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Membership In Farm Bureau Is Growing Rapidly

T. Ward, Longwood Farmer And Businessman, Is Elected Chairman Of Organization For This County

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE NOW IN PROGRESS

For Brunswick Has Set At 302 Members, But Officials Hope To Go Well Over This

An organization meeting of Brunswick County Farm Bureau Friday night T. T. Ward, Longwood farmer and business- man, was elected chairman. Odell J. J. Hawes was elected secretary-treasurer.

The first goal for the county organization is to reach its goal of 302 members before the end of the year.

At the annual membership drive made with Farm Bureau in Brunswick last year, members believe that the 1946 goal will be easily reached.

Membership for farmers is increasing and of this amount the local organization, Association of Farmers, are available to help in any way possible.

General men are actively engaged in soliciting memberships, and there is a good prospect that the membership for the county will be a record for the National Farm Bureau in California. When the quota has been reached, the State organization makes available the amount of \$250.00 toward the expense of a trip to the convention in Washington.

Brief News Flashes

WILL MEET
The Southport Lions Club will hold its weekly meeting tomorrow (Thursday) at 1 o'clock at the Community Center building.

TO DELAWARE
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. West have moved their home and other belongings near the Brunswick bridge and have moved to Delaware where they will reside.

FISH MARKET
Edward Redwine, manager of the Whiteville Fish Market, has announced the Robert White Fish Market. Hoyt Holden is manager.

IN ARMY
William H. Smith, of Ash, a World War II veteran, has signed for a three-year hitch in the Army Air Forces. He received the grade of corporal.

FOR ROAD
Citizens and citizens of that community have asked the State Highway Commission to pave the section of road from No. 17 in Whiteville to the State Highway camp in the outskirts of Whiteville.

CONFERENCE SPEAKER
M. McEachern, of Southport, attended the Laymen's Conference of the Eastern North Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal Church held last week at Camp Whiteville. The local man addressed the conference on the subject of "Lay-Reader in the Diocese."

NEW HOME
Mr. and Mrs. U. L. Rourk, of Whiteville, have sold their home to Mr. L. C. Crook, of Delco, who plans to move there early in September. Mr. Crook is with the Gulf States Crutching Company. Mr. Rourk plan to build another home. Pending its completion they will occupy one of the trailers.

NEW CAR
O. Smith of Ash was winner of a new 1946 Ford car Friday afternoon at a drawing of lucky numbers following a fast game between the Whiteville Comets and Fair Bluff in which the latter won by a 4-3 victory. Mr. Smith was not present at the drawing but was notified that his car had been drawn.

Raiding Bruin Winds Up As Bear Rug And Bear Steak

Three Winnabow Men Capture Large Black Bear In Cornfield After He Had Caused Much Damage

Frank Rabon of Winnabow, long credited with being one of the most skilled bear hunters in Brunswick county and no slouch when it comes to deer hunting, figured in an episode last week resulting in the death of a huge black bear, weighing nearly 400-pounds.



FRANK RABON

All year long, according to Mrs. Janie Henry, postmaster at Winnabow, a bear has been destroying hogs, cattle and farm crops in the upper Town Creek section near Winnabow. Last week Mr. Rabon, his son Roy Rabon, and Lindsay Flowers set out to put an end to these depredations.

When not after hogs or cattle one of the favorite feeding grounds of the bear has been in the corn field of Dan Atkinson. Mr. Rabon and his companions laid their plans for the end of the bear to take place in this field. Several days ago they set a trap in this corn field and Friday morning when they visited the trap they found the bear a prisoner.

The bear was skinned and his hide is now being tanned for a bear rug. Some of the meat was converted into steak.

Attendance Figures Are Off From Those Of Last Spring

School Officials Make Appeal To Parents To Enter Children And To Encourage Perfect Attendance Throughout Year

FACULTIES AT TWO SCHOOLS ARE SHORT

Unfavorable Attendance Statistics Attributed To Fact That Not All Students Have Enrolled For Term

Brunswick county schools opened Monday for their fall term with two principals being forced to start without full teacher strength.

At Bolivia there were still one or more vacancies when the opening bell sounded Monday morning, and Principal O. C. Bruton is still doing his best to fill the existing vacancies.

At Shallotte Principal Henry Stone was unable to get a vocational agriculture teacher before school opened.

Attendance figures for opening day which compared with figures for the close of school last spring show that many boys and girls have failed to enter school at the opening of the session.

Southport had 373 students when school closed last spring, while total attendance Monday was 332. Shallotte dropped from 1079 students in the spring to 919 Monday. Bolivia had 434 students Monday as compared with 484 in the spring. Waccamaw was down to 625 from a total of 655.

School officials believe that late registration will more than account for these discrepancies, but urge parents to have their children enroll at once and to attend school regularly.

Legion Officers Installed Here

Davis C. Herring Is New Commander Of Brunswick County Post 194; Mrs. Herring Heads Auxiliary

Davis C. Herring, Southport attorney, was installed as commander of the Brunswick County Post 194, American Legion, Thursday night in a joint installation during which Mrs. Herring assumed the post of chairman of the Legion Auxiliary.

The installing officer was Col. Earl I. Brown, retiring commander of the local legion post. Mrs. Herring succeeds Mrs. J. Arthur Doshier as head of the auxiliary.

Following the installation a short business session was held at which time plans were discussed for legion activity during the ensuing year. One plan under consideration is to have the American Legion sponsor a suitable Navy Day program at Southport, and a committee was named to (Continued on Page 4)

Duty Makes The Present Dear

D. J. Smith, local real estate man, had a nice present sent him this week in the shape of a box of cigars from Brazil.

The sender was Frank M. Niernsee, well known civil engineer whose family lives here and who is engaged in construction work in Brazil. Mr. Niernsee was at home this past winter and while he was here Mr. Smith assisted him in the purchase of a home for his daughter.

Returning to Brazil Engineer Niernsee thought much of the real estate man's kindness, and last week he advised Mr. Smith he was sending him a present. In due time the cigars arrived at the express office, but when Mr. Smith went around to get them he was mildly surprised to find that the tariff, or import duty, on them was \$19.70.

When he expressed the gift box Mr. Niernsee assumed that as it was a gift there would be no import duty.

Hunting Season Opens Monday

September 2nd Was First Day Of Season On Which Hunting Was Legal; Marshhen Season Opens On That Date

The first opening in the hunting season began Monday of this week when the law went off on some of the migratory wildfowl. Marsh hens, rail, sora and gallinule may now be shot along the coast of North Carolina, the season on these birds remaining open until the 30th of November. Under federal laws hunting of these birds is allowed only from half an hour before sunrise until sunset. For marsh hens, rail and gallinule the bag limit is 15 birds per day to each hunter. On sora the days limit is 25 birds. Under all conditions it is necessary to have a Federal Duck Stamp when hunting any sort of migratory wildfowl.

The dove hunting period, of which there are two, does not open until September 16, running through September 30, with another open season to come later.

While all hunters engaged in shooting migratory wildfowl must have the duck stamp, the division of game and inland fisheries is showing consideration to service-men in that all who are residents of the state do not have to buy the regulation state hunting license. Servicemen who are residents of other states are permitted to buy and hunt on a state resident license, which comes very much cheaper than the non-resident license.

While we get a lot of regular and unusual questions about the beaches in this county, it seems that R. A. Williams, operator of the Powell Cafe at the junction of Routes 17 and 74, asked us the most unusual one this week. He wanted to know where one of (Continued on page Two)

Legion Assists Former Enlisted Men With Blanks

Friday Was Day When Facilities Were Made Available At Each School In County For Helping Fill Out Application Forms

LIGHT RESPONSE AT MOST PLACES

Executive Secretary Of Brunswick County Red Cross Chapter Will Help Veterans If They Call Here

Three American Legion posts of this county combined their efforts with those of several volunteer workers to assist ex-service men in filling out their application for terminal leave pay Friday.

The county-wide organization included a working unit at each school in the county. Brunswick County Post No. 194, located at Southport, sent workers to Bolivia, Leland and to the Southport school. The colored American Legion post furnished workers at Brunswick County Training School. The Shallotte Legion Post furnished the working personnel at Shallotte and Waccamaw.

Although relatively few men took advantage of this assistance, several veterans who were under the impression that they have no claim were given information which indicates that they will be in line to receive payments.

One feature of the service rendered by the legion was to furnish application blanks for the men. Although these forms may be obtained from the postoffices, many of the fellows had neglected to get one.

With many eligible applicants still not finished with the job of putting in their claim for terminal leave pay, Mrs. J. W. Ruark, executive secretary of the Brunswick County Red Cross Chapter, has stated that she is ready to (Continued on page 4)

Louis Newton Is At Boys State

Southport Boy Is Attending One-Week Training Course This Week At University Of North Carolina

Louis Newton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Newton, is attending Tar Heel Boys' State, sponsored by the American Legion and conducted each year by the Institute of Government of the University of North Carolina.

The course opened Sunday and will close eight days later, or next Sunday. A busy week has been mapped out for the boys who are attending the session, and the daily schedule includes athletics and recreation as well as study periods.

Young Newton is attending Boy's State under sponsorship of the Brunswick County Post 194, American Legion.



W. E. KEZIAH

It pays to advertise. Couple of weeks ago we expressed the desire that somebody catch and deliver to us a big-live rattlesnake for which we would pay \$10.00. Right after that a lot of people told us of killing big rattlers, but when the subject of bringing them in alive was brought up there wasn't much interest. Well, sir, yesterday afternoon a whopping big diamond back with a very busy set of buzzers was delivered to us by the Clarence Jones and F. McDuffie, colored men who live out towards Orton. That snake is already named "Brunswick" and is due to find his way to the State Museum in Raleigh, where he will take the place of "Onslow," the museum's famous old rattler which died a year ago.

With general drives for members to the American Legion now in progress H. B. Usher, of the Shallotte Post, is doing the most efficient work that has been called to our attention. With practically the entire membership of the various posts working to secure members, Mr. Usher by his own efforts had signed up 21 new members up to Saturday at noon. D. Carl Andrews of the Shallotte Post says they are aiming to line up 300 strong for the organization there.

Congressman Is Sure That Navy Will Keep Fort

In Letter Last Week To W. B. Keziah, Mr. Clark Stated That Navy Apparently Has Plans For Conducting Radar Experiments

STATE HAD HOPED TO ACQUIRE SITE

There Is Possibility That Some Connection Exists Between Government Experiments Here And At Davis

Writing W. B. Keziah that he had delayed advising him as to the situation with respect to Fort Caswell because he wanted to get as near as possible to the bottom of things, Congressman J. Bayard Clark stated this week that no release by the government on the Caswell property seems possible.

Mr. Keziah, who was interested in the State of North Carolina obtaining Fort Caswell and using it as a part of the mountain-shore park system, had queried Mr. Clark as to the status of things, to quote a portion of the Congressman's letter, he said:

"The Navy is very definitely going on to this property. It does not give out too much information as to exactly what the use is going to be but I do know that it is connected in some way with the development of radar. It seems to be the best plan to hold to the Camp Davis property and the two may be used somewhat together in carrying out certain desirable experiments in the development of new things resulting from war experiences. However all this may be, it is true that for the present no release of the property on any (Continued on Page 4)

Fire Line Plow To Demonstrate

Equipment For Pre-Suppression Plowing Will Be Used At Mintz Farm Near Shallotte Next Monday

County Forest Warden Dorman Mercer said Monday that a demonstration of pre-suppression plowing for fire control will be given on Monday, September 9, when the forestry equipment used for this purpose will be unloaded at the Mintz farm, near Shallotte.

Timber owners interested in having fire lanes plowed for them at nominal cost by the forest service are invited to witness this demonstration. The rate for plowing is \$6.00 per mile for the heavy equipment. Five miles of plowing must be contracted for in each community where the equipment is unloaded.

Following the Shallotte demonstration the equipment will be taken to Longwood for a demonstration on the Rice Gwynn farm.

Murder Case Begins Today As Superior Court Session Winds Up Criminal Docket

"Ban The Atomic Bomb"



WASHINGTON, D. C.—Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal declared that an "enforceable plan" must be adopted to ban the atomic bomb. Forrestal's statement was made at a news conference at the Navy Department in which Adm. W. H. P. Blandy, "Operations Crossroads" Chief, urged swift redesigning of naval vessels to enable them to withstand the "most insidious weapon of all time." L. to R.: Vice Adm. W. H. Blandy; Dr. Ralph A. Sawyer, Technical Advisor; Rear Adm. W. S. Parsons, Deputy Commander for Technical Phases; Maj. Gen. A. McAuliffe, Advisor, Army Ground Forces; Maj. Gen. W. E. Keper, Deputy Commander, Army-Navy Joint Task Force one; Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal.

Crowded Conditions Are Better As Market Reopens

Waccamaw River At Record High

Coy Formy Duvall, government tender for the water gauge at New Britian Bridge, said Monday that the river was 15-ft. 6-inches above normal on Thursday of last week, the highest official recording since 1927. He reported that after reaching the record level, the water started to fall, but that it was receding from this flood stage rather slowly due to the fact that there was so much in the swamps.

Residents of Waccamaw township have been keenly disappointed during the greater part of this year because of poor fishing conditions in the river. For the greater part of the time flood waters have made fishing almost impossible.

Congestion in company prize houses and re-drying plants has been greatly relieved and it is thought that the markets will be ready to open by Thursday, Sept. 5 following a week's holiday. There has been some talk of extending the holiday for more than a week because of failure of buying companies to eliminate the congested conditions, but so far Walter H. Paramore, sales supervisor of the Whiteville market has received no information to this effect.

As an evidence of the local congestion, there was still on the floors of the warehouse here on Friday some of the tobacco that was sold to the companies on Wednesday.

The buying companies have been shipping the tobacco to processing plants by rail, and by pressing into service all kinds of motor vehicles that could be employed to move the tobacco from Whiteville.

The Virginia Tobacco company has been using their recently constructed prize house, and the Whiteville Tobacco company was crowded also even though they are enlarging their facilities. It is believed that steps will be taken to increase these prize house facilities for the companies in Whiteville by the next season.

It is hoped that relief from congested conditions at the processing plants will be reflected in a higher price after the market re-opens, and more rapid handling of the tobacco in Whiteville.

Southport Boy U.N.C. Graduate

Dan Walker, Son Of Mrs. W. H. Walker And Late Mr. Walker, Of Southport, Is Now Graduate Accountant

Leaving college early in the war Dan Walker, son of Mrs. W. H. Walker of Southport, served about three years, two years of this time being spent overseas. Entering the University of North Carolina the first of the year, following his discharge, he was graduated last week and is now at home. He received a B. S. degree in commerce, majoring in accounting. While in the army Mr. Walker was in the Finance Department.

Elwood Mintz, son of Mrs. H. L. Mintz, of Shallotte, also returned from the University last week for the brief fall vacation. He will return to his studies on September 20, and has about a year and a half to go before graduation. Mr. Mintz was a sergeant while serving in the army. He was seriously wounded in the Pacific but was able to continue his army service. He entered the University last fall, immediately after his discharge from the army.

Douglas Ballard On Trial For Killing Jenkins Negro In 1944; Court May Come To Close Late This Afternoon

MANY MATTERS ARE CONTINUED

Judge John J. Burney Has Been Presiding Over Criminal Court Here This Week; Civil Term Next Week

The trial of Douglas Ballard charged with the murder of James Edward Jenkins, began this morning in Brunswick county Superior court, and unless some unexpected obstacle presents itself the first week of the September term should come to a close late this afternoon.

One of the cases in which there was unusual interest was the trial of A. L. Meares on charges of assault with a deadly weapon. His sentence of 8 months on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs, the sum of \$450.00 to Ben McLamb, prosecuting witness, Monday and a like amount before October 1. These payments were for personal and real damages due McLamb. The defendant was placed on probation for 3 years.

J. Lee Brewer plead guilty to charges of larceny and was given 18 months on the roads, sentence to begin at expiration of his present sentence.

Willie Smith plead guilty on a similar charge and received an identical sentence.

Donald Swearingin was found guilty of resisting arrest and was given 12-months on the roads. Not a true bill was returned in the matter charging this defendant with assault with intent to commit rape.

Not a true bill was the verdict of the grand jury in the matter of Luther Gause, charged with aiding and abetting in escape.

Pleuriosis capias issued and the following cases were continued: Alton Leonard, crime against nature; Lucian Moore; James McNeil and William King, assault and larceny; James McDaniell, murder; William Shubert, abandonment and non-support.

The following cases were not proessed with leave: Sam Brown, improper brakes and no operator's license; Lonnie Grice.

James Smith, charged with false pretense, was called and failed. Instant capias issued and the case was continued.

The case of H. V. Stanley for refusal to deliver title was remanded to Recorder's court.

Rufus Sellers, charged with reckless operation, was called and failed. Capias issued and the case was continued.

Tobias Simmons, charged with trespass, had his case continued. Similar action was taken in the case charging Burris Bozeman with housebreaking and larceny.

4-H Club Queen And King Named

Winners Of These Coveted Titles Will Be Crowned At Federation Meeting In November

The Brunswick county 4-H Club King and Queen will be crowned at the Annual Federation meeting on November 1st.

Jimmie Sessoms, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sessoms, of Leland, will be crowned King and Betty Danford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Early Danford, of Bolivia, will be crowned the 4-H Club Queen.

Final selection was made this past week when Dr. L. C. Ferguson of Southport examined the nine boys and girls who passed the examination given by Miss Aleno McLamb and Mrs. Lou H. Smith, county health nurse, last spring. Miss McLamb and Mrs. Smith examined the boys and girls in each school and from these schools the nine were selected for the finals before Dr. Ferguson.

From a physical standpoint Jimmie will have the rating of being the best boy in Brunswick during the next year. The same honor goes to Betty on the girls side.

LIBRARIAN
Miss Beth Grimes has succeeded Mrs. A. H. Marshall as librarian in charge of the Southport Public Library.

Commissioners In Regular Session

Routine Session Of Board Held Here Monday With Few Matters Of Unusual Interest

Members of the board of county commissioners met Monday in their regular first of the month session.

It was ordered that two tracts of the W. P. Gore Estate, one in Waccamaw and the other in Shallotte township, be advertised for sale for taxes.

One 4-acre tract of Bland land in Shallotte township was ordered back-listed for five years.

The commissioners recommended that the State Highway Commission be asked to acquire a one-mile section of road leading through a farm community from the Exum (Continued on page 4)