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Brunswick REA Is Constructing New Power Line

Heavy-Voltage Transmission Line From Whiteville To Shallotte Will Be Constructed Right Away

BETTER SERVICE WILL BE AVAILABLE

Work Necessary Before Service Lines To Carry Power To Customers Are Further Extended

The Brunswick REA announced its Shallotte office Saturday it would immediately begin construction of a 37-mile transmission line from Whiteville to Shallotte, this system to carry 33 Kv and to be main feeder for the entire Brunswick county REA distribution system.

$198,000.00 grant approved week makes these heavy transmission lines possible. additional power made available will be much greater than is now available. This will the taking on of around new REA members in Columbus and Brunswick counties, number being about equally between each county. In 9-phase current will be able, permitting the use of motors.

was stated from Superintendent D. Bishop's office in Saturday that the engineers have already staked the from Whiteville to Shallotte that construction will begin Materials are now coming and the right-of-way has available for some time.

is necessary that this new mission line be given first in the extensive expansion project that the REA has the immediate future. The line and substations are to their full capacity and REA patrons cannot until the additional comes in. Elliott Tripp Saturday that the extension program to serve consumers the construction of about miles of distribution line. The for these distribution lines been available for some time, construction has been held high cost and lack of ma-

two hundred eighty five miles the 500-miles of distribution are to be built in Brunswick take care of the about 1,300 members.

Tripp stated that if the distribution lines were built before the transmission line to Whiteville the distribution lines all have to stand idle until transmission line was finished. By building the transmission first, current will be available for all of the distribution and the use by consumers fast as these distribution lines completed.

The Brunswick REA, operating Brunswick, Columbus and Bladen counties, has grown into a tremendous power for development in rural communities under management of Superintendent Bishop. The announcement heavier voltage will soon be available and the system will be added will bring general satisfaction to the rural residents of counties that it served. It understood that the total funds available for the transmission and distribution lines is in the neighborhood of $400,000.00.

Brief News Flashes

MEETING TO MEET

Members of the Southport Club will meet tomorrow at o'clock in their regular third Monday meeting.

BREAKS KNEECAP

While walking along the waterfront Monday, Mark Ferguson, year old Southport civil engineer, tripped and fell over a piece of rope, breaking one of his kneecaps. He is being treated in the Dosher Memorial hospital.

HONOR ROLL

Announcement received this week from Fishburne Military School at Waynesboro, Va., revealed that Frank Plaxco, son of and Mrs. R. F. Plaxco, of Southport, was one of the 9 members of the freshman class make the honor roll for the school academic month.

Greensboro Man Deals Frankly With Brunswick

Charles A. Farrell Writes Friend Here And Calls Spade A Spade In His Analysis Of County Needs

Charles A. Farrell, prominent Greensboro man and long a friend of Brunswick county, has written a letter to a friend in Southport giving some frank reactions to his recent visit here. Text of his letter follows:

"The pictures made on Homer McKeithan's boat turned out quite well and will supplement handily the shots I already have of shrimping operations. I should be heartbroken about the loss of the net except that I'm an old enough hand to accept philosophically the vicissitudes of the sea and of fishing.

"When I think of our experience on the River Road last week, I wonder why I ever leave the comforts of Gulford Company for the mud, ruts and corduory of Brunswick. I shiver now when I think of that car embedded to the running gear, night and rain coming on and no help in sight—the only comforting thing, Emmy Lou and her roguish good cheer. Paul and I went down this summer to the Santee-Cooper in South Carolina for some fishing. We drove over forbidden bridges and went through red mud up to the hubs; but the bridges held up and that road at least did have a bottom, and we did catch fish.

"I'll tell you why I go back over and over to Brunswick; I like the people in Southport, I like their lazy timeless movement, their gentle calmness, their courtesy, and above all the pride that restrains them from apologizing

CHARLES A. FARRELL

for the things they don't have such as hotels and enough sports fishing boats; I like the nearness of the Cape Fear and the breathtaking view of the harbor and

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Acme Fertilizer Plant Sustains Big Fire Loss

Fire Of Undetermined Origin Guts Southwest Wing Of Huge County Manufacturing Plant

WHITEVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT CALLED

Fire Fighters From Wilmington, Whiteville And Acme Battle Flames For Five Hours

A blaze of still undetermined origin that gutted the southwest wing of the $200,000 Acme Fertilizer company plant at Acme, just outside this County, was halted early Sunday afternoon by Wilmington, Whiteville and Acme fire-fighters who battled five hours. The flames threatened to spread over the entire structure and sweep to the dwellings which surrounded it, before they were brought under control.

Thomas H. Wright, president of the Acme company, who arrived at the scene of the fire shortly after it broke out at 8 o'clock Sunday morning, said last night that he had as yet no estimate of the size of the loss.

Two high-pressure hoses operated by an eight-man Wilmington Fire Department company headed by Assistant Chief J. N. Grimsley turned the tide of flame shortly before noon Sunday Archie Rushing Fire Chief said last night.

W. A. Stone, plant superintendent, took charge of the volunteer Acme fire-fighters shortly after the blaze was reported Sunday morning.

Within two hours his crew had the assistance of Wilmington and

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School Bus In Wreck With Car

Columbus County Youth Drives Head-On Into Waccamaw High School Bus, Shaking Up Passengers

One of the Waccamaw school buses, driven by 18-year old Richard Jenrette, was struck and slightly damaged by a car driven by William C. Gore, 19-year old Nakina boy, Tuesday of last week. The car driven by Gore was badly damaged.

According to Rural Policeman W. D. Evans, who investigated the occurancy, the schol bus was coming to a stop when the Gore car crashed into it head-on.

Gore was arrested by the officer, who charged him with reckless driving. Tried at the adjourned session of the Recorder's court last Wednesday, Judge Ward sentenced him to sixty days on the roads with the alternative of paying a fine of $50.00 and the costs. The children in the school bus are said to have been shaken up, but none was injured.

Methodist Minister Arriving Friday

Rev. Paul H. Fields, of Scotland Neck, who has been assigned to the Trinity Methodist church for the coming conference year, was a visitor here Thursday, his first trip to Southport since he conducted a revival meeting at the Methodist church in 1939.

The Rev. Mr. Fields and Mrs. Fields plan to arrive here Friday afternoon to make their home at the Methodist parsonage.

The Rev. Herbert M. Baker, pastor of Southport Baptist church, has announced that there will be no morning service Sunday at his church and that he and members of his congregation will join with the Methodists in welcoming the new minister to Southport.

Planning Election Of Committeemen

Community Committeemen And Delegates To County Convention To Elect County Officers Will Be Named

Farmers in Brunswick county will receive notices within the next few days about annual elections of community and county farmer-committees, C. O. Bennett, chairman of the Brunswick County Agricultural Conservation (AAA) committee, said today.

Each of the county's 17 farming communities will elect three committeemen and two alternates, as well as a delegate to the county convention where a three-man county committee will be elected. Announcement of the definite dates, hours, and places for holding the elections are now being determined.

Mr. Bennett said that eligible Tar Heel farmers are those who are participating in the 1946 Agricultural Conservation Pro-

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Duncan Harvell Passes Thursday

Bolivia Resident Had Been In Failing Health For Several Years; Funeral Services Held Saturday

Duncan A. Harvell, well-known and highly esteemed resident of the Bolivia community, died here in the Dosher Memorial Hospital Thursday. He had been in ill health for about three years. The deceased was 60-years-old.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon from the Bolivia Methodist church, with bur-

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New Passenger Bus Begins Runs On WB&S Line

Manager Hubert Livingston Arrived Tuesday From Sidney, Ohio, With New Equipment For Company

TWO MORE BUSES COMING LATER

New Vehicle Is Of Latest And Most Modern Design, With Good Seats And Ample Head-Room

The first modern bus that the W. B. & S. Bus Lines, Inc., of Southport, has been able to acquire since the start of operations early in war, was brought in last week from Sidney, Ohio, and is now in operation, making three round-trips to Wilmington each day.

The vehicle is of 37-passenger seating capacity, with ample overhead and underbody baggage compartments. Of the same size and identical with the big Greyhound and Trailway buses, it has the International bus chasis and an International B. II, pusher-type engine. The body was built by the C. D. Beck Body Works, of Sidney, Ohio.

Manager Hubert Livingston of the bus company went to Ohio the first of last week and drove the new equipment down. He states that the company will receive two similar but smaller-capacity buses the first of the year. These two others that have been ordered are like the one received this week in all respects except that they are shorter, with seating capacity of 29 passengers each. Like the big machine received this week, they will all have the pusher type engines.

In addition to two round trips daily between Wilmington and Southport with a mail truck, serving the post offices at Winnabow, Bolivia and Southport, the bus company gives six daily round trips with passenger bus between Southport and Wilmington, serving both of these places and intervening points in the county, including the communities of Supply, Bolivia, Winnabow, Town Creek and the Brunswick River bridge. A daily and Sunday round-trip passenger bus is also run between Southport and Whiteville.

Cage Game Set For Thursday

Shallotte High School Faculty Members Will Play Former Championship Team In Feature Attraction

Shallotte folks are looking forward to having a jam-up basket ball game this Thursday night at the high school gymnasium, with the main bill offering the high school teachers vs. the 1939 Brunswick county high school girls champions of Shallotte.

The Shallotte high school girls won the championship that year. Although some of them now are married, they have formed the Shallotte town team. They have one addition in the person of Mrs. Myrtle Boyd, a star on the Fairmont team of about the same time.

Playing Thursday night will be

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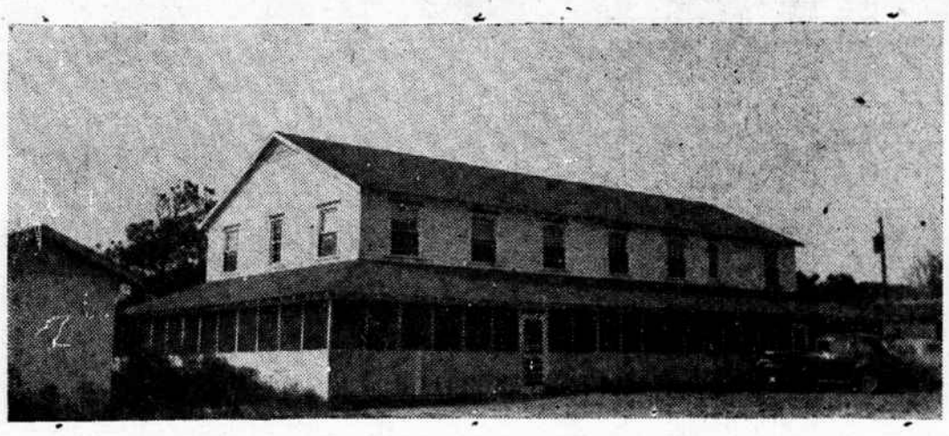
RESORT HOTEL



SHALLOTTE POINT—The Anchor Hotel at Shallotte Point has played an important part in attracting tourists and sportsmen to the coastal area of Brunswick county. The construction of this hotel by John W. Garner is the first step toward toward providing adequate accommodations for visitors to this section of the coast of Carolina.

Welfare Officer Resigns Position In This County

Chas. E. White Will Return To His Home At Hertford To Serve as Welfare Officer For Perquimins County

NO REPLACEMENT AVAILABLE NOW

White Has Served As Superintendent Of Public Welfare For Brunswick Since April

Charles E. White, superintendent of public welfare for Brunswick county, has tendered his resignation to the State Welfare Board in Raleigh, effective December 1.

White came to Southport as head of the welfare department in April, a short time following his discharge from the Army. He is resigning from his Brunswick county post to accept appointment at superintendent of public welfare for Perquimins county, with headquarters at Hertford. He is a native of that town.

Thus far there has been no announcement of a successor for White. Members of the county welfare board will meet here within the next few days for the purpose of considering this matter. Prior to the time when White assumed the duties of this office, Miss Dorothy Swain had served for several months as acting-welfare officer.

Highway Force Working On Dam

State Highway Employees Are Hauling In And Filling Many Places In General Repair Of River Road

As large force of state highway employees with road building the Orton dam causeway, which was destroyed in the late August floods. Since the destruction of this causeway, a long and often impassable detour, has been followed. In fact the whole river road has been in such condition that school buses and the mail, as well as general travel found it impossible for travel at

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Hotel Accommodations Add To Interest In The Point

Shallotte Point, Long Recognized As Place Of Outstanding Beauty, Has Become Popular Resort

HOTEL WAS ERECTED DESPITE DIFFICULTY

Has Been Necessary To Expand Facilities In Order To Take Care Of Increased Demand From Visitors

During the war Army men and Coast Guardsmen liked to visit Shallotte Point for the fishing and hunting when they could get a few hours or a day off duty. The Point was widely recognized as one of the very best places in Brunswick county for inside fishing and oystering.

The only drawback from the standpoint of the hunters, fishermen and summer guests was that there were no accommodations at the Point, except for three or four tourist cabins and such homes of residents as would open their doors to guests.

It was a hard matter to build anything two and three years ago. There was the matter of being able to get material, and priorities were also a serious problem. Recognizing the need for accommodations, John W. Garner, who hails from Piedmont North Carolina managed to get the needed lumber and building material. Setting out with determination, he constructed a small but neat hotel with twelve guest rooms and modern facilities.

The hotel and dining room were filled almost from the start and Mr. Garner has had to expand as far as he was able during the two years or more that he has been operating. He has constructed several small cabins or tourist homes near the hotel building and now about 24-rooms available for guests summer and winter.

The increased travel to and from Shallotte Point as a result of accommodations being made available there undoubtedly contributed greatly towards the successful efforts to have the road from Shallotte to the Point paved this year. Shallotte Point is at the mouth of the Shallotte river, at its junction with the inland waterway six miles below Shallotte. A beautiful view of the river, inland waterway and ocean add much to the attractiveness of the place. The picture of the hotel, shown in this issue of The Pilot, does not show the tourist homes and other facilities also operated by Mr. and Mrs. Garner.

Sight Of Big Bear Makes Him Lonely

Elroy King of Waccamaw township is fond of deer hunting, but he is said to be alergic to bears.

He was out with a deer hunting party this past week and was finding his way along alone. Some of his companions suddenly noticed him running, as if he was chasing something and was very anxious to catch up.

It later developed that Elroy had rounded a large cypress knee and discovered a big, black bear standing on its hind legs only about five-feet away. Elroy forgot all about his double-barreled shotgun, both barrels loaded with buckshot. He set out highballing it for home, or at least for human companionship.

Potato Harvest At Its Height

Cold Weather Of Last Week And This Week Has Placed Emphasis On Potato Digging In Brunswick

Apparently very little frost occurred in Brunswick county during the cold nights of Wednesday and Thursday last week. None at all was reported along the coast, and at interior points the only visible effects were the nipping of leaves of sweet potatoes. In some cases, where the fields were exposed, the leaves were killed.

Aided by fine weather, Brunswick county sweet potato growers made substantial progress in harvesting their sweet potato crop last week. However, they still have a long way to go before reaching the finishing line. This week, if rains do not hinder, will see the main efforts being made to harvest and store, or sell, this crop. Reports indi-

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P.-T. A. To Back Salary Demands

Southport Parent - Teacher Association Went On Record Favoring 40-Percent Salary Boost For Teachers Thursday

At their regular monthly meeting here last Thursday night, members of the Southport High School Parent-Teachers Association went on record as favoring a 40-percent increase in teachers' salaries, and a resolution was adopted to write a letter to both the State Senator-elect and the Representative-elect urging their support of legislation which will lead to this end.

Feature of the program was a talk by Mrs. Guy McKeithan, member of the legislative committee of the Brunswick County Education Association. Mrs. McKeithan disclosed some startling facts regarding the current tendency for qualified teachers to leave the profession, and the corresponding reluctance of able young men and women to enter the profession as replacements.

She urged for the teachers not only a deserved boost in salary, but more general recognition and respect for their profession.

The entertainment feature of the program was in two parts.

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Our ROVING Reporter

W. B. KEZIAH

County tax collector W. P. Jorgensen begins making his rounds of appointments at various places in the county next week. In order to reach some parts of the county that we do not often get to visit, this department of the State Port Pilot is planning to accompany Mr. Jorgenson on all of his trips.

If you ask what breed he is, Toby, property of R. D. White, Sr., of Shallotte, is passed off as just dawg. However, despite the lack of any presentable pedigree by Toby, young Jack White, R. D. White, Jr., and even old man R. D. White himself, will affirm and declare that Toby is a smart dog. As an example of his smartness Toby insists that he be served ice cream, a half pint or at least a cone, five times a day, by one or the other of the three. When he gets hungry Toby resorts to frantic barking, and to making believe that he intends to take a piece out of the calf of somebody's leg if they do not get his ice cream and be prompt about it.

Charlie Caison, rural mail carrier out from Supply, has to serve a 46-mile mail route daily except Sunday. Forty-two miles of this distance is over country roads and part of the time this summer Charlie has been in urgent need of a boat with which to get over some portions of his route. At other times nothing short of a catapillar tractor would serve. At the office of this paper all of the subscribers at Supply for the postoffice, the star route and

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Supreme Court Hearing Appeal In Gause Case

Appeal For Convicted Murderer Being Held Today In Raleigh By North Carolina Supreme Court

WAS CONVICTED OF WILLIAMSON MURDER

If No Error Is Found Gause Will Go To His Death In Gas Chamber In January

The appeal of Leon (Scooper) Gause, Shallotte negro, from the death sentence imposed on him for the shotgun slaying of H. J. Williams, Shallotte white farmer, on the night of February 23rd, is being heard by the State Supreme court in Raleigh today.

Williams was shot through the window of his home as he sat shelling peanuts with his wife. Gause was tried in the New Hanover superior court on a change of venue from Brunswick County. Following his conviction he was sentenced to death by Judge R. Hunt Parker, who presided at the trial.

The opinion of the State Supreme court will be handed down within ten days or two weeks following today's hearing. If the court holds that there was no error in the trial of Gause and the sentence of Judge Parker is affirmed, the date of the execution of the negro will be set for some time between 30 and 40 days following the handing down of the Supreme court opinion. This will bring about the execution of Gause around the middle of January, if Governor Cherry does not interfere.

Following the killing on February 23rd, Gause was the object of an extensive manhunt. He was captured after eluding hundreds of citizens and officers for four days. He admitted the killing, saying he was mad at Williams because Williams had knocked him down and ran him from his premises earlier in the afternoon when Gause and another negro were passing the Williams home.

The New Hanover jury that heard the case took only a very short time to bring in a verdict of guilty of first degree murder.

Lengthy Report Of County Court

Session Of Recorder's Court Held Last Wednesday And Regular Session Held Monday

At the request of the state the cases charging M. L. Holden and Bert Jacobs, well-known citizens of Shallotte township, with conspiring to kill Osborne Pickett, of the same township, was continued at Monday's session of the Recorder's court. The cases are now set to be heard on Monday, November 25th.

In addition to the cases heard Monday of this week by Judge Ward, with solicitor J. W. Ruark prosecuting, a number of cases tried Wednesday of last week are also appended to this report. This week's cases were as follows:

Harry Lee Bullard, operating car without lights, 30 days in jail, judgment suspended upon payment of a fine of $15.00 and costs.

Thomas Ames, speeding, continued to October 25th.

Clayton C. Bullard, improper lights, 30 days in jail, judgment suspended upon payment of a fine of $10.00 and costs.

Kenny Potter, forcible trespass, 60 days in jail, assigned to roads, judgment suspended upon payment of a fine of $25.00 and costs.

Calo Rattely, possession and transporting, continued to November 25th.

George Hart, assault, nol pros.

Hurley Cook, possession, 30 days on the roads, judgment suspended upon payment of a fine of $10.00 and costs.

Henry Benson, assault with deadly weapon, 60 days in jail, suspended on condition that the defendant make restitution to George Berridge in the sum of $64.00 to cover doctor bill and time out of work, and costs of this case.

Hollis Gause, non support, 6 months on the roads, suspended on condition that defendant pay $25.00 today and $15.00 per month for the support of the illegitimate child of Louise Brown.

Anson Nelson, drunk and disorderly and resisting officer, nol pros.

The following cases were heard at the Wednesday session last

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Commissioners In Final Session

Meeting Of Board Of County Commissioners Will Be Last Regular Session Of Present Body

Members of the board of county commissioners met Monday in what will be their final session during this term of office, for on the first Monday in December the members of the new board will be sworn in.

Monday was not a busy day for board members.

The voted to give a $5.00 Christmas present to Caswell Training School; voted to raise the blind aid grant for Ben J. Johnson from $15.00 per month to $20.00 per month beginning December 1; voted to authorize certain electrical repairs for the courthouse that have been declared necessary by the inspector; and ordered the financial statement for the month of October as submitted by County Auditor R. C. St. George to be filed.