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## Farmers Urged To Carry Out Farm Practices

Farmers Will Be Un-  
able For Some Perfectly  
Good Reasons To Carry  
Out Farm Program, But  
Funds May Be Used By  
Others

ER \$35,000.00  
AVAILABLE FOR USE

Chairman Of AAA Commit-  
tee Asks Farmers To  
Qualify Them-  
selves Or Inform Of-  
fice Of Inability

An effort to obtain max-  
imum conservation with the \$35-  
000 fund that has been made  
available to Brunswick county  
through the 1946 Agri-  
cultural Conservation Program,  
Bennett chairman Bruns-  
wick County AAA Committee, to-  
day urged farmers to follow  
up on their conservation  
plans that was approved on their  
part last spring.

It is fully realized that many  
farmers may have prevented  
losses from performing the  
practices as originally planned.  
In such instances, Mr.  
Bennett said that the County  
Committee is anxious to render  
assistance by helping these  
farmers in selecting substitute  
practices finding it impossible  
to carry out their original prac-  
tices. He suggested that they  
be substituted for those origi-  
nally requested by Mr.  
Bennett to inform the AAA Com-  
mittee immediately so that the  
substituted practices may be  
referred to neighboring  
farmers who need additional as-  
sistance and are in a position to  
carry out more practices.

There are 8 practices which  
can be carried out in Bruns-  
wick county this fall according to  
the following methods. The fol-  
lowing is a list of them giving  
the acreage number of each as  
shown in the 1946 County Hand-  
book:

- Practice No. 1: Spreading lime-  
stone on cropland.
- Practice No. 21: Drainage
- Practice No. 22: Tile drainage.
- Practice No. 25: Improving  
soil of trees.
- Practice No. 10: Establishing a  
permanent pasture.
- Practice No. 3: Seeding winter  
crops.
- Practice No. 4: Strain winter Peas,  
clover, alfalfa, timothy,  
and crimson clover.
- Practice No. 2: Applying su-  
perphosphate to  
winter cover crops.
- Practice No. 5: Applying pot-  
ash to some crops as for su-  
perphosphate.

## Brief News Flashes

### BUILDING TO BE RAZED

The old Swan building on the  
corner opposite The Pilot office,  
owned by the McRackan interests,  
has been sold to private who  
agreed to have it torn  
down and removed within 30 days.

### RETAIL DISTRIBUTOR

Wholesale Hardware  
Equipment Co., has been  
a factory distributor for  
North Carolina for the  
Sturgeon Creek Co., makers of  
great oil circulators and  
meat oil ranges. Harry  
Bennett is proprietor of the  
business.

### POLICE CHIEF HELD

Edridge Pittman, 23-year-  
old police chief of Shallotte,  
was captured in Whiteville Mon-  
day by city police with nearly a  
gallon of bootleg whiskey in his  
possession. His preliminary hear-  
ing was waived in Tuesday's Re-  
servation court and he is now be-  
ing held for a bond of \$400 in  
Columbus county jail.

### FISH MILL FOND

The widely known old Butler  
mill at Longwood, now  
owned by John B. Ward, is to be  
reopened Thursday and Friday,  
open to the public for fishing on Satur-  
day. The water at a very  
high stage those attending will be  
able to fish in any way they  
prefer with no limit on their  
catch. Admission will be \$2.00  
per person. The pond has not  
been fished in many years and is  
now teeming with choice

## September Term Of Court May Come To Close Today

With Postponement of Prin-  
cipal Case On Docket,  
Short Term Of Civil  
Court Is In Prospect For  
This Week

JUDGE BONE IS  
PRESIDING JURIST

Several Matters Not Report-  
ed In Last Week's Paper  
Were Settled During  
Criminal Court  
Session

Judge Walter J. Bone, of  
Nashville, is presiding over the  
second week of the September  
term of Superior court here this  
week, and the prospect is that  
the session will end today.

The most important case sched-  
uled for trial was that of Holms  
vs. Smith. This matter was con-  
tinued when the plaintiff was un-  
able to be present, due to his  
inability to be away from his  
Army post.

Most of the day Tuesday was  
taken up with trial of the case  
of Danford vs. Cunningham, an  
action brought for the purpose of  
dispossessing a lease-holder.

The following cases were dis-



WALTER J. BONE

posed of during the criminal ses-  
sion of court before it adjourned  
last week:

Joe Gause entered a plea of  
nolo contendere to charges of be-  
ing an accessory after the fact.  
He was given from 2 to 3 years  
on the roads, this sentence being  
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## Middletons Purchase Big Tract From Goldsboro Men

Five-Hundred Acre Tract  
Lying Between Long  
Beach And Highway To  
Caswell Beach Sold To  
Father And Son

PROPERTY FRONTS  
ON ATLANTIC OCEAN

Transaction Will Be Com-  
pleted As Soon As Cer-  
tified Title To Property  
Can Be Furnished

Papers were filed here for re-  
cording this week binding R. W.  
Powell, Hugh Maxwell, George  
Daniels and R. A. Bryan, all of  
Goldsboro, to sell to E. F. Middle-  
ton and E. F. Middleton, Jr., of  
Southport and Wilmington, a  
tract of approximately 500-acres  
of land lying on the west side of  
the Fort Caswell highway.

With the papers for recording  
\$1,000.00 was paid down as guar-  
antee money. The balance on  
\$25,000.00, as stated in the  
papers, is to be paid in as soon  
as a certified abstract of title  
can be made ready for delivery.  
Neither trouble or delay in the  
preparation of title deed is antici-  
pated. The property was owned  
by the government for many  
years. By the government it was  
sold to S. O. Chase of Sanford,  
Fla. Mr. Chase is now dead and  
more than two-thousand acres of  
his land holdings near Southport  
and adjoining Fort Caswell were  
sold two years ago to the present  
Goldsboro owners.

The property being sold is on  
the west side of the Fort Cas-  
well highway, beginning at the  
inland waterway and following  
the highway to where it turns  
to proceed direct to Fort Caswell.  
From this turn the line to the  
tract being purchased by the  
Middletons runs straight on to  
the ocean.

Frink and Herring, Southport  
attorneys, are handling the trans-  
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## Fatal Accident Saturday Night

Young Hampstead Man Is  
Victim Of Fatal Crash At  
Sturgeon Creek Bridge  
Between Woodburn And  
Navassa

The Sturgeon Creek bridge be-  
tween Woodburn and Navassa  
was the scene of a fatal auto-  
mobile accident Saturday night  
when Edwin Conrad Thomas, 26-  
year-old Navy veteran, of Hamp-  
stead, crashed his car into the  
railing of the bridge. He died in  
the James Walker Memorial hospi-  
tal in Wilmington a few hours  
after the accident.

A companion of Thomas, Law-  
rence Howard, also of Hampstead,  
is reported still unconscious and  
in a critical condition. He is suf-  
fering from head injuries.

## Propose Digging New Ocean Inlet

Southport fishing and  
shrimping interests are await-  
ing announcement of a public  
hearing by the engineers office  
with regard to digging an inlet  
from the ocean to the inland  
waterway about three miles  
north of Carolina Beach.

It is reported that money for  
this project has been appropri-  
ated by Congress, the bill  
signed by the President and that  
matters now rest until a  
hearing can be held on the  
question.

It is also reported that Con-  
gressman J. Bayard Clark is  
very much interested in the pro-  
ject and that he plans to at-  
tend the hearing when it is  
held.

## Deputies Sworn In For Service

Three Special Deputies Will  
Be On Duty At Bruns-  
wick River Anchorage;  
County Obligated For No  
Additional Salaries

Without the status or duties  
of the existing officers being in  
anywise effect, Brunswick county  
acquired three full-tiedged new  
deputy sheriffs Tuesday after-  
noon. Burwell T. Manor, Charles  
W. Lockwood and William D.  
Long, all with the United States  
Maritime Commission, were sworn  
in as deputies by Sheriff C. P.  
Willett.

The new officers were accom-  
panied to Southport by Captain  
A. G. Ford, directly in charge of  
the Brunswick river ship lay-in-  
basin. It was upon the request  
of Captain Ford that the three  
men were made officers, their  
duties that of policing the ship  
basin in the same manner that  
other officers police the county.

The county will pay no salaries  
to the officers, that being attend-  
ed to by the Maritime Commis-  
sion. However, said Captain  
Ford the men will receive fees  
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## Pipeline Dredge Back To Basin

Repairs on Dredge Pennsylv-  
ania, Completed And  
Will Return To Work In  
Brunswick River Basin  
By First Of Week

According to reports the huge  
pipeline dredge Pennsylvania,  
which was badly damaged on  
August 24 when its steam tur-  
bine blew up, will be back at its  
job of dredging the Brunswick  
river basin by the first of next  
week.

Following the explosion of the  
turbine which resulted in esti-  
mated \$75,000 damage to the ma-  
chinery and ship, the dredge was  
towed to Newport News, Va., and  
that to request was necessary.

## Lengthy Report Of Grand Jury Made To Court

Report Points Out Certain  
Improvements That Are  
Needed At County Jail;  
County Offices Approved

JURY MEMBERS  
MENTION FOLLOWS

Foreman Taken Ill While  
Court In Session, One  
Member Has Died And  
Another Was In Hos-  
pital Last Week

Members of the Brunswick county  
grand jury in session here last  
week during the first week of  
September term of Superior court  
made the following report to  
Judge John J. Burney, presiding:  
"To the Honorable John J.  
Burney, presiding judge:  
"The grand jury was glad to  
serve under Judge Burney, it be-  
ing their opinion that he is one  
of the most able judges in this  
circuit. We, as a body, also wish  
to express our appreciation for  
services rendered us by Solicitor  
Clifton L. Moore. We feel for-  
tunate indeed in having a man  
that is willing to cooperate to  
the extent that Mr. Moore has  
shown.

"The grand jury was in session  
two days. During this time, al-  
though handicapped by loss of its  
foreman and several other mem-  
bers, the grand jury was able to  
carry out its functions and duties.  
We, as a body, wish to express  
our regret and wish a speedy re-  
covery to our foreman, Mr. R. O.  
Lewis. We also express our feel-  
ings of sorrow in learning of the  
death of one of our members,  
Mr. Julius Hickman. To Mr. R.  
Will Davis, Sr., a patient in  
Doshier Memorial Hospital, we  
send our best regards.

The grand jury passed on four-  
teen (14) Bills of Indictment.  
Twelve were found to contain  
sufficient evidence to be marked  
True. Two others were returned  
as Untrue, lack of evidence be-  
ing indicated.

"The grand jury also examined  
the records of Magistrates and  
J. P.'s. The following named re-  
ported: Coy Formyduval, L. H.  
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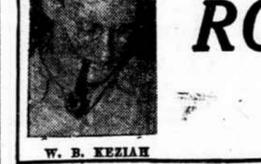
## Southport Lady Dies Saturday

Funeral Services Sunday  
Afternoon For Mrs. Irene  
Doshier, Who Died Follow-  
ing Prolonged Illness

Mrs. Irene Doshier, 77, wife of  
John A. Doshier of Southport,  
died in the Doshier Memorial hospi-  
tal Saturday afternoon follow-  
ing a prolonged illness.

She is survived by her husband,  
a daughter, Miss Bessie Doshier,  
a son, Robert Doshier, all of  
Southport.

Burial services were held Sun-  
day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at  
the Bethel Baptist church, three  
miles from town. The body was  
interred in the cemetery there.  
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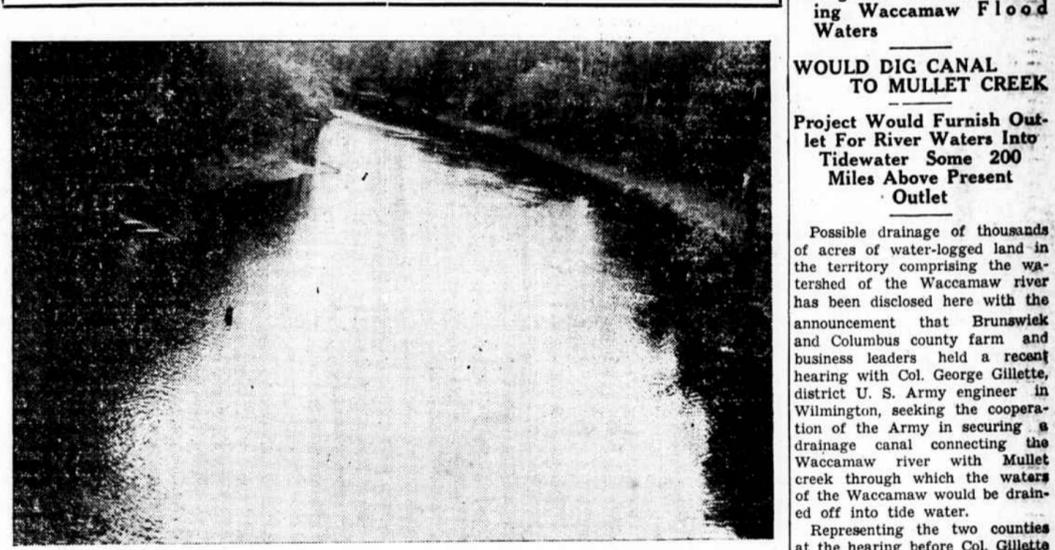
W. B. KEZIAH

Eleven land sale deeds were  
filed Monday morning for regis-  
tration in the office of Register  
of Deeds A. J. Walton, at that,  
this number is said to be only an  
indication of the average day's  
receipts of such papers. Bruns-  
wick county farm and coastal  
lands are coming into great de-  
mand with buyers coming from  
both near and distant points.

Thanks to a greatly improved  
labor situation and a wet summer  
that encouraged plant growth, the  
flowers on the many acres of the  
Orton nursery and grounds are  
said to be looking the best they  
have ever been. In addition to  
caring for the millions of estab-  
lished plants on the grounds and  
in the nursery, there has been  
enough labor available to start  
several hundred thousand new  
plants. Conditions are said to be  
unusually good, except for the  
need of a paved road which will  
be up under the established  
travel and at the same time take  
care of the thousands of tourists  
and visitors who will be coming

## Benefits Mounting To Millions Seen In Proposed Project For Draining Water-Logged Area

WACCAMAW RIVER



DRAINAGE—A project which has far-reaching effect upon the farming future  
of a large area of this county is now under consideration by U. S. Army Engineers  
and business and farm leaders of Brunswick and Columbus counties. If it is carried  
through to completion many thousands of acres of fertile farm land will be made  
available for cultivation.

## Farm Bureau Membership Quota Has Been Reached

Meeting Of Members Has  
Been Called For Friday  
Night At 7:30 O'Clock  
For Purpose of Naming  
Board Of Directors

ONE MAN WRITES  
165 NEW MEMBERS

List Of Men Throughout  
County Who Are Author-  
ized To Accept Mem-  
bership Of Farmers  
Who Have Not  
Joined

There will be a meeting of  
Farm Bureau members Friday  
night at 7:30 o'clock upstairs  
over the office of the county  
agent at Supply. The purpose  
of the meeting is to take inventory  
of what has been accomplished  
in the current membership drive,  
and to name a board of directors  
for the organization.

As the campaign for new mem-  
bers draws to a close it appears  
that Brunswick will go well over  
its quota of 302. Odell Bennett,  
vice-president of the organization  
reported this morning that he  
has written 165 members and  
that T. T. Ward, the president,  
is over the 125 mark. Other men  
assisting with the drive have  
written twenty or more members.

For the benefit of those who  
have not had an opportunity to  
join books are in the hands of  
the following representatives who  
are authorized to write members:  
Odell Bennett, Frank Inman and  
Elroy King, Freeland; T. T.  
Ward, Longwood; Odell Blanton  
and Dennis Hewitt, Supply; Jack  
Potter, Winnabow; Charlie Har-  
vell, Leland; J. B. Ward, Sr.  
Ash; W. J. McLamb, C. C.  
Hewett, Charles Russ and H. C.  
Frink, Shallotte; Prince O'Brien,  
Southport.

## Morse Home Is Being Remodeled

Old Captain's Walk Is An-  
other Landmark That Is  
Giving Way Before The  
March Of Progress

Workmen started removing the  
upper story of the old Morse  
home next to the Brunswick Inn  
this week. The building is to be  
converted into a bungalow by W.  
S. Wells and it will be occupied  
by his mother, Mrs. W. M. Wells,  
when the remodeling is complet-  
ed.

The changes in this structure  
will remove from the scenery one  
of the three captains walks still  
crowning old-time structures in  
this section. These watches, at  
one time common along the coast,  
are rapidly disappearing. In addi-  
tion to the one atop the Morse  
house, the other two are on the  
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## Sports Fishing Off Southport Is Good Now

The tempo for sports fishing  
picked up during the past week,  
reaching its height Monday and  
Tuesday with fine catches by  
Gulf Stream parties plus brief  
but losing skirmishes with sails.

Hulan Watts came in Mon-  
day afternoon with a boat load  
of amberjack and baracuda  
taken by a Durham party lead  
by C. Y. Bailey. The best of  
their amberjack weighed 43½  
lbs, best of that species entered  
thus far in the Fishing  
Rodeo.

The Idle On had another  
happy party Tuesday when four  
Charlotte men came in with 16  
amberjack, 9 baracuda and 4  
bonita. There was also a king  
mackerel that weighed 9-pounds.  
The biggest baracuda went a  
little over 27-lbs. Dr. E. R.  
Motley was in charge of this  
party.

Captain Victor Lance came  
in with reports that three sail-  
fish had toyed with lures  
streaming from the Moja, but  
that none was hooked. One  
other sail was sighted.

## Two Brunswick Men Join Army

One Is Veteran Who Has  
Decided To Re-Enlist;  
Other Recruit Plans To  
Complete His Schooling  
While In Service

The largest number of Regular  
Army volunteers in a single week  
since June were processed by the  
Wilmington Recruiting Station  
during the week ending 31 Aug-  
ust, as 23 men, including five  
veterans and eight high school  
graduates, signed up. Capt. N. G.  
Cottle, commanding officer, an-  
nounced Thursday.

One veteran, Willard H. Smith  
of Ash, was accepted from the  
Brunswick County Area. He en-  
listed for a period of three years  
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## Funeral Tuesday For Mrs. Berg

Widow Of Late J. Berg  
Died At Her Home Here  
Sunday Morning Follow-  
ing Extended Illness

Mrs. Mary W. Berg, 77, widow  
of the late J. Berg, died at her  
home here in Southport Sunday  
morning at 10:30 o'clock. She  
had been in poor health for some-  
time but her death came as a  
shock to many of her friends.  
Mrs. Berg is survived by one  
daughter by a previous marriage,  
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## Leaders Of Two Counties Meet With District Army Engineer To Talk Draining Waccamaw Flood Waters

WOULD DIG CANAL  
TO MULLET CREEK

Project Would Furnish Out-  
let For River Waters Into  
Tidewater Some 200  
Miles Awest Present  
Outlet

Possible drainage of thousands  
of acres of water-logged land in  
the territory comprising the  
watershed of the Waccamaw river  
has been disclosed here with the  
announcement that Brunswick  
and Columbus county farm and  
business leaders held a recent  
hearing with Col. George Gillette,  
district U. S. Army engineer in  
Wilmington, seeking the coopera-  
tion of the Army in securing a  
drainage canal connecting the  
Waccamaw river with Mullet  
creek through which the waters  
of the Waccamaw would be drain-  
ed off into tide water.

Representing the two counties  
at the hearing before Col. Gillette  
were County Agent Dodson of  
Southport and Rice Gwynn of  
Longwood, Dr. Floyd Johnson,  
county health officer for Colum-  
bus county, Henry Wyche of the  
Waccamaw Bank and Trust com-  
pany, and Joe Quinerly, assistant  
county agent for Columbus.

Quinerly, spokesman for the  
group, said that Col. Gillette re-  
sponded very sympathetically to  
the request and promised the as-  
semblage of information necessary  
for a survey of the entire  
region which would be affected  
by the drainage project.

He expressed his opinion that  
the influence of the Farm Bureau  
would be placed behind the pro-  
posal, a move which would likely  
assure its being adopted as a fed-  
eral farm project.

The proposed canal would di-  
vert the flood waters of the Wacca-  
maw into tide water about 75  
airline miles above Georgetown  
where the Waccamaw now empties  
into the Atlantic, thereby  
providing diversified benefits in  
millions of dollars to Columbus,  
Brunswick and Bladen counties  
above the canal and Horry and  
Georgetown counties in South  
Carolina below it.

A two-state and five-county  
project, the drainage consequent  
to the opening of the canal would  
provide health benefits from ma-  
larial control, flood prevention,  
soil conservation through drain-  
age, improved forestry, easier  
road construction and less ex-  
pensive and better maintenance,  
and a great facilitation of logg-  
ing operations in swamps water-  
logged during much of the year.

Throughout the entire water-  
shed of the Waccamaw river,  
which originates in Lake Wacca-  
maw and empties in the ocean  
at Georgetown, there are thous-  
ands of acres of land incapacitated  
for forestry or farming due to  
a back-log of undrained water. In  
this same area, malarial control  
is a pressing health problem,  
while the construction and main-  
tenance of good roads present a  
capital problem for highway en-  
gineering.

It is being pointed out that  
benefits from the canal would ex-  
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## County Agent Is On Study Trip

Several County Agents Of  
Southeastern North Caro-  
lina Are Off For Wash-  
ington, D. C., And Mary-  
land

County Agent J. E. Dodson left  
Tuesday for Clinton where he  
will board a bus, together with  
other southeastern North Caro-  
lina county agents, for a three-  
day trip to Washington, D. C.,  
and Beltsville, Md.

The trip was arranged by Dean  
Schaub Director of the North  
Carolina State College Extension  
Service and District Agent C. M.  
Brickhouse. An educational trip,  
the travelling expenses are being  
paid by State College. The party  
expects to make a study of the  
work being carried on in other  
states.

Mr. Dodson stated that county  
agents from nineteen or twenty  
southeastern North Carolina coun-  
ties would make the trip. They  
expect to return the last of this  
week.