

Meet Champion Snake - Killer

This Unwelcomed Title Probably Has Been Earned By James D. Bellamy, Jr. During Past Few Nerve-Wracking Weeks

James D. Bellamy, Jr., of Shallotte township, is undoubtedly the rattlesnake killing champion of the moment. Mr. Bellamy has killed three large rattlesnakes and two rattlesnake pilot snakes within the past two weeks, four more rattlers have been killed by others on the Bellamy farm in the last few weeks.

Interesting and exciting experiences attended the execution of the three rattlers by Mr. Bellamy. One of them was in the barn loft and Mr. Bellamy went up there at night in search of a board. He was feeling around for the board and thinks he must have touched the snake. Any way the reptile sounded off almost in his face as he stooped over feeling on the barn floor. He straightened up in short order and went backwards at the same time. Getting a flashlight and his rifle he made short work of killing this one. It had 10 rattles and a button.

The second of the three snakes was found and killed just outside the Bellamy hog pen. Although fairly large it had only four rattles.

The third and largest snake was killed this past week in the Bellamy cornfield. Mr. Bellamy was gathering corn and says he stepped directly on it without knowing it was there. The snake was either crawling or stretched out on the ground. From the feeling under his foot Mr. Bellamy had the instinct to jump before the reptile could coil, sound its buzzer and strike.

A crawling rattler cannot strike, but it can whip into a coil and strike like a whiplash. This one was sounding its warning and Mr. Bellamy was taking a long step at the same instant. The reptile had 16 rattles and a huge fellow.

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not setting oneself up as being qualified to advise the farmer, but we believe there are many of them who can profitably engage in small scale growing of some other things besides tobacco. It seldom pays anybody to keep all eggs in one basket. A patch of strawberries, a few scuppernon grape vines and the other recognized good crops may some day come in very handy when neither tobacco production or prices turn out to be what was expected.

Many beautiful little well-kept homes are found in the rural sections of Brunswick. They are a credit to the owners and communities, an inspiration to everybody else to do the best that can be done with existing possibilities. Believing that the public in general recognizes the fine community effects resulting from from having nice homes, we would like to have folks in all sections of Brunswick nominate the homeowner or owners who are making an earnest effort to beautify their home and grounds. Write us a short story about such people, telling us where they live and what they are doing. If your community is interested in the efforts of any particular family it is safe to say that the county is also interested. If you are not sure of your descriptive vocabulary, write us anyway, giving the details. We will fix it up and will not use your name, if you wish.

It is getting to be a hard matter to name someone in the Shallotte community and someone at Southport to give the free weekly moving picture show tickets. There are so many folks to whom we would like to give these tickets, and with only two each week. At the Shallotte Theatre this week Mrs. Virginia Russ Bellamy will be admitted to any one show upon presentation of a copy of this week's paper. At the Amuzu at Southport Manager Furples will be glad to admit Miss Loraine Hewett to the show when she goes around with her copy of the paper.

The parking lot and headquarters for the several hundred men that will be employed on the Brunswick river ship lay-in-basin will be only about two-hundred yards below routes 17 and 74 at the Brunswick river bridge. The community around the bridge is naturally expecting a considerable amount of development to result from the basin operations. In addition, that section of Brunswick county is making fine strides on its own.

The tobacco growers and producers of other crops all know that to make a success in either wet or dry seasons their soils must have plenty of humus. This fact has been preached in Brunswick county for many years. This past summer afforded a good illustration of crop production during an extremely wet season. Hundreds of Brunswick tobacco growers who had provided for humus in their soil by the planting of cover crops made big crops of tobacco, corn, etc. Cover crops to provide humus is about the best fertilization and crop insurance that can be put on farming land. This fact and the fact that commercial fertilizers for next year's crops will likely be extremely high in price should encourage the planting of humus-producing and soil building crops now while the season is here.

If the chance only presents itself this department of The State Port Pilot plans to take a leisurely two or three days trip from Shallotte down the river through Shallotte Point, Gause Landing, Seaside and back to Grissetown, or on down to Calabash and back to Thomasboro. Such a trip should provide a lot of interesting information about our commercial fishermen friends and their work. In addition the prospects of development of the coastal sections of Brunswick is a matter well worth keeping posted on. Next year will see a lot of development in Brunswick county's big coastal area.

Interior points in Brunswick usually feel the worst of the mosquito pest during September and October. This year these insects have been very few, according to all reports. The circumstance is accounted for by the fact that continuous rains kept the waters always fresh. There were no stagnant ponds or streams in which the parent mosquitoes could breed and hatch their young. Warm weather and dryness, if such weather prevails, may yet bring out swarms of the insects during the remainder of October and early November. The general belief, however, is that the mosquito crop will continue to be short during 1946. The coastal sections of the county are seldom troubled by the insects owing to the prevailing winds coming from seaward.

Undertakers might logically be regarded as gloomy persons, not at all interested in the life that goes on all around them. This is absolutely not the case with our friend Grady Kilpatrick, owner of the Kilpatrick Funeral Service.

Our observation has led us to be an asset to any community in any worthy cause. To do him catalogue Mr. Kilpatrick as a that had him. As for public spirit, justice, he is not only the first fine, friendly citizen who would be he is always the first to respond to respond, he usually outdoes everybody else.

Our friends Thomas and Croom who own and operate the Sinclair Station and Garage at the Brunswick river bridge have an additional partner in the form of a coal black cat ---- lost the whole of its tail in some mysterious manner. The Thomas-Croom combination has no idea how their black cat lost its tail. They are likewise uncertain of its pedigree. All they know is that the feline took up with them look after the cat.

some time ago and remained a tolerated companion and elected member of the firm. The boys, in addition to their garage business, have a big job looking after all of the vehicles for the Gulf States Creosote company and for the road contracting firm of Towles and Cline. Despite all this work that the feline took up with them look after the cat.

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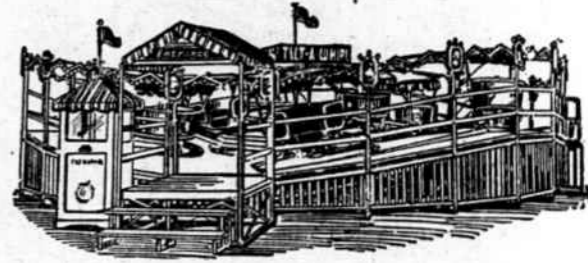
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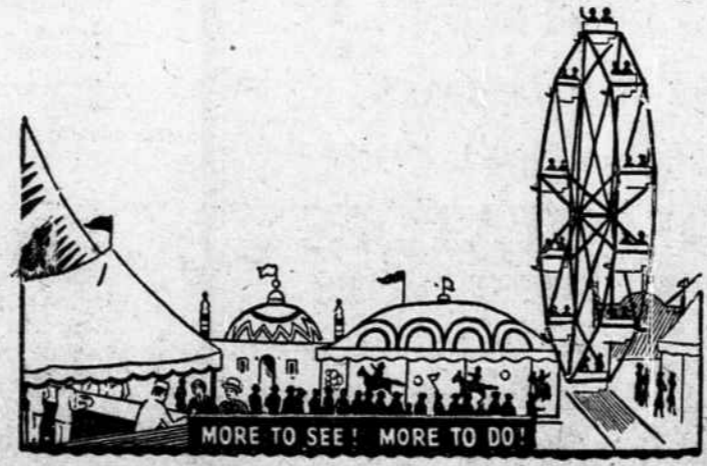
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