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## County Hunters And Fishermen Have Their Say

Held Friday Night  
Bolivia For Purpose  
Giving Sportsmen  
Voice In Recommenda-

## PRESENTED TO STATE BOARD

Resources Commis-  
sion Decides This Week  
Upon Fish And Game  
Regulations

Brunswick county hunters and fishermen were given an opportunity Friday evening to have a voice in writing the regulations governing their sport when officers of the Brunswick County Sports Club called a meeting at Bolivia to draw up recommendations to be submitted to the Wildlife Resources Commission before they went in session Monday.

The state body planned to consider the recommendations submitted by all of the counties and to follow the wishes of local residents wherever this was possible. Hunting Regulations

The meeting made the following recommendations to the Wildlife Resources Commission for regulations:

It was recommended that the season open on October 15 and close on January 15. The bag limit would be one per day, with a limit of three deer during the season. It was recommended that the season close earlier than January 1 in the event that the closing dates were set for counties adjoining Brunswick.

It was recommended that the season open on October 15 and close on January 15. The bag limit would be one per day, and that the season be open for taking either squirrels or fox squirrels.

It was recommended that the season open on Thanksgiving Day and close at the same time as other counties in the state. The bag limit was recommended at 8 per day. It was recommended that there be no season this year on turkeys.

It was recommended that the season correspond to the season, and that no bag limit be imposed.

It was recommended that hunting with dog only be permitted the year round. Where guns are used.

**BOYS FUN DAY**  
Tomorrow (Thursday) will be a day for members of the Southport Lions and their guests. The program will be a softball game between picked teams from among the Lionesses and among the Lions.

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**AGREANT EXCURSION**  
A. W. B. & S. charter bus will leave Southport Saturday morning at 8 o'clock for Manteo with a number of Brunswick county citizens who are planning to see the "Colonial." The bus will pick up passengers with reservations at 7:30 p.m. Saturday afternoon or evening. H. Livingston, who is in charge of arrangements, says that there is room for five or six more passengers.

## SELLING TOBACCO



**AUCTION**—Center of interest for farmers of this county is the sale of their 1947 tobacco crop. Early prices have been very satisfactory, although somewhat below the average prices received last year.

## Shallotte Man Furnishes Facts About Big Canal

**Former Shallotte Postmaster W. R. Holmes Says That The Slight Canal Was A Project Designed To Furnish Transportation**

**CAPTAIN SLEIGHT WAS GOOD CITIZEN**

**Among His Other Worthwhile Contributions To The Community Was Gift Of Church Site**

In last weeks issue of this paper some mention was made of a canal from Juniper Creek to the Shallotte River at Shallotte. This canal was supposed to have been started long before the beginning of the Civil War and when the war put an end to the availability of slave labor the canal went unfinished.

Soil survey maps of Brunswick county show the route of this canal and the straight stretches indicate the points where the work was completed or where much work was done. On the maps the route is designated as Mulberry Creek and it can easily be traced to Juniper Creek in the vicinity of Makotoka.

Juniper Creek drains a part of the "Little Green Swamp." This name is used to distinguish a huge area in Brunswick county from the still greater Green Swamp that runs through Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick counties to the west of the Brunswick county Little Green Swamp.

The correct name of the canal is Slight Canal. The name of Slight, pronounced Slate, is still very much revered in the Shallotte section, especially by the Methodists, to whom was given the Camp Ground Methodist church property in the heart of town by the one-time leading citizen. The history of the church ground will make another story.

W. R. (Bill) Holmes, former well known resident of Shallotte, has many valuable papers relative to that section which furnish authentic information. Going into these papers relative to the Slight Canal, Mr. Holmes gave the paper this story Saturday.

"Samuel W. Sleight, an English sea captain, settled here in the early 1800's. He owned considerable property in and around Shallotte. On the site of the present R. D. White home on (Continued on page six)

## New Principal For Waccamaw

**Work Of Arthur E. Newton Will Be Shown At Benefit Exhibit At USO Friday Afternoon And Evening**

Martin C. Freeman, of Jacksonville, has been elected principal of Waccamaw high school, succeeding J. T. Denning who is now serving as county superintendent of schools.

Mr. Freeman has been serving since the war as director of recreation at Jacksonville. Prior to entering the U. S. Army Air Force in 1942 he had served as coach and had taught science at Jacksonville high school since 1938. Previously he had taught and coached at Maxton.

The new principal is a graduate of N. C. State College, from where he holds a B. S. degree. He is married, and Mrs. Freeman has been elected a member of the high school faculty, with math as her major subject.

## Shorter Season Announced For Duck And Geese

**Season Will Open This Year On December 8 And Will Close On January 6,—15 Days Less Than Last Year**

## MARSH HEN SEASON REMAINS THE SAME

**Changes Also Made In Bag Limit Allowed For Migratory Game Birds During The Coming Season**

Brunswick county hunters will go after migratory game birds this season under sharply reduced limits, according to Federal regulations just announced by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The season for ducks and geese will run from December 8 through January 6. This is a cut to 30 days from the 45-day period in effect last year.

The daily bag and possession limits for geese were set at one, and the bag limit for ducks was reduced to four a day, with a possession limit of two, and duck limits of seven daily and 14 in possession.

After two open seasons, the government this year has taken brant off the open list in North Carolina and other states bordering on the Atlantic Ocean.

Shooting hours for migratory birds also were reduced. This year the shooting day will run from sunrise to one hour before sunset; last year, the hours were from a half-time before sunrise to a half-hour before sunset.

The State's usual split season on doves was reduced by two weeks. The first period will extend from Sept. 18 through the 30th, and the second part from Jan. 1 through the 31st. The second portion is two weeks shorter than last year's.

Other regulations are the same as those in effect last year. The season on sora, rails, marsh hen, and gallinule will run from September 1 through November 30.

## Paintings Will Go On Exhibit

**Martin C. Freeman, Of Jacksonville, Has Been Elected To Replace J. T. Denning As Head Of Waccamaw High School**

The work of Arthur E. Newton, talented young Southport artist, will be exhibited Friday afternoon and evening at the USO building under auspices of ladies of Trinity Methodist church.

While he was still in high school young Newton showed unusual talent as an artist, and following his graduation he enrolled in a commercial art school in Cincinnati. His work there was interrupted by World War II, during which he served in the Coast Guard.

Upon his release from service he returned to art school. During recent months his interest has turned to fine art, and most of his efforts this summer have been along that line. (Continued on page six)

## Catholics Plan Ceremony Sunday

**Father Joseph T. Mundell Will Be In Charge Of Program Blessing Shrimping Fleet And Members Of Crew**

In Louisiana and other shrimping centers a beautiful pre-season shrimping ceremony is held each year, just before the season starts. At these events all boats in each port are expected to be assembled, along with their crews, to receive blessings and prayers for the season that is about to begin.

Such ceremonies have never been held at Southport, but preparations are being made to bless the boats assembled in the yacht basin next Sunday morning.

The ceremonies will be in charge of Father Joseph T. Mundell, of the Sacred Heart Catholic church, and will take place right after the 9 o'clock Mass at the Sacred Heart church Sunday morning.

Father Frank Howard, who has been associated with the Catholic church activities at Southport for a long time, will take part in the ceremonies.

## Returns



**R. C. ST. GEORGE** returned today from Asheville, where he represented Brunswick county at the annual meeting of county commissioners and of county auditors.

## Weed Markets Enter Second Week Of Sales

**Price Trend Appears Upward With Farmers Better Pleasured Over Outlook**

**AVERAGE IS ABOVE FIFTY CENTS TODAY**

**Volume Expected To Be Comparatively Light For Several More Days**

Tobacco markets of Columbus county opened the second week of sales this morning with more spirited bidding than during the first two days and indications are that the price average will be slightly more than 50 cents per pound.

Walter H. Paramore, supervisor of sales on the Whiteville market, said the trend was more favorable.

The sales volume was light in comparison with last year and market observers said there was no evidence pointing to a block for several days. Lateness of the crop which has kept growers busy processing their tobacco is responsible.

Quality of early offerings ranged from poor to fine with the average far below that of the 1946 early season tobacco. Talks with growers on the warehouse floors reveal that they are as much concerned about the lower quality as they are about the price structure.

Tabor City, Chadbourne and Fair Bluff reported about two thirds as much tobacco sold in the first two days as was sold on the corresponding two days last year.

Supervisors on those three markets were still on the warehouse floors at noon today and could not be reached for a statement. However, other market observers reported prices and volume about the same ratio as noted on the Whiteville market.

The Stabilization Corporation is receiving about 15 percent relation to the Amuzu theatre.

## Our ROVING Reporter

Hot ziggy dog! Looks like we have another Congressman to take fishing sometime this week. Monday, while we were getting lunch, a visiting card was left on our typewriter by Charles E. Deane of the 8th District. Written on it was the following message: "Hello, Bill—Prince O'Brien and I came by to greet you. My family, Mrs. Deane, Betty Carol and Charles, Jr., are spending ten days at Long Beach. Hope to see you before leaving beach. This is a great place. Expect to build over on Long Beach. Am anxious to help you give this section the big boost it deserves."

Mrs. Alvin Milliken, of Shallotte, will be admitted free to any show at the Shallotte Theatre this week, if she takes along with her a copy of this week's issue of The State Port Pilot. The same thing applies to Mrs. J. W. Thompson, of Southport, in

We sort of misplaced one of our pipes several days ago. Had an idea we must have lost it at (Continued On Page 6)

## Botanical Rarity Grows In Yard In Southport

**Plant Which Has Baffled Famous Biologists Has Finally Been Successfully Classified**

Growing in the front yard of the D. J. Smith home in Southport are two ordinary looking bushes resembling the common privet such as used in hedge fences. The bushes are about 5-feet tall and in the spring have a white, fuzzy bloom and the fall have small black berries. The leaves when crushed in the fingers have a strong aromatic odor.

Mr. Smith has asked several botanists the name of the plant but it seemed strange to them. Last week Dr. W. C. Coker, the famed botanist of the University of North Carolina, visited Mr. Smith who showed the plant to him, and Dr. Coker said that he did not know what it might be, that he had never seen one like it. He took some sprigs with him and Mr. Smith has since received a letter stating that the plant is the true myrtle, found only in Southern Europe and not known here.

It is used in making perfumes and in antiquity was considered sacred to the Goddess Venus. It is puzzling to know just how this plant got its start in Southport.

## Farmers Too Busy Now To Sell Their Tobacco

**Prediction Is That The Brunswick County Crop Will Be Slow Getting On The Warehouse Floor This Year**

**MANY FARMERS STILL CROPPING**

**Former Chairman Of County AAA Committee Thinks Quality Will Show An Increase**

It will be ten days before the tobacco growers really begin to go to market with this years crop. Right now they have too much work to do, getting the stuff in shape to sell.

The above was from Odell Bennett of the Exum community, chairman of the Brunswick County AAA for several years until he resigned some months ago. Mr. Bennett has a pretty sound knowledge of what tobacco growers have to do, and what they are doing at about this time of the year. He grows tobacco himself.

Mr. Bennett and a number of other farmers met up with this week agree that the Brunswick county crop will be pretty large and that the quality will average better than that of the 1946 crop. The rain-damaged tobacco this year was only in spotted sections of the county. In 1946 the damage from rains extended over the whole of Brunswick.

All growers who have been interviewed seem to be very well satisfied with the price being paid and are confident that as soon as the sand lugs and other inferior grades of tobacco are disposed of, they will begin to see really good prices being paid.

Meanwhile they are working early and late in the fields, cropping the leaves and getting them through the curing barns. The pre-marketing work does not end with the curing in the barns. The slow and laborious task of grading comes after curing. With one thing or another, the growers are simply too busy now to do much in the way of getting their tobacco to market.

## Routine Session Of County Court

**Several Matters Disposed Of Here Monday Before Judge W. J. McLamb In Recorder's Court**

Monday was a fairly busy day for Judge W. J. McLamb and other officials of the Brunswick county Recorder's court. The following disposition of cases was made:

Lester William Brewer, drunk driving, continued to August 18. Jerome Higgood, Jr., speeding, fined \$15.00 and costs.

Wilbert B. Henry, Jr., speeding, found guilty of operating a motor vehicle at a speed of 80 miles per hour. Ordered to pay a fine of \$25.00 and costs and Judge McLamb recommended that his driver's license be revoked for a period of 90 days.

John D. Eurhart, speeding, fined \$15.00 and costs.

Thomas Mintz, fraud, continued to August 18th.

French Bowen, drunk in public place, fined \$10.00 and costs.

Wesley Johnson, possession and transporting, 30 days on roads, sentence suspended on payment of a fine of \$20.00 and costs. (Continued on page 4)

**Navassa Colored Youth Enlists**  
Lt. Charles J. Markus, commanding officer of the Wilmington U. S. Army Recruiting Station, announced the acceptance of fifteen applicants for enlistment in the Regular Army, including one Navy and three Army veterans, during the week ending August 9.

One colored applicant, Joseph W. Malone, Navassa, was accepted from the Brunswick county area during the above period. He volunteered for three years for assignment to the Army Ground Forces, and being a former member of the armed forces he was accepted as a Sergeant.

## September 27th Set As Date Of School Election

**Qualified Voters Of Leland School District May Vote That Day On Whether Or Not Special Tax Will Be Levied**

**SCHOOL TAX MUST NOT EXCEED 15-CENTS**

**Registration Books Will Be Open Beginning August 30 In Order To Give Citizens Opportunity**

Saturday, September 27, has been set by the Brunswick County Board of Elections as the date for holding the Special School Tax election for the Leland school district.

In setting up the necessary machinery of this election arrangements were made to have the registration books open from August 30 through September 13. Saturday, September 20, has been designated as challenge day. Mrs. R. C. Holmes has been named registrar for this election and will have the books in her possession throughout the period of registration.

On the day of the election voting will take place at the Leland high school between the hours of 6:30 o'clock in the morning and 6:30 o'clock in the evening. Assisting Mrs. Holmes as election officials on that day will be S. A. Sue and Mac F. Jones, judges.

The proposed special tax for the Leland school district may not exceed 15-cents on the hundred dollars, and the question upon which the voters may cast their ballot is "For Special Tax" or "Against Special Tax."

This special tax cannot be levied until next year even though the question is given a favorable vote by the citizens next month.

## Gives New Angle State Park Plan

**Acquisition Of Fort Caswell As New Link In Parks System Secondary In Importance To Securing Funds To Support Program**

Writing yesterday with regard to being down here on a visit before long for a couple of days, Bill Sharpe, director of the State News Bureau and wise in matters of benefit to the State of North Carolina, had something to say relative to Fort Caswell as Southport and State Parks in general.

Mr. Sharpe evidently believes that in urging action by the State Parks Commission and the Department of Conservation and Development, North Carolina folks are beating the wrong bush. These departments are willing and probably anxious, but they must look to the North Carolina Legislature for funds for such undertakings.

Thus far it seems that the Legislature has had only passive interest. In his letter Mr. Sharpe was not criticizing anyone or anything. He was merely outlining the situation in a personal letter to W. B. Keziah. Since the State News Bureau was first founded a warm and friendly spirit of cooperation has existed between its head and the local man, and Mr. Keziah believes that the publication of the reference to Fort Caswell and State Parks may help to bring about a better understanding on the part of the public. That portion of the letter was as follows:

"I have personally been very interested in the Fort Caswell matter. There is much interest in the acquisition of Fort Caswell as a state park but there is a very disillusioning background for their whole park program. The Department has acquired a number of desirable park areas but the Legislature has consisted (Continued on page six);

## Shallotte Post Plans Fish Fry

The Shallotte Post 247, American Legion, will stage a big fish fry for their members and other ex-service men at Shallotte Point Thursday night of this week at 7:30 o'clock.

Arrangements are being made to have plenty of fish on hand and to feed Legionnaires and their guests. No charge will be made and officials of the Post state that it will be a pleasure for them to have all white ex-service men in Brunswick county to attend. The fish fry will be held at the Charley Milligan Place, at Shallotte Point.