served in the Navy. Mr. Swan is a native of Southport, the son of Capt. and Mrs. C. N. Swan. He has spent his lifetime here. Mr. Dowling is a native of Pennsylvania and moved here with Mrs. Dowling immediately after receiving his discharge from the Navy.

Three Brothers Out Of Service

Three Sons Of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flowers Of Leland Compile Impressive Service In Overseas Duty

Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Flowers, of Leland, have been discharged from the Army after compiling an impressive family record for overseas duty.

Pfc. James R. Flowers was honorably discharged from the Army October 22, 1945. He served 36 months in the ETO with the 9th Air Force. He holds the Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation, 6 service stars and the ETO ribbon.

Cpl. Alfred Lee Flowers was honorably discharged from the Army February 16 at Fort Bragg. He served in the 329 Inf. in the ETO for 8 months. He holds the purple heart with an oak leaf cluster, combat Inf. badge, EMAC service with 2 bronze service stars, Good Conduct Medal, American Theater ribbon, Victory Ribbon, and the Presidential Citation ribbon.

Cpl. Ira Flowers was honorably discharged from the Army February 17 at Fort Bragg after serving 9 months in the ETO and 5 months in the Pacific Theater. He holds the Good Conduct medal, American Theater ribbon, the Asiatic Pacific ribbon, and the EMAC service medal.

Child Is Killed By Heavy Truck

Colored Child Died Instantly Monday Afternoon After Being Struck By Loaded Pulpwood Truck

White at play beside the highway at her home on Route 17, four miles east of Shallotte, Vera Gore, a four year old colored girl was instantly killed Monday afternoon when struck by a pulpwood truck driven by J. M. Hewett, of Supply.

The rear wheel of the loaded truck passed over the head of the child and it is assumed she ran into the machine after the cab had passed. Outside of her head being crushed by the wheels she was not struck elsewhere by the machine.

Mr. Hewett stopped immediately. An investigation by Coroner W. E. Bell showed that the driver was well on the hard surface, in the lane prescribed for vehicles going in his direction. Mr. Hewett was arrested and is being held under a two hundred dollar bond for the formal inquest which the coroner states will be held sometime next week.

Cherry Blossoms Bloom In County

Eight Japanese Cherry Trees At Clarendon Plantation Believed To Be Only Ones In Brunswick, School Children Invited

So far as is known there are only eight mature Japanese cherry trees in Brunswick, and are growing on Clarendon Plantation on the Cape Fear river between Southport and Wilmington. The plantation is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Neil Thomas, and this week Mrs. Thomas sent this paper word that the cherry trees were blooming and school children are invited to the plantation to (Continued on Page 4)

State Extension Forester Visits In This County

Dr. R. W. Graeber Here On Tuesday With Farm Forester Walter W. Barnes Who Has Taken Over Whiteville Office

REPLACES BLANCHARD AS FARM FORESTER

Trip About The County Was For Purpose Of Allowing New Man To Become Acquainted With Set-Up

Dr. R. W. Graeber, State Extension Forester, State College, Raleigh spent Tuesday in Brunswick county in company with Walter W. Barnes, farm forester for Columbus, Robeson, Brunswick and Bladen counties. With County Agent Dodson, Mr. Barnes, who succeeds H. E. Blanchard at the Whiteville office, was getting a better insight into the local situation.

Mr. Barnes, according to Mr. Graeber, is extremely well qualified for the work he is to do in this area. A graduate of the New York College of Forestry, he has worked in southern forests for 15 years, coming to North Carolina from Alabama, where he was with the U. S. Forestry Service on timber production for war projects. He is a member of the Presbyterian church, has a wife and one daughter, who will make their home with him at Whiteville.

Naturally, Mr. Barnes is anxious to get a personal insight on the farm forestry problems in this county and the district. His trip with Dr. Graeber and Mr. Dodson resulted from this desire. Brunswick land owners who are aware of the effective work done by Mr. Blanchard will find the new agent fully qualified to carry on.

In an interview with Dr. Graeber, with whom the protection of lands from forest fires is a zealous hobby, he said: "You can say for me that farmers should by all means protect their woods from fires. Be careful with fires at all times. Build fire lines in the woods to protect and afford a means of stopping fires should they get started."

Two Candidates To Make Race

John White, Shallotte Man, Is Third Candidate To Make Formal Announcement For The Office Of Sheriff

Two new names have been added to the list of Democratic candidates this week. John White, Shallotte man, is the third man to make formal announcement through The Pilot of his candidacy for the office of sheriff. Mr. White was an active member of the sheriff's department when J. A. Russ was in office. Other candidates who have announced are D. L. Ganey and O. W. Perry.

There is also a new announcement for member of the board of county commissioners this week, with J. N. Sovell coming out for reelection. Previous announcements have come from O. P. Bellamy, Boyd Robinson and Peter Robinson.

Although he has made no formal announcement in this paper, S. F. Williams, young Leland world war veteran, stated Monday that he had paid his filing (Continued on page three)

Supply Citizen Dies Suddenly

Lindsey S. Evans Died While Seated In His Automobile Saturday; Burial Service Tuesday Afternoon

Stricken with an acute heart attack just as he was starting to park his car at Supply Saturday afternoon, Lindsey S. Evans, 43-year old farmer of the Supply community, died within a few minutes.

The body was brought to Southport and prepared for burial. From here it was carried to Supply and interred in the Sellers cemetery at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Sellers is survived by two brothers, Lloyd Evans, of Supply, and Alton Evans, of New York; three sisters, Mrs. Reba Sellers and Mrs. Odell Suggs, of Supply, and Mrs. Nellie Cumbee, of Wilmington.