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## OCTOBER FISHING



**DRUM**—When Dave Roberts, Ohio newspaper man was here on a fishing trip several years ago he landed the big red drum shown above. This was good enough to bring him back on another fishing trip this fall. Looking on with obvious approval is W. B. Keziah, of Southport.

## National Recognition Is Resulting From UNO Bid

**Association Press Has Released Stories And Pictures Of Bald Head Island Following Word Of Invitation**

**SENATOR BAILEY GIVES INVITATION Acknowledgement Received And Assurance Given That Facilities Will Be Investigated**

Newspapers throughout the nation are now carrying large pictures of Bald Head island, the famous 17,000-acre semi-tropical tract owned by Frank O. Sherrill, at the mouth of the Cape Fear River just off Southport. The pictures are being distributed by the Associated Press.

The news value of the picture lies in the fact that Senator J. W. Bailey has proposed the island as being suitable for a permanent home for the United Nations Organization. The Senator has written UNO officials to that effect and has received a courteous reply of indicating that all of the facilities would be investigated.

## Bellamy Goes Back To Bacon

**Brunswick County Man Will Go Back As Master Of Powerful U. S. Engineers Dredge**

The Henry Bacon, for many years the chief dependence for dredging on the river between Southport and Wilmington, and before the war the most powerful dredge owned by the Army Engineers, is due to Jacksonville, Florida, in the near future.

Captain Bellamy owns some valuable beach property in the Colonial Beach tract east of the Shallotte river inlet, with a part of the tract being owned by the State.

## Growing Grapes Popular Crop For Brunswick

**One Buyer Has Paid Out More Than \$3,000 For Grapes From Growers In This County This Year**

### SOIL ADAPTED TO GRAPE CULTURE

**Advice From State College Specialist Is That November Is Good Time For Planting Vines**

Scuppernon grapes are fast becoming a good money crop in Brunswick county, with indications that the production is being set for a great increase and this year three buyers operated in the county and all are reported to have made big purchases of the grapes, in addition to more that were taken to markets in Wilmington and Whiteville.

Herbert Russ of Shallotte, one of the Brunswick buyers, reported Saturday that he had paid out the neat little sum of \$3,152.00 for grapes during the past two weeks, and he is still buying.

It takes about three years for the grape vines to grow into good producing strength. Once they reach that age the owners are set for a good yearly production, with no expense or trouble other than harvesting. Last week it was mentioned in this paper that Cornelius Thomas, of the Clarendon Plantation, had a young 8-acre vineyard near Grissetown, his vines just coming into bearing this year. Next year they should produce twice as much as this. Many others have young vines just starting to produce.

## Appreciation Of Courtesies Here

**Letter Received By Custodian Of Courthouse In Southport Expressing Appreciation Of Coast Guard For Assistance**

During the week the tanker Bennington was at Southport having temporary repairs made of the damage resulting when an explosion and fire killed seven of her crew, the Coast Guard had several hearings in an effort to find the cause of the explosion.

The hearings were held in the courthouse here. No findings have been announced, but a courteous letter of appreciation for the use of the courthouse has been received. This letter from the office of the officers-in-charge of Marine Inspection, at Norfolk, to the custodian in charge of the courthouse, was as follows:

Dear Sir: "I have been directed by Rear Admiral Thomas A. Shanley, Commander of the Fifth Coast Guard District, to extend to you and the employees of the Brunswick county courthouse the sincere appreciation of the Coast Guard for your assistance in the Bennington case."

Cornelius Thomas was relieved of \$9,000.00 valuation on Clarendon plantation due to cutting of timber.

The H. L. Mintz estate was relieved of \$1,300.00 valuation as a result of two parcels of land having been sold.

G. F. Ganey was permitted to pay 1946 and prior taxes on a station and lot at Leland on basis of \$300.00 valuation. Similar arrangements were made for a valuation of \$350.00 for a small house and lot.

An order was passed to admit Mrs. Irish Wood to the county home.

The board recommended that the road leading from Jennies Branch Baptist church via William Hewetts, via L. T. Hewetts to the Brick Landing-Gause Landing road be added to the state highway system.

It was ordered that the blind grant to Alice Danford Hewett be raised from \$30.00 to \$40.00 monthly.

It was ordered that the blind grant for Irene Hill be raised from \$8.00 to \$11.00 monthly.

## Southport Boy Class President

Frank Plaxco, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Plaxco, Southport, was elected this week as president of the freshman class at Fishburne Military School (Waynesboro, Va.). Class elections were held Monday and results were announced in a special order published by the school's superintendent yesterday.

## Fire Prevention Program Begins Monday, Oct. 7

**Needs For Conserving All Possible Forest Resources Being Emphasized By Forestry Officials**

### FOREST FIRES CAUSE BIG DAMAGE

Statistics Show That Nine Out Of Every Ten Forest Fires Are Man-Made; List Of Rules

The shortage of forest products is one of the most critical of our peacetime problems, and man-made forest and wood fires are a real factor in that shortage, according to County Forest Warden D. L. Mercer who today announced the opening here of the nation-wide Forest Fire Prevention program for 1946.

The housing situation highlights this shortage, he said, but in addition to lumber there is urgent and widespread need for wood for such things as newsprint, timber and ties; fence posts, hauled staves and furniture; telephone, telegraph and electric light poles; chemically processed foods, alcohols and plastics.

The county warden points out that the United States averaged more than 210,000 forest and woods fires in peacetime years, and that besides destroying enough big trees to make 215,000 two-bedroom houses—or 5,700,000 tons of newsprint—these fires killed billions of little trees that would otherwise have made more homes and jobs for tomorrow.

"It will be the same old story again this year unless each one of us wakes up to the big cause of forest fires, and does something about it," he said, "because

## Esquire Inquires About Brunswick

**Southport Man Receives Inquiry From Travel Department Head Of National Publication**

Esquire Magazine, nationally-known publication, has recently founded a Travel Department and is proposing to run travel and vacation information covering sections that are available to the American tourist.

In keeping with these plans Richard Joseph, head of the Travel Department, has written W. B. Keziah asking for all available information regarding Southport and the Brunswick county area. In part, Mr. Joseph said:

"We are particularly interested in hotel and other accommodations in Southport and Brunswick county; their rates, tourist attractions; climate, temperature

are still bad. That is one road that will have to have permanent improvement if children are to reach schools, the mails be delivered and usual travel is allowed to go on.

Miss Barbara Weeks spent the week end with relatives at Shallotte and this reminds us that if she will call at the ticket office of the Amuzze Theatre in Southport, carrying a copy of this issue of The Pilot, Manager Furlow will be happy to admit her to any show free. Miss Joy Russ, of Shallotte, will also get a free ticket to any show at the Shallotte Theatre if she calls at the ticket office this week and presents a copy of The Pilot to Mrs. Layton Bennett, or whoever may

## Former Personal Cook For F. D. R. Living In Brunswick

**Jacob McClaria Is Now Taking Life Easy As Cook Aboard Yacht Argo After Some Thrilling Experiences**

Jacob McClaria, colored cook on the yacht Argo, at Supply, treasured for himself a recommendation signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, attesting that he, Jacob, is a fine cook. Jacob, it may be further stated, was one of President Roosevelt's personal cooks, with him on much of his wartime journeying, was with him at Warm Spring, Georgia, when he died and cooked his last meal.

Charlotte-born and North Carolina-raised, Jacob has done much wandering at his trade of cook and other vocations, chiefly with the railroads and Pullman company, Jacob jumped into shipbuilding when the great program was launched before the United States entered the war, and he is said to have been the best colored man employed by the North Carolina Shipyard at Wilmington. There he became "push-off-man" at the launching of ships. In addition to this ritual at Wilmington he was often called to Newport News, Va., and other ship-

building yards to serve as "push-off-man" at launchings. In all he officiated at ceremonies that sent 139-ships sliding down the way.

Before the shipbuilding program reached its full war-time proportions, Jacob was back with the Pullman people. Cooking on a special train that carried the nations great wartime leader across the country, President Roosevelt liked one meal particularly well. He asked who prepared it and asked to see the chef. Jacob immediately forsook the Pullman company and became one of President Roosevelt's personal cooks.

When President Roosevelt made the famous war-time journey for a conference at sea aboard a battleship with Winston Churchill, Jacob was right there, too. Thereafter, wherever the president went, so went Jacob. He went on the last journey to Warm Springs and cooked the last meal that Franklin Roosevelt ate.

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## New Fertilizer Plant Complete And Set To Work

**Smith-Douglas Fertilizer Plant In Northwest Is Housed In Largest Building In Brunswick County**

### MODERN DEVICES CUT LABOR NEED

**Unusual Safety Record Compiled By Builders As Not A Single Man-Hour Was Lost Because Of Injury**

The machinery of the huge Smith-Douglas fertilizer mixing plant at Navassa had its initial run last week. With everything about the new building still far from completed, Supt. Homer Wright advised The State Port Pilot that everything would be going good and on a permanent producing basis within a few days, or possibly two or three weeks.

The building is much the largest single unit of any structure in Brunswick county. Built to serve during the modern machine-age days, there will be around only 50-employees. With this comparatively small number of workers and the modern machinery, the company will have an enormous output of ready mixed fertilizers, sacked and put under the widely known Smith-Douglas brands.

Supt. Wright comes to the Navassa plant from the Kinston plant of the same company. Before going with the Smith-Douglas people at Kinston he was with the Planters Fertilizer Company for a number of years. Still young and energetic, he looks with pride on the splendid building and the modern machinery now under his charge at Navassa.

He called particular attention to the automatic freight car unloader, where whole freight car loads of materials for the mixers may be unloaded in record time. Another object of pride was the concrete 750-foot loading and unloading platform where as many as 18 to 20 freight cars may be loaded at the same time.

The building housing this huge new Brunswick county industry is a marvel of construction. There is not and will not be a foot of woodwork. The whole structure is of concrete and steel. The building is 750-feet in length, 150-feet in width and 65-feet from the floor to the first steel girders of the rafters.

The cement foundation which extends out into the loading platform was built by the Norfolk Constructing Company of Norfolk, Va. Some idea of the size of their task may be had from the fact that it required 6,500 cubic yards of cement for the foundation construction. The walls, 10-feet high, are also of cement and the steel truss-like rafters rest on these walls. There are no joists or other obstructions to collect dust. The building, outside of the floor and concrete walls is formed of 7 huge steel airplane hangers, welded end to end to form the 750-foot building. The hangers were built for the Army for use at overseas bases. With the war ending when it did they were not needed.

Both the Norfolk Construction Company and Mr. Andrews who contracted all steel construction, are very much pleased over the fact that there was not a single injury to workmen. No man was laid off from work for so much as an hour, due to injury while the huge construction work was in progress.

Record Rush Or Army Enlistments

Men Get In Before The Deadline For Regulation Changes In G. I. Bill Eligibility

During two weeks ending October 5, 110 men, the greatest number of white volunteers in the history of the Wilmington Army Recruiting Station, signed up for service in Uncle Sam's peacetime regular Army. Capt. N. G. Cottle, Commanding Officer, announced today.

Most of these volunteers, ranging from 10th, 11th and 12th graders to high school and college graduates, joined up to get in under the "GI" Bill deadline. As an example, all but one senior left Atkinson high school to sign up. Those who have not finished high school will have the opportunity of doing so in the service.

Cottle pointed out that those enlisted on or before October 5, will be guaranteed the full benefits of the "GI" Bill for the full

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## Large Equipment Company Building Outlet At Leland

### Initiations Are Sometimes Grim

**Chief of Police Otto Hickman received an emergency call last week from a lady who lives near the western city limits.**

"Please hurry down here to my house right away," she called. "They are killing somebody out here in a clump of bushes near my house."

It isn't often that even a Police Chief gets invited to a murder, so Chief Hickman piled into his automobile and rushed to the scene of the reported crime.

Things had quieted down considerably before he arrived—just in time for the finale of an initiation ceremony which some boys from Brunswick County Training School were conducting.

## Rally Day At Woodburn Sun.

**Interesting Program Presented On The Theme "Teach All The People" At Sunday Celebration**

The Woodburn Presbyterian church rendered a fine rally day program last Sunday, the theme being "Teach All People." The Leland Baptist church, with a fine cooperative spirit, gave up its Sunday morning preaching services in order to join with the Presbyterians in the rally. Rev. Woodrow W. Robbins, pastor of the Baptist church, led the Baptists in joining up for the day's program.

The program was as follows: Prelude Hymn No. 159—"Heralds of Christ" The Lord's Prayer (in unison) Leader's Introduction: Mrs. Mac Floyd Jones

Talks: 1. "The Value of the Teaching Program" 2. "We Are to Teach All Ages" 3. "We Are to Teach All Races" 4. "We Are to Teach In All Places"

Hymn No. 65—"I Love to Tell The Story" Talks: "Reaching and Teaching Through Giving" Presentation of Offering Dedication Prayer Hymn No. 168—"The Voice of God"

Benediction: Rev. J. D. Withrow Intermission MORNING WORSHIP 11:15-12:15 "The Lord is in His holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence before Him." Piano Meditation and Silent Prayer Doxology Invocation Hymn No. 7—"O Worship the Lord" (Continued on page six)

## North Carolina Equipment Company Of Charlotte And Raleigh Opening Branch Of Their Business In Brunswick

### BUILDING FOR TEMPORARY USE

**Permanent Building To Be Erected Later By Their Company; Land Purchased Near Road Junction**

Buying two acres of land on Route 74, located midway between Woodburn and the Brunswick River Bridge, the North Carolina Equipment Company, of Charlotte and Raleigh, has already graded the tract and is now laying the foundation for a 40 x 120 foot quanset hut and other buildings which will provide the huge sales company with temporary quarters until a modern brick building can be constructed.

The tract was purchased from W. E. Rafferty at an undisclosed price. The North Carolina Equipment Company, of Charlotte, and Raleigh, is reputedly the largest machinery concern in the state, dealing extensively in catpillar tractors, heavy duty trucks, road scrapers, drag lines, steam shovels, hoisting drums, concrete mixers, pumps and on through the entire list of equipment.

Residents of Woodburn and the Brunswick River Bridge communities are naturally very much elated over the fact that the Carolina Equipment Company is locating one of its branches in upper Brunswick county. This big business is only one of several that are reported to be interested in the area lying near the Brunswick county ship lay-in basin.

## Short Session Of Court Held

**All Cases On Docket Disposed Of Before Judge John B. Ward Before Noon Monday**

Monday was a comparatively light day in Brunswick county Recorder's court, and all cases were disposed of by Judge John B. Ward before the noon recess. Cases were disposed of as follows:

Bryant Brown and Emma Hewett, fornication and adultery. The Hewett girl was ordered placed in the care of the Welfare Officer until Oct. 14th, at which time it will be decided where to send her. Bryant Brown was given 18-months on the roads, judgment suspended on condition that the defendant not be in the company of Bob Hewett and family for two years.

Dewey Fulford, assault, judgment made for jury trial. The defendant was bound over to superior court. William Gray, larceny, 18-months on the roads, judgment suspended on condition that defendant make restitution in the

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## Federal Funds Help To Swell Pay To Needy

**Payments To Persons Made Through Welfare Department Show Appreciable Increase**

### LEGISLATIVE ACTION BY CONGRESS

**Increases Became Effective On October 1; Especially Helpful In Lower Brackets**

The regular monthly meeting of Brunswick County Welfare was held September 27, in the welfare office. The board acted on three new applications for age assistance and one for dependent children.

Age assistance and one for dependent children were increased. One ADC was terminated.

It is gratifying to the board that due to recent congressional action Brunswick county was enabled to raise the average amount of public assistance cases.

Included, old age assistance, dependent children and assistance. Previously the share was one-half, the one-fourth, and the county share. Beginning with the month of October the Federal Government will pay two-thirds the first \$15.00 of OAA and grants and one-half all the amount. In other words a person is receiving \$15.00 monthly OAA or B. A. the Federal Government's share would be \$10.00, and the county's \$5.00.

As to dependent children the maximum for one child previously \$18.00 plus \$12.00 each additional child up to \$24.00. Now the maximum for one child is \$24.00 plus \$15.00 for each additional child. The Federal Government now pays two-thirds the first \$9.00 for each child, and one-half for all over this amount.

This means that the approximately 200 families receiving a previous \$11.00 monthly average will now get a \$16.00 monthly average. The previous monthly average for ADC cases can now be increased to an average of \$30.00. There will be an increase in B. A. cases but not as much as in other categories as the average in this category has been less than in the others. These increases are expected to prove beneficial in the light of such costs of living for the people of this county who are in need of assistance from these funds.

## Brief News Flashes

### TO MEET

The Southport Parent-Teacher Association will hold its October meeting on Thursday night at 8 o'clock. An interesting program, including a movie, has been arranged and it is hoped that a large number will be present.

### MINISTRATION SERVICE

An impressive service Sunday night G. C. Kilpatrick, W. H. Hildridge and Ivan Ludlum are ordained as deacons of the Southport Baptist church. The deacons were presented by the church.

### ANTIOCH

Homecoming Day will be observed at Antioch Baptist church Sunday, October 13. All former members, former members and friends of the church are invited to attend. An all day program, including a picnic dinner, is being arranged.

### WELFARE BRIDGE

Members of the auxiliary of the Brunswick County Post No. 194, American Legion, will sponsor a welfare bridge party next Wednesday evening, October 16, at the home of Mrs. Chas. M. Trott. The party will begin at 8 o'clock.

### WELFARE CLEANING

W. G. Sellers, of Supply, reported that he and his fellow committee men, O. B. Sellers, are making plans for the community cleanup day at the Galloway cemetery near Supply. They are asking that all who have loved ones buried in the above cemetery send a helper on October 14th. All who are interested should attend and take tools, as well as a lunch.