

New Jersey Man Enthusiastic Over His Plants

Everett Shepard, of Shiloh, New Jersey, Reports That Field Set With Brunswick Tomato Plants Is Doing Nicely

OTHERS INDICATE GREAT INTEREST

Ability Is That This May Be Opened Up As New Territory For Plant Producers

This past spring Everett H. Shepard, of Shiloh, N. J., came to Southport, leased 25-acres of land and sowed it in tomato plants. He did this without advertising the land.

He demonstrated he could do that. His trucks required 15 tons to get their loads of plants to Southport to New Jersey. He was against 42 hours being required to truck plants from Georgia.

The Shepard production of Southport was not so good. Sowing on land that was prepared late in the year, he got a rather indifferent crop and many of the plants did not come up well.

W. B. Keziah this week demonstrated how his Brunswick-grown plants have been doing this year. Shepard said:

"The tomatoes are the plants lived fine and seemed to be of the same size. The fields are now a pretty sight with every plant in uniform in growth. I have a lot of your Brunswick plants growing in one field and reported tomato growers say that they are the best tomatoes grown in these parts. I don't know for that, since I don't have the plants and planted the field. But I will say that it is a beautiful field, completely covered with tomato vines. Everything is as green and even as anything you could hope to look at. Standing to one side and looking over you get the impression you are looking at a well kept lawn."

All plants now have a good crop. We will begin picking the tomatoes in about two weeks and this is two weeks later than the lateness applies to all plants those where the plants have grown in Georgia as well as to my own Brunswick-grown plants. Only about 60-70 of the Southport plants are being grown here at Shiloh, the rest sold to the canning company and are at their place in Pennsylvania. I will find out how the plants there are doing and (Continued on page 7)

Brief News Flashes

BUSINESS TRIP
Harry Robinson, eastern North Carolina distributor for the American Store Co., is in High Point this week attending the literature exposition.

BUSINESS TRIP
E. C. St. George, Brunswick county auditor, left this morning for Raleigh where he will appear before the Local Government Commission to present the 1947-48 budget estimate for approval.

CRUISE
Halstead Holden, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Holden, of Holderness Beach and Shallotte, has been on a ROTC cruise in the Panama Canal Zone. He is expected to return shortly and will return to college this fall.

CRUISE DIFFERENT
Miss Annie Merle Pigott, who accompanied her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pigott, of Shallotte, to Columbus, Ohio, last week, had a fine time. Crops, she said, are very different there from what they are here. Corn was only a few inches high and there has been a lot of hail in Ohio.

Alert Banker Foils Man In Financial Flim-Flam

Federal Authorities Capture Man In Charlotte Who Made Mistake Of Trying To Fool Cashier

A city slicker who tried to make a monkey out of a small town banker is now in the hands of the FBI in Charlotte and Cashier Prince O'Brien, of the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Co., of Southport, has the satisfaction of knowing that alert action on his part helped to put him there.

"This party came in the bank at 1:45 p. m. on June 12 and stated that he would like to open a checking account, that he was opening up a drink stand and sandwich shop at Long Beach and introduced himself as T. B. Howard. He presented a check for \$1,200.00 for deposit, drawn on a Jacksonville, Fla., bank. He signed a signature card, we gave him a small check book and he left the bank."

Two days later on Saturday around 10:30 a. m. he returned to the bank and presented a check drawn on us for cash in the amount of \$900.00 which I refused to cash, stating that he was checking against uncollected funds and that we would have to have ample time (6 or 7 days) to collect the \$1,200.00 check. I didn't like his looks and I wasn't taking any chances. He stated that he would call back on Tuesday, the 6th day.

"At 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning he was back for the \$900.00 and we again refused to give him the cash. He said his wife was in a Wilmington Hospital and just had to have the money. At this point we offered to call the Jacksonville bank to make sure the check in question was paid. He said that would be all right, that he would go out to (Continued on Page 7)



New Soil Man Assumes Duty At Shallotte

John F. Harper Succeeds LeRoy Mintz As Soil Conservationist For The Brunswick County Work Unit

HAS BEEN WORKING AT SMITHFIELD

Has Record Of Twelve And One-Half Years Service In Soil Conservation Program

John F. Harper began work Monday as Soil Conservationist for the Brunswick County Work Unit of the Lower Cape Fear Soil Conservation District, succeeding LeRoy Mintz, who resigned earlier this month to accept appointment as vocational agriculture teacher at Shallotte high school.

Harper comes to Brunswick county from the Johnson County Work Unit, with offices at Smithfield. He has been attached to that office since December, 1945, when he resumed work in the Soil Conservation program following his release from service in the Army Air Corps.

During the war Harper served as a glider pilot with the rank of Flight Officer. He was stationed for many months in England and later in France. He was one of the survivors of a glider mission into Holland from which only a few hundred of the 10,000 troops involved managed to escape. The new Soil Conservationist first became associated with the program in February, 1935, giving him twelve and one-half years experience in the work in which he is engaged.

Wildlife Club To Meet At Bolivia

E. J. Prevatte, president of the Brunswick County Wildlife Club, has called a meeting for Friday night of this week at 8 o'clock at Bolivia high school.

Harry Green, district representative on the Wildlife Resources board, has been invited to be present, and this will afford Brunswick county sportsmen an opportunity to express their views with regard to regulations governing hunting and fishing in this county.

Mr. Prevatte urges that a large number attend this meeting, as this will indicate a healthy interest on the part of county residents in the fish and game program.

Georgia Is Set For Opening Of Tobacco Mart

Golden Leaf Pouring Into Warehouses In First Belt To Open For Season

PRICES EXPECTED NEAR 1946 LEVEL

Florida - Georgia Area Is Predicted To Have Higher Pounding Than Last Year

VALDOSTA, Ga., July 19.—Golden flue-cured leaf tobacco began pouring into warehouses here today on the eve of the South Georgia-North Florida tobacco belt market opening tomorrow.

Good average prices sparked by high top sales are expected. Predictions were that poundage would exceed last year's seasonal total.

Most encouraging news was announcement that the Commodity Credit Corporation loan rates on this year's crop were above average. Loan rates were hiked on wrappers and were lowered on low grade leaf.

In 1946, 10,214,359 pounds sold on the Valdosta market from six warehouses with a belt high average of \$46.30. This year seven warehouses are being loaded and opening averages are expected (Continued on page 7)

Visitors From Mid-West Here

Minnesota People Like Brunswick County, Enjoy First View Of Atlantic Ocean

Accompanying their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Norwood O. Reynolds and their little son home, Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Buler, of Hutchinson, Minn., have been spending the past ten days at Shallotte with Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Reynolds. The younger Reynolds and his wife and baby have been living at Hutchinson since his discharge from the Army with the rank of lieutenant a year ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Buler had never seen the ocean prior to their arrival at Shallotte. To them it was decidedly interesting, as was Brunswick county and its (Continued on page 7)

Commissioners Establish County Tax Rate At \$1.55 For The Next Fiscal Year

Gives Explanation Of How Shallotte Got It's Name

Raleigh Lady Comes Forward With Suggestion That Name Was Brought Over From England

During the past few years literally hundreds of people have asked of both local and up state sources how the town of Shallotte got its name. Up until the past week no one has ever been able to come forward with a satisfactory answer.

Some people have said that the name was originally Charlotte, while others have been quick to dispute this claim. A couple of weeks ago some up-State resident asked Carl Goerch, of The State Magazine, in Raleigh, how Shallotte got its name. The question had been asked of him many times before, and always he was frank to say that he did not know.

Following Mr. Goerch's assertion in the State Magazine that he did not know how Shallotte came to get its name, Miss Sarah W. Ashe, of Raleigh, daughter of a former distinguished Brunswick county man for whom Ash-

postoffice was named, called him on the phone and told him that perhaps she could help him. She said:

"The earliest settlers in the Shallotte section arrived upon the scene in 1730, about five years after the lower Cape Fear country was opened up. Among the first people to settle there were Samuel and Algernon Ashe. They were brothers. They liked the country and decided to make their home there. Ever since then, there has been some one by the name of Ash living in the vicinity of Shallotte, and so far as I know they were all descendants of Samuel and Algernon Ashe. Incidentally I have seen the name of these two men on several deeds."

"As the community grew, it was decided to give it a name, and Shallotte was selected. As you probably know, this is the (Continued on page 7)

Revaluation Program Makes Possible A Reduction Of 5-Cents From Last Year's Rate Of \$1.60

TAX VALUATION SHOWS INCREASE

Incomplete Figures Indicate Additional Million And One-Half Taxable Property On Books

Members of the board of county commissioners have settled upon a tax rate of \$1.55 for the next fiscal year, reflecting a cut of 5-cents from the present rate of \$1.60.

In making announcement of their decision, members of the board stated that it had been their hope that as a result of the revaluation program they would be able to reduce the tax rate to a flat \$1.50. However, a pressing appeal for an additional 5-cents per hundred for the board of education in order that this body may make some critically needed repairs and additions to the school buildings made it necessary to peg the rate at 1.55.

With final tabulation for Town-Creek township still incomplete, it is indicated that the tax valuation for the county has been jumped from ten million dollars last year to 11,500,000.

Following is the value of real estate in each township as it now stands on the books: North-west, \$1,579,000; Smithville, \$1,933,097; Lockwoods Folly, \$1,193,290; Shallotte, \$1,071,949; Waccamaw, \$845,718. The total of personal property for the county is \$1,979,913. Corporation Excess values total \$923,147.

The amount of the budget estimate prepared by County Auditor R. C. St. George, and tentatively approved by the board, calls for \$240,000.00. Of this amount \$65,000.00 goes into the debt service fund.

Effective July 1 the salary of the county attorney will be \$100.00 per month, with that official relieved of responsibility for bringing tax suits, save only when he is paid on the same basis as other local attorneys who are doing some of this work.

In a conference with the commissioners County Attorney R. I. Mintz reported 42 suits instituted by him during the period from December, 1946, to July 1, all of these to be brought to completion.

The E. H. Smith estate was given permission to afterlist 3 acres of land for the past 5 years at a valuation of \$105.00.

The commissioners have approved the erection of a \$6,000.00 colored school at Longwood and unanimous approval has been given the special bond election for the Leland school district.

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Southport Man Sets Record Straight On Big Amberjack

W. B. Keziah Furnishes Date, Weight And Other Background Material To Refute Claim Made Last Week

RECORD CLAIM IS MADE LAST WEEK

Fifty-One And One-Half Pound Fish Taken At Morehead Considerable Lighter Than 62-Pounder

Going back a matter of seven years from last Monday in order to straighten out some claims that are now being made regarding where the largest amberjack ever caught in North Carolina waters was taken, W. B. Keziah, local fishing authority, has unearthed some pertinent information on the subject.

On the 20th of July, 1940, Louis J. Balsch, of Louisville, Kentucky, boated a 62-pound amberjack while fishing from the boat Sea Girl of Captain H. T. Watts, Basil Watts serving as mate. It took the Kentucky man forty-five minutes to bring the huge fish to garr, with the fish having been caught early in the morning and the Sea Girl having no ice box long enough to hold it, the fish lay on deck, exposed to the sun for eight hours before it was brought in and weighed.

In reports sent out about this fish the exact weight at the time of weighing, eight hours after it was caught, was given. No allowance was made for weight lost during the time elapsing after the fish was caught and until it was weighed. Subsequently, both Bob Wilson, Editor of the "Up" (Continued on page 7)

Holloman Will Not Return Here

Principal During The Final Weeks Of Last School Term Accepts Position Elsewhere, Leaves Vacancy

A. C. Holloman, who served as principal of Southport high school from March of last year, has notified the chairman of the local school board that he will not return here in that capacity. He did not say where he was going, but indicated that his principal interest will be in coaching.

Mr. Holloman was re-elected at the end of this past school year, but never had indicated his acceptance. All other members of last year's faculty, with the exception of two members who resigned, were also re-elected. Both of these vacancies have since been filled.

Southport has been allotted an additional teacher for next year, and this vacancy has not been filled. However, applications are on file for both this position and that of principal.

Jim Piner Tells Another Tall Tale

Jack, of beanstalk fame, apparently has a dangerous rival looming up in the shape of Capt. Jim (Bud) Pinner, of Southport.

Last year the Southport man won the prize offered by a big fish net and twine company for the biggest fishing lie reported. Tuesday he called at this office to report that his bean vines were covering the roof of his home. That the only way he could pick them was by getting a ladder and climbing up on the roof.

Funeral Rites For Mrs. Piver

Former Resident Of Southport Died Last Tuesday In Greenville; Funeral Services Here Thursday

Mrs. Minnie Wescott Piver, 77, died in Pitt General Hospital in Greenville last Tuesday. She had been in declining health the past 18 months and critically ill for three days. Funeral services were at Trinity Methodist church at Southport Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. P. H. Fields, pastor, assisted by the Rev. J. A. Neilson, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, of Greenville. Burial was made in the old Southport cemetery.

Mrs. Piver was born and reared in Southport. She was married to George H. Piver, who died in 1917. She had been living in Greenville since 1925. She was a member of Trinity Methodist Church, Southport.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Grace W. Ford and Mrs. Katie Cox, of Southport; Mrs. Lester Jones, of Greenville; and Mrs. M. D. Walker, of Lenoir; three sons, Harry E. Piver, of Oak Ridge, Tenn.; George Vernon Piver, of Beaufort; and James A. Piver, of Greenville; 20 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Register, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Newspaper Men Going Fishing

Sam Regan, state news editor of the News and Observer; Al G. Dickson, editor of the Wilmington News and the Rovin' Reporter of the State Port Pilot are planning a fishing trip, Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer style, Thursday.

These fellows, with no other equipment than a cane fishing pole and a can of worms, can get more satisfaction going off by themselves than they can by standing shoulder to shoulder in a maddening crowd of high-falutin sportsmen.

Our ROVING Reporter

The "by-passed" section of the Old Fayetteville Road at Leland, running to the Leland-Lanvale road, is a stretch that has always had our sympathy. When Nos. 74 and 76 were built 30 or more families, living in a fertile farming section were left off the main thoroughfare. The road was neglected and steadily went from bad to worse. Formerly having a mail route, this service was discontinued when the mail carriers could not get through half the time. School bus service likewise went to the bad. The 30 or more families have had a hard time in every way since the paved road went through a mile and a half to the north. The folks on this road, at least those who have talked to us, have never asked for a paved road. They simply want their road—a road that was once extensively used and well looked after—put in passable condition and kept that way. We do not see where it would be

anything but justice to these people if a State Highway road repaid crew was moved in to put it in passable shape in the near future. At least before school starts.

Things have been bad lately. Too much freshwater in the stream, too many weeds where we have to dig for worms and too darned hot to dig for them anyway. As a rule, we always like to do all of our own work. Lately, however, we have discovered a young negro boy who has a combination of industry and of not being afraid of fishing worms. He is proving invaluable. On hot days, taking turns at the shovel and picking up worms is rotated between the two of us. This means that while one is shovelling the other picks up worms, turn and turn about. With this method we are able to move more dirt in an hour than (Continued on page 7)

Just A Matter Of Locomotion

Several months ago George Whately underwent a serious operation on his hip at a Charlotte hospital, following which he was encased in a plaster cast from his chest to his left ankle. George has been in good health, his hip has apparently been mending nicely, but nothing has happened to make his plaster cast flexible.

Paul Fodal, who has been handling a lot of shrimp lately, has found himself in desperate need of his right-hand man, who has been well enough for some time to help around the buying house save only for his inability to jack-knife in and out of a car.

But that problem has been licked, and this week George is back at work on limited duty. How does he get there? They send a pick-up truck for him, but instead of getting in, George stands on the side, extending his rigid limb, and holds on for a quick three-block trip.

Mrs. Ida Parker New Postmaster

Received Notification Monday Of Confirmation By U. S. Senate Of Her Appointment To This Position

Mrs. Ida Parker was notified Monday of the confirmation by the United States Senate of her appointment as postmaster for Shallotte. It is believed that further action by postoffice authorities will be routine.

The office has been filled by Mrs. Lucille Frink as acting-postmaster since 1945.

An examination was held to fill this office last year, and Mrs. Parker was one of the successful applicants.

Water Samples Are Mailed Off

Shallotte Citizens Are Seeking Information Regarding Content Of Water Supply Before Distribution Is Made

Samples of the water from the Shallotte Ice Plant deep well were sent off this week for the purpose of testing by State chemists. The object was in accordance with tentative plans to construct a small waterworks system, using water from this well.

There seems to be no question (Continued on page 7)

Strong Shrimping Fleet Operating From Southport

More Than One Hundred Trawlers Now Engaged In Shrimping In Waters Of Brunswick County Coast

MANY LARGE BOATS ARE INCLUDED

Buying Houses Are Now In Operation With New Outfit Here To Commence Business This Week

According to Dallas Pigott, of Hardee and Pigott, there are now around 130-shrimp trawlers at Southport, operating or else getting outfitted, ready to start operating. This is by far the largest number of trawlers to be here at any one time since before the war.

One year there were 200 boats, but they were relatively small. Taking all of them together the present fleet is made up of boats that will average close to 45-feet in length. During the season when 200 boats were operating the average length would have been considerably shorter. With their capacity considered, the fleet now here is the most powerful ever assembled at Southport for shrimp trawling.

W. S. Davis and brother, of Beaufort, have leased part of the Hart fish house at Southport and are now operating here as buyers and shippers. They brought somewhere around twenty boats down from Carteret county the past week. A number of the boats owned or operated by Hart have also come in during the past week from Rockville, S. C.

Traffic Cases Tried Monday

State Accepts Plea Of Guilty To Minor Charge In Matter Of Wilmington Taxi Driver

Although he was charged with both drunken driving and reckless operation in the warrant sworn out by State Patrolman C. J. Ferguson, in Recorder's court here Monday, the State allowed Lee Benjamin Pollock, Wilmington taxicab operator to submit to a charge of reckless operation in Recorder's court Monday. Judge McLamb sentenced Pollock to 60 days in jail, suspended on payment of a fine of \$15.00 and costs with provision that he make restitution to Charles Skipper in the sum of \$150.00 for damage done to the Skipper car.

J. H. Graham, charged with drunken driving and reckless operation, had his case continued for the third time.

For speeding and failing to stop at stop sign, Clyde Council Brown was fined \$10.00 and costs and given two weeks to pay.

W. E. Chaloe was required to (Continued on page 7)

Lions Club Will Get Out Folders

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