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County Agent Optimistic In 1947 Forecast

That Farmers
May Look Forward To
Strong Demand For Pro-
duce Coming
Year At Good Prices

INCREASE COST
OF PRODUCTION

favorable Farm Outlook Is
Based Upon Assumption
Of Normal National
Conditions Generally

At the eve of the New Year,
County Agent J. E. Dodson has
made the following pre-
dictions regarding matters that
will affect the farmers in 1947.

General Outlook For 1947
Farmers generally can look for-
ward to a strong demand for
products near or only slightly
below the 1946 level. Prices for
farm products will pass the
middle of 1947 but by the
end of the year farmers pay will
continue to decline of about 10 to
15 per cent in net farm income
likely due to a 5 per cent
decline in cash receipts and the
cost of production.

labor should be available
and wages will remain at the
high level. By increasing
efficiency and limiting
expenses, to necessities, farmers
net incomes as high as
1946.

Outlook for farmers gen-
erally is favorable. This, how-
ever, is based on the assumption
of normal national situa-
tion. Although strikes may not
occur immediately and
prolonged strikes curtail
production and reduce
power of industrial
which, in turn, effects
demand for agricultural pro-
ducts, the present con-
ditions settled quickly and
labor-management
problems are avoided, the present
situation which in-
cludes a rather favorable out-
look is expected to be radically changed.

Tobacco
The disappearance of all
tobacco in 1946 in prospect
for coming year as domestic
production is expected to re-
main at a high level and exports
are as high or only slightly
below the exports in 1946.
The British loan was a
factor affecting exports. The
Government has suggested that
production of flue-cured tobacco
in 1946 level, but the
production be curtailed 15
percent. If production in 1947
line with the goals, prices
expected to be higher than
last year which was ap-
proximately 34.6 per pound in
1946 for types 11 to
14. The extent prices will be
the loan rate will depend
upon the extent of infla-
tion. The National income sit-
uation existing when the markets
closed a serious recession would
result in prices near loan

Peanuts
The demand for peanuts will be
greater in 1947 than during the last
year. (Continued on Page 4)

Brief News Flashes

DRUGS BUILDING
The Coastal Drug company, at
Southport, owned by Fred Mintz,
has recently been engaged in mak-
ing a considerable addition to the
building. The work is
now completed.

CHRISTMAS DANCE
The West and his popular
band will play for a Christ-
mas dance to be held in the Com-
munity Building Thursday even-
ing, December 26, beginning at 9
o'clock. The dance is being given
for the benefit of the Southport
school piano fund.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS
The Phil Yount still is a pa-
tient at the Orthopedic Hospital,
and word received
this week indicates that
he is making splendid progress
in his recovery from severe
fracture which he has been un-
dergoing treatment ever since
Christmas. Little Phil wishes
to be remembered to all his
family in Brunswick county. He
wishes he might
personally, but since
it is impossible, he has asked
The State Port Pilot to do it for

The Meaning Of Christmas



The beauty of Christmas has come down
to us through the birth of the Saviour who
taught the world that love is stronger than
hate and good mightier than evil. May this
prevailing spirit of good will embrace us all
during this joyous holiday season, with best
wishes for Christmas from this paper to all
its readers.

Rovin' Reporter Visits Cattle Ranch At Bolton

Brahma Cattle Being Introduced To This Area In Experiment With Cattle Raising In This Section

GIVES DUAL USE OF TIMBER LAND

Believed That This Breed Will Thrive While Foraging Lands On Which Timber Also Is Produced

BY W. B. KEZIAH

Some really contented cows
may be seen at the rear of the
Makotaka fire tower, this despite
the fact that all of the more ma-
ture animals have a very pro-
nounced chip on their shoulders,
with the younger ones fast de-
veloping the same thing.

The cows—to be exact 53 cows
and 3 purebred bulls—are of the
Brahma breed, bought by the
Riegel Paper Company from the
Circle O Ranch in Florida, where
they were raised by Henry O.
Portinn and Sons. J. B. Lattay,
of the Riegel Paper Company, is
understood to have originated the
idea of buying the cattle and al-
lowing them to range on portions

Very few people have ever
noticed that a cow does not
perspire—sweat to you. Like-
wise very few have ever noticed
that they did, because they
don't. There is no such a thing
as the ordinary bovine sweat-
ing.

But the long-eared, dewlap-
ed and hump-backed Brahma
cows introduced in Brunswick
county by the Riegel Paper
company are not ordinary
cows. At least not to this part
of the world. County soil con-
servatist LeRoy Mintz is
authority for the statement that
they live on less, can outrun a
jackrabbit and that they sweat
like a horse.

of the 94,000 acres of woods and
swamp lands which the company
owns in Brunswick county.

After much study of the type
of cattle best suited to climate,
ability to withstand insects and
at the same time be real beef pro-
ducers, the choice finally settled
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New Manager Of Service Station

Lindsey Piggott Has Leased
Gulf Service Station And
Lunch Room At Leland
And Will Operate Business

Lindsey Piggott, former Sup-
ply man now living at Leland,
has leased the Gulf Station and
lunch room at the forks of Routes
74 and 17, near the Brunswick
river bridge. This place, owned by
E. L. Krahnke, was operated until
recently by Foster Robbins.

Folks who know Mr. Piggott
regard him as a very striking il-
lustration of independence despite
adversity.

Serving throughout the first
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Christmas Will Feature Series Church Programs

Christmas Cantata Present-
ed Before Large Congrega-
tion Sunday Evening
By Trinity Methodist
Choir

THREE CHRISTMAS EVE PROGRAMS

Episcopalians, Presbyterians
And Catholics Will Have
Programs On That
Night; Baptists
Wednesday

The Christmas celebration at
the churches of Southport was
away to an auspicious beginning
Sunday evening when the choir
of Trinity Methodist church pre-
sented a cantata, "The First
Christmas." This program was
presented for the benefit of a
congregation which packed the
church auditorium, and was one
of the most difficult undertak-
ings ever attempted by a local
choir. It was under the direction
of Mrs. R. I. Mintz.

On Christmas Eve there will be
a program at 7:30 o'clock at the
Presbyterian church, and the pub-
lic is invited to attend. Later in
the evening there will be two
mid-night services.

Either Bishop Thomas Wright
or the Rev. Mortimer Glover will
be in charge of mid-night ser-
vices at St. Phillips Episcopal
church beginning at 11 o'clock.

Father Francis A. McCarthy
will celebrate the midnight mass
for Christmas at the Sacred
Heart Catholic church. Members
of other choirs in the community
will join with the Catholics choir
in singing Christmas carols on
this occasion.

On Christmas evening at 7:30
o'clock the Sunday School of
Southport Baptist church will
present the program, "Day Star
Divine," under the direction of
Mrs. Jack Oliver. During the program
there will be a special offering
taken for the building fund cam-
paign.

**Kills Deer Just
Inside Shallotte**

With the animal browsing
contentedly in R. D. White's
grain field at the rear of the
Williamson Motor Company
building at Shallotte one day
last week, Cecil Tripp walked
up near enough to make sure
it had horns and bagged a fine
buck deer with one shot from
a rifle.

Parties had noticed the deer
grazing in the field, almost in
the heart of the town. Luther
White, who was with Tripp,
did not shoot because he said
he didn't see its horns. The
horns were only about three-
inches in length.

Waccamaw Man Seriously Hurt

Durant Canady Is Patient
At Doshier Memorial Hos-
pital Following Accident
At Supply Wednesday
Morning

Durant Canady, Waccamaw
township man, was seriously in-
jured early last Wednesday morn-
ing when his car left the road
and was overturned several times
on highway 17 at Supply. Kraft
Carlisle, a companion, is also re-
ported as badly injured.

The accident occurred near the
store and filling station of Odell
Blanton and both men were
brought to the hospital here,
where Canady is still a patient.
Both of his legs were broken near
the hip and he is also said to
have received severe chest and
shoulder injuries.

Canady is being held under a
two-thousand-dollar bond for trial
at the January term of court. It
is alleged in the warrant that he
robbed Robert L. Stanley, Wac-
camaw township ex-service man,
of the sum of \$1,600 several
weeks ago. The case was sent di-
rect to Superior court by Magis-
trate Coy Formyduval, before
whom he was given a hearing. His
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Christmas Party At Plantation

Old-Time Christmas Party
Will Again Feature Festi-
vities At Famous Orton
Plantation This Year

The regular old time Plantation
Christmas, an event started sev-
eral years ago by the late Cap-
tain Henry Churchill Bragaw, be-
fore he entered the service and
was killed in Italy, will be held
at Orton next Monday.

As the name indicates, the
event is patterned after those
that took place on the plantations
of the south many years ago,
before the civil war. Mr. and
Mrs. J. L. Sprunt, their sons and
various officials of the plantation
employees and their families. The
number usually runs between 125
and 150 persons.

All employees, white and col-
ored, and members of their families
join in the event. In addition to
all receiving presents they join
in games and merrymaking.

Leland Winner Over Southport

Visitors Turn Back South-
port In Couple Of Thrill-
ing Contests Thursday
Night

The Leland cagers won a double
header from Southport here
Thursday night in two hard
fought, thrilling contests.

After getting off to a slow
start, the Southport girls came
back with a bang in the latter
stages of the opening contest to
give the Leland lassies a real
scare before losing by a five-
point margin.

The boys' game was a ding-
dong battle, with Southport off
to a 6-3 lead in the first quarter.
Leland poured in the points dur-
ing the second period to grab a
19-12 lead at the half.

Southport was able to hold Le-
land in check in the last two
periods, but the damage was done
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Our ROVING Reporter

Getting about the county week
after week for several years has
had its many pleasures. We have
been meeting hundreds and hun-
dreds of Brunswick people fairly
often and practically all of them
have been very helpful in one
way or another. They have aided
us in getting news items, stories,
advertising, subscriptions and in
nearly every way in which they
could aid. With Christmas com-
ing on fast we have been rather
worried because it is an impos-
sible task to even begin getting
a personal word of appreciation
to all these people. All we can
say must be said here if we are
to reach all to whom we would
like to make acknowledgements
and good wishes. We appreciate
everything you folks have done,
and The State Port Pilot appre-
ciates it. Together we wish every-
body in Brunswick county a very
happy Christmas.

Beginning now it will be ap-
preciated if all of our sport fish-
ing friends will start sending us
reports of unusual saltwater fish-
ing incidents. Anything and every-
thing that will make a story—
and a lot of things will make
stories if you will only send us
the important essentials, such as
names, dates and facts about un-
usual catches. In addition to much
of this matter being used in The
Pilot much more will be sent to
national saltwater sport fishing
magazines and will thereby be a
source of valuable publicity to
Brunswick county.
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No Session Of Recorder's Court

There was no session of the
Recorder's Court this week, all
cases that have come up during
the past week have been sched-
uled for trial on Monday, Decem-
ber 30.

Several cases have already been
docketed for next Monday and it
is probable that quite a bit of
business will confront Judge W.
J. McLamb and the Solicitor.

Fishing Craft Sinks At Sea

Trawler Mary-Clark, Owned
By Dr. L. C. Fergus, Lost
Off Okracoke Friday;
Crew Members All Safe

The Mary-Clark, fishing craft
owned by Dr. L. C. Fergus and
named for his wife and son, was
lost in heavy seas at Okracoke
Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock.
The vessel, a 55-foot trawler
built three years ago and usually
setting the pace in production,
was in charge of Captain Clarence
Simmons.

All members of the crew were
saved by the Coast Guard. The
craft reportedly sprang a leak
during heavy seas. Dispatches say
that 11 were removed from the
sinking boat by the Coast
Guard and that no one was in-
jured.

As in the case with other large
trawlers owned by Southport peo-
ple, the Mary-Clark fished here
only during the busiest part of
the season, moving northward
when shrimping slacked up. She
usually went as far as New Jer-
sey each winter, while many
others of the big locally-owned
craft go to Florida and other
Southern points.

It is understood that there was
no insurance. At the present cost
of building or buying and equip-
ping boats she would have easily
brought between fifteen and twen-
ty thousand dollars.

Heart Attack Is Fatal To Man

Solon Stocks Found Dead In
Yard At His Home; First
Report Was That He Had
Been Shot

Coroner W. E. Bell investigat-
ed the sudden death under mys-
terious circumstances of Solon
Stocks, Longwood white man, last
Monday night and reported that
the death was due to a heart at-
tack.

Stocks was found lying dead
in the yard of his home near
Longwood, and when members of
his family recalled having heard
an explosion nearby only a short
time before, they assumed that he
had been shot. Sheriff John G.
White was called, and he relayed
the message to Coroner Bell.

When these men and other of-
ficers appeared at the Stocks
home Coroner Bell made a pre-
liminary investigation which fail-
ed to reveal any sign of death by
violence, and when a thorough
search failed to disclose that any
unnatural cause contributed to
his death, Coroner Bell deemed an
innuendous and ruled that
death was due to a heart
attack.

Guard Quarters Burn Thursday

Valuable Building With All
Its Furnishings Destroyed
By Fire At Brunswick
County Prison Camp

The guard quarters, a good 7-
room well-furnished building with
bath, was completely destroyed
by fire at the Brunswick county
prison camp at Shallotte Thurs-
day morning at 10 o'clock. It is
reported that nothing was saved
from the structure.

The convicts, numbering about
45, were nearly all away working
on various road projects. When
the fire was discovered it had
made such headway that the few
available men were unable to do
anything towards saving the build-
ing.

The camp and its inmates are
in charge of Capt. W. T. White.
It is understood that he and about
all the guards were absent with
the men. They had a good fire
going in the grate before leaving
early that morning and it is sup-
posed that the fire originated in
this manner.

Catching Coons Is Profitable Winter Sideline For Farmer

Robert McRacken Has His Troubles With
Coons During Mellon Season But Gets
Revenge Now

Robert McRacken, Walden
Creek farmer, is having consider-
able fun at the expense of the
coons. At the same time he is
getting revenge for ravages made
by the animals on his melon and
corn fields, not to say other dam-
age that has been done by the
animals during the summer and
fall.

Up to the present week Mr.
McRacken had caught some 45-
coons this season, hunting in the
early evenings and mornings. His
biggest catch was made this past
Friday when his dogs got five of
the animals on the edge of a corn-
field where they had been feeding.

A great deal of water melons
are grown in the Walden Creek
area and Mr. McRacken says
that the coons are very damag-
ing to this crop. They eat holes
in the choicest melons during
nightly visits and there seems no
way to keep them from the mel-
on fields. Unless they are killed
during the winter months when
their hides are worth something.

The coons also do much damage
to corn in the field. Apparently
they are fond of this crop, raiding
the fields from the time the crop
is in the roasting ear stage on
through until it is harvested. It
is not just the corn that they
eat that is lost. They sample a
great many ears and leave them,
and these sampled ears quickly
rot in wet weather.

A coon hide, depending on its
size, is now worth from two to
five dollars. An additional dollar
and a half can be obtained for
the carcass of the animal when
a hunter has a customer who is
fond of coon meat. There seems
to be plenty of these people as
this particular hunter never has
any trouble selling all of his
skinned coons.

Check On Paving Shows County Had Some Work

Resurfacing On The Bell
Swamp Road Has Been
Completed And Inspec-
tion Made By Officials
Of Highway Commission

NINE MILES OF
NEW PAVING DONE

Resurfacing of Thomasboro-
Hickman's Cross Roads
Highway And On No.
17 Done This Year

Nearly seven miles of the Bell
Swamp road from Winnabow to-
wards Southport has just had its
resurfacing project completed.
This stretch nearly went to pieces
from the wet weather and heavy
travel last summer. State high-
way engineers made their final
inspection of the work last week.

During the year five miles of
new hard surfacing road was
built from Shallotte to Shallotte
Point. Nearly four miles of new
paving was also laid on the River
Road paralleled with the ship lay-
in basin. This gave the county a
total of about nine miles of new
paved road during the year.

About three or four miles of
the road between Hickman's
Cross Roads and Thomasboro has
also been resurfaced this year.
This work, together with the Bell
Swamp resurfacing and the re-
surfacing of part of Route 17
through Shallotte and Supply
makes about 20 miles of resur-
faced road for the year.

Honey Island Hunting Good

Party Bagged Two Big
Bear And Couple of Deer
While Operating In That
Vicinity Last Week

Two big, black bear and two
buck deer, in addition to smaller
game, fell victims to the guns
and dogs of John Furnside and
several hunters from Albemarle
operating in the Green Swamp
near Honey Island last week.

Eight regular bear hounds were
used in these chases. Most of
these animals are owned or are in
the care of Furnside, who each
year trains quite a number of
bear hounds for parties in Ten-
nessee and other states. Residents
of that part of the county claim
that Furnside is the best bear
hunter and trainer of bear
dogs in the county, if not in the
state. He also has quite a reputa-
tion as a fisherman, with Makotoka
Lake his favorite point of
operations.

Referring to this Makotoka
Lake, concerning which the gen-
eral public knows very little,
Dempsey Atkins, one of the Reigel
Paper Company's Makotoka
headquarters, gave a newsmen
some definite information last
week. Mr. Atkins said that the
lake is only one mile in length
and six hundred feet in width,
with an average depth of four-
teen feet. Its waters abound with
blackfish, jacks, redfinn pike and
other fish, with plenty of alliga-
tors thrown in.

Among the fishermen who
swear by this lake are Arthur and
Irving Little, Memory Ward,
Ben Grey, Allen Simmons, John
Fernside and Irsene Vereen.

New Service Is Being Offered

Electrical Sales Concern At
Shallotte Now Offering
Complete Installation Ser-
vice In Connection With
Sales

The Kings Electrical Sales Co.,
a Shallotte concern which began
business less than a year ago with
E. Kravitz as proprietor, has been
rapidly branching out and extend-
ing its business.

This week Mr. Kravitz an-
nounced that in connection with
the electrical supply business he
has secured the services of Vaneos
E. Hart, of Fayetteville, a licensed
electrician and electrical con-
tractor. In addition to now being
able to furnish anything in electri-
cal equipment the company is pre-
pared to contract for or other-
wise install any sort of electrical
wiring or equipment job with Mr.
Hart doing or supervising all
work. He entered upon his duties
a week ago.

The original store, handling
electrical supplies exclusively, was
in a small rented room. Recently
a large and attractive concrete
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Navy Veteran Goes Into Army

Leo Orenstein Is One Of
Three Southport Boys
Accepted For Service In
Regular Army Last Week

Fourteen applicants, including
eight veterans, were accepted for
enlistment by the Wilmington
Army Recruiting Station during
the week ending December 14, it
was announced today.

One Navy veteran, Leo N.
Orenstein, Southport, was accept-
ed from the Brunswick County
Area. He enlisted in the grade of
S.Sgt. for assignment to the Med-
ical Corps.

Non-veterans accepted from
this area were: Johnnie M. Nor-
ris, Southport, and Edgar A.
Muncy, Southport.

U. S. Army Recruiting Station
is located in Room 205, P. O.

Southport Native Is Appointed To Important Post

Dr. Margaret D. Craighill
Named Consultant For
Medical Care Of Wo-
men's Veterans

DR. CRAIGHILL IS SOUTHPORT NATIVE

Served As Major In Army
Medical Corps During
War And Received Le-
gion Of Merit For
Services

Dr. Margaret D. Craighill, a
native of Southport and former
consultant for women's health and
welfare to the Army's Surgeon
General, is consultant for the
medical care of women veterans,
the first position of its kind in
Veterans Administration.

Dr. Craighill serves with 11
other distinguished medical spe-
cialists who are consultants in
medical and surgery for VA
hospitals. The group is headed by
Brig. Gen. Elliott C. Cutler (ret.)
of the Peter Bent Brigham Hos-
pital of Boston. Dr. Craighill is
a specialist in surgery and gynec-
ology.

Dr. Craighill was appointed a
major in the Army Medical Corps
in May, 1943, and developed pol-
icies for physical standards and
medical care for the WAC as
consultant to the Army Surgeon
General. She also advised on
health matters for other Army
women personnel.

She was presented with the
Legion of Merit for her duties,
which included a round-the-world
inspection trip to investigate
health and living conditions of
Army women overseas. When she
left the Army, she was a lieutenant
colonel.

Before joining the Army, Dr.
Craighill was dean of the Women's
Medical College of Pennsylvania
in Philadelphia, the only
medical college for women in the
United States.

The daughter of Mrs. Mary W.
Craighill and the late Col. W. E.
Craighill, Dr. Craighill was born
in Southport, N. C., and received
her Bachelor of Arts and Master
of Science degrees from the Uni-
versity of Wisconsin and her
doctorate from Johns Hopkins
University School of Medicine.
After graduate work at Hopkins
and Yale Universities, she estab-
lished private practice in Green-
wich, Conn.